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TEAM GWRRRA va mettre la liste du Québec, formatée pour le livre d'or sur le site Web du magazine Wing World. Il sera formaté pour pouvoir être coupé et collé à la page CAN-97 de la page vierge au verso du livre d'or actuel. Il sera ensuite placé dans l'édition d'août du magazine Wing World afin qu'il puisse être coupé et collé dans le Gold Book. GWRRRA regrette cette omission et regrette tous les problèmes que cela a causés.

TEAM GWRRRA are going to put the Quebec listing, formatted for the Gold Book, on the Wing World magazine website. It will be formatted so it can be cut and pasted on page CAN-97 of the blank page on the reverse side of the current Gold Book. It will then be put in the August edition of the Wing World magazine so it can be cut and pasted into the Gold Book. GWRRRA are sorry for this omission and regret any problems this has caused.

Merci pour votre patience et votre compréhension.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL!!!

First, let us all welcome our **new Directors of GWRRRA** Jere and Sherry Goodman. They are bringing 39 years of GWRRRA combined experience. I know we are all looking forward to working with them this year.

Yes, **riding season** has begun and couldn't have happened at a better time for Motorcycle Awareness Month. It's great seeing all the chapter pictures of the rides they have been doing on the weekends. Lots of Chapter interaction and several events posted for the upcoming summer.

Rendezvous 2019 is approaching fast. I hope all the participating CCD Chapters are ready for an exciting action-packed time. The District is so fortunate to have Clara Boldt attending this year's Rally and presenting "*Lead Like You Ride*" for the first time in Canada. Don't forget, if you can attend this on Thursday, July 18, 2019, you will not be disappointed.

The **Couple of the Year** is a fabulous program, and we tried to have it at the District level at Rendezvous to no avail. I noticed there were a few Chapters with COY for this year, but they didn't want to continue any further. Please read the following that I found on the GWRRA website.

Step forward to your next wonderful adventure! We have everything you need to help you get started on your journey in the GWRRA Couple of the Year Program. Being a part of this long standing GWRRA tradition brings a lifetime of rewards. You are all part of a calling that is representative of the very best that GWRRA has to offer.

This program offers you the unique opportunity to get to know people from all walks of life and geographical locations, and to develop friendships that last a lifetime. As you expand your horizons, you will feel a strong sense of community with the GWRRA organization that is priceless in value.

What sets a Couple of the Year apart? To be selected as the Chapter Couple of the Year, you have already demonstrated your interest and enthusiasm for your fellow chapter members. Not only have you shown that you are a team player, but you have also given selflessly of your time and attention. You are already a role model within your chapter. And as a result, you have been honored with the distinguished title of Chapter Couple of the Year

Once you make the decision to continue forward within the Couple of the Year Program to the District and International levels, you will build upon the solid foundation that you've already set. Your actions and positive attitude are promoting awareness and showcasing your leadership abilities. You are inspiring and motivating those who have not yet started their own journey. Your confidence as a role model is growing.

This vital and dynamic role offers you an amazing opportunity as you begin your transformative journey from Chapter Couple of the Year through the District selection process, and on to the ultimate thrill of participating in the International Couple of the Year Selection Process. Your journey to Wing Ding involves a proactive team engagement strategy that brings together six International Couples from all across the United States, Canada and Overseas in a bond of friendship and camaraderie. At each step of your path you will become aware of what to expect, and you will never feel alone.

As you face the excitement that lies ahead, you will have the entire Membership Enhancement Team to support you every single step of the way. We, along with your local Membership Enhancement Coordinator and your Directors, are here to provide you with mentoring support as you navigate through the Couple of the Year system.

As Assistant Directors of the Couple of the Year Program, we aspire to making your journey a happy and successful one. Most of all, we want it to be fun! Contact us and we will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Ron & Beverly Clark
Asst. Directors
Membership Enhancement Program
Couple of the Year



All the information for **Rendezvous 2019** can be downloaded at our website:

www.ccdistrict.ca

On May 19th Terry and Eilene Brinklow, CD of ON-K, held a Show and Shine at the City Hall in Napanee. Perfect weather and a good show of bikes.

