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AIM's 8th Annual Show n' Shine at G.F. Strong Rehab was a success. Lynn & Debbie (Staff at GF) accepting the Wii's From Karen (Aim director). At this time of writing, Debbie has stated that the Wii's have had a positive effect in therapy. More patients, families and friends participated than previous years and gave major compliments. Special Thanks to the band Ovation, Heinz from the Gospel Riders, Lynn and Debbie for helping him, Directors of AIM, and all of you who showed up on your bikes to make this happen. Awesome teamwork! Maybe Dave can make it next year, eh?

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NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS

Hey Everyone,

Just want to remind you all that The Elections for the Association for Injured Motorcyclists is around the corner.

Nominations, October 16, 2008 Elections are November 20, 2008

Please come to the meeting and join the us. We do need your assistance as it has been pretty busy this year. 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 ok too, just come visit us and enjoy, as everyone is welcome.

We would like your input, ideas etc.

Meetings are held every Third Thursday of the Month 7:00 pm at the Cloverdale Library 5642
176A, Cloverdale, BC, Just off Hwy # 10...

Nominations in October and Elections in November. All are Welcome! Rain or Shine.

Membership Report

The membership picture for AIM Vancouver Chapter is looking very good with over 200 members for the first time in several years. As of September 1st we have 206 members in good standing. We've been able to sign up a lot of first time members but it's important to keep our members renewing their memberships. Please check your card now and then for the expiry date and if it's getting near, please send in your renewal. We're considering ways to make it easier for you to make your payment and will let everyone know about any changes.

Ride Safe and enjoy the rest of your summer,

Greg Swallow,

Membership Director

PLEASE RIDE SAFE!
You are NOT invincible!!!!

**Witnesses Needed - Maple Ridge
Plea from Motorcyclist's Family
Saturday, August 16th, 2008
Accident**

The motorcycle was traveling east on Lougheed Highway about 8:40 p.m. Saturday August 16th, 2008 when it collided with a 2007 Ford Mustang making a left turn onto 240 Street, according to police.

The motorcyclist, a 47-year-old man from Coquitlam, was airlifted to Royal Columbian Hospital with serious injuries. The 17-year-old woman driving the Mustang and her 19-year-old male passenger suffered only minor injuries.

WE NEED HELP!

Anyone who witnessed the crash can contact Lisa at:
778-388-5584

**30th Annual
Vancouver Motorcycle
Christmas Toy Run**

Date Sunday, October 5, 2008

Time 10:00 AM

Location

Start: Coquitlam Centre; **End:** PNE

Other Information

The entry fee is a new child's toy wrapped in plastic. The toy run will leave Coquitlam Centre at 10:00 AM and proceeding to the Pacific National Exhibition (PNE) grounds in full parade style. **The Lower Mainland Christmas Bureau kindly requests more sport and educational toys. They also ask that there would be no stuffed toys. Visit the Lower Mainland Christmas Bureau at <http://www.lmcb.ca/>**

For a list of suggested items.

Furthermore, there will be commemorative pins and door prizes. Vendor space is available for those who are interested.

The Zeller's at Coquitlam Centre will be open at 8:00 AM on the 7th for any last minute shopping and their restaurant will be open as well in case anyone needs a bite to eat or a hot coffee.

More information, please call 604-580-0111.

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Biker Statistics with a Twist

Allstate Insurance Company recently conducted a survey of 500 motorcyclists over 18 years old and with a household income of \$ 50,000 or greater. They asked some very interesting questions and received even more interesting answers.

Answering "Who Am I and What I Ride" questions they were asked to rate themselves as Sports Bike Enthusiasts, Stressed Out Executives, Hardcore Bikers or Weekend Warriors. Thirty-one percent formed the majority group of Weekend Warriors. Those who could not identify with the suggested groups labeled themselves as Baby Boomer Riders.

Thirty-five percent owned a Harley-Davidson and spent an average of \$ 20,600 for the bike with an additional \$ 2,250 on accessories. Honda was a close runner-up at 30 %. "How Much I Ride and Why" questions revealed "riding is more fun" was the top reason with fuel economy, the feeling of freedom and to relieve stress following.

"Where to Find Me" elicited responses including well-known rallies such as Sturgis, Daytona Beach, Bike Week and Biketoberfest. One fifth belonged to a riding club, more participated in charity events and two-thirds regularly ride to work.

The most interesting result to come out of this study was the response from the hardcore biker group who said they would curb their spouse or significant other before they curbed their bike. Riders in all the groups were twice as likely to give up television before they would give up their bike.

