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NORTHERN STARS

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All members of the Northern Stars are insured for \$1,000,000.00 liability insurance, Make sure you have a Northern Stars Membership card to qualify for this free benefit.

Pictures are worth a thousand words, and these pretty much say it all:

What a time was had by all at our first **ROCKY MOUNTAIN CRUISE-IN in Nordegg Alberta .**

The friends we made, the adventures we had, and the memories we all shared will keep us talking about Nordegg for years to come.

In this edition we have compiled pictures and stories about the 2004 riding season that will give us all a true sense of the impact this year has had on us all.



Membership Update

From Harv: NSR Galaxy Membership Coordinator

Wow !!. What a summer we had. New memberships are still coming in at a record pace. We've seen new Constellations come on board, and our first Canadian Cruise-In came off as an overwhelming success. As one of the organizers for the Cruise-In, held in Nordegg, Alberta, I would again like to thank all who attended.

New friendships were born, which will only strengthen as the years fly by. I'm still in awe of Yamaha Canada's support for the Cruise-In, from start to finish. To be honest, I was originally skeptical of how much support we could expect from Yamaha Canada, but now I'm more than convinced that this is a two way adventure. I'm sure

that our Prez, Randy, can attest to the jealousy oozing up from our Brothers and Sisters in the USA because of the support and recognition we are receiving from Yamaha Canada. Let's spread the word and keep the family growing. *Ride Free, Ride Safe.*

Constellations:



NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR

from Guy "Newfie"

In July 2004, my wife ([Debbie "Mrs. Newfie" Fillatre](#)) and I ([Guy "Newfie" Fillatre](#)) decided to form the newest Constellation of the Northern Stars Galaxy, the Northern Stars of Newfoundland & Labrador. We are a small group, but we will grow with help from Regional Officers. So far we have two Regional Officers, [Peter "Samson" Dawe](#)– St. John's, and [Jerry "Vstarjed" Mercer](#)–Grand Fall-Windsor. We are still in the beginning stages of formation, and we will have more events and gatherings next season. We immediately launched a website (<http://nl.northernstarsrider.ca>), and the message forum will follow this fall. This Constellation is based on Newfoundland Tradition and way of life , (friends, fun, and easy going people). Cheers Guy



MANI TOBA: Hello Northern Stars,

from Royce "White Ryhno"

Well we all made it back home safe from the Nordegg Rally. A spectacular event for sure. I would like to share a story of a wee bit of my trip. I had the great pleasure and honor of having Anne, "**Mrs. Black Bison**" as a passenger when the Black Bison and I took part in the Poker Run while in Nordegg. After a short run we pulled over to check on a group of fellow bikers that had pulled over. While stopped "Mrs. Black Bison" said she now understands what we are talking about when we say "you can't explain what it is like to ride, you have to experience it to know". She said it was not long after we started that tears welled up in her eyes because of the wonderful smells, sights, and feeling of absolute freedom that almost overwhelmed her. We have made another believer and another biker for sure.

Our next little twist came as we were about to enter Glacier Park. As we were stopping for the gate, I noticed a very large Black Bear meandering in the ditch ,maybe 50 feet from where we had stopped. My passenger was somewhat concerned about the closeness of the animal, but I assured her that I was still in gear. Viewing the bear in my mirror, I made sure that should it venture closer our way, the "**White Rhyno**" would have little difficulty going through the traffic cones real fast. As is habit, I blipped the throttle and low and behold the bear turned and sprinted part way into the bush, stopped and turned and looked our way. Well this time I cranked the throttle hard and the bear turned and headed for the hills. **What a hoot to find that bears are afraid of "Rhyno's"**



SASKATCHEWAN

from Brian "Canadian Rhino"

It's truly been an interesting first riding season ,meeting so many great new people, and watching our membership grow from when [Mark](#), and I had our charter approved in February, to more than 70 riders. With memberships growing everyday, it shows that we have a great family of Star Riders here in Saskatchewan.