May 25th the District held a Shiny Side Up for all the surrounding Chapters at Mohawk Raceway in Milton. Unfortunately, it was cancelled on the day of due, to inclement weather combined with lightning. There was one person on a bike who arrived early, and it was Chapter ON-Y's newest member from the IMS, David Bell. Amazing! I would like to send a huge thank you out to Mark and Teresa Fleury, Bob Henshaw, and Adrian Young. These people, being volunteers, have setup the courses and taped off the parking lot for the ARC and Shiny Side UP courses every time at Mohawk at 4:00am. Excellent work, and a great show of TEAM support.

June 3rd is Americade week. There is not going to be a GWRRA booth there this year. I Hope to see quite a few GWRRA members at the event. There are several members staying at the Lake Haven Motel and Motel Montreal, so if you are at Americade and see all the bikes, stop in and say hello.

On June 28th/29th there will be a trailer course at Mohawk Raceway. There are only four spots available at this time. If you wish to attend, please contact Mark Fleury at mandtfleury@bell.net. If there are not a total of six, the course may have to be cancelled. This is the first time in several years there has been a trailer course, so don't hesitate.

Gary McDermott and Kristina Magic

Central Canada District Directors

WINGING THRU THE DISTRICT



What is a Biker?

I didn't write this and I haven't been able to find out who did. I wish I had, though.

After riding for some 35 years and owning more bikes than I can count, I am still a little confused when someone asks me the question, "Are you a biker?" Do I ride? Yes. Do I own a motorcycle? Yes. Do I saddle up often? Yes, usually daily. Is riding a motorcycle the most important thing I do? Yes, right behind being with my family and making a living. There are many definitions for a real biker. Many riders think being a biker means that you ride a scooter constantly and probably don't even own a car. Some think that only Harley riders are real bikers, while others believe that being a club "1 percenter" is the key to the biker title. I've also heard guys say things like, "Real bikers ride in the rain." Well, I guess I'm not a real biker because I drive my truck when it's raining. But I consider that an intelligence issue.

I also hear conversations that, if you have a good job and make great money, somehow you have been disqualified from being a *real* biker because you are now a yuppie or a R.U.B. (rich urban biker). Well, I plead guilty again because I have a pretty good job, and I do okay. I guess I've lost points again on the real biker scale. Do tattoos, outrageous haircuts, or earrings get you closer to the Holy Grail of real bikerhood? How about the folks who ride sport bikes, Gold Wings, or trikes? Are they real bikers? Can a Gold Winger ever become a real biker? According to many so-called experts, once you get a Gold Wing, you get busted back down to Private. Zero points on the real biker scale. What happens to a real biker if he suddenly loses his mind and — God forbid — buys a British bike?

I'm sure many of you are a little like me and wonder what makes a biker and whether or not we qualify. Do I think like a biker? Do I look like a biker? Do I have to dress for work like I dress when I'm riding my scoot to be a real biker? Do I make too much money to be a real biker? Do I have to put bike parts into the dishwasher to be a real biker? Can I take my scoot to the dealership for an oil change and still keep my Real Biker Card?

Recently, as I drove home from work, I came across a young guy pushing his H----- cruiser down a country road. After stopping to investigate, I went home and got my trailer and some tie-downs and came back to help this guy get his scooter home in one piece. It was apparent early on that he wasn't a "true biker," that is, an experienced biker. I didn't know the exact definition of true biker, but I knew he somehow didn't qualify. He would need to serve some time before applying for his Real Biker Membership Card.

After we got to his house and unloaded his bike, he offered payment for my services, and I refused. He thanked me and then proceeded to tell me how he had bought the H----- to go to Sturgis with friends and how wonderful the experience had been. He went into his house and got some photos of his trip to show me. He explained how exciting the whole biker experience had been, how friendly the biker community was, and how surprised he was to feel so welcome. He said he had recently gone through a divorce and the Sturgis experience had rejuvenated him, served as a sort of therapy. As he explained what had apparently been a life-changing experience, it occurred to me that he was putting into words

the whole biker experience from the fresh point of view of someone who had just arrived. He was so excited, it almost made me laugh out loud.

