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NORTHERN STARS

Our Connies

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Newfoundland

British Columbia

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"COAST TO COAST"

There is not a better way to describe 2004 for the Northern Stars than this picture of the gang at Nordegg and the return of the Flag to the West. Brothers and Sisters together sharing our Passion

"2005" Don't miss it



Membership Update

From Harv: NSR Galaxy Membership Coordinator

In my last note I mentioned what a great summer we had with increased memberships, new Constellations, and our first Canadian Cruise-In. Well let me tell you all, that the proverbial is still rolling. Memberships continue to increase at a steady pace, we have two new Constellations in British Columbia and Nova Scotia, and we

have introduced a new service for Northern Stars members called SINS (Stars In Need of Service) We have had the first yearly motorcycle show in Toronto, which by all counts was a big success, and all the rest of the shows have followed suit. I'm confident that we will see an even greater increase in new memberships after the shows. Yamaha Canada's

continued involvement with us just furthers my belief that the Northern Stars will continue to be a force to be reckoned with

In closing I'd like to wish everyone a safe and short winter

. Ride Free, Ride Safe.

Constellations:



NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR

from Guy "Newfie"

We had a very successful 2004. We were formed in July with 9 inherited members, and by December we had 33 members. In early September we joined in on a Toys 4 Tots ride and had lots of fun. At the toy run we adopted a Mascot. Rock Star aka Rocky, he was saved from his demise, and now joins us on all our rides.



In late September we had our first official ride, Fall Cruise 2004. The ride saw 11 bikes riding from St. John's & Clarenville, meeting up with 9 bikes from Grand Falls for a cruise into Eastport. 26 bikers descended unannounced onto a small restaurant in Eastport, and we were welcomed with open arms. We did a few smaller rides around the Cape Shore.



Our Christmas party was a great success with a visit from Biker Santa. We had about 25 guests at the home of Peter & Kim Dawe. Great food & great friends.



Starting in January we will be having monthly meetings to help plan out our rides and events for next year. The meetings will be held at the St. John's Yamaha Dealer, Atlantic Recreation. Some of these are a Poker Run, Show&Shine, a group ride to the Ride for Sight, and an overnight ride to the central part of the island.

2004 was a great year for our Constellation. 2005 will blow it away. Cheers !!



MANITOBA:

from Royce "White Rhino"

Well the year has come to a close, and the "White Rhino" is reluctantly waiting for a dry patch of road to appear. We in Manitoba have just attended the annual Cycle World show, the only time of the year our rides become "Trailer Queens". Nightprowler has done a great job at revamping our website; lots of flash and bang to be sure. We are diligently growing the Manitoba Club.

We now have Liaison Officers for each corner of the province, and it is already having a positive effect, as there are new voices being heard every day.

As for 2004, it has been a trying year, a joyous year, and an unbelievable year all rolled into one. We have all made new friends, and met some of the most outstanding people one could imagine. Having a meal with "Ozzy" is not something you get to do everyday. And as for the whole Nordegg show, well I don't know what to say. I hope I am correct in saying that with the untold miles ridden by the Northern Stars this past year, we all made it home safe. For that we can all be thankful.

I know that I cannot wait for the new riding season to start, and I look forward to see old and new friendships. May you all be well, and see you soon.

Constellations



ONTARIO

from Pat "Yamamom"

It's hard to believe that a full year has passed since the inception of the Star Riders of Ontario. Since our beginning we have grown leaps and bounds. Many new friendships have been formed and I am sure that this will continue for years to come.

We have been successful in assisting in the implementation of the SINS program and look forward to many members joining in the program. What way to promote our association then through the sharing of our resources when someone needs assistance.

A number of our members volunteered for the Northern Stars / SRO booth at the bike show held in Toronto in early December. Yamaha Canada was impressed with our presence and the knowledge of our members when it came to the products we all love to ride. I am sure that our booth helped many people make their final decision to buy Yamaha. We also had a booth at the International Centre in January.

For most of us the riding season has ended, and this is the time to dream about the upcoming "first ride of the new season" and to plan all those modifications and creative ways to "hide the credit card bills", if even from yourself...

The officers of the Star Riders of Ontario are planning their first "official meeting" in late January and are looking forward to implementing ideas brought forward by the membership. Remember, if you want to see something happen in the Star Riders of Ontario, contact any of the officers or directors in your area and give us your ideas. The sky is the limit. We listen to all ideas.

Pat (Yamamom) Norris



ALBERTA

from Martin "Hunter"

Planning is well underway to make the 2005 riding season bigger and better. We are working on putting together a riding schedule that will have something for everyone. Check our event calendar on the Alberta website often for updates.

I am proud to inform you all that we are just shy of 300 members in Alberta. WOW, that is fantastic.

I need to make an announcement regarding the resignation of our Vice President. Peggy Van Der Hoek has served as our VP for the last year. She asked to step down and pass this opportunity on to another. I would like to thank Peggy for all the hard work and help she has given to the club over the last year. Peggy still intends to help out as much as time allows.

I am pleased to announce our new Vice President, Graham Jarvie. Graham has been one of our Calgary Liaison officers from the beginning. From all of Alberta, congratulations, we know you will do a fantastic job.

From myself and the officers of the Northern Stars of Alberta, stay in touch via the forum, pray for an early spring and hope to see you all out next riding season.