They were also asked about their ultimate road song. For some unfathomable reason Celine Dion never made it on the list. Here they are.

1. Born to be Wild - Steppenwolf
2. Radar Love - Golden Earring
3. Take it Easy - the Eagles
4. Born to Run - Bruce Springsteen
5. Freebird - Lynyrd Skynyrd

This information is on Allstate's website. Google: "Who's Behind the Helmet".

Greg swallow. Membership director

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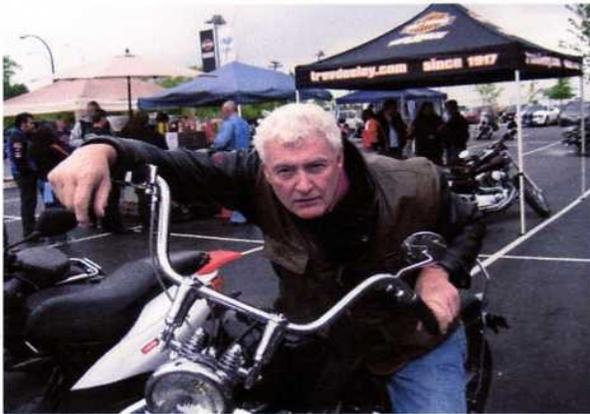
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Thanks to, Marcos, Amy-Jay, and Staff at Davidson Pitt Stop Restaurant.

For those of you that do not know or have not stopped by, they are big supporters of AIM and own a very biker friendly restaurant. On a Sunny September Saturday, they did Pancake breakfast, a ride out to the valley, then back for dinner, Roast pig on a spit, corn on a cob and lots of other delicious goodies, donations to Aim. If you do stop by, ask what is happening in October, Turkey Dinner?

Again, thanks for the support!

Chris

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The Directors were at many places this year, Tradex, Classic and Vintage Swap Meet, Trev Deeley's, AZZKIKR Custom, Sasquatch Inn, D&B Customs are just a few, so here is a little bit about a few more.

CMDRA Drags * Ashcroft

As always, it's a lot of work and fun. Fun to ride up there, especially for those of us that love curves. Weather was great, drags were awesome as always and lots of good people to meet. (CMA) Christians motorcycle Association put out great food as always. Thanks to Christian and Sara for Volunteering and doing a great job!. All in all, a great time was had by all.

Hot July Nights Car & Bike Show n' Shine, * 100 Milehouse

AIM was invited to set up our table at the Hot July Nights, Car & Bike Show-n-Shine in 100 Mile House in July. Several of us rode up there, made a lot of people aware of AIM, and acquired several memberships. Weather was perfect, ride was even better, and we were able to get in some serious pool time. This trip was a bonus as we had the evenings to ourselves to enjoy and socialize, which normally doesn't happen. We did have a sad situation tho, One of our Visitation directors met up with a very large diesel spillage which was on a curve. He was very lucky to have only scrapes and bruises.

G F Strong Annual Show-n-Shine * Vancouver

We had about 25 bikes entered altogether, good quality throughout. The residents were around in their wheelchairs examining the bikes and talking to the entrants and meeting other residents that are staying there. We even managed to get a couple of visitations in as well. AIM donated two computer games; Wii's which are used therapeutically to develop hand-eye coordination. We chalked up another success and look forward to an even better one next year. Hey Ron, and Dave, we missed you guys!

CMDRA Drags * Mission

As always, promoting Aim and what we do. Saturday was a bit of a bummer because of the rain, Sunday was a much better day. Again, Thanks to Christian and Sara for all their help.

Boogie Bash 2008 * Kelowna

Once again the Kelowna Chapter's Boogie Bash was a resounding success. Despite last minute change of venue back to the 8-Mile Ranch, now called, Heartland, bikers managed to find their way and enjoy a good time. Events included a Show-n-Shine, Memorial Run and bike games. Many vendors and Mom's Kitchen was especially busy. Poor Dave Munro, our President headed up with two volunteers on Friday afternoon and got caught in the slide near Hope and was delayed about five hours. They got in about 3:00 am. It's always nice to attend other Chapters' functions and help out. The spirit out there among us keeps AIM successful. More info on the Boogie Bash '09' s new date and location after Christmas, so watch for the poster.

Kilby Heritage Site & AIM's First Annual Show n' Shine * Harrison Mills (Valley)

This was a perfect September day for a nice ride out to the valley. Over 300 people attended throughout the day. Ron from Chromedreams.com and Gary Richardson did an awesome job in judging the bikes. We had our favorite MC'er Russ St Eloi. Food was delicious, Band was great and special thanks to Kilby Heritage Staff for all the hard work and promoting they did.

