



# 2018 Vancouver Island Ride to Live



*2018 Ride to Live. The 8th Annual Ride saw 250 riders participate, raising \$48,300. The RVI Team raised \$2,380 placing second in the team group.*

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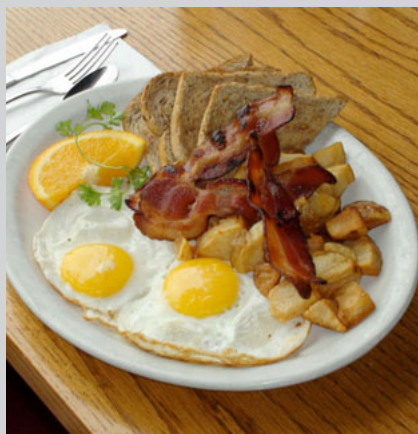
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## Next Breakfast/Brunch

### Saturday, July 7



**WHERE:**

Salt Spring Inn  
132 Lower Ganges Road  
Salt Spring Island

**MEETING PLACE**

**WHEN & WHERE:**

8:10 am Swartz Bay  
for 8:30 Ferry

8:25 am Crofton  
for 8:45 Ferry





# Mesmerizing Memories from Mongolia

**2018 Int. GS Trophy over but the Spirit of GS lives on.**

They came, they rode and they conquered the remote lands of Central Asia during an unforgettable sixth edition of the International GS Trophy. Mongolia welcomed 18 teams from 21 nations who battled hard against each other in their quest for the top spots in the ranking of the Int. GS Trophy. But whatever the final rankings, every participant will leave the land of Genghis Khan with unforgettable memories of this unique once-in-a-lifetime-experience.

## **Everyone's a winner.**

There's nothing else out there quite like the Int. GS Trophy. Nothing that unites the motorcycling world in the spirit of friendly competition, with the chance to make lifelong friendships with other riders from across the globe — not only because of the motorcycle you ride, the R 1200 GS Rallye. With



every edition of the Int. GS Trophy, the worldwide community of GS riders grows even larger, and those who are lucky enough, and skilled enough, to compete wheel to wheel in this event, find themselves becoming part of an irresistible scene that knows no limits, country borders or language barriers.

## **It all starts back home.**

There are no losers at the Int. GS Trophy — only winners, because all participants have beaten the 'best of the rest' in their respective countries to gain one of three

coveted team places for the international finals. And what adventure rider wouldn't jump at the chance of an all-expenses paid trip to the remote Mongolian wilderness to challenge the best amateur BMW Motorrad GS riders from every continent in a team battle for Trophy supremacy?

## **GS Trophy 2018**

Two years in the making, with countless scouting and reconnaissance trips taken to discover the best locations saw 18 international teams arrive in the capital Ulaanbaatar at the beginning of June for eight days of intense, tough, gruelling yet always friendly off-road competition. In addition to the familiar favourites in the starting line-up were welcome Int. GS Trophy 'first-timers' such as Australia and India, as well as two international female teams comprising ladies from the continents of Africa, Europe, Australia and America.

*"The Int. GS Trophy is an opportunity to inspire women to*





# Team Korea an early contender



*chase their dreams.*“

Julia Maguire, #261 Team AusAmerica

## **Known and unknown quantities.**

No country had ever won the Int. GS Trophy more than once, so naturally the predictions came thick and fast during the build-up to this year's event. Could reigning champions South Africa do something that had never been done before and win consecutive international finals? Or would newcomers Australia throw a spanner in the works and blow away the opposition due to almost a quarter of a century of Aussie GS Safari experience?

Or would one of the 'wildcard' teams surprise everyone with flawless and consistently high team performances over the eight competition days. Only time would tell.

