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Monday April 29th, 2019

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Pay Attention

1. Keep your eyes moving.

Traffic is always shifting, so keep scanning for potential trouble. Don't lock your eyes on any one thing for too long unless you're actually dealing with trouble.

2. Think before you act.

Careful whipping around that micro going 7 kph in a 30-kph zone or you could end up with your head in the driver's side door when he turns into the driveway right in front of you.

3. Left-turning cars remain a leading killer of motorcyclists.

Don't assume someone will wait for you to dart through the intersection. They're trying to beat the light too.

4. Beware of cars running traffic lights.

The first few seconds after a signal light changes are the most perilous. Look both ways before barging into an intersection.

24. Get your mind right in the driveway.

Most accidents happen during the first 15 minutes of a ride, below 40 mph, near an intersection or driveway. Yes, that could be your driveway.

25. Come to a full stop at that next stop sign.

Put a foot down. Look again. Anything less forces a snap decision with no time to spot potential trouble.

Ride Safe,

Greg Swallow

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Vintage Motorcycle Expo

Saturday, April 27, 2019

at the Northwest Washington Fairgrounds
in Lynden, Washington

- Motorcycle swap meet/jumble
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Indonesia's Bikers - Spring 2019

Out of necessity, the motorcycling community in Indonesia centers around scooters ... specifically Vespas.

Just like here in North America, each scooter rider (scooterist) personalizes his or her scooter. Some of them are pretty wild. And a lot of them ride illegally so they ride at night to avoid the police.

"Each main island in Indonesia has their own big event, once per year," explains Bang Reza, the organizer of Java's youngest and most well-attended event: The Java Scooter Rendezvous. Established in 2008, it recorded over 50,000 attendees in 2019. "Every scooterist waits for these events," Reza says.

Check out the web site below.

https://www.nationalgeographic.com/culture/2019/04/see-wild-creations-indonesia-vespa-rebel-riders/?cmpid=org=ngp::mc=crm-email::src=ngp::cmp=editorial::add=sunstills_20190414::rid=33057342955

Gary Richardson

My little 2 Cents....Dr Bruce Lipton in one of his interviews shown on You Tube, stated that some time back he asked a question and heard a voice reply back, "How does a Spirit taste Chocolate"? So then I got thinking (silly me) How do we know what we really are? The only experience we actually have is in the moment then all else becomes memories. So off to the HeartMath Institute Website, they say: Science tells us that human beings and all creatures radiate an electromagnetic field produced by the heartbeat. Our feelings broadcast like radio waves through this field. When you are in the presence of a group of friends, family or others, everyone's thoughts, feelings and attitudes are intermingling in your immediate area. The heart, like the brain, generates a powerful electromagnetic field, McCraty explains in *The Energetic Heart*. "The heart generates the largest electromagnetic field in the body. The electrical field as measured in an electrocardiogram (ECG) is about 60 times greater in amplitude than the brain waves recorded in an electroencephalogram (EEG)." Hmm, Live in the moment, Stay happy, be grateful for this experience to ride, be aware and have an awesome safe, joyous ride. Make any sense?



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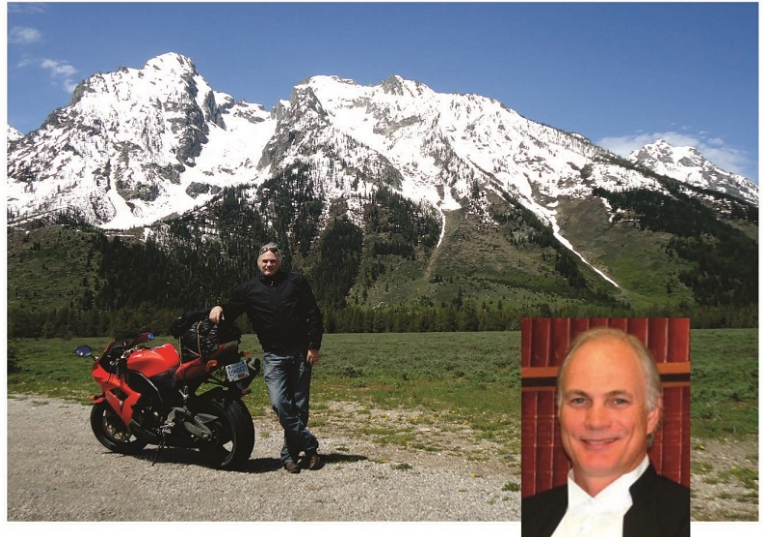
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Increased ICBC Benefits

The benefits provided by ICBC have been increased.

