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SPRING MAINTENANCE SEASON IS HERE

With spring just around the corner our minds are starting to dwell on preparing the bike for the 2008 Riding Season. I admit that it has been a long and hard winter but the first ride on the open highway will make those memories fade like the ice on the Rideau Canal. I know I have to install a new air filter (*No easy chore on an 1800*), change the oil (*both motor and rear differential*), change the spark plugs, install Janet's push to talk button (*which I'm sure I will regret*) and of course wash & clean.

For members who require assistance with some of their motorcycle repair/ install tasks it would be a good idea to attend our annual Tech Day which has been held at Nicole & Ray Komendat House on Roger Stevens Drive for many years now.

We are working on our 2008 ride program, which

should be ready some time in March.

The 2008 25th Anniversary Edition of our Members Guide is almost ready to go to print with most of our original advertising supporters renewing for another year.

We would like to say Good-Bye to Bruce & Irene Morrison who will be departing us to return to Victoria, BC at the end of March. We have certainly enjoyed your support and fellowship during the short time you both were with us. Unfortunately Bruce is forced to trailer his Goldwing back to the West Coast but I'm sure he will be riding as soon as he gets back.

During the past few days I had the opportunity to view the made-for-tv documentary "Long Way Round" and I highly recommend the DVDs to our members. I have published a review further on in this newsletter.

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OUR 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Plans for the 25th Anniversary Celebrations are quickly moving forward with thanks to the Anniversary Committee. Visit our Web Site at: [25th Anniversary Celebration](#) Members and guests have a chance to win the early bird prize. The Saturday Dinner and Entertainment is worth far more than the registration costs. Hand in your Registration Forms with cash, cheque or money order to Janet or Keith at any of our functions. This promises to be a fun and entertaining event so we will need your support, time and participation in order to make it all happen. [Pat & Paul](#) have the sign up sheet for volunteering: give them a call or [e-mail](#) to offer your help, thank you.

FEBRUARY WING NIGHT

February Wing Night will be held this month at D'Arcy McGee's Irish Pub in Bells Corners at: 360 Moodie Drive Nepean, ON K2H 8G3 Phone: 613-596-4226 Click [here](#) for map.

D'Arcy in Nepean
D'Arcy McGee's Irish pub in Bells Corners first opened its doors in 2001. Its convenient location just

south of the Highway 417 makes the pub easily accessible from all parts of town. D'Arcy's has a wide variety of food options. Get started with the Stilton Cheese Crock which is made of cheddar, cream and Stilton cheeses mixed to a cream dip served in pumpernickel roll with toasted bagel chips and Granny Smith apples. Try the shrimp cakes with Labrador shrimp and fresh cut fruit-slaw. You can also work up to the main meal with one of the pub's authentic soups. Hope to see many of you there. It starts at 6:45 pm.

CHILI NIGHT



Birthday Blowout

The 4th Annual Chili Night was held on 02 Feb 08. What a wonderful turnout we had. There were 54 adults and 5 children in attendance, we filled the room. Nine pots of chili, two pots of meatballs, cabbage rolls, baked beans and assorted salads made a spread fit for royalty. The desserts were fantastic: we had enough to feed an army. Our thanks go to Etienne and Nathalie for

Number 02-08 judging the chili, and for coming to the event. The award for first place goes to Ray and Nicole and the prize was a \$20.00 gift certificate to McDaniel's Independent Grocery. People's choice award went to Marc which was a \$10.00 Timmy's gift card. The door prize of a car starter donated by Embrun Ford was won by Jimmy Warner. Congratulations to every one! Thank you to all the members who helped out and made this chili night a success. Ray's First Prize Chili Recipe is attached at the end of this Newsletter.



