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## Directors Notes:

Spring! Riding season is upon us, time to participate in a Rider Education program, get into Riding shape, and get the bike and the mind into shape. We always need to be honing our skills; you will be very thankful when you avoid a bad situation because you participated in a Rider Education course and learned the skills it takes to be a better rider.

Please participate in a Rider Education course that Charlie Shultz and Rick McCalla have organized with their staff in your area. Help Save Lives. We're reflecting where the time went these past few months; true we did Chapter visits, Quebec District meeting and a Horizon presentation and traveled and worked on Region administrative functions and Rode. Yes long winter but I did get out a few times.

I would like to take this opportunity for those that have not received a prior email message by extending a warm welcome to new members joining the Region staff. Brad & Francis Barfoot as LTD Directors, Raymond Aubé & Ginette Rousseau as QC District Directors, and Donald Avoine & Hélène Godbout as the QC Assistant District Directors. Welcome!

Want to have FUN? It's simple: get involved as a Volunteer with all the events coming up. Chapter, Region Rally and National Rally staff have been busy over the past months planning and working at various functions. Even with all the planning going on to make these events a great success we still need volunteers to make it happen and be a success. When you volunteer to make an event happen you are actually creating the fun atmosphere that makes everyone participating enjoy themselves and want to return next year. If you are attending Wing Ding this year Region K is responsible for the Bike Games on Saturday. Last year those that volunteered to help had a great time and I have the pictures to show as proof. Whether at the Chapter, District, or Region level, chapter directors please take the time to encourage your participants to attend chapter events, go to rallies and volunteer and join in the FUN. Later you will have pleasant memories to pass on.

Carolyn and I will be participating at the [25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Chapter ON-B Ottawa](#) on [May 17-18](#) this month. I will be visiting [ON-C Drayton's Blessing of the Bikes](#) in Listowel, and [ON-N North Bay](#) for [Rendezvous 2008](#), [ON-T Timmins](#) and [ON-S London](#) for some FUN camaraderie.

Bob

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## Region Rally:

To all fellow CD's, ACD's and Head Office Staff:

Would you please pass this on to your fellow chapter members as we have been told that some individuals are having problems getting around the web site and also with the booking of accommodations with the college.

In order to assist those individuals, I will list information on this matter:

- 1) go to the web site <http://rendezvous.cyclesurf.com/>
- 2) place your cursor over the word GWRRA Bienvenue (for French) or GWRRA Welcome (for English)
- 3) left click or press enter.

When the next page comes up (index page)

Place your cursor on either the subject you wish ie. Welcome, Accommodations, Registration in either the top line or on the items around the logo.

Then either left click on the item or press enter.

Regardless of where you are in the site, you can go anywhere else on the site by simply highlighting the item you wish in the top line and either left click on it or press enter.

In regards to the college, there are still rooms available and the web site has been or will be changed shortly to reflect when Kim will be there to take your booking right away, that way you will not have to wait for a return call from the college.

To book college accommodations please contact Kim at 705-474-7600 ext. 5358 - Monday to Friday / 8:00am to 4:00pm or Trina St. Jacques - Conference Services Coordinator ext. 1101

Pour les réservations, communiquez avec Kim à 705-474-7600 ext. 5358 - lundi à vendredi / 08h00 à 16h00 ou Trina St. Jacques, Conference Services Coordinator 705 474-7600 ext. 1101

We hope this has been of some assistance to you and that we will see you all at Rendezvous.

If you or anyone you know has any other questions, please feel free to get in touch with the following couples and we will assist you.

Thank you all and have a safe Riding summer,

Con & Claudette Verhulst - [conflys@aol.com](mailto:conflys@aol.com)

Ron & Jean Hurley - [jrhurley@onlink.net](mailto:jrhurley@onlink.net)

## Rider Education:



*Produced by Charles Schultz Region K  
Educator*

Spring is here and I see motorcycles out on the nice days. Please remember that all the sand is not removed from the roadways yet, so be careful on those curves. Potholes, Potholes and more Potholes, some roads are full of these hazards and it pays to be alert this time of the year when we are renewing our riding skills. Remember the T-CLOCS inspection before you ride, under inflated tires make the bike handle much different. When checking my rear tire this spring I found a nail, lucky it had only entered the surface of the tire!

David Burr has accepted the position of Chapter Educator of MB-A in Manitoba. Dave, like his parents Ken and Linda, is enthusiastic about his new position and will be a positive force for Rider Education in Manitoba. Congratulations David.

