



# GWRRA REGION K CHAPTER ON-B



## WING-IT NEWS

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### **CHAPTER DIRECTORS CORNER**

It is already May and we have started the riding season with a bang. Thanks to Toni and Michel, both the Advance Rider Course (ARC) and Parking Lot Practice (PLP) were big successes with our members enjoying all aspects of the training even in the rain (for the ARC); thanks everyone. It is my understanding that Toni and Michel are

already planning on doing a few more Parking Lot Practices for everyone.

As Your Chapter Executive we have been listening to your comments which all centre around more participation as a group, and, as such, we have tried to make this year's ride schedule a bit more interesting by including several overnight trips and events. These include such group outings as: Algonquin Park Tour (27-28 Jun), Wing Ding in Tulsa Oklahoma (2-5 July), Rendezvous 2009 in Belleville (23-26 July), Four Day Ride to Saguenay (31 Jul – 3 Aug), Stowe, Vermont (28-30 Aug) and the Annual Colour Run to North Bay (26-27 Sep).

Most of these rides and events will require arrangement for accommodations, please see [Chapter ON-B web site](#) (click on ride schedule) for points of contact. Remember both [WING DING](#) in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and [Rendezvous 2009](#) being held in Belleville, Ontario this year require everyone to pre-register in order to schedule and set up required events, tours, schedules, games, sponsors and accommodations just to name a few of the many logistics and requirements to make this a successful and enjoyable event for YOU.

There are so many things that have to happen behind the scenes that require the staff to know how many individuals will be attending so take the time and register early for both [WING DING](#) and [Rendezvous](#)

2009. For anyone who is planning to attend both or one of these events please send us an e-mail ([ottawavalleywings@ripnet.com](mailto:ottawavalleywings@ripnet.com)) and we will try to organize a group ride down to each event.

Sue and I also want to thank both Danielle Lecavalier and Tom Whellard for taking care of weekly events. Danielle is organizing different Saturday night dinners and Tom is organizing various meet, greet and coffee/ice cream weekly rides. If you have any good suggestions or recommendations please send them an e-mail. Danielle's email is [d\\_g\\_lecavalier@hotmail.com](mailto:d_g_lecavalier@hotmail.com) or she can be reached at 613-487-9655 (leave message) and Tom's e-mail is [twhellard@aol.com](mailto:twhellard@aol.com) and he can be reached at (613) 831-6336.

## EDITOR'S RAP

### THE MOTORCYCLE RIDE FOR DAD

The Motorcycle Ride for Dad is Canada's largest annual motorcycle charity event and is dedicated to fighting prostate cancer through research, education and awareness. In 2009, engines will roar in 23 cities across Canada.

The first Ride for Dad took place in Ottawa in 2000. This year will mark its 10th anniversary and special thanks go out to the [Ottawa Management Committee](#).

After a record breaking year in 2008, the committee worked hard to make the **2009 Edition** of the Motorcycle Ride for Dad even better! Some very important changes to this year's event were made which will help us in the fight against prostate cancer!

**New date:** The ride date was changed to be one week later; this year's ride took place on **Saturday, May 30th**

**New Start Location:** The Ottawa Management Committee wish to thank Coca-Cola for their support over the last

couple of years. However, due to some route restrictions, the start location had to be moved. The National Aviation Museum stepped up and offered us the use of their facility. This allowed us quick access to the Rockcliffe Parkway.

**New Ending Location:** This year's ride ended at the Civitan Complex in Almonte where we had some fun activities along with a BBQ and a chance to mingle with other riders

**Enhanced Poker Run Prizes:** More and bigger prizes for the Poker Run!

### The Captain's Club Recognition Levels

**BRONZE** - accumulated pledges of \$1,000 or more.

**SILVER** - accumulated pledges of \$2,500 or more.

**GOLD** - accumulated pledges of \$5,000 or more.

**DIAMOND** - accumulated pledges of \$10,000 or more.

**DOUBLE DIAMOND** - accumulated pledges of \$25,000 or more.

Several members and friends of our Chapter are now honoured to find themselves in most levels of the Captains Club. Dennis Jackson is at the Double Diamond Level. Wayne Kadoski is at the Diamond Level. Gerry Lecavalier, Ken Erickson and Ray Komendat are at the Silver Level. Eric Lecavalier, John Bowser and Ron Kolodij are at the Bronze Level. Many, many more members have contributed to this great charity over the years and their names will be added as they progress through the different levels. My apologies go out to any members which I may have missed.

