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NORTHERN STARS

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Ring in the New Year !!

A work of art, that represents the strength, the pride, and the fellowship of the Northern Stars is now available for all our membership.

To create this work of art, more than 40 different dyes had to be made and used to create this special piece.

Available in Lustrium,

10K White Gold

14K Yellow Gold

Check our website for pricing and ordering details.



Canadian Motorcycle Association

*All members of the Northern Stars are insured for **\$2,000,000.00** liability insurance, Make sure you have a Northern Stars Membership card to qualify for this free benefit.*

Membership Update

From Harv: NSR Galaxy Membership Coordinator



At this time last year I was talking about New Constellations, our first Cruise-In, and a new program called **SINS**. I didn't think we could top that, but guess what...this year was even more of a success. Our membership continues to grow steadily, and we even had a bigger and better Cruise-In The **SINS** program proved that it's also a

winner.

I'm forecasting a big jump in numbers as the annual off season motorcycle shows take place across the country. Keep spreading the word and help our family grow. Take care and save up for more chrome.

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STARS IN NEED

OF SERVICE

SINS



Constellations:



NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR

from Guy "Gun'er Fillatre

The Northern Stars of Newfoundland & Labrador had an extremely busy & successful 2005.

We started off the year with around 35 members, and finished with approximately 140. We had some amazing events & group rides. Our Eastport Excursion which had over 30 bikes & 50 people in attendance will now become an annual event. Many more events will be planned for 2006.

Our Motorcycle Lottery was a huge success. On December 19, we gave away a 2005 Yamaha Road Star Midnight Silverado Canadian Special Edition to Mike Goldsworthy of Pouch Cove. One December 21 we gave Mike his keys, and we gave Beagle Paws (Animal Rescue) & Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation cheques for over \$6000 each. Thanks to everyone who helped with the lottery.

In 2006 we are going to promote safe & fun riding. We will have more events, and try to get more regions involved. Have a safe winter, and an early Spring.



2005 Eastport Excursion



Lottery Winner, Charities & Organizers



SASKATCHEWAN

from: Natalie Koski Prez SK Northern Stars

WOW! What a fabulous riding season we have had this year and it's amazing what type of ideas come directly from our members. Glen (Stubblejumper) and Doug (Poppasmirf) were having coffee and donuts and came up with idea that for Saskatchewan's 100 Centennial celebration that our Northern Star riders could participate by riding 100 different towns. The towns would be logged and counted; and rewarded with a patch sponsored by Proline Motorsports out of Saskatoon. Brian (Canadian Rhino) and Mark (Stumpy) then implemented that if the words Northern Stars was spelled with your towns you then would be able to ride only 80 towns. It was excellent to see such excitement, participation and conversations generated by seeing different towns. To date our highest amount of towns was discovered by Mark (Givergas) at 213 towns. CONGRATULATIONS, Mark!! A special thanks to Paul (Cutter) our webmaster who set up an excellent program for logging and counting

Northern Stars also participated in many other rides including the Cystic Fibrosis ride for the Breath of Life, Toy Runs, Camp Easter Seal donation drop off in Watrous, a provincial BBQ in Findlater and many weekend breakfast and evening rides. SK members also met up with the MB members for a cold, foggy and wet ride to Rocky. A terrific time was had at Rocky with rekindling old friendships and meeting of so many new members from across Canada and the United States as well as joining Jody and Marsha in their wedding day!! Many hours of group riding, enjoying fellowship, sharing jokes, and helping out other star riders bound our Saskatchewan constellation together.

In Saskatchewan we also saw various changes with our executive. A special thank you to Brian (Canadian Rhino), our former president, who has since moved on to Lethbridge, AB for his hours of dedication in getting our constellation up and running. Good luck to you and Anita in your new home. Special thanks also to Mark (Stumpy), Noella (LillHugger), Joyce (Sunstar) for their time as previous executive members.

Our current executive is planning some excellent get-togethers which will allow us opportunities to bring our vastly spread out constellation together for laughs and fellowship. So look for good things to come from Bill, Eugene, Paul, Larry, Mike, Jerry, Crawford, Glen, Ron, Doug and myself, Natalie.

As I look back on my time spent with the Northern Stars this past year, all I can say again is **WOW!**

Constellations



QUEBEC (En Francais)

Bonjour chers membres,

Voilà une autre année qui vient de se terminée... On a tous déjà hâte à l'été prochain pour sortir les motos.

Si nous faisons un retour dans un passé pas si lointain, nous nous apercevrons que beaucoup d'eau a passé sous les ponts depuis le salon de la moto du printemps dernier. La fréquentation des visiteurs demandant des informations aux officiers des Québec Starriders d'ISRA au kiosque de Yamaha a démontré combien le besoin

est grand au sein des propriétaires de motos Star, d'avoir une association qui leur offre un signe d'appartenance distinct.

