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Northern Stars Rider News

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Being Heard then Seen

"SAVES LIVES"



Flag Rally is coming. Lets talk it up !!!

OUR ROOTS:

Back in the late Summer of 1999, **Randy** our Prez finally bought his new bike after abstaining for many years because of raising a family and such. Searching the net for info on Yamaha Clubs and after finding the ISRA site Randy posted a message on the forum looking for support to create a new Canadian Constellation of the ISRA.

Randy and his neighbor **Earl** who happens to be our VP wanted to get this thing started. Along came **Zeke** who was one of the first people to respond ,offering his support. Randy and



Zeke started corresponding and they set up the forum. The official Constellation start date was **August 4,2000**. Soon after they set up the Web page and then made rockers. After that came the patches. **Guy** our web-master came on board

last August and re-vamped the web page. Last fall **Harv** took on the responsibilities of memberships and now **Tim** was voted in to create this Newsletter and work on promoting the Northern Stars

The PREZ ADDRESS



From Randy :

My ISRA # is 1454... which is hard to believe now that the ISRA has numbers in the 15,000's in just a few short years. At the time we started the Canadian Constellation there were no " Official " guidelines indicat-

ing the "Radius of operation of such connies. I wanted the Connie to be Canada wide as it is today. I feel we have truly built a Canadian family within this connie.We have all gained unity and great friends along the

way from coast to coast. This never would have happened if it were not for the great folks who helped and continue to help keep it all together. You the **Members / Officers and friends !** CHEERS :-)

ToolBox



On a recent flight I purchased a magazine and found an article on these really great bike clocks from Rizoma. The Billet Handlebar clock will fit on any bike with 7/8" or 1" handlebars.. The Clock comes with two brackets two screws ,and a thin piece of rubber to isolate the assembly from excessive vibration. Before installing the make sure the time is set. The clock sells for about \$90.00 US. After checking out their website I found a bunch of interesting stuff for after market addicts . If the Handlebar Clocks don't do it for you,they even have a wristwatch that looks like a Speedo and Tach combo. The website is definitely worth checking out [RIZOMA USA](http://www.rizomausa.com)

can be found at www.rizomausa.com.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Feb/28 to Mar 9 Bike Week at Daytona Florida

May 23rd Osoyoos B.C.

May 25th Toronto Ontario is the Bikers Against Despair (B.A.D.) Ride. Fundraiser for distress centres in Toronto.Info: www.thebadride.com

July 16th 2003: EVERYWHERE.

The 12th Annual Ride to Work Day. Bikers are encouraged to ride their bikes on this day. To demonstrate how many of us are really out there. Info : www.ridetowork.org

August 24 2003: Breast Cancer Pledge Ride. Winnipeg ,Manitoba.

Info: lohpledgeride@email.com



FOR SALE :

Patches :

SMALL 2 for \$25.00

LARGE \$ 35.00



Comments: promo@northernstarsrider.ca

First I would like to thank everyone for all their positive comments about the Newsletter. I must say it has been fun sourcing out stuff to put into print.

At this point I have received some outside support from Yamaha Dealers who are going to provide their customers with our Newsletter. I am hoping this will increase the awareness of our club to the various local target markets.

Wildwood Yamaha in Winnipeg



has agreed to allow a 10% discount on accessories to any card carrying member of the Northern Stars..

Paul and Morris were more than willing to help out. I also received a warm welcome from **North Country Cycle & Sports** in Thunder Bay. They too will be handing out the Newsletter. They mentioned that if anyone travelling thru T-bay has any problems on the road, they do have a highway pick up service. Again a great bunch of guys..



I also want to thank our member **Warren (WORNOUT)** for meeting me for coffee in T-Bay. I hope we meet again.