So, as you can see Ottawa Valley Wings has in the past and will continue to advance this great cause with maximum participation by many of its members. I am highly

impressed with these special people who have gone the extra mile to support this Ride and others such as our CDs Ron & Sue, as well as Tom & Claudette, Carol W., Christine D. and Arthur who volunteer their time to assist with the administration of this great charity. There was even an On-Duty Mountie lending a hand to try to keep the ladies warm. Over 1700 bikes took part to raise money for prostate cancer research.

Well done to all those members who support the Motorcycle Ride for Dad, both in the past and the future.

○ ○ *Keith*



*Ride For Dad send-off on 30 May 09 at the Canada Aviation Museum.*

### **APRIL WING NIGHT**

Wing night for April was on Wednesday, 29 Apr 09 at Grand Central New York Deli located at 1463 Merivale Road. We took this opportunity to swear in James & Carol Scobie as the new Assistant Chapter Directors. As usual a fun time was had by all and the restaurant is now a sponsor in our Sponsorship Book. We also welcomed several new members that night and we hope to see them again.

### **MAY WING NIGHT**

Wing Night for May was held at Louis' Steak House located at 1682 Cyrville Road. We had a great turnout and Arthur met us at Tim's after on his bike and yes it was raining.



*Having a little fun at Louis' Steak House during May Wing Night.*

### **JUNE WING NIGHT**

Wing night for June will be held on June 24 at ChancesR Restaurant at College Square Mall at the corner of Baseline and Woodroffe. They are new sponsors for this year so a good turnout is encouraged. A wide selection of food is available and we can attest that the ribs are great.

### **31<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL WING DING**

The Gold Wing Road Riders Association (GWRRA) is pleased to announce its 31st annual Wing Ding will be in Tulsa, Oklahoma this year. The international convention opens Thursday, July 2, and runs through Sunday, July 5, 2009, at Tulsa's Expo Square.

Wing Ding is the world's largest gathering of owners of Honda Gold Wings and Valkyrie motorcycles. A previous visit to Tulsa was held in 1991. More than 10,000

Gold Wing motorcycle owners and riders are expected to attend Wing Ding 31, which could generate between \$10-15 million in direct economic impact to the area.

GWRRA, whose motto is "Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge," is a not-for-profit organization with over 80,000 Members in 52 countries, and 4,000 volunteer leaders providing rider education, social structure, organizing events, rallies, rides and meetings throughout the year. Visit GWRRA's websites: [www.gwrro.org](http://www.gwrro.org) and [www.wing-ding.org](http://www.wing-ding.org) or call (800) 843-9460 or (623) 581-2500 (in Phoenix) for more information.

Your **International Couples of the Year** will be staying at the newly renovated **Crowne Plaza** hotel in downtown Tulsa! The Crowne is also now offering a special reduced rate of **just \$95 per night** at this luxurious hotel complete with downtown's only full service Starbuck's Café, downtown's newest dining experience, Daily Grill, Enterprise Rent a Car, an expanded Gift Shop, Spa, and Business Center. Garage parking is included! **This offer is available for a limited time only so make your reservations today!**



*Bikes forming up for our Lilac/Kingston Ride on 24 May 09.*

## JOKE CORNER

These are from a book called "Disorder in the American Courts", and are things people actually said in court, word for word, taken down and now published by court reporters

who had the torment of staying calm while these exchanges were actually taking place...

**ATTORNEY:** This myasthenia gravis, does it affect your memory at all?

**WITNESS:** Yes.

**ATTORNEY:** And in what ways does it affect your memory?

**WITNESS:** I forget.

**ATTORNEY:** You forget? Can you give us an example of something you forgot?

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**ATTORNEY:** Do you know if your daughter has ever been involved in voodoo?