## **Winning habits die hard.**

Interestingly, Team Korea took the early lead in the points standings, closely followed by Team South Africa, who had a title to defend — and knew how to defend it. The trio of riders — Mark Dickinson, Eugene Fourie and Chris Meyer — had practised hard and prepared well for this latest edition, and never slipped below second place in the rankings throughout the duration of the eight-day

competition. It was up to the rest of the teams to raise their games — and not just when it came to the riding challenges, of which there were many.

## **The community can make a real difference.**

The aforementioned riding challenges — known as Special Stages — consisted of a variety of skills tests and exercises, designed to test riders and teams' ability to perform at their highest levels under increasingly high pressure situations. But there was also another way to earn easier points, and that was the two Photo Contests, which always make an appearance during the finals.





# Team South Africa takes the crown



Simply put: every team has two chances to activate their local motorcycling communities to vote for their best two photos from the event — and the most votes received nets the teams the most points.

In both of the Photo Contests Team South Africa literally wiped the floor with the opposition and received a lot more votes than any other nation. As such, the team scored maximum points — 50 in total — which helped them consolidate a valuable lead at the top of the leaderboard. All markets should have learned a valuable lesson here for future Int. GS Trophy events.

## **Special days and Special tests.**

Mongolia offered the participants a seemingly endless variety of

riding opportunities, from deep sandy trails through canyons, water crossings, and plenty of fast gravel tracks across wide plains and undulating rocky gorges. However, it was the Special Tests where the Int. GS Trophy would be won and lost. Here, a skilled team of marshals had devised a wide variety of riding and navigational exercises, designed to expose any weaknesses in technique or gaps in knowledge. No matter how many times teams and individuals had practised similar exercises at home, being able to perform under pressure made the vital difference on the leaderboard.

*“The challenges are part of the game, but the sharing of travels through this amazing country is the main event.”*

Konstantin Zolotarev, #213 Team Russia

## **Down to the wire.**

Going into the final day, there were still three teams in contention for the title and both Team USA and Team France fought hard until the end, with just two points separating them after the final Special test. However, Team South Africa’s consistently high performances saw them crowned worthy and popular 2018 champions. They celebrated and all the teams celebrated with them. Team South Africa’s Mark Dickinson summed up the ethos of the event perfectly: “The most appealing aspect of the Int GS Trophy is that it spreads the love for and from BMW Motorrad. The Spirit of GS means unity to me.”



# Aftermarket self-leveling bulb

Motorcycle headlights are generally pretty flaccid, sorry things to start with, but when you lean a bike over into a corner, things get a lot worse. Unless you're riding something like the BMW K1600GT – still one of the only bikes on the market to rock self-leveling headlights – the second you tip into a corner, the headlight dives downward on the side you're heading toward, plunging it into darkness and leaving you to feel the road by violent braille. Or slow down, I guess, if you're into that sort of thing.

There are few aftermarket fixes for this; we tested J.W. Speaker's aftermarket cornering headlight a couple of years ago, which avoided mechanical self-leveling by having an array of extra LED lights up each side that fire off sequentially as you lean the bike further over.

Not a bad solution, if you're riding something with a 7-inch headlight bucket.

Most of us aren't, which is why this gadget is so exciting. The ALLight (Always Level Light) is a super-simple headlight bulb replacement for H4, H7 or H11 type bulbs that transforms any headlight into a self-leveling, super bright projector beam.

