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Directors Notes:

Hello/Bonjour:

We had a Great Rendezvous; see comments below. We have been trying to get some riding in but due to rain or family happenings we have done day trips instead. In mid-August I will be heading out to the east coast to attend the world convention of the Acadians, "[Le Congrès Mondial Acadien](#)" in Caraquet, New Brunswick. On the way back we will be attending the 15th anniversary of Chapter QC-G in Drummondville, Québec. Then in September we are going to Chapter ON-N Colour Ride in North Bay. Now, for those that are looking for the Traveling trophy, I hear it is in Chatham, Ontario with Chapter ON-A. Whoever picks it up, please let me know.

In the past, we have held the Operations Meeting over one weekend. Overall it would typically cost the Region a significant amount. Last year we tried District meetings: one held in Ontario and one held in Québec in French. This has worked out to be very successful in taking care of business. This year we are proposing to combine a Workshop (Horizon, Leadership Training and Rider Education seminars) for all members in Owen Sound on Saturday, October 31 during the day and have a Halloween costume party for that boo evening. Then on Sunday, November 1, complete the workshop session with an Ontario District meeting from noon till 2 pm. More details to follow in early September.

Region Rally:

Wow! What a success our [Region Rendezvous](#) turned out to be after Paul Haller performed the Rain Dance. The success stemmed from the tremendous efforts of the folks from Chapter ON-Q (Quinte) with support from Chapter ON-K (Kingston). To all the Folks that assisted in making this Region event the success it was, you should be very proud. As the boss would say, "Excellent, Excellent Job; Well Done".

A big Thank You to Chairs Paul & Sheila Haller and Terry & Judy Archbold and to the committee chairs: Terry & Elaine Brinklow, Dave Lawrence, Al & Andrea Randall, Harold & Sharon Craven, Dave & Barb Pattison, Don & Fay Hicks, Bill Tryon, Karl & Marilyne: Wonderful, Wonderful, Wonderful.

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Henry & Jane**VanGemert**

Region Historian

Couple of the Year**Barry & Carolyn****Heinmiller**

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So, here are the results of that great weekend:

- We had 253 happy smiling having FUN members attend with 24 Chapters participating from across Canada and the USA.
- The Chapter Challenge and Winner of the Wing Nut Award was Chapter ON-Y from Mississauga featuring great balloon tossing and a beautiful basket. Congrats.
- The furthest rider was David Davies from Grand Forks, British Columbia who squeaked out a win over our wonderful guests from Florida by 1.3km.
- Early Bird winner was Lesley Malcolm from Chapter ON-S.
- The oldest couple attending was Henri & Jane Van Gemert – Chapter ON-M.
- For the Couple of the Year, we had two couples participate. Congratulations go to the Region K 2009/2010 Couple of the Year – Barry & Carolyn Heinmiller from Chapter ON-C.

Congratulations to everyone and to those that won the many prizes from the auction and head shaving event. We collected over \$4,000 for the schools - Feed the Children Program. Thanks to everyone who contributed.

Thanks to Arthur Smith for the photos and to the region staff that helped with the Chapter Challenge Course event. [Thanks also to Bob Pinet, Bruce Morrison, and Michel Lavoie for their photos - photos and video can now be [viewed in the Gallery](#). Contact [Arthur Smith](#) for copies. Please be sure to specify which photos by listing the photo number. Each original photo is typically between 2MB and 3MB...Editor]

What a FUN night at Yuk Yuk's with a great Saturday evening dinner and entertainment. FUN Rides, FUN time at the mousetrap car races and Chapter Challenge events. Great location and facilities. I even heard some members wanting to make a Chapter Ride to the Quinte area in the future, and finally it was great to meet new friends and be re-acquainted with old friends. Carolyn and I left Sunday afternoon to return home to Burlington. We did not even put on our rain suits; we dodged two very dark clouds going through Toronto and made it home before the rain and lighting storms came in from the west. Great Time, FUN Weekend. Thanks again and we will see everyone again next year in the Niagara Region hosted by Chapter ON-G

Rider Education:



Rider Education Region K

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I would like to congratulate the three new District Educators.

