



## Island BMW unveils new 2014 models



*The new BMW models were introduced to the island March 20 at a special BBQ event held next door to the local dealership. Despite a slight turn in the weather, attendance was strong as people came out to enjoy a burger and check out the new bikes. Friday, May 9 the dealership will be hosting a BMW test ride. The \$25 cost to ride will benefit West Coast Ride to Live. See Bill at Island BMW to reserve your ride.*

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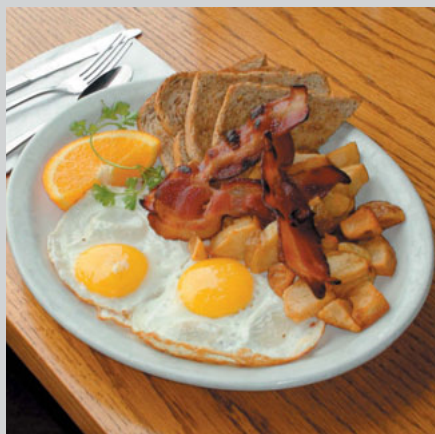
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## Next Breakfast/Brunch

### Sunday, April 6



### WHERE:

**Mary's Bleue Moon Café**  
9535 Canora Road  
Sidney

### TIME:

9:30 am



# Coast & Mountain motorcycle rides

*“From high-mountain passes to ocean-front boulevards, rural roads, scenic highway and more, the Vancouver Coast and Mountain Region is heaven on two wheels for people who live to ride.”*

That’s the way the Things to do, Vancouver Coast and Mountains Tourism Region web page greets its viewers.

On the site are a collection of rides based in the Lower Mainland that are designed with the motorcyclist in mind. Each suggested ride come with a route plus motorcycling events, things to do and featured restaurants and hotels and tourist attractions.

Here are two examples:

## Sunshine Coast Route

*Howe Sound to Desolation Sound - Approximately 493km round trip, including ferry distances*

Start by taking the 40-minute ferry from Horseshoe Bay across to Langdale. Motorcycles are generally the first to board the ferry and the

first to disembark on the other side. Be sure to head outside on the viewing deck while onboard, as the trip takes you through a beautiful area and sometimes you can even spot wildlife such as dolphins.

Once you’re on the other side, head onto Highway 101 which provides access to most communities on the coast. Highlights along the way include beautiful beaches, marinas, serene forests and more. Be sure to venture off onto side roads, which offer some great twists and turns. The stretch of highway between Sechelt and Egmont is also full of curves and will keep riders on their toes.

Hop onto a second ferry to the Upper Sunshine Coast. A 50-minute ferry ride will take you from Earls Cove to Saltery Bay. Highway 101 will continue on to Powell River and then to Lund. Consider parking your bike and hopping on the water taxi from Lund to Savary Island, where you can enjoy the white sandy beaches. You could

also take your bike across on the short ferry from Powell River to nearby Texada Island to do some exploring.

Afterwards, head back down the coastline towards Vancouver. Don’t be surprised if you end up wanting to spend a few extra days on the Sunshine Coast!

Another route is the:

## Coast Mountain Circle Route

*Approximately 593km round trip*

The Coast Mountain Circle Route provides riders with a truly remarkable experience. Enjoy magnificent vistas, outdoor adventures, delicious cuisine and much more on this trip. Start this route in any of the communities along the way, but keep in mind that you’ll get the best views if you travel counterclockwise from Vancouver.

As you head east from Vancouver to Hope on Highway 1, you’ll see skyscrapers on your way to the Port Mann Bridge, a tolled engineering marvel with views of the Fraser River on either side. City scenery quickly turns into lush, green farmland, rolling hills and views of Mt. Baker as you continue eastbound through Langley and Abbotsford. As you ride through Chilliwack and Hope you’ll see why this area is a fishing paradise, with



**Sunshine Coast Route map**





## Plan a weekend ride

its spectacular river and mountain views.

Once you reach the Fraser Canyon just past Hope, you'll see some more amazing views of the Fraser River as well as colourful rocky cliffs set amongst a more arid landscape. Just past Yale, make a stop at Alexandra Bridge Provincial Park for a quick walk to the beautiful old bridge before continuing on to Boston Bar and Lytton. From Lytton, head from Highway 1 onto Highway 12 towards Lillooet.

Next, it's on to the stretch of Highway 99 between Lillooet and Pemberton that is also known as Duffey Lake Road. Both locals and

visitors alike love the beautiful scenery, curves, remoteness and generally sparse traffic. Highway 99 between Squamish and West Vancouver also offers up some stunning views of the Stawamus Chief (a granite monolith), the glittering water of Howe Sound and the surrounding mountains.

Be sure to stop at Porteau Cove Provincial Park on the way back to Vancouver – picnic tables and beautiful views make the park a popular rest stop for riders. As you continue back to Vancouver, you'll see city lights and skyscrapers once again.

Check out the full site at [604pulse.com/things-to-do/?cat=1015](http://604pulse.com/things-to-do/?cat=1015)



Coast Mountain Circle Route map

## Motorcycle Items For SALE

### Jackets

- Teknic, silver, size 46 (like new)
- Teknic, black, size 44
- Teknic, red, summer, size 46

### Rain Gear

- Helly-Hansen Pants, full zippers, size L (like new)
- Slip-ons, size XL

### Boots

- Alpine Stars, black, side zippers, size 44
- Alpine Stars, black, size 42

### Helmets

- Shoei, yellow with BMW logo, size 7 1/2
- BMW, checkered yellow/silver, size 7 1/2 (2 extra face shields)

### Gloves

- TCI winter with over mitts, size L
- First Gear, summer/fall, size L

### Miscellaneous

- Disc lock, alarmed
- Oil, polishes, chain lube, fuel preservatives
- Cargo mesh bungee cords
- Air gauges
- Other sundries

Please make offers; all selling prices negotiable!

