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October 5, 2014

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Rider went down??? Call us at 604-580-0112 with full name and hospital if you know it.

Nominations & Elections

Association for Injured Motorcyclists

Nominations, October 16, 2014.....

Nominations & Elections , November 20, 2014

It is that time again.....

All of us on the AIM board are volunteers, some are non-riders, very long time riders, and or grew up around riders . We have seen a lot during those years and some of us lost dear friends to bike accidents.

Would like to say a BIG thanks to the current and past Directors and volunteers.

Please come to the meeting and join us. If you wish to volunteer let us know, if not and just want to attend the meeting, please come. As a Member, your vote counts. If you are a Non-Member, become a Member and vote.

If you don't want to be a member, that's ok too, just come visit, enjoy, as everyone is welcome. Also remember, one does not need to be on the board to volunteer.

You count, so come join us.....

Saying Thank you to Everyone

AIM would like to thank all our amazing Sponsors for their support

There are always so many people, businesses and groups to say thanks too, so I hope I have not missed any.

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Thank you!

Fraser Valley Toy Run October 19th, 2014

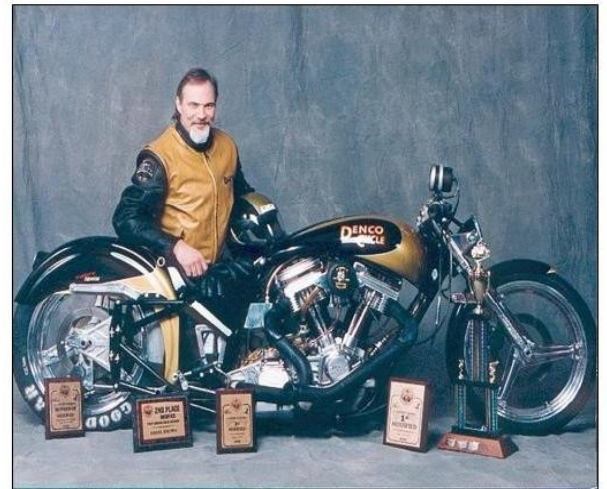


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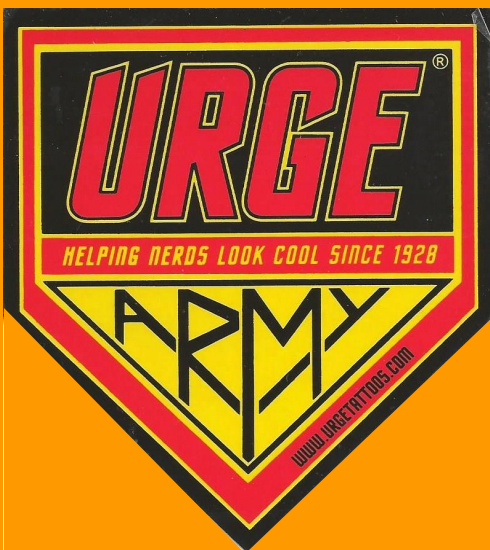
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Words from our President:

Several years ago, we were visiting a rider from the Kooteney's who ended up in an power wheelchair due to his permanent injuries.

They were releasing him from the rehab after mega months, of which everyone was very excited. In comes a phone call from his wife who was in tears as nothing had been done to his house to accommodate him. No ramp to get into the house, no equipment installed in the bathroom so he could transfer from his wheelchair to use the facilities and nothing in the bedroom to help him get in bed, and his wife definitely could not pick him up even to put him in bed.

So I asked her how much of a grouch she can be, of which she informed me that she was quite good at being one. My reply was good now call his Case Worker and tell her or him that they can do whatever they want but he is not coming in the house. She did.

She was later informed that her husband would stay in the Hospital for 2 more weeks while they make the house wheelchair accessible. She called us back relieved, thanking us for the help and quite amused how fast they changed their plans.