Kelly Patten has taken on the position of District Educator for Québec. Kelly will be a real asset with his years of experience as the Chapter Educator with Chapter QC-Q. Kelly has many credentials including being a Rider Education Seminar Presenter as well as a Leadership Training Division Seminar Presenter (he is one of only a few in the Region). Kelly has taken a course within the last year to become a Rider Course Instructor. As a District Educator, Kelly now can train PLP (Parking Lot Practice) Facilitators in Québec. I hope Kelly enjoys his new position, I know he will represent Québec in a positive way!!

David Burr has taken the position of District Educator for Manitoba. David's roots also started in QC-Q in similar fashion as Kelly. David has been the Chapter Educator for Chapter A in Manitoba and has been working hard to show his Chapter members the benefits of GWRRA. David set up a PLP in the spring and an Advanced Rider Course (ARC) in July which I helped with. We had numerous positive feedback on the ARC from the chapter members and one of the chapter members has offered to be an ARC Instructor. David, as District Educator, will be able to do much more for Manitoba including being able to train PLP Facilitators. I wish David all the best and I know he will continue his positive influence in Manitoba.

Stephen and Diana Brighton have agreed to take on the position of District Educators for Ontario. As the Chapter Educators for ON-S in London they have gained considerable knowledge and experience in the Rider Education Program. Stephen is also a Rider Course Instructor and Diana is a Rider Education Seminar Presenter. I am sure that their organizational strengths and drive will prove a great benefit to Rider Education in Ontario.

Rick and Madonna McCalla will be taking over as your new Region K Educators on September 1st. I know they will serve the Region well. I have already seen Madonna in action; she was selling 50/50 tickets with me at Rendezvous. She was every bit as good a salesperson as me!!!!!! Rick has great organizational skills and has much talent to offer the Region. Rick is also a Rider Course Instructor, Seminar Presenter and has done an outstanding job as District Educator. Louise and I wish them all the best in their new position.

**Thank you, Members of
Region K**

Louise and I would like to thank all the members that participated in

the Rider Education Programs in Region K. This includes all the chapter members that took riding courses, seminars, and participated in the levels program. We also want to thank the Chapter Educators that did all the hard work of setting up seminars, riding courses and encouraged their members to participate in the levels program. You have done an outstanding job!!!

We would like to thank the Chapter Directors for supporting their Chapter Educators, for they have a tough job to do. I know we have saved lives and prevented incidents with the training we have put on in the Region.

We would like to thank the District Educators and Operations staff for all the support they have shown me over the years. We could not have survived this long without your continual support. Bob Pinet has always been very supportive of the Rider Education program in the Region and has gone as far as supporting us financially when we needed it. Bob was there any time we needed help to perform our duties as Region Educators.

Finally we have to thank all the Senior Rider Education Staff I have worked with over the years. Without them, we would not have the Riding Course Instructors, Master Instructors, Seminar Presenters and many other changes we have influenced in the Rider Education Program. Milt Sorensen has had a very positive influence on our Region since he has taken his new position as Assistant National Director. I also have to thank Mike Stiger, Mark Zingery, Bob Lorenz, Bob Berry and Gordon Murphy. These members were all positive forces in bringing GWRRA Riding Course Instructors and many other programs to our Region.

All the members above were a positive force in my being chosen as the Educator of the Year in Tulsa at Wing Ding. We cannot express how proud we are of our members; they made this award possible. This is a credit to every member in the Region.

Louise and I want to thank you for the greatest ride we could have taken over the past five years; being your Region Educators.

I have to thank my wife. Without her support and help, we would not have been able to fill the position.

May you all enjoy many Safe miles of Riding!

Region K Educators

Charlie and Louise Schultz

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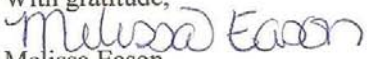


July 20, 2009

Bob & Carolyn Pinet
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Dear Bob & Carolyn,

I want to thank you and all the volunteers of Region K who assisted with the parades at Wing Ding this year. You did a great job! Please let all your volunteers know how much I appreciate them.

With gratitude,

Melissa Eason



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