Suite au salon, le "membership" au sein de la constellation Québécoise a explosé. De plus en plus de membres ont adhéré à l'Association. Tellement que l'idée d'une nouvelle carte de membre nous identifiant est née et s'est concrétisée. Elle est maintenant offerte gratuitement aux membres. Cette carte est aussi un signe d'appartenance au sein du groupe. Plusieurs sont fiers de la porter en tout temps avec eux.

Avec un forum de plus en plus animé, les membres se sont pris en main et ont organisé des activités libres. Au tout début, plusieurs motocyclistes avançaient en milieu inconnus pour enfin se rendre compte que la formule était gagnante. Soit permettre de rencontrer et connaître d'autres individus formidables et qui adorent la moto. Lors de ces sorties, plusieurs amitiés sont nées. Plusieurs régions ont été visités. Plusieurs merveilleux souvenirs ont été gravés dans nos mémoires et sur pellicules. Les membres ont tellement aimé l'expérience qu'ils ont eu envie de faire connaître, à leur tour, l'Association.

Le site web est devenu une référence provinciale et internationale avec des visiteurs de partout dans le monde. Sur celui-ci on y retrouve, entre autre, le dépliant publicitaire des Québec Starriders d'ISRA afin que les membres puissent l'imprimer et le partager avec d'autres motocyclistes propriétaires de motos Star de Yamaha. Une section "escomptes" a été ajouté à la suite d'ententes de partenariat qui ont été signées avec des commerçants donnant des rabais aux membres des Québec Starriders d'ISRA et par le fait même à tous les membres ISRA.

Nous sommes maintenant rendus à l'étape de nouveaux projets pour la prochaine saison de moto. Pendant que les motos sont remisées, les idées trottent dans la tête des officiers et des membres. Comme la préparation du prochain salon de la moto... La préparation de la visite du show au Nouveau-Brunswick... Les voyages... Et tant de choses que nous continuerons de partager sur le forum.

Continuons à faire connaître l'Association des Québec Starriders d'ISRA. Nous y gagnons tous! Nous sommes tous des gens extraordinaires et comme le dit si bien notre devise : "À gang on sait tout!"

Céline Bureau
Alias Diamant

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QUEBEC (English Version)

Hello dear members,

Here is another year which comes of ended... We already look forward to the next summer to take out motorcycles.

If we made a return in a past not so distant, we would notice that a lot of water passed under bridges since the motorcycle shows of the last spring. The frequenting of visitors asking for information to the officers of Quebec Star Riders d' ISRA at the Yamaha booth demonstrated how much the need is big within the Star's motorcycles owners, to have an association which offers them a different sign of belonging.

Further to the shows, the membership within the Quebecoise Connie exploded. More and more members subscribed to the Association. So that the idea of a new membership card identifying us was born and became a reality. It is now offered free of charge to the members. This card is also a sign of membership within the group. Many are proud to wear it anytime.

With a more and more animated forum, the members took themselves in hand and organized free activities. At the very beginning, several motorcyclists moved in unknown environment to realize finally that was a winning formula. That was to allow to meet and to know other greats peoples who love motorcycle. During these rides, several good friendship were born. Many regions were visited. Many great souvenirs were engraved in our memories and on films. The members liked so much the experiment that they wanted to talk about the Association to others.

The Website became a provincial and international reference with visitors of all around the world. On this one we find, among others, the advertising brochure of Quebec Starriders d' ISRA. The members can print it and share it with other Yamaha Star owners motorcyclists. A discounts section was added following agreements of partnership which were signed with dealers giving discounts to the members of Quebec Starriders d' ISRA and by the fact to all ISRA members.

We are now at the stage of new projects for the next season. While motorcycles are garaged, ideas trot in the head of officers and members. Like the preparation of the next motorcycle shows.... The preparation of the ride for the next Cruise-In in New-Brunswick... The rides... And so many things that we will continue to share on the forum.

Let's continue to talk about the Quebec Starriders of ISRA to everybody. We win at it all! We are all great people and as says so well our slogan: " in gang we know everything! "

Céline Bureau
Alias Diamant

English translation by Daniel Breault

Constellations



ONTARIO

from: **Tony Brijeski "Spider"**

2005: A year in review for the Star Riders of Ontario.

This past year saw a lot of change in the executive for the Star Riders of Ontario. Three new Officers were added to the already rich and diverse roster midway through the riding season.

Doug "Tigrrr" Laird - 3rd Officer - Ride Coordinator
 Tony "Spider" Brijeski - 4th Officer - Membership Director
 Dave "Royal98Dave" Mallette - 5th Officer - Promotions Officer

There was also a shuffle at the top. For those that may not already know, here is the complete

Officers List for the Star Riders of Ontario.