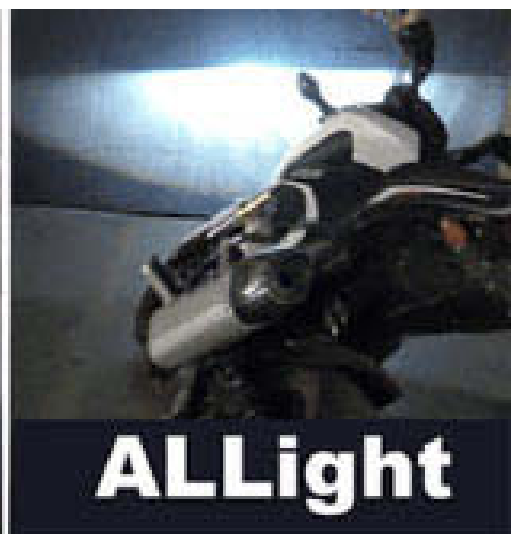
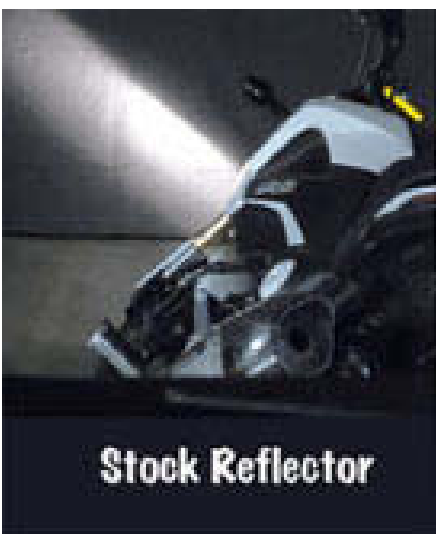
It's a simple enough device; a projector beam headlight mounted to a small electric motor that's able to stabilize the headlight on the roll axis, much like the kind of arrangement you'd find in a camera stabilizing gimbal, except without the necessity to stabilize along three axes. As it's a projector beam and throws the light forward and not backwards, it doesn't matter what headlight reflector you put it into.

Since it's never going to flick up and blind oncoming motorists, the ALLight team says it's possible to run super-bright LEDs that are the same brightness for low beam as high beam, dramatically improving visibility even in a straight line, while obviously making an even bigger difference in corners.

On an H4 bulb, which would cover a lot of bikes, installation is as simple as replacing a bulb. For H7 and H11 bulbs, you'll likely have to pull the headlight off and take off the headlight cover.

At US\$150 a pop, they ain't a cheap thing to throw on your motorcycle – unless you compare them to any other self-leveling headlight solution out there, in which case they're very, very cheap.

We wonder how the simple gimbal system will handle the



*What happens when you tilt a motorcycle over with and without self-leveling projectors. It'd be fine...*



## Adding new light to the headlight question

vibrations, bumps and rigors of daily motorcycle use. Mind you, if the motor breaks down, the worst that's going to happen is you'll have headlights as bad as your current ones but brighter.

I think this is a brilliant idea, if you'll excuse the pun. There's no excuse for the patently rubbish, borderline dangerous headlights manufacturers ship bikes with these days. Motorcycles have been around for just about bang on 150 years at this point and the fact that this is still an issue should be an embarrassment to the industry.

At this stage there's 25 days to go on the Kickstarter campaign, and it's had just about zero publicity from the looks of things, but we sincerely hope it gets up. If it does, and everything goes to plan, deliveries are slated for February 2019.



***This tiny aftermarket headlight globe replacement turns your motorcycle headlight into a self-leveling projector beam.***

## Club 2018 Event Schedule

Date	Event	Location
Saturday, July 7, 2018	Monthly Gathering	Saltspring Island
Sunday, July 22, 2018	Ride to Brunch	BW Prestige Oceanfront, Sooke
July 12 - 15, 2018	BMWMOA National Rally	Des Moines, Iowa
July 19 - 22, 2018	Cascade County Rendezvous	Republic, Washington
July 19 - 21, 2018	BMW RA National Rally	Wellsboro, Pennsylvania
Friday, July 27, 2018	BMW Demo Day	Island BMW
Saturday, August 4, 2018	Monthly Gathering	Pioneer House, Duncan
TBD August 2018	Victoria Classic Motorcycle Show	Western Speedway
August 9 - 12, 2018	43rd Stanley Stomp Rally	Grandjean, Idaho
August 16 - 18, 2018	Hotsprings Rally	Nakusp, BC
Saturday, August 25, 2018	Club BBQ	Chez Randy