Chili Judges at work

JANUARY WING NIGHT

January's Wing Night at the "Foolish Chicken" was a great success with more than twenty-five people in attendance. Carol Scobie recommended the restaurant and also was responsible for the gift certificate from them. Thank you Carol! We had a lovely room upstairs all to ourselves. Beautiful art work graced the walls. The food was great and

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everyone was so busy talking no one noticed that a small fire had broken out right next to Ron K. Wow, he is some hot stuff. From now on Ron is not allowed near any candles.

ADVANCED RIDER COURSE

Still, no dates available yet but we will keep you informed as we get the information from our Chapter Educator.

REVIEW OF “LONG WAY ROUND”

Are you bored and anxious to hop on your motorcycle and ride? Spring is fast approaching, but if you need that ‘fix’, consider purchasing a made-for-tv series of DVDs titled [“Long Way Round”](#) that will get you thinking of far-away places and your heart pounding. From April 14 to July 29, 2004, British, Scottish and Swiss actors and adventurers Ewan McGregor, Charley Boorman, motorcycle riding cameraman Claudio van Planta, and their support crew traveled by motorcycle from London to New York, via Western and Central Europe, Ukraine, Russia, Kazakhstan, Mongolia, Siberia and Canada for a cumulative distance of 18,887 miles (30,396 km).

The only sections of the trip not undertaken by motorcycle were 580 miles (930 km) by train in Siberia, a short impassable section towards the end of their Russian journey, which was undertaken by truck, and a 2,505 miles (4,031 km) flight from Magadan in eastern Russia to Anchorage, Alaska.

Upon encountering numerous swollen rivers and a serious lack of functioning bridges while traveling along the Road of Bones to Magadan, the riders got their motorbikes through some fairly deep rivers. However, the summer run-off from the Siberian winter was in full flow and after a valiant effort, the bikes eventually had to be loaded into the trucks of passing drivers and ferried across some of the worst rivers.

The team mainly stayed in hotels while traveling in Europe, North America and populated parts of Russia but frequently had no option but to camp after reaching Kazakhstan and Mongolia. They took time to visit a variety of sites and landmarks while traveling, including the Church of Bones in the Czech Republic, the Mask of Sorrow monument in Magadan, Russia and Mount Rushmore in the USA. They ultimately arrived in New York on schedule and drove into the city accompanied by a

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phalanx of bikers, including McGregor's father Jim and the Orange County Choppers crew.

- Source: [Wikipedia Encyclopedia](#).

“Long Way Round” is available from [Chapters-Indigo](#)

JOKE CORNER

RED SKELTON'S RECIPE FOR THE PERFECT MARRIAGE

1. Two times a week, we go to a nice restaurant, have a little beverage, good food and companionship. She goes on Tuesdays, I go on Fridays.
2. We also sleep in separate beds. Hers is in California and mine is in Texas.
3. I take my wife everywhere... But she keeps finding her way back.
4. I asked my wife where she wanted to go for our anniversary. 'Somewhere I haven't been in a long time!', she said. So I suggested the kitchen.
5. We always hold hands. If I let go, she shops.
6. She has an electric blender, electric toaster and electric bread maker. She said, 'There are too many gadgets and no place

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to sit down!". So I bought her an electric chair.

7. My wife told me the car wasn't running well because there was water in the carburetor. I asked where the car was; she told me, "In the lake".

8. She got a mudpack and looked great for two days. Then the mud fell off.

9. She ran after the garbage truck, yelling "Am I too late for the garbage?".... The driver yelled back "No, jump in!"

10. Remember: Marriage is the number one cause of divorce.

11. I married Miss Right. I just didn't know her first name was Always.

12. I haven't spoken to my wife in 18 months. I don't like to interrupt her.

13. The last fight was my fault though. My wife asked "What's on the TV?" I said "Dust!"

Can't you just hear Red say all of these? I love it.....this is the good old days when humour didn't have to start with a four letter word... just clean and simple fun.