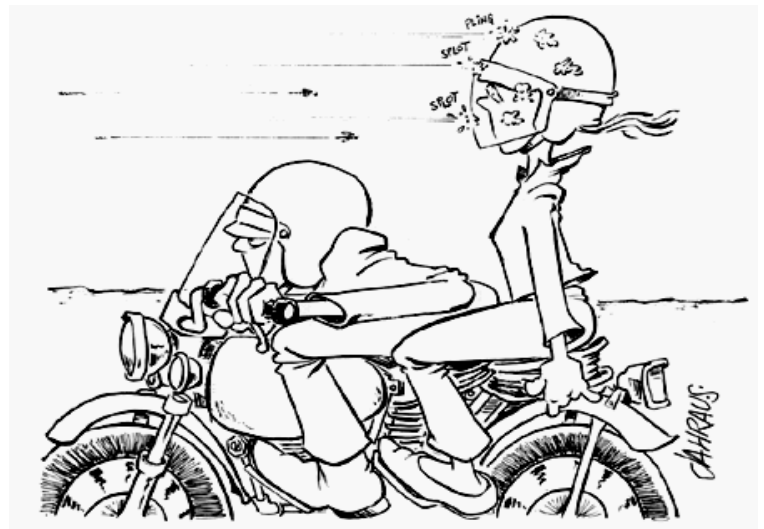
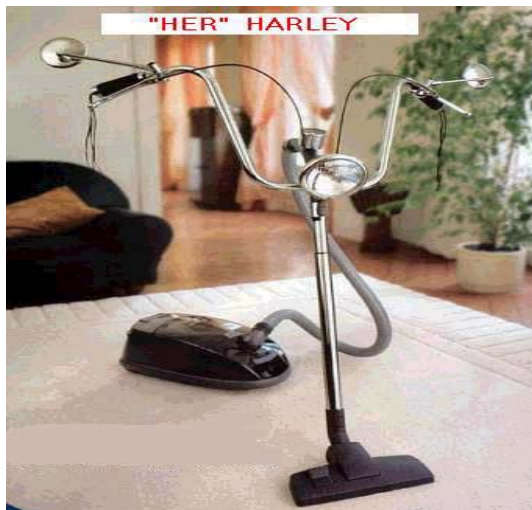
Finally I ask that each of you use

the Newsletter as handouts wherever you can. Promoting our club across Canada will benefit us all on every highway concrete or electronic.

Regards, **MYZED**



HUMOUR:



MESSAGE BOARD :

We have now entered over 100 members on our database. Fill out the Membership form and a Membership card will be e-mailed to you. You don't have to list your address if you do not want to. We are working on getting discounts honored at various dealers thru-out Canada.



Who are We ? This is the home of the Canadian Northern Stars Constellation 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.

WWW.NORTHERNSTARSRIDER.CA



Star of the Month

Hunter : **"DEER MONTANA"**

We ride to enjoy the open road and take in the awesome scenery. But with beauty all around, danger can sometimes rear it's ugly head. My buddy Brent and I decided to do a trip to Helena Montana from Edmonton on May long weekend 2002. The start of our day was a ride thru heavy fog, sleet and plus 3 degrees C. We decided to head east and work our way back through 130 miles of mountain roads. The temperature was now in the low 80's. A bikers dream to be certain.

A storm building behind us and with the wind picking up we picked up the pace. A town was only 3 miles away so I rolled on the throttle and set my sights on the road ahead. I never saw the approaching danger in my peripheral vision. Three deer were in full flight in a field adjacent to the highway. Brent tried to warn me of the impending danger but I did not hear him.

I saw them just before impact. I never had a chance to react. I hit the first deer at 135 km right behind its shoulder. It's an eerie feeling . In a split second I was very aware that my helmet was strapped to my T-bag



instead of my head and the next few moments were a blur. I flew 50 feet before hitting the highway. I barrel rolled many times and I finally stopped in a ditch 150 feet from the point of impact. Shock is a weird thing. I stood up and walked to what was left of my bike. Brent convinced me to sit down. It was then that I noticed that my head and face had sprung a fairly big leak.

The next part is a bit unbelievable but true. I looked up to see an off duty officer his name was Deputy Dempster! No Kid-ding. Next to show up was the Highway Patrol. Constable Cal. Cal asked me how I was doing. I told him fine except I couldn't hear very well. He smiled and told me it

would probably help if I took out the ear-plugs I was wearing.

Volunteer EMS showed up. Next came the need for a back board. I inquired , "how is that thing going to work?" My ass is twice as wide as that board. They used enough tape to hold me, the cops and the deer to that board. Off we went to the hospital. Me, 2 EMS girls and George the driver. One last journey to White Sulfur Springs Hospital. So I thought. The ER doctor told me I would have to go to Great Falls and be seen by a Plastic Surgeon and an Ophthalmologist. So back in the ambulance I went, 100 miles to Great Falls. I didn't realize that my buddy followed me on his bike in the pouring rain. A true friend. **"Thanks Brent."** A couple of hours and 60 stitches later I was ready to roll.

I gave my brother a call back in Edmonton , and in two hours he was on his way to pick us up.

The old homestead never looked so good. Lots of hugs from the kids and my wife.

My wife and I are passionate about riding. This experience has not dampened our spirits. Ride safe and ride always !