But the biggest thanks is to all you people that show up to these functions and make it a success!

Thank you!

Gary Richardson, Visitation Director
Chris, Assistant Editor

BIG THANK YOU to all the people, businesses and organizations that support the Association of Injured Motorcyclists.

Note These names are not in any specific order, but posted in 3 groups. First is ongoing and long term, second group are those that just came on board this past year and have been ongoing/strong supporters. The third group are new supporters. **Again, we at AIM, Thank You all from the bottom of our hearts!**

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Classic & Vintage swap Meet * <http://www.classicbikeswapmeet.com/home.html>

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Bent Bike * <http://www.bentbike.com/>

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Chris
Assist, Newsletter Director

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A Message from
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Hi Everyone!

Just wanted to let you all know that I have closed the shop on Scott road and have moved my business to my home. I would like to see you all there, but please call me first to make sure I am home!!! My hours are very flexible now, and I can even see you in the evenings! If I don't see you here, I will see you all at the Toy Run on Oct 5, 2008 at the PNE Grounds.

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Wish List

Find a location for the AIM General meetings, centralized, easy access. Somewhere we can make coffee/tea, and have access from 6:30 pm to 10 pm once or twice a month. Also someone that is a QuickBooks expert and can teach Chris. (psst..she learns fast)
 Hehe..thanks all!

VISITATION REPORT -- Year to September 18, 2008

Visitations	304
Riders Helped	39
Family Members Helped	28

Current Roster:

Royal Columbian Hospital	0
Abbotsford Hospital	2
Vancouver General Hospital	1
UBC Hospital	0
Surrey Memorial Hospital	1
<u>G F Strong Rehab Centre</u>	<u>2</u>
total	6

Many thanks to Kristian and Carolynn for their great work in visitations. Also, thanks goes to James who has come on board to do visitations.

Gary Richardson,
 Visitation Director

BOoooo!!

Rider Friendly

If you are out on Hwy 7 there is a new pub called **The Historic Dewdney Pub**. Its 10 minutes east of Mission on Hwy 7 (Lougheed) to Dewdney, cross railway tracks and turn right immediately **before** crossing the Dewdney Bridge over the Nicomen Slough. The Pub is 300m on the right. Recent and ongoing renovation has kept the historic value of the building, with vintage light fixtures and photos. Something to check out!

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Food For Thought

With the price of gas continuing to increase and everyone trying to cut costs, smaller motorbikes (scooters) under 50 cc will no doubt become more popular. As the statistics below indicate, these machines can come to represent a significant percentage of PTW deaths. The BC Coalition of Motorcyclists has been expressing concern for years that no training or motorcycle licence is required to ride one of these. Could we have the same kind of situation here in Canada in the future? Think about it.

Powered Two-Wheelers (PTW)

As the diversity of two wheeled motor vehicles in Europe has increased, the general term Powered Two-Wheeler has recently been used to encompass all relevant vehicles, the main types being mopeds, scooters and full-sized motorcycles. In this report, the terms 'motorcycle' and 'PTW' are used synonymously and, except where specified, refer to all types of such vehicles. Differences in machines and their use between mopeds and other PTW are important and are discussed here as far as the data allows.

In recent years there has been much discussion about whether a PTW user falls into the category of vulnerable road user since they can pose risks to others such as pedestrians and cyclists. Although motorcyclists are to some extent protected by helmets and clothes, they are vulnerable road users in the sense that they are not protected by a vehicle body, seat belts or the other protection systems that car occupants enjoy, while the speed at which they move exposes them to risks of motorized traffic.

In the case of PTW riders there is another particular and substantial source of difference between countries. This is the proportion of PTW use that is formed by riding of mopeds (PTW with engine volume less than 50 cc), which differ in characteristics and pattern of use from larger and more powerful PTW. Comparing the levels of risk for moped riders and other PTW riders requires estimates of their separate vehicle-km travelled, which are available for only a few countries. Instead, comparison of the proportion of moped rider deaths in the total number of PTW rider deaths can help different countries to identify and prioritise safety measures for PTW. Fig. 3 shows how the proportion of PTW riders killed who were riding mopeds differed among 22 countries over a recent 3-year period. This proportion is the lowest in Slovenia and Great Britain and the highest in Spain and the Netherlands. In other countries, moped rider deaths are between about 10 and 30 per cent of all PTW deaths.