I realized he was describing what being around bikers was all about. It was like he was re-introducing me to an old friend, a friend I had almost forgotten about and was very happy to re-discover. I'd been around bikers for so long I'd forgotten what gives our lifestyle such appeal. I had taken for granted the essence of the experience that had super-charged my H----- riding friend.

Then he asked me if I was a biker. Taken off guard but also responding very quickly, I said, "Yes, I am a biker."

For the first time in my life I didn't have a problem understanding the definition of biker. I didn't question my qualifications, brand, style, or dress. I'm not even sure I had a H----- T-Shirt on. It doesn't matter. At that moment, I understood that being a biker was that feeling of comfort you have when enjoying a sport that celebrates the outdoors and a free spirit. It's the feeling you get when you ride alone or the thrill you feel when you hear 100 bikes rumble down the road. It's also the feeling you have when you sit around the fire at night planning the adventure for the next day. It's like those T-shirts that say, "If I have to explain, you wouldn't understand."

The experience I had helping a newcomer to the biker world is also a part of the real biker definition. It hit me like some sort of religious epiphany that being a biker was not really what you looked like or what you ride or how often you ride. It was the inner peace that you achieve when you are on that scooter and you're a million miles from work, worry, and pressure. Real bikers are all members of a kinship with no concern for status or wealth. Instead, they have a "Live and Let Live" philosophy, while still watching each other's backs.

After all these years, I've finally discovered the answer to the real biker question. If you get a shiver up your spine when a good sounding scoot goes by, have ever stopped to help another rider in distress, or can't sleep because you're thinking about the morning adventure, don't worry, you're a real biker. It doesn't matter if it's a sport bike, a cruiser, or a dirt bike. If it's got two wheels and you get that special feeling when you saddle up, you get the membership card for life, no questions asked.

Somehow, this two-wheeled piece of steel has become a catalyst for bringing out realness in people. So the next time you see a Gold Wing or a sport bike go by, or you run across a broken down H-----, give the rider the respect he or she deserves, because they probably are a real biker. My H----- friend was. He was a real biker the minute he pulled into Sturgis and got that special feeling.

David Hay

Assistant District Director

A 2-UP VIEW



Being that May is **Motorcycle Awareness Month**, Mark and I had the pleasure of participating in the First Annual Show and Shine with Chapter K - Kingston, on Sunday May the 19th. The weather was great. You could not have asked for a better day.

We had a nice assortment of shiny bikes (and not all were Wings). We had several canopies set up with information on Motorist Awareness, the Ride for Dad, and Stop Texting and Driving. Chapter K had door prizes, a Share the Wealth, which Mark won and donated back, along with some product donated for their door prizes as a thank you for being asked to come with his business for this wonderful event.

Next year, Chapter K plans on doing this event again. Mark has already made a commitment that Chapter E will attend for the weekend. Next year, your Chapter could hold a two- or three-day trip, enjoying a great area to ride, and also to come out and support Chapter K. Way to go guys!







On May 25th Mother Nature was not so cooperative as she was the weekend before. The District had planned the Shiny Side Up at Mohawk Raceway. Bob, Mark and I were there securing the parking lot at 4:30 AM. Still no rain. Gary & Kristina showed up about 7 am, and at 7:10 the skies opened up. We all took shelter in Bob's trailer to stay dry. Well almost all of us....Gary had to yield to his craving!

Adrian then joined us, and we had one lone rider, a new member of Chapter Y, brave the elements and ride in on his Wing. Now that is dedication. Peter Schilling also popped by to take it all in.

A special shout out to Greg & Karen Hatton for bringing Bob, Mark & me a nice hot breakfast, as promised, even though they knew the event would be called off. Thank you guys, it was really appreciated.