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# TECH TIPS

By Geoff Stevenson

If you have an old airhead and are having turn signal problems, the cure may be easier than you think. Indeed, it may be free, too.

My 1974 R90/6 has a single up-and-down handlebar switch and what the manual calls a hazard signal relay inside the headlight bucket. Other airheads have different handlebar switches, but all work much the same way.

For a while, my signals had worked fine - but without any flashing of the warning light on the instrument panel. I knew that the battery the bike came with was too small and I assumed that this was mostly a voltage problem.

This diagnosis seemed to be substantiated in the beginning because everything worked better as the engine revs (and the battery voltage) rose.

But eventually the signals became weaker and weaker. Finally, they quit.

I ran careful tests on the battery and alternator with my multi-meter and it was clear the original assumption was wrong and that the problem didn't lie there.

So I pulled the relay out of the headlight bucket and examined it. I could have tested it off the bike, but this would have involved a fair amount of wiring, alligator clips and a couple of test bulbs and I couldn't be bothered rigging this up.

There are four wires leading into the relay. A little thinking (and a check with the wiring diagram) told me that two of these went to each set of turn signals, one went to the warning light between the instruments and the fourth was the power source from the handlebar switch.

This, of course, raised the question of where the ground was. Then it dawned on me: The ground was the steel bar inside the headlight that held the relay in place.

A rudimentary brass spring both holds the relay in place on the bar and, via three pivot points, grounds the assembly. The brass on my 40-year-old, matchbox-sized relay was brown and this was presumably the problem.

I sanded the brass as best I could and got the pivot points shiny bright again. (Later I tried a small amount of metal polish and a toothbrush, but the emery paper worked better).

I hung the relay back on its bar, turned on the key and tried the handlebar switch. All four signals blinked in sequence and the warning light was also illuminated on each pulse.

Total time involved: Perhaps 20 minutes. Total cost (creative accounting regards the emery paper, metal polish and toothbrush already in my workshop as no cost): Free.

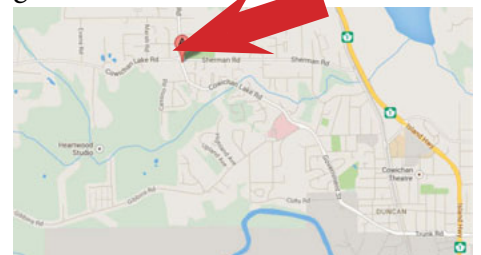
In fact, the good news is that this relay (like most airhead parts) is available at Island BMW. It's made by Hella. The bad news is that it costs \$110.

This was a good reminder about diagnosing electrical problems. Don't assume anything, just work your way sequentially through the component parts and you'll almost certainly find the problem. It may cost you nothing, too.

## Plan for May's Breakfast and Ride in Duncan

Saturday, May 3's breakfast meeting will be held at a site new to the club, the Oak & Carriage at 3287 Cowichan Lake Road, Duncan.

Hosted by Lucy, after the breakfast she is organizing a trip to Port Renfrew and back to Victoria. You are encouraged to come on your bike, prepared for a ride after a great breakfast.





# Club 2014 Event Schedule

Date	Event	Location
Sunday, April 6, 2013	Monthly Gathering	Mary's Bleue Moon Café
Saturday, April 26, 2013	Cow Bay Run	Cow Café in Cow Bay
TBD May	Annual BCCOM MLA Ride	Victoria
Saturday, May 3, 2014	Monthly Gathering	Oak & Carriage, Duncan
Friday, May 9, 2014	BMW Demo Ride	Island BMW
Sunday, May 18, 2014	Monthly Ride	Saltaire Pub / Ladysmith
May 23 - 26, 2014	49er Rally	Mariposa, California
Saturday, June 7, 2014	Monthly Gathering	Qualicum Beach Memorial Golf Club
Sunday, June 1, 2014	Motorcycle Ride to Live	Steve Drane's HD
June 12 - 15, 2014	Chief Joseph Rally	John Day, Oregon
Saturday, June 14, 2014	Ride & Camp	Duffy Loop / Lillooet
July 4 - 6, 2014	Rocky Bow Lunatic Fringe Rally	Cochrane, Alberta
Saturday, July 5, 2014	Monthly Gathering	Saltspring Island
Sunday, July 20, 2014	Ride to Brunch	TBD
July 24 - 27, 2014	BMWMOA National Rally	St. Paul, Minnesota
July 24 - 27, 2014	Cascade Country Rendezvous	Republic, Washington
August 1 - 2, 2014	Blues Festival	Port Townsend
August 1 - 4, 2014	Up Island Event	Port MacNeill
August 7 - 10, 2014	38th Stanley Stomp Rally	Grandjean, ID
August 14- 17, 2014	Hotsprings Rally	Nakusp, BC
August 6, 2014	4th Vintage (pre-85) Motorcycle Show and Swapmeet	Western Speedway
Sunday, August 24, 2014	Club BBQ	Chez Conrad's
Saturday, September 6, 2014	Monthly Gathering	Pioneer House Duncan
Sunday, September 21, 2014	Monthly Ride	Port Renfrew / Cowichan loop
Sunday, September 28, 2014	33rd Annual "Oyster Run" Motorcycle Rally	Anacortes, WA
Sunday, October 5, 2014	Monthly Gathering	Chequered Flag
October	Annual Meeting	TBD
Saturday, November 1, 2014	Monthly Gathering	Log House Pub
Sunday, December 7, 2014	Monthly Gathering	Chequered Flag
Thursday, January 1, 2015	TROC	Island View Beach
Saturday, January 3, 2015	Monthly Gathering	Log House Pub