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The Rider Education staff would like to extend our thanks to all educators and CPR instructors who volunteered their time to help us this year at Wing Ding. Many things have been happening in Rider Education with new titles, new programs, and the hard work going on behind the scenes to get the REP once again up dated and out to the educators.

We made it! Thanks to each of you for all the help provided and your demonstrated flexibility in meeting the needs of the Membership during the event. We couldn't have pulled this off without everyone working together.

For those of us outdoors a significant portion of those hot days – especially Friday, God bless you! – the temperature in the shade was 104 °F, a record for Billings on 7/6. Add 10-15 °F for being on the black top and in the sun and whew! This was no minor task and we did it safely. From what was seen or reported, only two bikes went down during quick stopping exercises (no injuries or damage other than pride); a trike caught fire and was extinguished quickly – it was ridden home; a trike's battery died and was replaced at the range with local help; a trike overheated with coolant spillage – cooled and ridden home. One of the ARC's was called off by the instructors due to the range melting and sticking to the tires – a safety call made by the instructors. The other ARC was in a slightly different location and those instructors continued it to completion. Only one riding course instructor failed to show up.

We quickly brought out the reserves (an instructor not needed that morning due to lack of students) and got him from the High School ranges back to Metra Park. We learned that Range painting takes a minimum of two days. We learned that one instructor's confirmation for another instructor being in attendance is not acceptable

We don't have actual data from the ARC courses (yet), but if all came as scheduled we trained 182 Riders and 70 Co-Riders in Riding Courses at Wing Ding 29. There were 5 1-up ERCs, 5 2-up ERCs, a Sidecar Course, 3 Trailering Courses, 6 Trike courses, and 2 Advanced Rider Courses (ARCs). One 2-up ERC and one 1-up ERC were not held due to no students being signed up.

We certified a new Master Instructor Trainer, 2 new Master Instructors, 3 new Trailering Course instructors, and 3 new Trike Course instructors. One Trike course instructor needs a little more practice in the classroom and a re-evaluation to complete his certification.

**Tony & Michelle Van Schaick**

Our CPR classes went well with each year fewer of our members taking a CPR/First Aid because of the great work being done at their region and district levels. These members now are coming to Wing Ding to enjoy all the seminars and other things they can do. Rider Education is working very hard to make every effort to bring all these programs to the region level so when you go to Wing Ding you are there to enjoy the fun and friendship we all look forward to. We would like to thank Regions E and I for coming forward and helping us teach at Wing Ding, Region E-- Kevin Heap, Gary & Marge Mason and from Region I-- Jeff Riggs. We also would like to congratulate Joel Winkler Region F and James Hall Region N on becoming new MEDIC FIRST AID Trainers for their regions

**Larry & Rhonda Stiles**

## YA CALL THAT HOT ???

Other than being “caught out” occasionally by Anne, or being advised of an upcoming tax audit, it has been a long time since I felt like a Mc Donald's fry under the heat lamp.

How hot was it Johnny, you ask ? How about nearly 120 in the sun? How about it was soooooo hot my boots really DID get stuck to the parking lot? Yet, in spite of it all, we loved every minute of it!

Our 3 week holiday ride from Vancouver Island to Billings and Wing Ding, had lots of stops along the way. The last time I spent that much sustained riding time under the broiler was on a tour of the Australian Outback a few years back. Our 8,000 kms took us through BC, Washington, Idaho, Wyoming, North and South Dakota and Montana and back home.

Anne and I wish to thank personally all the Canadian Educators who gave up their Wing Ding free time to help me run the skill events at Metra Park in Billings. I could NOT have made it happen without your help. Everything from measuring the 1 and 2 up courses, to running the Top Gun. It was blisteringly HOT and you were right I still have a small morsel of Billings tar on the rear brake pedal of our Wing. Our boots actually sank down into the tar as we stood there. Without the outstanding efforts of our Team Canada Educators many Wing Ding folks would NOT have been able to have the great time they did. I am very proud the way you dropped everything and stepped up to the challenge. You folks are the very core reason we have such a great organization. Be proud of your efforts. You showed our “southern cousins” that we are up to any challenge that is thrown at us. Thank you, have a safe summer and welcome back home to the cooler weather. Once again you make me very proud to know and ride with you