Rick and I have been busy trying to provide answers to the many questions we have been asked. Rick has a way with words and keeps me and the REP above me on their toes. He has done much for the District and our Chapter Educators. It has been slow coming but we should have all our Instructors certified for our Courses that are coming up. Milton Sorenson is helping Dave Hay with his tasks and now certificates are coming through in a timely manner. I would like to thank Milton for all his help, looks like we are moving forward. There are still many questions to be answered but Rick is persistent and will keep on top of the situation.

We have two new Senior Presenters in the Region, Don Norris and Bob Pinet. This will save our Members traveling to the US to receive LTD Programs or get certified as Seminar Presenters. Congratulations!

Rick has set up ARC Courses and a Trailering Course at New Dundee. We have experienced Instructors helping with these Courses. Richard Button, James Huber and John Stemmler have been asked to instruct the ARC's. Stuart Malcolm and I (if needed) will do the Trailering Course. Please contact Rick if you are interested in these Courses.

I was talking to Mark Zingery and he has committed to training in our Region. We discussed a Trailering Instructors Course in the Montreal area of Quebec. We are going to try to get a Trike Instructor certified in Michigan. We discussed an ARC Course in Sault Ste Marie in Michigan; this would help us train more ARC Instructors to cut down on the travelling.

So we have positive news to report!!

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

*Louise and Charlie*, your Region Educators

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## Folks Traveling in Feb:

Humm....no snow?????

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### COY:

#### **A Message from your Region K Couple of the Year**

Our tenure as Region K Couple of the Year has flown by and we are now preparing to hand over the torch (like the Olympians) at Rendezvous in North Bay in August.

Our reign started by creating a Couple of the Year Brochure for the Region. As Ambassadors of the Couple of the Year Program, we undertook Chapter visits throughout our Region; from Ottawa to London, North Bay to Welland, and points in between. We hope to visit all the Chapters we have missed, if possible, within the next six months.

Over the year, we have been traveling to many other regions to take part in Gold Wing activities. In August, we attended the New York District Rally where Region B's Couple of the Year was selected. So far this winter, we have been to Michigan's Wingless Weekend Pajama Party where we watched the District Couple of the Year selection. March saw us driving through a snowstorm to get to Kent, Ohio for an Advanced Leadership Training workshop. This was followed by a trip to Florida, through the storm of the decade, to attend their District Rally. We would encourage everyone to attend these great GWRRA events weather permitting.

Back in Kitchener, at [Chapter E](#), we took on a new role as Assistant Chapter Directors. One of our first tasks was reconciling the Chapter's membership list with GWRRA's list. Promoting motorcycle awareness (MAD) in the high schools is another task that we have undertaken. We are now in the midst of helping plan our [Poker and Observation Run for May 25<sup>th</sup>](#) and everyone is welcome. Planning is also underway for the trip to [Wing Ding](#) along with weekend and coffee rides. Our motorcycle riding season officially commences with a Dust Off weekend in Chatham.

Our calendar is also filling up quickly preparing for the International Couple of the Year selection. Résumés have to be revised, presentations have to be revamped, and a new wardrobe is required after a winter of indulging. We hope to learn more about the GWRRA organization at the Horizon's Course in Woodstock. Our public speaking skills also need a bit of tweaking, but we are never at a loss for words.

Our adventures this year have been very rewarding. We have met many wonderful people from the reigning International Couple Jake and Joanne Jacobs to new Chapter M Couple of the Year Evan Wrigley & Dell Dupuy. Fred Brown, CD Zephyrhills, Florida, even offered to loan us their yellow 2005 Gold Wing to ride while we were there. Chapter Directors everywhere have been very generous and hospitable when we have come to visit and they will be long remembered as GWRRA life long friends.

We would like to invite everyone in Region K to join us on July 2<sup>nd</sup> in Greenville, South Carolina at the International Couple of the Year Selection. We guarantee that you will have a great time.

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



## Home Office Announcements:

### **Financial Reports**

The year-end Financial Reports from Chapters and Districts are not required at the Home Office. These reports should be sent to the District and Region and the copies maintained at those levels. Only the year-end Financial Reports from the Regions should be sent to the Home Office.

### **Confidential Information**

It is our responsibility to keep our Members' personal information confidential. This information includes: names, addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses. This information should not be supplied to others inside or outside their Chapter without the Member's permission. In today's world, we are all being bombarded with solicitations by phone, mail, and email. Let's keep our Members personal information safe!

### **Chapter Director Acknowledgement**

Clara Bolt is still working on the Chapter Director Acknowledgement for Wing Ding, and we are not getting much of a response from the Chapter Directors. We would really like to acknowledge them for all their hard work. Please have your District Directors check with their CD's. We need a count of those Chapter Directors that will be attending Opening Ceremonies at Wing Ding no later than May 1, 2008. Please have those who are interested contact Clara Bolt at [clara@pcpartner.net](mailto:clara@pcpartner.net).