Two weeks later we receive a call from his wife that as he was in no condition to travel in a vehicle for long periods of time, they were flying her husband home but his power chair is too heavy for the Helicopter. Since his Wheelchair Van was here, our Visitation Director loaded the power wheelchair van and drove to the Interior to deliver it to them; upon arrival he also filled it with gas and grabbed a flight home.

President,
Dave Munro



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December 6, 2014 Gospel Riders

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Once again, our Show n Shine at GF Strong was a success. Lots of bikes registered, some modified to accommodate disabilities:

The band was great. The hot dogs and hamburgers were appreciated by all. Everyone went around covered with face painting, the kids especially.

The poker run (wheelchairs only) was a hit as usual. !

Most important of all, everyone got together and talked, people met new people, shared experiences and generally everyone had a good time. We look forward to next year as do the residents.

Gary Richardson

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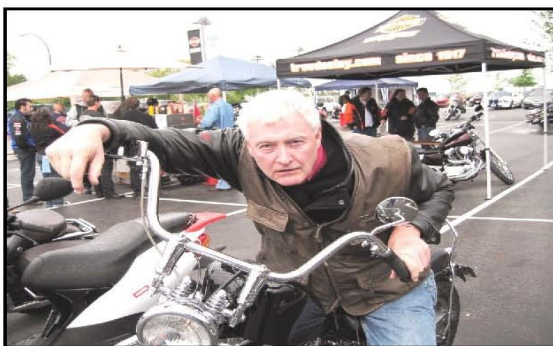
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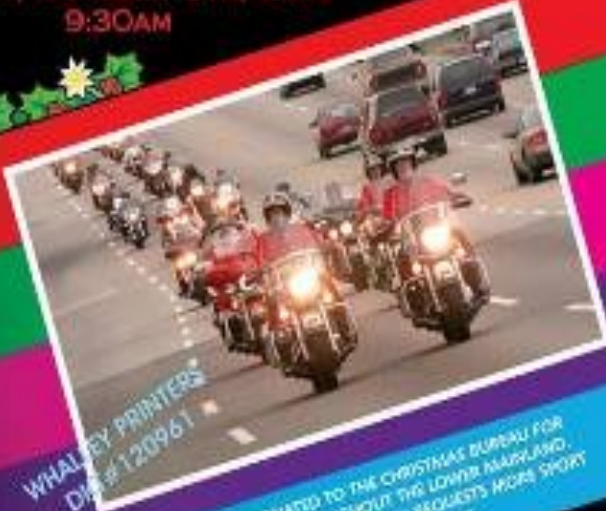
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A Volunteers Thoughts on GF Strong Event

GF. Strong Rehabilitation Center is an amazing place and I love going there for AIM's Summer Show and Shine Event they put on there every August. If you have never been there it's a place to check out even if you show up for our event. You will leave the event with a whole new look on life and leave with an amazing outlook and feel in your own life.

Seeing the resident interact with the crowd and the band and all our Volunteers is an amazing site.

The residents as a rule do not get out much, if at all and with so many changes in their life a simple thing like a summer Show and Shine is a positive thing.. To me its one of the best events and makes a positive effect on the residents recovery in my eyes.

They smile and laugh and feel part of life again and possibly for longer knowing that there are supporters and people out there who for that day put all the focus on the Residents and past clients. N.W.

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In the last year since January been busy Volunteering at almost every event and must say it's been a great year. Being part of AIM has been a great inspiration and a positive part in my life. Met amazing people had a blast at almost every event minus the mosquito's in the summer. My most memorable events this year have been the Tradex Bike Show and G F Strong. Those 2 have been a great positive outlook for me. Being an ex injured rider which started out hard but being part of AIM and learning and relieving so much support has made recovery much easier. Being able to inform others what AIM does ,is a huge reward for me. Doing visitations and hopefully helping others feel more positive even a little bit is the biggest reward. I want to say thank you to everyone with AIM this years has been a positive and exciting year.