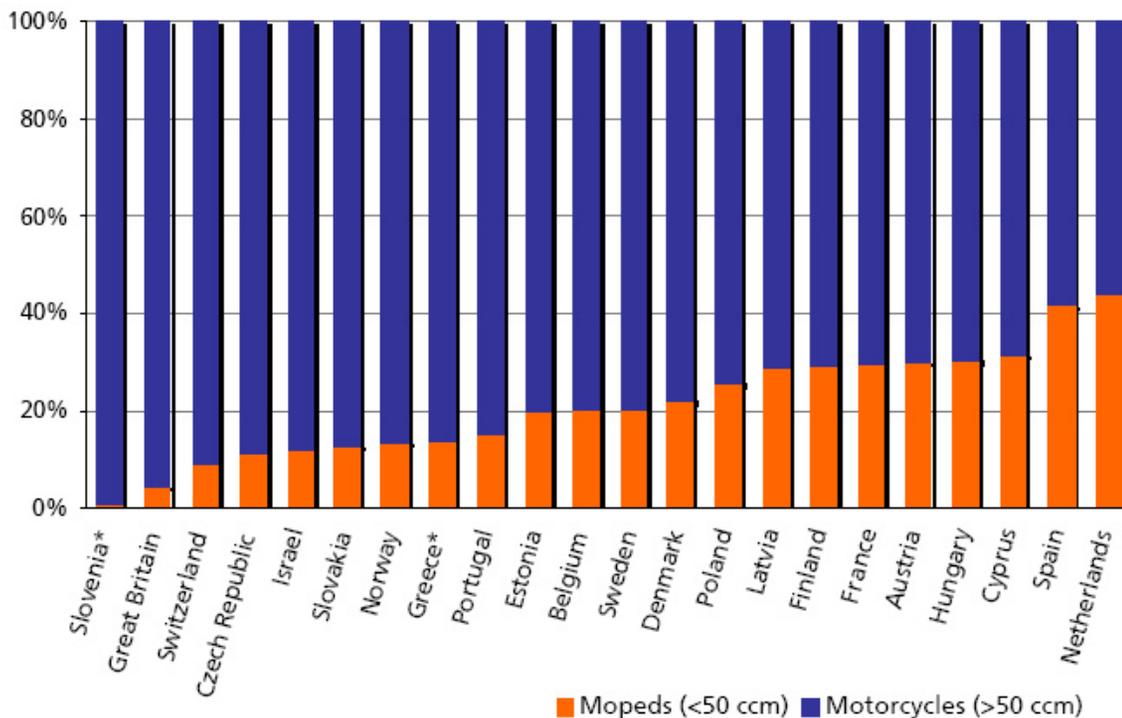


Fig.3: Mopeds rider deaths as a percentage of other PTW rider deaths over the years

2004 - 2006 * GR, SI (2003-2005)

Statistics from the European Transport Safety Council.

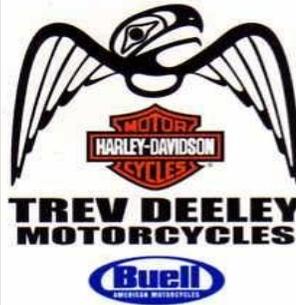
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<http://www.toadrockcampground.com/index.php>

http://bikersmag.com/html/canadian_bikers.html

<http://members.tripod.com/~Jinksd/CanMotorcyclelink.html> ← Motorcycling Links

<http://groups.msn.com/BikersfromBC/welcometobikersfrombc.msnw>

<http://www.650cisl.com/shows/507616> ← Listen to Rolling Thunder Radio Show Monday nights 8 PM They have been seen at most Motorcycle Events all summer long!

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I hope Craig, Visitation Director gets his wish, and thanks for all the awesome pics you take!

Gary wants to know if you are going to put ape-hangers and highway pegs on it, lol

Volunteers at Tradex?

AIM will have a table at the Tradex in January 2009. The schedule at the Tradex runs from Friday to Sunday. If you have some time and would like to volunteer at the AIM table, call Greg at 604-580-01112

Dave,
Prez.

AIM's 25th Year Anniversary Pin & Crest

Once again our onsite graphic artist, Russ St. Eloi has come through with a design for our 25 anniversary pin and crest. Cheers for Russ. For those of you who have a consistent collection through the years, you won't want to miss this issue. This year we opted for a large crest approximately 10 in. x 5.5 in. in size, which sells for \$ 50.00. Get yours now while they last. as they are going fast. The pins are also selling well at \$ 15.00 each and will make a nice addition to your collection.



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