



Rider Education Region K

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I hope all our educators and instructors had many enjoyable kilometres on their bikes this summer. Louise and I got out west this summer and we got to see many areas of the Rockies we had not seen before.

We all had a good time at Nashville's Wing Ding this past summer. Stuart Malcolm and I assisted with a Trailing Course while we were there. (It sure was hot in Tennessee!)

Chapter "N" put on an ARC Course in July thanks to Ron Hurley. We had 6 students to participate in the course. We decided to hold the course in the early morning, to try to avoid the heat. The riders were a much-improved group by the end of the day. Our thanks to all the members that participated! Thanks to Jean and Ron for opening up their home so we could put on the Seminar part of the course, classroom style.

On our trip out west we got to visit with the Manitoba Chapter again along with Larry and Janice Chisholm who were travelling with us. This Chapter sure has a

great restaurant to meet! The ribs were delicious! Currently we are in the process of getting a Chapter Educator in place for this Manitoba Chapter.

In early August, we lost one of our former Chapter Educators and a very good friend just before the Region Rally in Limoges. **Simon Klaver** was the Chapter Educator for Chapter "S" 2003-2005. Simon and his wife, Carole worked tirelessly at this position and put on many Rider Education Seminars and Riding Courses. During Simon's term the chapter had the first Ladies PLP. (It made Wing World Magazine!) Although many of the Chapter "S" members were enrolled in the Levels Program, Simon started to get members to Level IV, including Carole and himself, early this past summer. Simon had the largest percentage of the chapter certified in First Aid and CPR. Believing that the "action" was at chapter level, Simon found it very rewarding helping his fellow chapter members improve their skills riding a motorcycle and

would work hard putting on PLP Courses for them. Simon performed his duties with a gentle hand and had the respect of the chapter. His hard work was reflected in the high status that our chapter achieved in the Rider Education Program.



Therefore, in memory of Simon, a member has donated the **Simon Klaver Memorial Trophy**. This Trophy will be given annually to the Chapter Educator in the region that has done the most to promote Rider Education in their chapter. This year we had several Chapter Educators in the running, and after much deliberation we have chosen **Brett Mailloux** of Chapter “W”. Brett and Jill, through their hard work, have achieved a lot this year in Chapter “W”. Congratulations Brent and Jill!!!

Chapter “Y” through the efforts of their Chapter Educator, Rick McCalla sponsored a Trailing Course and it was held at the New Dundee Community Centre. We had ten members take the course. What a dedicated group of members! They all showed up even though it had been raining all morning. The afternoon improved and we had a very successful course that was enjoyed by all. I want to thank Rick for all his work setting up the course and for all that attended.

Rick has also done some excellent research on helmets so I am going to pass it along.

This is a statement from Shoie Helmets

A helmet should be replaced 5 years from date of purchase or 7 years from date of manufacture, whichever comes first. Both the helmet manufacturers and safety standards base this replacement recommendation on a consensus. Glues, resins and other materials used in helmet production can affect liner materials. Hair oils, body fluids and cosmetics, as well as normal "wear and tear" all contribute to helmet degradation. Petroleum based products present in; cleaners, paints, fuels and other commonly encountered materials may also degrade

materials used in many helmets possibly degrading performance. Additionally, experience indicates there will be a noticeable improvement in the protective characteristic of helmets over a five-year period due to advances in materials, designs, production methods and the standards. Thus, the recommendation for five-year helmet replacement is a judgement call stemming from a prudent safety philosophy.

The **Rider Education Meeting** in Huntsville, this past weekend, was well attended with almost all the chapters represented. We were very fortunate to have Gordon Murphy the Canadian National Rider Educator for at the meeting.

Gordon added a lot of value to the meeting; having answered the many questions that the Chapter Educators and Riding Instructors had.

Bob Pinet did a great job on heading up the meeting. Chapter Educators and Riding Instructors had the most interesting discussions all day.

Topics that we covered were:

- How do we get more members in the Rider Education Program.
- The Levels Program was explained.

- Gordon handed out forms to streamline the flow of paper.
- During Chapter Events the members will be asked to wear proper riding gear.
- We have tried to make courses more attractive by offering a \$4 cost to get into Level I after a member has taken a Rider Course.
- The Region Education is responsible for approving all Rider Courses in the Region. The member sponsor of the course will fill out and send the Rider Course Planning Form to the RE.
- The updating of the old videos was discussed and Gordon said he would pass on the suggestion.
- Making the Green Bar Report useful was discussed and there will be changes forthcoming.
- The Chapter Educator wanted a copy of the Green Bar Report for most of them do not receive it.

In closing, I think the “bringing together” of the Chapter Educator and Instructors was very productive, for the first Rider Education Meeting.

I would like to thank all the members that attended the meeting and

helped to make it the success it was.

**New Level IV
Members this
Quarter are;**

- Newt Chilcott
- Ernie & Cheryl
Strobridge
- Gilles
Manzerolle
- Simon &
Carole Klaver
- Brett Maulloux

Ride Safe and watch the wet leaves!

Charlie