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Subject: Give Me a Break!
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Dear Councillor Crist:

The name of the "fundraiser" alone, speaks volumes about the mentality behind the sport of extreme off-road mountain biking. Note the date. Also, the trail on Fromme, **Pink Starfish**, had a recent "NSMBATrail Days" on it, and has been responsible for turning a rider into a quadriplegic, in the past. Very, very irresponsible. Is anyone out there sitting up and taking note? Expect more injuries to happen as children are encouraged to enter into the dangerous sport, following their mentors who hold these kind of venues. Any excuse to "ride", eh? At what cost? Yes, indeed, let them **"rip it up" for injured riders and other community friends in need.** Give me a break! Meanwhile, DNV continues to encourage the dangerous free ride aspect of sport, at great risk to our children. It does not matter whether it is in Squamish, or North Vancouver. It is still very irresponsible, indeed!

--Monica Craver--

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GK Ripper Rolls out on September 11th, 2005

Pre Rip Party at Howe Sound Inn on Sept. 10th

The GK Ripper is happening again this year on Sunday, September 11th, 2005!! Check out our new website for details at gkripper.com.

The 5th Annual "GK Ripper – Puke or Bleed" Fundraiser will be held in beautiful Squamish BC, the "Outdoor Recreation Capital of Canada". Mark your calendar for the best GK Ripper yet- Sunday, September 11th 2005.

This annual fundraiser is a relay mountain bike race whose proceeds have gone to help injured athletes. More recently, the GK Ripper has evolved into an official foundation that provides financial assistance for individuals in the community who have been seriously injured in different accidents including sporting or motor vehicle.

Alan Ross and the boys at Tantalus Bike Shop in Squamish conceived the idea behind the first GK Ripper race in the year 2000. They created the race in order to raise money for their friend and fallen rider, Graham Kuerbis. Graham, a "Kona Clump" Free rider and local Squamish boy, became quadriplegic when he took a fall on the Pink Starfish Trail in North Vancouver.

Roland Green, Andrew Shandro, Thomas Vanderham, Chad Miles, JJ Desarmoux, Wade Simmons, Leslie Thomlinson, Shaums March.

The whole skinny is at gkripper.com.