Hunter

Constellations:



British Columbia

After spending the summer riding with the Norwestars, our ISRA Brothers and Sisters from Washington State, Bob Richards (the 2005 BCNS President from Kamloops, B.C.) decided it was time to take the plunge and get a connie going right here at home. After some conference calls with Bob, Don McLelland (from Fort Fraser B.C.) committed to the Vice Presidents chair , and on October 4, 2004 the chain of Northern Stars across Canada was completed when the BC Northern Stars constellation was born. Since that date we have not looked back. By mid November we had 8 Regional Liaison officers in place. Dan East and Don McLelland are brothers who own adjoining 160 acre parcels of land near Fort Fraser, BC, and in honour of the new BC connie have named the land **"STAR ACRES"** All ISRA members are welcome to camp there free of charge whenever they pass through the area. All it takes is a call to Don or Dan to set it up.

Speaking of "Star Acres" the BC Constellation will be holding the **"Fort Fraser Fling"** at Star Acres on August 5,6,and 7, 2005. This will be a bike run you won't want to miss. A concession stand will be available for eats, free camping, and Live Bands on the sound stage Friday and Saturday night. This is the weekend before our National Rocky Mountain Cruise-In, and there will be a group riding right from the Fort Fraser Fling to RMCi 2005. Why not join us.

The BC Connies first official ride for 2005 will be the **"Stars in Osoyoos"** run on May 27th,28, and 29, (U.S. Memorial Day Weekend). Bryan Coles and Ray Tolman have been organizing this fantastic weekend start to the season for a number of years. There were 105 bikes there in 2004, and over \$3,000.00 was raised for the Canadian Cancer Society. Lets see if we can top that for 2005!!.

All in all, 2005 is going to be a great year for riding ! See you on the Highway

Bob Richards (6ft6)

2005 President– BC Northern Stars



Touring/Cruiser



Constellations:



New Brunswick

Happy New Year from everyone down east. We had a great first year with lots of club activities. We were out every weekend both Saturdays and Sundays. On week days, we have three rides to participate in. On Tuesday evenings, Wednesday afternoons and Thursday evenings. We were out for two summer's long weekends as a group. The long weekend in August, to Bar Harbour Maine with 25 bikes and 31 participants. A 1500 Km weekend ride with lots of fun. The second ride was to Bridgewater Nova Scotia, on Labour Day weekend. It started wet but ended up being a great weekend for 15 bikers and friends.

We have a great dealer that participates in events with prizes and give aways. The staff at Atlantic Yamaha joins us on these events with demo bikes that make for a lot more fun. They also supplied the club with communication, helmet radios for the rides to help the pack stay safe.

We supported local events like the Atlantic Ride for Sight 2004 with a club donation, the Tandamare Toy Ride with bikers numbering in excess of 500. For the first year as a club, I think we did very well and we are already planning two weekend rides for 2005.

For more details check the following site: www.atlanticyamaha.com, or the Northern Stars of New Brunswick.

At this time I would like to welcome all the new constellations and hope to see the NS connie this summer.

I'm working on a project to have a group of Star Riders from Atlantic Canada go to the Rocky Mountain Cruise-In in 2006

Maybe we can meet other Star Riders along the way and ride West together.

Well that is all for now. Hope to see some of you riding in the summer of 2005.

Ride two wheels and be safe.

George Leger

Prez Northern Stars of N.B.

ON TOUR: The Northern Stars went on tour again this year with Yamaha Canada and acted as Ambassadors at all the bike shows across Canada. Stopping in Toronto, Calgary, Vancouver, Edmonton, Winnipeg, & Montreal, we were able to promote our club and the Yamaha Star series of motorcycles. In Winnipeg, **Peter Foreman of Yamaha Canada** had the honours and did the Mini-Chopper draw hosted by Manitoba & Saskatchewan

Gord McLean of Wawanesa Mb. won the bike



ETHOS is defined as; *the essential and distinctive character or spirit of race, or people, or of a system, culture, institution, etc.*

As I reflect upon this past year, I continually believe that it was the best year ever, in so far as events, supporters, and fundraisers for those who need more than we, and just plain clean fun. The only thing that would make it even better would be the opportunity to ride more!, and spend more time with this family and friends.

Despite the reality of work and regular family time and events, somehow we all seem to "find" (read"make") that special time needed to clear our minds and ride our trusty motorcycles, all the while sharing our pleasures with friends and family from within the Northern Stars.

One could certainly say that our "Ethos" is built upon those essential moments. Ride free, share it, stay above the bad, and believe in our causes. Now with the recent introduction of

Stars in Need of Service-SINS program...we now officially help each other in a time of need.

I believe that an Ethos is something which develops over time. Its character, meaning, and spirit are solid. Solidly maintained by our members, the "true blue" members of this Northern Stars family. The coming year will prove to be another exhilarating year...maybe even the best year ever,again.

To all, I wish that the spirit, character and culture of the Northern Stars Ethos guide you to a fantastic new year and safe 2005 riding season.

Cheers to all,

Randy

"Prez"



Who are We ? This is the home of the Northern Stars Canadian Galaxy of the International Star Riders Association (ISRA)

If you ride a Yamaha Star, V-Star ,Drag Star, Road Star, Wild Star, Royal Star, Venture– This is your **FREE SITE** to get and give information. We discuss all aspects of motorcycles, particularly our Star Cruisers.

You can visit anytime, but we would like you to join us for free and really be a part of our great organization.

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