Alan "Frenchy" Courneyea - President
 Richard "Grump" Legault - Vice President
 Rick "Poker" Belair - 1st Officer - Webmaster
 Pat "Yamamom" Norris - 2nd Officer - Legal Council
 Doug "Tigrrr" Laird - 3rd Officer - Ride Coordinator
 Tony "Spider" Brijeski - 4th Officer - Membership Director
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We have over 550 Members spread all over the province. Many new friendships were made throughout the year. I have always enjoyed finally putting a face to the name. Many districts ran regular weekly rides and some even participated in charity events and parades. We had a great fall colours ride with Peterborough (District 5) sharing with us their amazing scenery and great twisty roads. I enjoyed the rest stops and lunch just as much as the actual riding. For some, this was the last big ride of the season.

With the bikes all safely tucked away and winterized, we are anxiously awaiting the new riding season. The start of the new season is always an exciting time as we get to see what our friends have done with their bikes while we proudly display our own chrome additions.

I would like to suggest we still get together for a coffee now and then with our local district friends. You never know, you just might get a great idea for an addition to the bike and you'll still have plenty of time to get it done before riding starts.

I know everyone is longing for the warmer riding weather to come. I am having RPWS - Rumbling Pipe Withdrawal Syndrome. I might just have to sneak out to the garage and re-winterize the bike.

Stay Safe



ALBERTA

from **Harv Craig**

When I look back on the 2005 riding season all I can think of is Wow!!!!

What a year we had. Membership numbers sitting just shy of 500, another successful Cruise-In at Rocky Mountain House, with another wedding, dealer open houses, dealer customer appreciation days, the Calgary and Edmonton Motorcycle Shows, good representation in Osoyoos as well as a good number of other rides within the Province. How did all this happen you may ask Team work is how. What a great group of active members we have throughout Alberta. I would like to take this opportunity to say a BIG thank you to all the Connie Officer's and Liaison Officer's, as

well as those members that chipped in when things needed done. Our biggest challenge was the Cruise-In and we all know how much of a success that was. We have mixed emotions about passing the Cruise-In 'torch' to our Sisters and Brothers in New Brunswick, but have no doubts in their commitment to make it even bigger and better. With that being said I'd also like to thank all those that helped us with the first two Cruise-Ins in Alberta. Too many to mention, but you know who you are. We are already in the planning stages for 'Rides & Events' for the upcoming 2006 season, so check out the web site for updates soon. I'll close off with my usual blurb.....'Strangers are just friends you haven't met yet'. I hope to see you on the road.

Harv Craig - President
 Northern Stars of Alberta

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British Columbia

from: **Barry Hiebert (Bionic Rooster)**

This past year has been a very active one for the BC Northern Stars. With over 25 rides and activities, at least one major ride per month, Not to mention many side trips, BBQ's and coffee trips to Tim Horton's, our rides where put away wet but not tired. To make this year even more special, several of our sisters have moved off the pillion and are now riding their own bikes! Way to go ladies.

With all the great roads to ride in BC there have been several ideas for new rides which should make 2006 an even greater fun filled summer than 05!

Our membership continues to grow in leaps and bounds as the word spreads what a great family the Northern Stars is. We have had an influx of both experienced and newer riders, but all looking for the same thing; others who love to ride.

Symbiotic relationships with major dealers in BC are on an upswing also as they begin to realize that our association with Yamaha Canada is not a passing fancy, and our numbers increase.

Best wishes and safe riding in the new year from your BC Brothers and Sisters.



Manitoba

from: **Ross Wiggett (Rossco)**

The 2005 riding season provided Manitoba members an opportunity to meet new faces as well as to be reacquainted with old friends. The first group ride in Winnipeg kicked off on May 5th. Although the weather was very cool, it was an exciting time and paved the way for the season to come. Late May saw the Winnipeg group head to Brandon for a meet and greet and at that time new friendships were formed and plans were made that allowed us to enjoy a variety of events during the upcoming season. . June 18th of this past year saw the Northern Stars of Manitoba host their 3rd annual show and shine at Wildwood Motor Sports. Perfect weather and great support made this a very successful event again.

On July 9th Starkayak [Val Bayliss] and her husband, Doug hosted the 1st annual Bison BBQ. at their home in Killarney Mb. This event was well attended by Manitoba members well as a surprise visit from a fellow Northern Star from the Saskatchewan constellation. The weekend was a real hoot and we look forward to repeating it in 2006, with an open invitation to any members from other constellations to attend and party, party with us. The month of August saw twenty of our Manitoba members make the trip west to attend the Cruise In at Rocky Mountain House. Again new friendships were formed and lifetime memories acquired from what was truly an outstanding event. In September Ice Chip [Charlie Gaetz] hosted our "Eastman Ride." The weather was great and 14 rides and 18 riders enjoyed a day of camaraderie and fellowship, highlighted by a tour of the Seven Sisters generating station, arranged by Charlie. Our season ending party was held in October with a very good turnout of members. A fun time was had by all with the highlight of the evening being the presentation of the Manitoba Star of the Year Award to Dan Trot tier. a truly worthy recipient of this reward and a good friend of all. Early December saw our constellation reach a milestone with the addition of our 100th member. This is exciting news and we are committed to increasing this number in 2006. Our Christmas party gave everyone an opportunity to share in the spirit of the season and give thanks for what was a memorable and satisfying year. As we enter 2006 our spirits are high and the excitement of the upcoming year increases as we count down the days until our first ride. To the executive and members of all of our constellations thank you all for being part of a truly great organization.

