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Directors Notes:

Wing Ding 30.....Hot, Lots to do, FUN, Great Time, Meeting New Friends and seeing old Friends it was great to meet and hug and get caught up. We the Region are very proud of Terry & Marina Christoff our wonderful Couple of the Year that represented the Region. Hats off and Thank You. You both were Shining. Congratulations to Jim & Naraine Coleman Chapter On-Y Mississauga “Yellow is beautiful” First Place in the Bike Show Goldwing-Valkyrie Trikes Sidecar with trailer Airbrush Class. There is more; they also

took First Place  Light Show Street Class Combination. And there is more from the Region Chapter ON-S has a few top honour folks. Ernie

Strobridge took First Place  in the Valkyrie class Cheryl Strobridge placed First  in her Trike Class and Stephen Brighton second in the Custom Class. Wow! Wonderful way to fill the trophy room. I just heard they did the same thing this past weekend at the Michigan Rally (details to follow). If you have not head Wing Ding 31 will be in Tulsa Oklahoma 2009.

This year the Operation meeting theme was “Building Bridges” Executive Director Melissa Easton chaired the meeting and commented: “We are building bridges to connect the tried and true ways of our Association to the new and untested ways yet to come.”

For Aug we have the Rendezvous and Chapter Q-M Kick Off hope everyone has registered in attending to support this new Chapter. Participate at these events and meet new Friends while having Fun.

Region Rally:

Wow ...12 Days to go. Last Tuesday I had a meeting in North Bay with the wonderful and busy coordinators of the Rendezvous. Pre Registration is up and we have a good number of folks from the US as far as Kansas attending We will be having some special folks attending - **Sharon Stanley Wing World Editor**. Also **Ken and Rita Moffitt International Couple of the Year 2008/2009**.

Now is the time to Get Cracking and register at <http://rendezvous.cyclesurf.com/> for a FUN event. Friday night is the light parade with the Mayor. The parade will be ending downtown where everyone will be able to walk around and join in the City of North Bay Heritage Festival.

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Rider Education:

Rider Education Region K

July 2008 Newsletter

Produced by Charles Schaltz Region K Educator

We have a lot of **positive** to report this quarter, so **Rider Education in Region K** is moving ahead rapidly since the last quarter. This is thanks to all the hard work of our Educators and Rick McCalla who keeps sending positive emails to remind our superiors of the problems we are having.

1. At Wing Ding the **New Rider Education** Site was announced. This site has been redesigned and is user friendly. There are all new updated forms and updated information for the folk in Rider Education. They are going to incorporate the Canadian information on the same site. There are New and Updated Seminars for our presenters and they are password protected so only the Seminar Presenters can access the material! The Riding Instructor Courses have been updated and they are password protected, so the general membership cannot access them. I was looking at the ARC Course and some of the Seminar information has changed and the range layout has a different format. We will be going over this material at the Region Meeting this fall (October 4th and 5th). So if you are a Seminar Presenter or a Riding Course Instructor, do not give anyone your password, it is for your use only. If you have not been sent your Seminar Presenters or Riding Course Instructors passwords click on the link on the RE site. If you cannot get a password contact Rick or myself, there has been some problems with a few of the Members getting passwords.
2. We have the **PLP Facilitators Program** up and running. At Wing Ding there were Members from Quebec & Ontario attended the Facilitators Seminar. So we have Facilitators in Quebec, Eastern Ontario and Western Ontario. At the Region Meeting in October we will be training more Facilitators as part of our program. The District Educators will train Members in the Chapters to become Facilitators. **We would like Chapter Educators or Members of the Chapter that have an interest in helping Members improve their riding skills to take part in the program.** We are discouraging Riding Instructors for becoming Facilitators, there is no instructing in the New PLP Facilitators Program. The Chapters should send a Chapter Educator or a Member other than there CD to the Region Meeting so they can get trained as a Facilitator. **We have the program let's use it!!**

3. We had a first at Wing Ding, all the Regions in Canada were represented at a meeting with Mark Zingery the International Director of Rider Education. Ron Hodgson the National Director for Canada also attended and we had a very productive meeting. We explained to Mark the problems we are having in Canada. We expressed the need to get material, riding courses & seminars in Canada translated into French for our Francophone folks. We addressed the need for Riding Instructors in Central Canada. The problems we have had with certification of Instructors and Seminar Presenters was hopefully resolved. We discussed the problems we have experienced with information not being processed or lost at the National level. This was a positive meeting and the Regions also shared information and problems. The Levels program was one of the problems we all shared and we are looking forward to when it is properly implemented and can be accessed by our Members.