1. Part 7 Benefits have been doubled to \$ 300,000.
2. Effective April 1, 2019, the following benefits have been raised to the maximums as indicated below. The legislation deems ICBC as a "Second Payer" which means that any other plan payments must be exhausted before ICBC payments apply. This is actually a benefit to you as your Part 7 Benefits will last longer.

- Wage loss \$ 740/wk (\$ 3,206.67/mo)
- Homemaking allowance \$ 280/wk (\$ 1,213.33/mo)
- Funeral costs \$ 2,500
- Death benefits \$ 30,000
- Other medical supplies/services \$ 1,000

3. ICBC has negotiated the fees for a number of alternative treatments and will now pay the full medical fee. You no longer have to pay top-up. You also do not require a doctor's prescription to engage the recognized alternative treatments (listed below).

Here' how it works: You can go directly to the physiotherapist for treatment and the physiotherapist will confirm with ICBC that the cost of treatment is covered and they will bill ICBC directly for the full cost of the treatment. You will no longer have to pay a top-up fee. The number of treatments required per week will be decided by your physiotherapist and yourself.

4. The above applies to the following alternative treatments which include:

- general practitioners
- chiropractors
- physiotherapists
- kinesiologists
- registered massage therapists
- occupational therapists
- clinical counsellors
- acupuncturists.
- psychologists

(Note: referral to a psychologist for brain injury assessment and treatment may require referral from your doctor. Check with the psychologist first and they can confirm with ICBC if a medical prescription is required.)

Gary Richardson, Visitation Director

Vancouver & Fraser Valley - May 26, 2019



Even tough guys get cancer!



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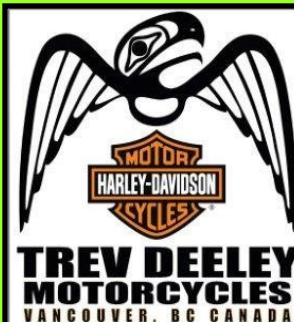
Riding for the #1 cancer for men!

It's more than just a motorcycle ride, it's a celebration, a poker run, a barbeque lunch with fantastic entertainment and celebrity riders. It's a chance to raise funds and awareness for the number one cancer for men.

FYI

One does NOT need to be a member of AIM for us to visit a downed rider, talk to the family and or share info.

NOR does one need to be a member or even ride a motorcycle to volunteer. Just be you, open heart and mind, willing to learn and share, and be around a great bunch of people.



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One of the things we do when we visit a downed rider in hospital is provide them with reading material - motorcycle magazines. We are fortunate to have 1/2 dozen of each issue donated to us by **Canadian Biker** and **Motorcycle Mojo**. These magazines are enjoyed greatly by our downed riders as time passes slowly while in hospital. We, of course, appreciate the generosity of these two publishers.

We salute you both, **Canadian Biker** and **Motorcycle Mojo** for your contribution to the motorcycle community and supporting our work with injured motorcyclists.

Thank You!

Dave Munro, President, & Board of Directors.

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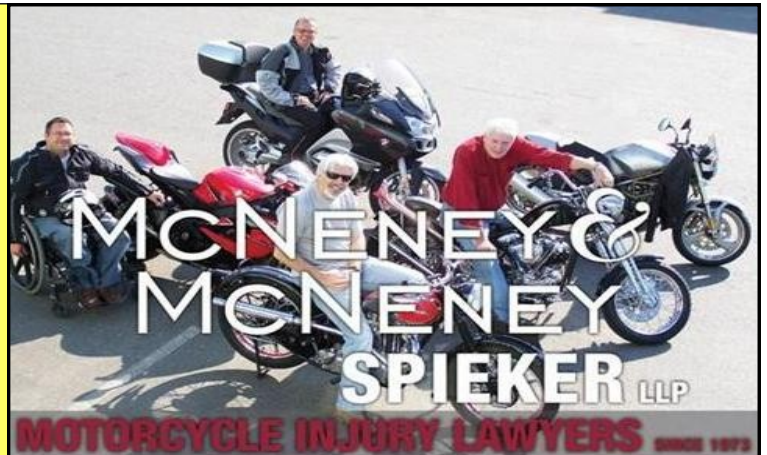
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Fatalities by Road User Class 2012-2016:

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2016				
# Motorcyclists *	175	198	190	200
207				
% Motorcyclists	8.4	10.1	10.3	10.8
10.9				

*Includes Mopeds

Number of Registered Motorcycles (in thousands):

2012	-	661
2013	-	672
2014	-	688
2015	-	709
2016	-	716

Percentage of Fatalities and Serious Injuries by Road User Class - 2016

Road User Class	Fatalities	Serious Injuries
Drivers	47.7	46.0
Passengers	18.9	19.8
Pedestrians	17.6	14.4
Bicyclists	2.2	4.6
Motorcyclists*	10.9	12.9
Not Stated/Other	2.7	2.3
Total	100.0%	100.0%

*Includes Mopeds

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2 Day Event

Pre-Party - Friday June 7

Poker Run - Saturday June 8

Friday June 7 - 2019
Pre - Run Party
Bike Games
7pm - 9pm.
DJ Dance till 11pm.
Campfire party



FREE camping
Friday & Saturday
with Registration

Saturday June 8
Poker Run
Live Band & Burgers


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Would like to give a BIG thanks to Stan Meskis for the reminder of this article that was sent in long ago. It was missed due to human error. A Strong reminder we need to really pay attention at all times in all directions.

Date: October 6, 2015

Time: 16:40 -04:40pm local time

Location: 6th street and 12th ave, New Westminster

Highway Number One is closed between Kensington & Willingdon in Burnaby – this has been a “Police Incident” for over 3 hours. People are frustrated, in a hurry, anxious and of course angry.

Here I sit south bound on 6th Street at 12th Ave (heading to New West from Burnaby) – nowhere to go - except that I want to be home at the end of a long day and be off the road and with my partner – we have things to do..... Rather than creep into the intersection, I wait patiently at the stop line – I know the light will change.

At this pedestrian controlled intersection - I am facing downhill – I have the high ground perspective. I see a motorcycle rounding from 10th towards my intersection...at the same time I see a pick-up truck – with trailer heading perpendicular to the motorcyclist’s position. (The driver is blind to the motorcyclist – the terrain; cars and trucks are blocking his view) He is frustrated, impatient and he sees a gap....

Sensing and seeing the imminent disaster about to take place as motorcycle and truck meet – I sound my horn – the driver appears annoyed... I dump my clutch as I flail my left hand to catch the motorcyclist’s attention.....

The motorcyclist sees me (thank the powers that be) , his front fork dives as he brakes hard, the truck creeps to a stop and the two miss by mere inches. A grateful rider salutes, visor up

and yells thank you. The truck driver says that “I am an A**hole” and drives on. People are spared pain, sorrow and in the case of the driver – undo delay for an accident investigation.

Riders – BE AWARE of the traffic flow around you. Just because your direction of travel is moving freely – don’t assume the opposite is true. Adjust your lane position to SEE the drivers – they don’t SEE you.

Remember frustration is a dangerous motive – for everybody on wheels.

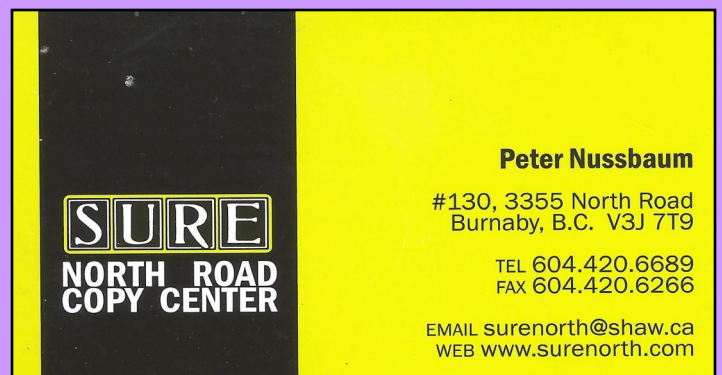
Be alert for standing and stagnate traffic. Watch for signs of driver fatigue and frustration. Most importantly of all – LEAVE ROOM for the drivers and the unexpected.