Canadian Maritimes Cruise-Jn 2006

Moncton New Brunswick

July 27th-30th 2006



From the desk of your Galaxy Secretary...without a skirt of course

To all members,

2005 has been another incredibly successful year my friends. Only five short years after the original inception of the Northern Stars within the worldwide organization of the International Star Riders Association, we have once again grown and solidified.

A little history is necessary for our newer members...On August 4th 2000 we became officially chartered as an ISRA "Constellation". Shortly thereafter, we became officially known as a "Galaxy"...typically a Country...within the worldwide structure of the ISRA. Now, we have Constellations in almost every Province.

And to further the solidification and growth, we proudly incorporated as a non-profit society under the ***Societies Act of Canada*** on July 29th 2005. As believers in the goodness and ethos of ISRA, our relationship with our parent association has become even more concrete than ever. The choice of incorporation is no easy task. It requires extra work from within to administer and maintain. Your National Officers NSR"O"s and Provincial (Constellation) Officers are always working in the background...with no compensation...because they love their passion for motorcycle riding as much as you do. We must applaud each and every one of them for their work and sacrifices to our great cause and beliefs.

Speaking of great causes, I would be amiss to not mention the great success of yet another superb Canadian Cruise-In. The 2005 Rocky Mountain Cruise-In which was held in Rocky Mountain House, Alberta this past August..."Rock'd" !!

With well over 300 registrants and many more visitors from the community, this past summers' Cruise-In was another great success. The registrants and visitors raised well over \$4000 for our chosen charity, the Shock Trauma Air Rescue Society. Well done everyone! We would also like to thank every single event sponsor and vendor...large and small...for their dedicated support to our organization and charity.

Yamaha Canada prevailed with their undying presence and support again this year. As we continue to be one of their "Officially Recognized" motorcycle enthusiast road riding organizations, we must, once again, thank Yamaha Canada and their crew for all their much appreciated support. A Big "Cheers" goes out to our Yamaha Canada friends.

As we look forward to the 2006 riding season, we hope to have you; the members, sponsors and friends play a continued roll in our successful story of the Northern Stars.

Cheers as Always,
Randy



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year's To All!!

2005 has been a stellar year for the Northern Stars. The biggest news of all was the formal incorporation of ISRA-Northern Stars under the Society's Act. We have had our first "Annual General Meeting" and it was a success. Thanks to everyone who participated. A special thanks to our Secretary, Randy Simonneau for the work involved in setting up the corporation and the first annual general meeting.

There has been some new additions to our wonderful executive over the past year. Brian "Canadian Rhino" Platt was appointed as the Western Constellation Coordinator and Daniel "Vi-Royal" Breault was appointed the Eastern Constellation Coordinator. This was a position that I held for a period of time until I accepted the position of President of this great club.

A special thanks to Martin "Hunter" Van Der Hoek who worked very hard in the position of President. Hunter is now our first "Counsel Advisor" and continues to work within the club.

Our membership has grown over the past year and we have now exceeded 2200 members. This is a wonderful group of people who are all involved in this great hobby of ours.

I was fortunate to be able to attend the 50th Anniversary Celebration for Yamaha dealers in Canada. It was a tremendous event, during which the official unveiling of the latest "super cruisers" were unveiled. I had an opportunity to ride the new Stratoliner. What a trill that bike is to ride. When the demos are in your area, make sure you take it for a spin. You won't be disappointed.

The Northern Stars will again be holding a Cruise In for 2006. Keep checking our website for updates. Exciting news will be out officially in early January. Get your registrations in early, it's a great time for all.

Well folks, I've rambled on enough. Spend the next couple of months planning the first ride in the spring. Get out to the bike shows in your area, meet your fellow members, dream of that new safety chrome and above all, have fun.



Tracy Chapman In the LCBO 2006 Calendar

All you Ontario members should head down to your local LCBO and make sure you pick up a copy of their 2006 Calendar. In the Calendar there is one month devoted to our very own Tracy Chapman.

What a great promo for the Northern Stars and for Yamaha.

Tracy refused to pose with a Harley, and made sure they had her picture taken with a Yamaha.

Way to go Tracy . We're proud of you !!