About 9:00 am, we called it a day and we all pitched in to take up the cones and tape blocking the parking lot. I was driving Bob's "Big Rig" (including the trailer), while Kristina stood in the trailer as all the guys passed her the cones. Many hands make the work load light.

Thanks to all who came out.

On Friday, July 5th and Saturday, July 6th, the District is holding an ARC (Advanced Riding Course). The cost is \$40.00. The Classroom portion is Friday evening, 6:30 pm (at our house in Brampton). Saturday it the Range portion at Mohawk Raceway starting at 8:00 am. *This is a rain or shine event.* We still have two spots available, Please contact Mark at mandtfleury@bell.net if you would like one of these spots.

Finally, the weather is cooperating. It is so great to see a lot of rides happening in the District and the Chapters.

Ride Safe!

Teresa Fleury
Assistant District Director



MEDIC FIRST AID



Medic First Aid

We have had a great start to our Medic First Aid courses this calendar year, and I wish to thank our instructors, our participants, and the various chapter directors who helped to promote this program.

If any chapter wishes to host a Medic First Aid course, please reach out to me. E-mail is best – garvincole@yahoo.ca

Group Riding

One of the great things about participating within GWRRA is group riding. Riding is fun and it can be even better with friends.

Here are a couple of thoughts about group riding.

Why?

There are several advantages for motorcyclists who ride street bikes in a group:

1. A Group is usually more visible to other drivers than a solo rider.
2. Other vehicles can predict what a rider in a group will do because all members generally maintain fixed positions and fixed intervals between riders.
3. In case of a mechanical problem or an accident, help is available immediately to the rider. A member of the group may carry a cell phone. Usually some riders in a group are trained in First Aid and CPR. They are often aware of safety information and accident management procedures that non-riders may not know. For example, not to remove the helmet of a downed rider; how to manage an accident scene to prevent complications, etc.
4. Riding can be a lot more FUN.

In addition, motorcyclists tend to learn a great deal from each other about their sport. Planning stops along the way offers a fine opportunity to share valuable tips and techniques, or just get to know one another better.

Why Not?

Group riding is not for everyone. It requires a certain level of skill and self-discipline. It restricts an individual rider's options as to speed, changes in route, and lane positioning. To attempt to ride in a group without having good basic riding skills and a good sense of what others in the group are likely to do, and what they expect you to do, is an invitation for an accident.

It is a matter of personality, in that group riding requires good communication, courtesy among riders, and a willingness to look out for the safety of others while riding your own ride. Those who don't wish to ride in a group but who wish to arrive at the same destination as their friends may serve as a scout if they have a CB radio, or they may just prefer to travel solo and meet up with their friends at the day's end.

Rider's Job: Preparing for a Group Ride

Riders are expected to arrive on time at the departure point with a full tank of gas, bladder empty, in proper attire for the conditions, and physically ready to ride (medications packed if needed, sober, and alert).

Also, don't forget that you must have a willingness to look out for the safety of others while riding your own ride.

Arriving on time will allow you to hear the pre-ride briefing by the Road Captain. This briefing will give you information of the route and any construction, road surface problems or other situations which might affect safety. The Road Captain usually provides a route map or directions to give the members of the group. The Road Captain will also have a rough idea of times and distances to be traveled, suggestions for rest stops, food and gas, etc.

Summer is here, and our previous nasty winter is well behind us. Let's get out and enjoy the wind!

Garvin Cole

Assistant District Director

Medic First Aid Coordinator



RIDER EDUCATION



I am pleased to announce the District has just acquired four new rider course instructors under the very demanding **Rider Course Instructor Certification Program (RCICP)**. The four candidates have been working really hard since last March, preparing for the first portion, Certify Instructor Development Module (CIDM) held April 6th, followed by the second portion of the Rider Instructor Training Program (RITP) specifically as Advanced Rider Course (ARC) from May 17 to 20th.