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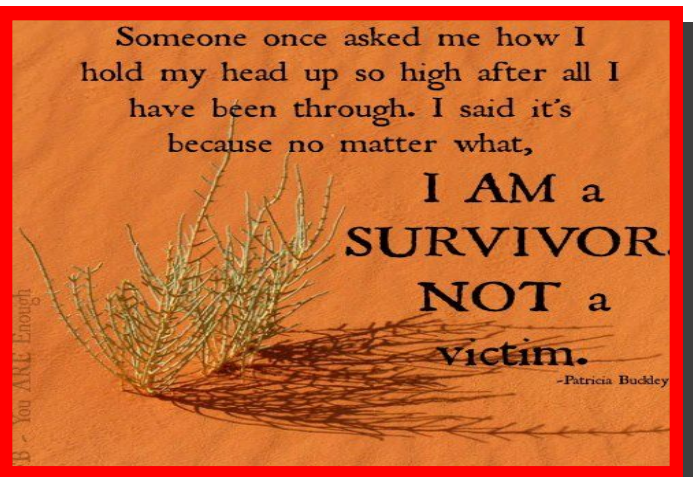
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Thank you to Save-on-Foods Ltd

Thanks to Jeff and his Save-On team for their donation to the 14th GF Strong Show and Shine. Everyone had a great time and enjoyed themselves immensely.

Jeff we'd like to thank you for your support to this event. Speaking with you and finding out you knew people in GF Strong and know how they have helped lots of people, was great to hear. Once again thank you from AIM and see you next year..



Bikers and veterans go hand in hand and I can assure you that we never forget. That rumbling sound you hear when a group of bikes come together is not noise sir, it is the harmony of brotherhood coming together for a purpose and cause. ~
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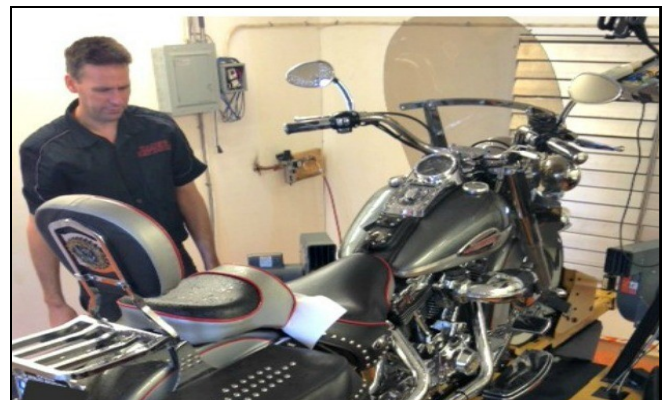
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 Show n
 Shine!

A Bikers Prayer : The Ride

If he should take me while I ride
Those who mourn shall remember with pride
That my soul knew the wind the open road and the
freedom within

If he shall take me while I ride
Those who mourn shall remember with pride
That my soul laughed and smiled

For I left happy, free and wild
If he should take me while I ride
I will follow, he will guide
Those who mourn shall not grieve
Because he is with me, and I believe

My soul with him, we will ride
For an eternity side by side

written by

Robert William Fullerton

A Tires Age?

Recently some of us were discussing the age of tires, safety, especially on 2 wheeled vehicles. One must determine the age of a tire is an important factor to consider in maintaining the quality and safety of a vehicle. As tires age, their quality decreases as a result of weather, storage conditions, and usage. In fact, studies have proven that the rubber components in tires have a tendency to dry up after 6 years, even if they have never been used. This deterioration increases the risk of a malfunction such as a flat-tire or blow-out that would decrease the overall operational safety of your vehicle. Although it is impossible to pinpoint an exact expiration date, as a general rule, all tires (even your spare ones) should be replaced, some articles say 6 years others 10 years from the date of manufacture.