An Instructors Trailing Course being sponsored by Chapter Q in Quebec as I am writing this newsletter. Thanks to Kelly Patten for making all the arrangements for this Course and thanks to all the Members of Chapter Q that housed our Instructors. We are getting four of our ARC Instructors certified in Trailing. This was much needed, especially in Quebec for we had no Trailing Instructors in the Province. Gilles Manzerolle, Paul Martin, Richard Button and David Bowman are participating in this Course. Thanks to the participating Instructors and a special thanks to Mark Zingery for coming all the way from Michigan to put this course on for us. Mark has really made a commitment to help us in Canada.

A Rider Course Instructor Certification Program is being held in Michigan from Aug 14th to 17th and we have three Members from the Region attending. Paul Haller, Ernie Strobridge and Stephen Brighton are planning on attending this course. This is a very intense Course for the participants and we should have three very well trained ARC Instructors at the completion of this course.

Thank you to Rick McCalla, for the professional job of preparing the Instructor Manuals for the RCICP Course. Also thanks to Bob Pinet and Brad Barfoot for putting on the CIDM Courses we needed to get the Instructors certified.

You can see we are moving forward rapidly, and there should be no lack of training for our Members. All our Instructors have shown a real commitment this year and thank you for all the Courses you have put on. I have heard nothing but positive comments about the instructors. Any concerns we have heard from the course participants we are addressing. I have discussed these concerns with other Regions and there does not seem to be a problem but I will assure the Membership this will be discussed at our Rider Education Meeting.

Get those Chapter reports into Rick or Myself, the Chapter Educator of the Year Award will be presented at the Region Meeting in October.

Remember the Levels I - III no longer have a charge to participate in them; you only pay for the patches if you want them!! Only Level 4 has a mandatory cost associated with it. We have had several Members move to Level 4, thank you for your personal commitment to safe riding.

We are going to try to put on a Trailering Course between London and Owen Sound, we have Members in these two Chapters that want a Course. If you are interested in attending this Course please contact me.

What a pleasure to work with a National, Regional and District Team that is all pulling in the same direction!!!!

Rider safe this summer and we may see you on the road!

Louise and Charlie your Region K Educators

LTD:

New developments are happening with Leaderships Training. First I want to Congratulate Brad Barfoot upon receiving his Instructor's Certification from David & Kathy Orr Directors of LTD.



The knowledge Enhancement sections have been change and are part of a series of presentation known as "Chapter Life". The Barfoot's will be presenting the program to everyone in the near future

COY:

A Message from your Region K Couple of the Year

We didn't bring home the silver belt buckle but we sure gave them a run for their money in the International Couple of the Year selection. Thank you Region K for your support at Wing Ding in Greenville, South Carolina. The sea of red shirts or maple leaves on scarves made us proud to be a Canadian.



As our year as Region K Couple of the Year draws to a close we wish to

reflect on our accomplishments:

We completed our Leadership Instructors' Certificate so we can assist in training our members in programs like Horizons or Chapter Life.

We increased our level of safety by becoming Level 4 Master Tour Riders. Now, we can set an example for others to follow in rider education. We also wish to become seminar presenters for Rider Education so that we can help promote safety both to members and outside organizations.

We have encouraged all the chapters in the Region K to select a Couple of the Year. Over forty percent of chapters have now selected a couple for this year. We will continue to promote this program and support any couple that would like to carry on in the selection process at District or Region level.

We promoted the Region throughout our travels to various parts of the United States and Canada. We have encouraged new members to join our vibrant organization and have met many new friends in our adventures.

We were privileged to be selected Region K Couple of the Year for 2007-2008. We had an awesome year and wish our successors all the best. Thanks Chapter ON-E for selecting us as well as your support and encouragement. We have taken to heart the motto Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge. We look forward to other opportunities in this dynamic organization to making many more new friends.

We thank all of you who helped us with our resume and speech. Bob and Carolyn your time and patience and advice were greatly appreciated. We still plan to visit as many chapters as we can before we hand on the trophy and the title to a new deserving Couple of the Year in North Bay. We hope to see many of you at Rendezvous. So don't be surprised if we give you a call and say we are in your neighborhood. It was a very rewarding and fun year and we wouldn't have missed it. We know the next couple will find it to be an amazing experience.

Respectfully submitted
Terry and Marina Christoff
Region K Couple of the Year 2007-2008
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