I would like to extend my recognition and gratitude to Chuck and Melanie Geggie, Team GWRRA Rider Education Assistants Rider Course Programs from Cincinnati, Ohio, USA. They have driven the distance twice, not only to assist but to certify me as a new GWRRA Master Instructor Trainer.



Pictured from left to right

Michel Lavoie MIT – CCDE; Pierre Maillot RI, QC-M, Mauricie; Ron Nowell RI, ON-Q, Quinte; Chuck Geggie REARCP; Gérard Vandal RI, QC-M, Mauricie; and Michel Fauchon RI, QC-D, St-Hubert.

Again congratulation to our new District Rider Course Instructors. They are very dedicated and special people willing to serve our district and GWRRA members.

Ride Safe Always!

Rouler Toujours Prudemment!

Michel Lavoie MIT 023

Central Canada District Educator - University Coordinator

Educateur du District Central du Canada - Coordinatuer Universitaire

My risk is sensible, yours is stupid

Lance Oliver

And that's where we get into an age-old human blind spot. From psychologist to hedge fund managers, some smart people who have studied the issue have found that humans are not very good at gauging risk. What we fall back on, then, is assuming that the risks we are used to are lesser.

But when there's a car coming from the other direction? Perhaps driven by a teen who is texting his friends while driving? That's when I think of someone like [Eric Trow](#), the *Stayin' Safe Advanced Rider Training instructor*, who has spent years focusing on the risks of street riding, and has multiple strategies for anticipating and avoiding them.

It's a normal (but not admirable) human reaction to take the attitude that whatever risks we are comfortable with are reasonable risks, and anything beyond that is stupid. The ATGATT (All The Gear, All The Time) purist looks at the guy wearing a helmet, but no gloves, jacket, or riding pants, as foolish, while the guy in the helmet looks at the rider in shorts and flip-flops and considers him an idiot. Meanwhile, some non-riders who know nothing about motorcycles look at all motorcyclists, from Mr. ATGATT to Joe Flipflops, as one big homogeneous group of death-wish organ donors who must want to die, because why else would they ride those things?

What's my point? (Yes, I do have a point.) It's this: I believe there's only one way we can all live in relative harmony, and that's by following these three simple rules:

- Make informed decisions about risk, choose the level of risk that's right for you, and respect that others will make different choices. Your choices are your choices, not universal truths, so don't try to force them on others.
- Setting an example is always better than preaching or criticizing. The chance to answer questions from a person who genuinely wants to learn is a rare and golden opportunity, not to be squandered. If you have wisdom, share it when asked for it.
- If you choose a risk level and it all goes wrong, leading you to the conclusion that you made a bad decision, take responsibility for your actions; don't whine and blame others, don't hurt innocent third parties, and clean up your messes after yourself.

If we all did those three things, most of our problems would disappear.

Meanwhile, see you on the road, at Rendezvous or anywhere else I can ride, for as long as I can keep doing it.

Ride Safe Always

Michel Lavoie MIT 023

Central Canada District Educator - University Coordinator

RUNNING DOWN THE HIGHWAY



Hello, everybody! I would like to welcome our newest Chapter Ride Coordinator, Vaughn Boegel, to our group. He is with Chapter ON-E, Kitchener.



I would also like to acknowledge all our CRC Members:

- Art Smith, ON-B
- Alain Mainville, ON-F
- Troy Robins, ON-G
- Tony Paolucci, ON-H
- Dave Pattison, ON-Q
- Tim Haller, ON-S
- Don Guppy, ON-Y
- Michel Fauchon, QC-D
- Gerard Vandal, QC-M

A big “Thanks” to all for the work you do for your Chapters. Also, please pass along a Thank-you to your Ride Committee members for me. They keep our Wings rolling!

I hope to visit some of the Chapters this summer. I will be at Rendezvous 2019 and hope to see you there>

Adrian Young

District Ride Coordinator

Editor's Note



*Keep your face always toward the
sunshine - and shadows will fall behind you.*

Walt Whitman
American Poet and Journalist
1819-1892

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