The average car weighs 2500 pounds - against the average motorcycle and rider at 500 to 600 pounds. Pound for pound the odds are against you.

You can be right or you can be dead right – don’t play the odds – think, be aware, observe and if you are over heated and or tired STOP! A bottle of water and a 5 minute rest CAN save your life.

Think ahead and get to you destination alive... even late...somebody is waiting to see you.

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Some Motorcycle Accident Facts

These statistics are from the United States but generally speaking they would be similar to Canadian statistics.

According to the NHTSA (National Highway Traffic Safety Administration):

52 percent of fatal motorcycle accidents occur on weekend nights, with the highest proportion occurring between 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.

5 percent of motorcycle accidents are fatal. Motorcyclists over the age of 40 account for 54 percent of all motorcyclist' fatalities.

A 2013 study by University of South Florida researchers found that 60 percent of the time motorists in other vehicles are at fault when they collide with motorcycles. Because of their smaller profiles, motorists need to be more vigilant.

What are the top 3 types of accidents between motorcycles and cars?

Head-on collisions

The National Safety Council (NSC) says that 78 percent of fatal motorcycle accidents happen when a car strikes a motorcycle head-on. These accidents can cause motorcyclists to become airborne. The [NSC](#) recommends the "Four Rs" for motorcyclists when trying to avoid a head-on collision with another vehicle:

- Read or scan the road ahead for obstacles
- Drive to the right outside lane
- Reduce speed
- Ride off the road onto the shoulder or the grass

Car turns left in front of motorcycles

42 percent of all accidents involving cars and motorcycles are a result of a car making a left-hand turn. These collisions usually happen when motorcyclists are going through an intersection, attempting to pass or overtake a car.

Car pulls into motorcycle's lane

Motorists need to watch out for motorcyclists even when they may be obstructed in blind spots. When cars may be changing lanes, motorcyclists can look at signs which may indicate a car is about

to change lanes. These are turns signals, wheels beginning to turn and when drivers begin to check their mirrors. Ridepart.com also recommends that motorcyclists be aware of blind spots and spend as little time as possible in them.

Greg Swallow

Tallest Mountains on Earth.

<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/travel/destinations/asia/india/dangerous-motorcycle-road-himalaya-spd/>

This is an article on the National Geographic web site about a Dutch motorcyclist who travelled for three months from the Netherlands to India.

The short video is revealing of how bad the roads are up in the Himalayas.

The video shows the guages and the left turn signal. Can you figure out what this bike is? If so, email your answer to the Newsletter Editor

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May 2019

May 2, 2019 - **GF Strong Recreation Resource Fair** - 2:30 pm to 4 pm @ GF Strong Rehab Centre, 4255 Laurel St., Vancouver. This Recreation Resource Fair will have Accessibility and Inclusion representatives from some of the local cities, as well as not-for-profit organizations that support individuals with disabilities, and adapted recreation service providers along with individuals sharing knowledge or displaying equipment that allows more people to live an active, healthy lifestyle through recreation and leisure. Learn about different recreational programs and equipment available. Everything from biking to skiing. Contact Kim Gorrell 604-737-6261

May 16, 2019 - **A.I.M. MONTHLY MEETING** - 3rd Thursday of every month, 7:00 PM @ Kalmar Restaurant, 8076 King George Boulevard, Surrey, B.C., Canada, V3W 5B5 604.580.0112

May 26, 2019 - **10th Anniversary RIDE TO LIVE (Vancouver & Fraser Valley)** - Sunday @ 10am - 3pm. Two start locations: 1) Trev Deeleys, Vancouver; 2) Mountain View in Chilliwack. Destination: University of The Fraser Valley, 33844 King Road, Abbotsford. Registration includes bike flag, rocker pin and BBQ lunch at UFV. 50/50 draw with cash prize up to \$ 25,000. Raffle tickets and registration available online @ <https://vancouver.ridetolive.ca/>. Raise funds and awareness for prostate cancer - the number one cancer for men. Elisia Olsen, 604-574-4012 or www.ridetolive.ca.

June 2019

June 7, 2019 to June 8, 2019 - **Castaways Poker Run** - 2-Day Event @ Hazelmere RV Park, 18843-8th Ave., Surrey, BC. Registration @ 10am, Ride out @ 11am. Friday: pre-run party, bike games, dance, campground party. Saturday: Poker run (\$25), Live Band & Burgers. Free camping with pre-registration: tickets \$20. 1st & 2nd door prizes for pre-sale ticket holders.