If you are unsure of their age, you can always refer to the sidewall of the tire to find the date the tires were manufactured. The Department of Transportation (DOT) requires Tire Identification Numbers (or Tire Serial Numbers) to be included on each tire. These codes consist of the letters DOT, followed by a series of numbers and letters. For tires that were manufactured after the year 2000, the last four numbers of the code will identify the week and year in which the tires were manufactured. For example, the following identification number indicates that the tires were manufactured in the 51st week of the year 2008: DOT CX8J 3C2 **5108**. For tires that were manufactured before the year 2000, the date will be represented in the last three digits of the tire. For example, the following identification number indicates that the tires were manufactured in the 40th week during the 8th year of the decade (1998): DOT U2LL LQLR **4088**.

There are many articles on the internet. The above with a little editing, came from
tires.canadiantire.ca/en/info-centre/tireAge/

But a really detailed write up can be viewed at:
www.edmunds.com/car-care/how-old-and-dangerous-are-your-tires.html

Check your tires age and ride safe :)

Chris



October 2014

October 5, 2014 - Lower Mainland Christmas Bureau Toy Run - For details, contact: 604-253-7191 or <https://www.facebook.com/LMCBureau>.

October 5, 2014 **2nd Annual INK & RIDE URGE STUDIOS MOTORCYCLE CRUISE & TATTOO FLASH FUND-RAISER** [[full printable version](#)]

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October 19, 2014 - Fraser Valley Toy Run - For info, call: 604-580-0111

October 23, 2014 - **AIM Monthly Meeting** - Every third Thursday @ 7:00 pm at the ABC Restaurant, 101 - 15373 Fraser Highway, Surrey, BC. 604-580-0112; info@aimvancouver.com; <http://www.aimvancouver.com>

November 2014

November 11, 2014 - GVMC Remembrance Day Fall Crib Tournament - For details, contact: Ron Serne (604) 514-2216

November 20, 2014 - **AIM Monthly Meeting** - Every third Thursday @ 7:00 pm at the ABC Restaurant, 101 - 15373 Fraser Highway, Surrey, BC. 604-580-0112; info@aimvancouver.com; <http://www.aimvancouver.com>

December 2014

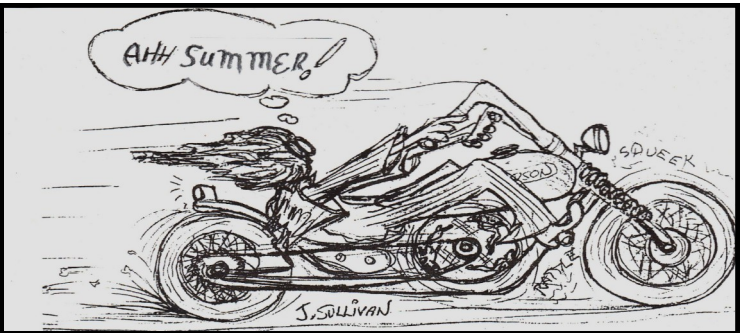
December 18, 2014 - **AIM Monthly Meeting** - No monthly meeting.

January 2015

January 1, 2015 - GVMC New Year's Day Run - Road Ride. For details, contact: Wes Jamison (604) 857-4880

January 23-25 The Tradex Motorcycle Bike Show

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Visitation Report

Up until now it has been busy with a lot of riders going down, due to the good weather. Unfortunately, many were single vehicle accidents which can impact negatively unless the rider has full coverage. Lack of full insurance coverage is another problem we see more frequently with the reason given as it is too expensive. A sign of the economic times, I guess.

As noted on our web site Home Page, so far this year we have visited 43 downed riders 105 times and helped 14 family members. Support to them is just as important because often they are left to deal with the morass of regulations and with ICBC and the private insurance carriers. Here's hoping the rate dies down with the coming of winter.

Gary Richardson,
Visitation Director



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GF Strong Show and Shine 2014 Amazing turn out, every second Sunday in August. Thank You Roberta for the delicious cake and Gospel Riders for Delicious food!



Roberta's Amazing Cake

