



Rider Education Region K

December 06 Newsletter

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Here in Southwestern Ontario, we had no snow on Christmas Day, so here is a snowman, for some of our members that are still riding their bikes.

Louise and I would like to wish the members all the best in the New Year and may you enjoy many safe miles while riding this season.

2006

It has been a busy year with all the new Riding Courses, Seminars, FA/CPR Courses and the many changes Rider Education has seen. Louise and I managed to put on over 41,000 kilometres since April and are planning to do some riding in the south this winter.

Gordon Murphy

Rider Education is constantly changing and the resignation of our National Director of Rider Education for Canada Gordon Murphy came as disappointing news. Gordon had worked hard during his term as ND-RE-C and has done much for rider education in Canada. Gordon created the ARC Course and trained Instructors throughout Canada, including Region K. Gordon also saw that our Region had Trailing Instructors so we could put on Trailing Courses. He also tailored Seminars to meet Canadian needs and created others so we all would have better knowledge of how we should ride. He also looked after all the levels information for Canada, which was a huge job, keeping the Levels Program current. Along with all this Gordon also trained members for, and put on ARC and Trailing Courses along with the corresponding Seminars. This past year he took the time to attend our Region K Rider Education Meeting. Having Gordon at the Meeting to answer questions and partake in the discussion made it a very successful meeting. I know I have missed many other tasks that Gordon had to deal with.

I will truly miss Gordon as my ND-RE-C. In the future I hope to have the

chance to continue the friendship we shared. Louise and I would like to wish Gordon and Elsie all the best in all future endeavours.

2007

It is time to plan for 2007 and some of the Chapters are planning the dates for Courses that will be held in the New Year. We need ARC Instructors in the North, and to become an Instructor you must take an ARC or Trailering Course. Please keep this in mind when you book your courses. If the opportunity arises we can get more new Instructors for the Region. I will continue to work to get more Instructors in the Region for this will cut down on the travelling the existing Instructors have to do.

Changes to ARC or Trailering Course Planning

1. The Region Educator will approve all courses and he will assign Instructors to the Courses. Please send all Planning Forms to the Region Educator for approval.
2. Monies for the Courses will be sent to the **Region Treasurer** (Louise Hervieux 1-1232 Guelph Line, Burlington, Ontario K7P 2S9).

Seminars

We have Seminar Presenters all through the Region, so please use them this winter for there are a number of Seminars that can be presented for your benefit.

First Aid / CPR

We put on a Course in December at Chapter D, thanks to Richard Button CE. We had members attend from Chapters M & Y also attending this course. As a result of Richard's hard work we had eighteen members take the all day Emergency First Aid / CPR Course.

Ron Lemieux CE for Chapter B is planning a Course for February and hopefully some of the members from Chapter F can attend. Ken & Carol Rabidoux are teaching this course. It may be a two-day event depending on how many attend. When I get a firm date on this Course I will pass it on through the Region RE Web Site.

Stuart Malcolm CE for Chapter S is setting up two Courses for March 4th and 18th.

We are starting to get busy in Rider Education already so please get your dates booked for the FA/CPR Courses that you want for your Chapters.

Get in touch with Ken & Carol Rabidoux, the training people for your Chapter or the RE for your training needs.

Levels Report

I have sent out copies of the Rider Education Levels Report for CE's or DE to look over and we want to get the information as up-to-date as possible. Please take a little time and update the information. We have Members that are no longer participating or are deceased and they are still being reported. At the Region or National level we have no

way to pick up on this information with out your help. If there is any incorrect information please let us know and we will correct it. This new information will make the report more valuable in the future.

Charlie