**WITNESS:** We both do..

**ATTORNEY:** Voodoo?

**WITNESS:** We do.

**ATTORNEY:** You do?

**WITNESS:** Yes, voodoo.

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**ATTORNEY:** Now doctor, isn't it true that when a person dies in his sleep, he doesn't know about it until the next morning?

**WITNESS:** Did you actually pass the bar exam?

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**ATTORNEY:** The youngest son, the twenty-year-old, how old is he?

**WITNESS:** He's twenty, much like your IQ.

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**ATTORNEY:** Were you present when your picture was taken?

**WITNESS:** Are you shitting me?

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**ATTORNEY:** So the date of conception (of the baby) was August 8th?

**WITNESS:** Yes.

**ATTORNEY:** And what were you doing at that time?

**WITNESS:** Getting laid

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**ATTORNEY:** She had three children, right?

**WITNESS:** Yes.

**ATTORNEY:** How many were boys?

**WITNESS:** None.

**ATTORNEY:** Were there any girls?

**WITNESS:** Your Honor, I think I need a different attorney. Can I get a new Attorney?

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**ATTORNEY:** How was your first marriage terminated?

**WITNESS:** By death.

**ATTORNEY:** And by whose death was it terminated?

**WITNESS:** Take a guess.

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**ATTORNEY:** Can you describe the individual?

**WITNESS:** He was about medium height and had a beard.

**ATTORNEY:** Was this a male or a female?

**WITNESS:** Unless the Circus was in town I'm going with male.

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**ATTORNEY:** Is your appearance here this morning pursuant to a deposition notice, which I sent to your attorney?

**WITNESS:** No, this is how I dress when I go to work.

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**ATTORNEY:** Doctor, how many of your autopsies have you performed on dead People?

**WITNESS:** All of them. The live ones put up too much of a fight.

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**ATTORNEY:** ALL your responses MUST be oral, OK? What school did you go to?

**WITNESS:** Oral...

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**ATTORNEY:** Do you recall the time that you examined the body?

**WITNESS:** The autopsy started around 8:30 p.m.

**ATTORNEY:** And Mr. Denton was dead at the time?

**WITNESS:** If not, he was by the time I finished.

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**ATTORNEY:** Are you qualified to give a urine sample?

**WITNESS:** Are you qualified to ask that question?

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And the best for last:

**ATTORNEY:** Doctor, before you performed the autopsy, did you check for a Pulse?

**WITNESS:** No..

**ATTORNEY:** Did you check for blood pressure?

**WITNESS:** No.

**ATTORNEY:** Did you check for breathing?

**WITNESS:** No.

**ATTORNEY:** So, then it is possible that the patient was alive when you began the autopsy?

**WITNESS:** No.

**ATTORNEY:** How can you be so sure, Doctor?

**WITNESS:** Because his brain was sitting on my desk in a jar.

**ATTORNEY:** I see, but could the patient have still been alive, nevertheless?

**WITNESS:** Yes, it is possible that he could have been alive and practicing Law.

*With my thanks to Jim G. who sent it to me.*

## CHAPTER SAFETY CORNER



**Toni Gumbinger – Chapter Educator**

### **. DON'T BUY MORE OCTANE THAN YOU NEED**

This tip, and all of our tips-of-the-week, is general principles provided for your consideration. They are not hard and fast rules that should be applied without thinking in all circumstances. Always use your judgment and take all current safety factors into account while riding.

### **WHAT'S OCTANE?**

Octane is a gasoline rating that measures a specific combustion property of fuel. Strange as it sounds, increasing the octane rating makes gasoline harder to ignite. The higher the octane number, the more resistant the fuel is to pre-ignition, or knocking. Your engine needs a certain minimum octane rating, as specified by your manufacturer. Once you are using fuel with a high enough octane rating to resist knocking, using a fuel with an even higher rating accomplishes nothing more. Unfortunately, popular use of the phrase "high octane" has come to mean "high power" or "extra strength," leading to a misconception that higher octane gasoline is higher quality producing more power or better gas mileage. This is not the case. Octane doesn't measure a fuel's ability to produce power, just its anti-knock properties.