June 15, 2019 - **2nd Annual Fraser Valley Show 'n' Shine** - Saturday, 9am - 4pm, @ High Street mall, 3122 Mt. Lehman Road, Abbotsford, BC. All makes and models welcome. Registration closes at noon. Info: fraservalleyshownshine@gmail.com.

June 16, 2019 - **Father's Day @ Burnaby Village Museum** - Sunday @ Burnaby Heritage Village. Terry Rae @ 778-317-2454

June 20, 2019 - **A.I.M. MONTHLY MEETING** - 3rd Thursday of every month, 7:00 PM @ Kalmar Restaurant, 8076 King George Boulevard, Surrey, B.C., Canada, V3W 5B5



For you Car Buffs :)

The 46th Annual Monroe Auto Swap Meet (*previously known as the Seattle Auto Swap Meet*) will be held on May 18th & 19th 2019, vendor setup is the 17th. Presented by the Puget Sound Region of the Early Ford V8 Club – www.efv8psrg.org. FREE admission for all visitors at the Evergreen State Fairgrounds – 14405 179th Ave SE, Monroe, WA 98272

<http://monroeswapmeet.com/>

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

AIM Fraser Valley Motorcycle BCCOM
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Saturday June 15, 2019

High Street Mall 3122 Mt. Lehman Road, Abbotsford, BC

9:00am - 4pm Registration closes at 12pm



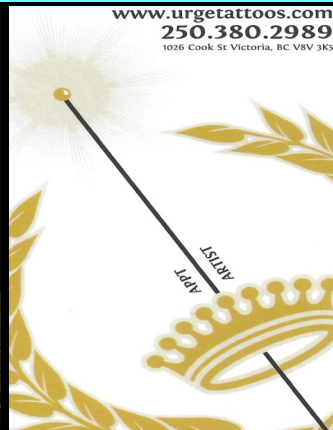
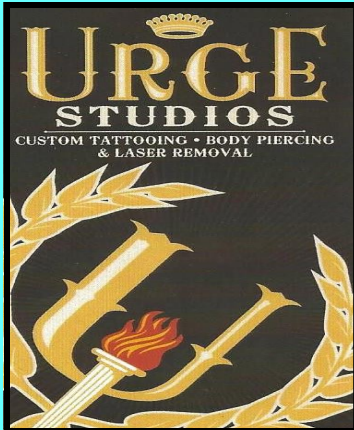
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Motorcyclist deaths more than double in B.C.

The number of motorcyclists killed in crashes has doubled this year (2018), compared to the same time period last year, according to the B.C. Coroners Service.

Based [on preliminary data](#), 30 people died in motorcycle crashes from January through July 2018, with 18 in July alone. That is an increase of 114 per cent over the same period in 2017.

"Speed is the leading factor for motorcycle crashes," said Lindsay Matthews, ICBC's interim vice-president responsible for road safety in a news release.

"ICBC strongly encourages motorcyclists to keep within posted speed limits at all times, and to wear full protective gear to protect themselves in the event of a crash," she said.

Motorcycle instructor Brian Antonio agreed that unsafe driving is causing the deaths. He is the director of ProRide Motorcycle Training, and says his organization has noticed an uptick in crashes.

"You want to make sure you stack the deck in your favour," said Antonio, referring to safe riding practices.

"You want to wear the proper gear, get the proper training, and not get on a bike that's too much for you."

Antonio also said his organization is seeing more people take up motorcycle riding in general. He thinks that's because high gas prices has made people reconsider their transportation methods.

"It's a little bit cheaper sometimes on a bike, so we've been getting an increase in the enrolment for our school as people seek cheaper options."

According to a study by the B.C. Coroners Service, speed and impairment are the leading contributing factors to motorcycle fatalities over the past decade.

The study also found that environmental factors, such as slippery roads, contributed to 23 per cent of the deaths.

Factors related to other drivers contributed to 14 per cent of the fatalities.

The coroner released the numbers ahead of the Labour Day long weekend to remind all road users to be cautious, given the expected increased activity on provincial roads and highways.

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Chart shows the number of motorcycle deaths in B.C. between January and July over the last decade.

