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Directors Notes:

May is here and we are riding again. Yes.....it feels good to be in the saddle again. Carolyn and I went to the Chapter ON-C breakfast a few Sundays ago in Listowel. After being greeted at the door by the welcoming committee, we were escorted into the hall and given directions to where the food line started. We walked in and saw a lot of Friends from Chapter E, Chapter S, Chapter O and, of course, Chapter C. Great turn-out and a wonderful ride home. Saturday, we attended the District Director meeting and I want to thank Terry Archbold along with Paul Haller for attending and updating the group on the latest for the Rendezvous. Also, Terry, thanks to the Children Community Centre for use of the room. Larry and Janice: Thank You for updating the group on the Couple of the Year Program with a great power point presentation. Charlie and Rick: Thanks for the updates on the Rider Education program. Don and Mary Corner: Thanks for the information session on the programs and the message the District folks need to present to the Chapters in their future visits.

Congratulation goes out to Ron Elliott, a GWRRRA member with Chapter ON-S who is being honoured with a special award from the Governor General Michaëlle Jean. A quote from the local paper reads, "An Elgin resident who has worked tirelessly both as a volunteer for many community causes and a business owner. Ron is one of 75 people who will receive the Governor General's Caring Canadian award. The award is presented to individuals and groups whose unpaid voluntary contributions provide extraordinary help or care to people in the community". Well done Ron.

For the May long weekend, we rode with Chapter ON-Y to Corning, NY and the Finger Lake region. It was cold at 10°C with a little rain. Thanks to Don and Donna for organizing the ride. We had a great time visiting the Region and many laughs with friends from Chapter M, D and Y. On Wednesday, May 20, I was in Fredericton, New Brunswick where the temperature reached a high of 32°C but no Wing - ah darn. But the warm weather riding season is approaching. Let's ride and visit Chapters and Friends by attending the **Rendezvous**. Before you know

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it the season will be ending.

Region Rally:

A Ride for Co Riders. Wow! The schedule and map/ride info have been updated. There are a few distances and times to add to the ride pages when available but the basic info is there.

For the schedule in English, [click here](#).
Et ici pour le programme en français.

For a list of rides in English, [click here](#).
Et ici pour une liste de tours en française.

Rider Education:



An email from Chapter ON-B:

Good morning Rick

Just wanted to thank both Harold Craven and Paul Martin for the exceptional ARC training they did with our Chapter ON-B on Saturday 9th May 2009. As usual the weather was beautiful in the morning when we had the class work then when we stepped outside it never stopped raining the rest of the day. A lot of the cars going by the parking lot we used must have thought that we had all lost our marbles to be out in such weather. These two instructors did a fantastic job and the training in the rain gave us all a new perspective as to how a Goldwing reacts.

Again thanks to both Paul and Harold who I might add got just as wet as the rest of us; did manage to smile through the whole of the afternoon. Don't get me wrong they did yell a lot and make everyone work just a bit harder. They did give us a new found knowledge and did make it fun to take the ARC training. I for one found it to be one of the best courses that I have taken. To take it in the rain enhanced our skills and the capability of the Goldwing. I believe we were all a little apprehensive about doing a course in the rain but what we gained from the instructors in the way of knowledge, confidence, and finally the experience of driving in a monsoon around corners with our pegs dragging made it a day to remember.

So please pass on our thanks to Harold and Paul.

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Couple of the Year:

It is with deep sadness that Nicole and I need to decline our participation to Wing Ding 2009 as Region "K" Couple of the Year. Health issues have occurred in the last few months, and this has given us "NO CHOICE" but to move aside. Rest was required. Today we realize that we hopefully received the message in time. We would prefer to keep this as a personal manner and do not want to make this public. Our passion for GWRRA and all of our involvements in our big family has just been great. We remain participants and ambassadors but, as we hope you all understand, we need to move on.

We will most likely see some of you at different events and we look forward to seeing all of you real soon.

We have a saying in French, "We prefer to talk to you rather than about you".

See you soon.....

Yours truly,

Pierre Hunter & Nicole Fontaine

Wing Ding News:

CRUISING TO THE POW-WOW WING DING PASSPORT PROGRAM

Win one of these Kuryakyn "luxury" bike packages when you participate:

• Chrome Package • Comfort Package • Lighting Package

Kuryakyn will install one luxury package per day on the winner's bike while at Wing Ding.

Here's how it works:

To participate in this "scavenger hunt" type ride, you will be required to visit (and purchase something from) at least five (5) participating sponsor locations as you are traveling to Wing Ding. Attach the receipts (proofs of purchase) to the "Passport Card" that will be in the July Wing World magazine (mailed June 1st).

Once you arrive at Wing Ding, turn in the filled out Passport Card with the attendees contact information and the proofs of purchase attached. There will be a bin located at a designated location (Pre-registration), as well at opening ceremonies. (Deadline for turning in the cards and receipts is just before Opening Ceremonies commence.)

In the June Wing World magazine, we will run a 2-page advertising spread featuring a map of Oklahoma, and surrounding states, with Route 66 and major interstate routes to the Tulsa Expo Square. The map will feature participating sponsor/company logos and locations. Once again, you will be required to visit (and purchase something from) at least five (5) participating sponsor locations as you're traveling to Wing Ding.

The July issue of Wing World magazine will include pull-out "Passport Cards", along with route maps featuring participating sponsor/company logos on one side; the other side will be the entry form & rules to participate.

Members who participate will be entered into a drawing to be held at Wing Ding Opening Ceremonies. Only Wing Ding registrants are eligible to enter to win one of three valuable Kuryakyn "luxury" bike packages.

Don't Miss Out! Win Prizes! Have Fun! Enjoy the Ride!

Important Dates:

2009

May 30 Quebec District Meeting – Restaurant Corail -Vaudreuil

July 2-5 **Wing Ding** – Tulsa Oklahoma

July 23-26 **Rendezvous 2009** - Belleville Ontario

Does any one know where the Region Travelling Trophy is located?

If you know, please [email](#) me the whereabouts.

Thanks

Bob