**Dave & Anne Hay**

## Chapter F Rider Educator

### Safety Note:

Allan's tip for this month.....LIMITS

One of the most important concepts taught in any of our courses is that to ride safely, responsible motorcyclists know and ride within the limits of their abilities. To ride safely, one must know the limits of their abilities, their motorcycle's capabilities, the environment in which they ride, and the traffic laws. Once a rider understands this, they must take responsibility for operating within those limits. One must always remember the original concept of staying within their limits. Don't be in such a rush to jump ahead of yourself, especially if you are being pushed by external forces. When you go beyond your limits, there are two things that can happen. One is that you could have an accident and get hurt. The other is that you could almost have an accident. Both may scare you enough that you never ride again. So, here are some pointers for staying within your limits:

~Don't let anyone talk you into buying a motorcycle that is too much for you. Start small, work your way up. There are plenty of good- looking small cc bikes out there. In a year or two you will be ready to upgrade to larger and faster.

~Stay in parking lots if you don't feel ready for the road.

~Choose the days and times you ride. Avoid rush hour if possible.

~Don't ride faster than you are comfortable with. Tell your friends that you'll meet them at the next rest area.

~Choose your route carefully. Avoid roads with construction or heavy traffic patterns. The more scenic route is nicer anyhow.

~Dress appropriately. The more comfortable you are, the more you will be able to concentrate on the tasks involved in riding. Carry extra riding gear in case the weather changes.

~Look at a map before you get started and carry it with you. Lost on the highway is not cool and it can be scary getting on and off exits trying to find your way.

~If you were a passenger before, remember that you got on the front of that motorcycle in order to control your own destiny. So do it! Don't allow anyone to push you beyond your limits.

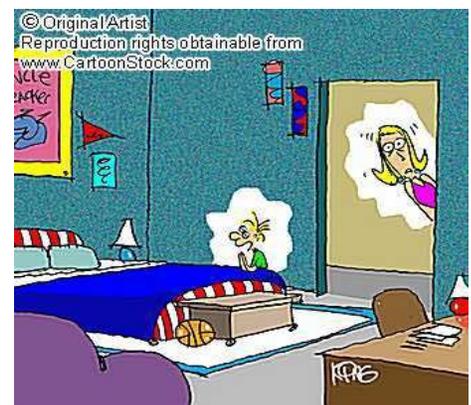
~Ride with other people who have taken a course, and you will have similar riding techniques. Untrained rider's reactions are harder to predict. Ride in a staggered formation and always give yourself plenty of room.

~Always expect the unexpected. The unexpected could be unpleasant. All surprises on a motorcycle should be pleasant ones.

~Always do a pre-ride check.

~Read motorcycle books and magazines to learn as much as you can about motorcycling.

Ride Safely,  
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*"God bless Mommy, Daddy, Spot and that new Harley Davidson I bought off the Internet with dad's credit card."*

**Funnies for  
Hot  
Weather!!!**

**Its so**

**The birds have to use potholders to pull worms out of**

**The trees are whistling for the dogs.**

**The best parking place is determined by shade instead of distance.**

**Hot water now comes out of both taps.**

**You can make sun tea instantly.**

**You learn that a seat belt buckle makes a pretty good branding iron.**

**The temperature drops below 95 F (35 C) and you feel a little chilly.**

**You discover that in August it only takes 2 fingers to steer your car.**

**You discover that you can get sun-burned through your car window.**

**You actually burn your hand opening the car door.**

**You break into a sweat the instant you step outside at 7:30 a.m.**

**Your biggest motorcycle wreck fear is, 'What if I get knocked out and end up lying on the pavement and cook to death?'**

**You realize that asphalt has a liquid state.**

**The potatoes cook underground, so all you have to do is pull one out and add butter, salt and pepper.**

**Farmers are feeding their chickens crushed ice to keep them from laying boiled eggs.**

**The cows are giving evaporated milk.**

**STAY COOL**