What about those flashy signs at the gas stations saying "super performance" on the high-octane pump? They're not wrong, exactly, but it's easy to confuse cause and effect. Engines designed for higher

performance have a greater tendency to preignition, and often require higher octane fuel, so it's absolutely true that if you have a high-powered engine you may need high octane. But the reverse is not true. Putting high octane gas into a low-performance engine does not make it more powerful.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

You should use the octane grade your owner's manual recommends. If you still get knocking (possible, for example, under different environmental conditions), try progressively higher octane ratings until the problem disappears. Once you have found a rating that works, however, don't go any higher - you would be paying more for no benefit.

Some riders also advocate trying lower octane ratings than the manufacturer recommends. That's a personal call, but our recommendation is to follow your manufacturer's advice, to ensure your service representative is happy, warranty conditions are met, and to help with the longevity of your engine.

"High Octane" may mean stronger coffee or louder music, but it does not mean more power in gas. Don't pay for more than you need

### **GWRRA REGION K RENDEZVOUS 2009**

**Sir James Whitney School  
350 Dundas St. West  
Belleville, Ontario  
July 23 - 25, 2009**

Belleville, on the Bay of Quinte, was settled by United Empire Loyalists in 1784 and became a city in 1878. Known as the "friendly city", Belleville offers big city amenities along with small town friendliness, and a pleasing mixture of the historic and modern.

Located on the Bay of Quinte, Belleville is home to an excellent yacht harbour, which is a picturesque stopping point for Great Lakes sailors and a favourite launch for sports fishing enthusiasts after Walleye, Pike and Bass. In the winter, Belleville becomes a major ice fishing centre. Each July thousands of visitors enjoy the Waterfront & Ethnic Festival, while beautiful music chimes year round from the City Hall clock tower, overlooking the new civic square and Farmers Market. Residents and visitors alike enjoy walking, biking and rollerblading on the Bayshore Trail and new Riverfront Trail.

But you're a Wing Nut! Your Goldwing was made for adventure and Quinte's roads were made for you! Experience them at Rendezvous 2009, where the beauty, the freedom, the escape from everything '9 to 5' will leave you breathless and wanting more. Quinte's highways and byways have what you need with wonderfully curving roads through our beautiful countryside. You'll want to stay forever.

Welcome to Sir James Whitney School where the fun and frolic of Rendezvous 09 will happen. This beautiful, historic building is home to one of Ontario's schools for the deaf and has been graciously opened to us for our rally. Registration and the banquet will take place in the beautiful cafeteria with its hardwood floors and illuminated stained glass ceiling. The opening and closing ceremonies will be held in the recently renovated auditorium. We will also have the use of their double gymnasium for vendor displays, classrooms for rider education seminars, and the extensive parking lots for the Chapter Challenge. Everything we need in one location!

Belleville offers an extensive variety of accommodations including hotels, motels, and B&Bs all within a short ride from Sir James. For campers, Sandbanks and Presqu'ile Provincial Parks are about 30 minutes away in lovely Prince Edward County. Book early though because

Belleville, Trenton, and 'The County' are very busy tourist locations.

Discover Belleville's shops, dining, entertainment and recreation. The Waterfront Trail skirts the edge of Downtown Belleville's beautiful, historic city centre. Quinte Mall also offers great shopping and dining. Make it a point also to visit Picton and the lovely village of Bloomfield in 'The County' for unique shops and eateries.

We sincerely hope that you will enjoy Belleville and the Bay of Quinte Country.

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Registration and accommodation information can be found at the Rendezvous website at <http://rendezvous.cyclesurf.com>.

### **BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY'S**

To our newest members send in your dates to [patandpaultaylor@rogers.com](mailto:patandpaultaylor@rogers.com)

#### May

24 Tracy S.  
28 Carol & James (Anniversary)

#### June

02 Andy & Deb (Anniversary)  
02 Christine D  
02 Johanne Mantle  
09 Roc & Connie (Anniversary)  
22 Mark Dorion  
23 James Scobie

Best wishes to everyone.

## ***NEXT NEWSLETTER***

*Coming in our next  
Newsletter:*

- Trip Reports***
  - Wing Night Reports***
  - Ride Reports – I hope***
  - More Fun Stuff***
- Don't miss it*