GWRRA REGION K RENDEZVOUS 2008

The [Region K Rendezvous](#) this year will be hosted by North Bay Chapter ON-N (The Blue Sky Wings). It will be held at **Canadore College in North Bay** on Aug 1-3, 2008. It's hoped that a lot of our members can attend since the Rendezvous is only about five hours ride from Ottawa. More information can be found on our [website](#) by clicking on the Region K rendezvous link in the Upcoming Events Box.

BIRTH AND ANNIVERSARY DATES

To our newest members, please send in your special dates to [Pat and Paul](#).

March

01	Dessia
03	Danielle
06	Keith C
13	Gerry
18	Bob H
21	Andy C
28	Susan K
30	Chris M & Valerie
31	Ken E

Best wishes to everyone.

WING DING 08

[Wing Ding](#) will be held in Greenville, South Carolina on July 3-6, 2008. Your itinerary should be finalized in the near future

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in order to get your choice of hotel or camping accommodation. Some members would like to hook up for the ride down so let us know and we can get your contact info together. As far as we know Ron & Susan, Harry & Johanne, Keith & Janet have registered for this event.

RIDE PREPARATIONS

Lots to do to get ready for riding season? Start early with checking your riding gear. Check out all the seams on your coats and pants, zippers and snaps. Are the boots in need of any repairs? **MONEYSWORTH & BEST** in the Billings Bridge Plaza is waiting to fix you up and get you prepared for any weather. Paul is prepared for any repair job big or small. Remember he is located at 2269 Riverside Drive in the Billings Bridge Plaza. Check our Members Guide for more details.

NEXT NEWSLETTER

Coming in our next Newsletter:
-Update on 25th Anniversary Prep.
-Info on Tech Day
-Ride Report (Maybe)
-More Fun Stuff

Don't miss it

Ray & Nicole's First Place 2008 Winning Chili Recipe

2 tablespoons vegetable oil
2 onions, chopped
3 cloves garlic, minced
1 pound ground beef **(secret no. 1 - we used a bit more ground beef)**
3/4 pound beef sirloin, cubed
1 (14.5 ounce) can peeled and diced tomatoes with juice
1 (12 fluid ounce) can or bottle dark beer **(secret no. 2 - what kind of beer ????) this remains our secret)**
1 cup strong brewed coffee **(secret no. 3 - what brand of coffee did we use???)**
2 (6 ounce) cans tomato paste
1 (14 ounce) can beef broth
1/2 cup packed brown sugar **(secret no. 4 - we reduced this to 1/4 cup)**
3 1/2 tablespoons chili powder
1 tablespoon cumin seeds
1 tablespoon unsweetened cocoa powder
1 teaspoon dried oregano
1 teaspoon ground cayenne pepper **(secret no. 5 - Wayne's magic cayenne)**
1 teaspoon ground coriander
1 teaspoon salt
4 (14 ounce) cans kidney beans
4 fresh hot chili peppers, seeded and chopped **(secret no. 6 - we used our own pickled peppers)**

DIRECTIONS:

1. HEAT OIL IN A LARGE SAUCEPAN OVER MEDIUM HEAT. COOK ONIONS, GARLIC, GROUND BEEF AND CUBED SIRLOIN IN OIL FOR 10 MINUTES, OR UNTIL THE MEAT IS WELL BROWNED AND THE ONIONS ARE TENDER.
2. MIX IN THE DICED TOMATOES WITH JUICE, DARK BEER, COFFEE, TOMATO PASTE AND BEEF BROTH. SEASON WITH BROWN SUGAR, CHILI POWDER, CUMIN COCOA POWDER, OREGANO, CAYENNE PEPPER, CORIANDER AND SALT. STIR IN 2 CANS OF THE BEANS AND HOT CHILE PEPPERS. REDUCE HEAT TO LOW, AND SIMMER FOR 1 1/2 HOURS.
3. STIR IN THE 2 REMAINING CANS OF BEANS AND SIMMER FOR ANOTHER 30 MINUTES.

Thanks to Ray & Nicole Komendat