We had our first charity show and shine in June at [Pro-Line](#) in Saskatoon, with proceeds from the BBQ and entry fees going to the Children's Wish Foundation. Congratulations

Glen, Doug, and the rest of the gang up north for a job well done.

We participated in both the Regina, and Saskatoon Cystic Fibroses charity bike runs, and helped raise a few dollars for a great cause even if the weather did not want to cooperate. It's only rain ,it washes off.

We now have a two pitcher, as Royce "[Ryhno](#)" has proclaimed himself as an official "**SASKATOBAN**" and member of our Saskatchewan family.

Nordegg was the highlight of the year for those of us who were able to attend. Meeting up with the Brother, and Sisterhood from all across Canada and the USA was incredible. New friendships were forged, and memories that will last forever. Thank you [Mark and Sharon](#) for letting us be part of your wedding day, and a big thank you to all the people that put in so many hours to make Nordegg and the wedding such a success.

There was so much more, from the moving of the flag across our province, to the weekly rides we all shared in. It Was An Incredible Year See you in 2005

Constellations



QUEBEC (En Francais)

Bonjour à tous

Merci aux Northern Stars pour nous accueillir dans grande famille ISRA. Nous sommes né en Mai 2004. Merci a nos fondateurs, **André -Chokerrs-Boudreault** et **Michel-8ball-Rousseau** qui ont eu cet esprit rassembleur ; réunir tous les propriétaires Stars ensemble. Ils se sont joint à une équipe de visionnaires et de travailleurs :

Gilles—Cailloux—Desroches, qui a pris la présidence du groupe et qui est également l'administrateur principal du forum Québec Starriders ISRA.

<http://forums.delphiforums.com/quebecstarriders/start>

Benoit-RedStar-Teste, qui a pris la vice-présidence. Benoit est un homme de vision qui possède une solide expérience au sein de divers comités de motocyclisme. Il partage la vision des Québec Starriders ISRA et est bien décidé à participer à son avancement.

Daniel -VireGo- Breault, qui a – naturellement – pris le poste de secrétariat. Daniel possède un désir de faire avancer les buts des Starriders. Il possède également d'une bonne expérience dans les conseils d'administration ayant siége et/ ou fondé pas moins de huit organismes

Michel- 8ball- Rousseau, a pris le poste de trésorier. Homme honnête et intègre, bon travailleur et personne fiable, Michel était tout désigné pour s'occuper des finances. De plus, il a natuellement pris le poste –non officiel– de conseiller technique, lui qui possède une très bonne ece dans la mécanique motocycliste.

Richard-Purple-Séguin s'occupe des relations entre les Québec Starriders et les Northern Stars. Richard est parfaitement bilingue. Il maitrise l'art de l'approche du public. Il sait comment approcher les gens et avoir leur confiance. C'est un homme idéal pour être porte-parole du groupe.

ACTIVITÉS Comme nous en sommes à nos premiers tours de roue, l'été s'est principalement passée à distribuer des cartes d'affaire dans divers cafés recontre et autres activités organisée afin de faire connaître les Québec Starriders ISRA et de partager l'esprit ISRA. Une promenade est prévue pour cette automne afin de recontrer et de fraterniser avec le plus de membres possible avant que la neige vienne geler nos routes québécoises.

Nous avons quand même eu une belle journée en juillet dernier, soit lors du (Star Day) organisé par Yamaha Canada. La compagnie nous a gracieusement offert une bannière de notre choix et nous ont fourni une tente pour la journée. Nous étions expressément invité pour s'occuper des (demo rides) que la compagnie offrait afin de faire connaître leurs produits. En tout, 39 motos étaient mises à la disposition du public, en passant par les modèles Customs telle la V-Star, Road Star et Venture jusqu'aux modèles sport/supersport YZF-R1 et R6 et FJR 1300. En une journée, il y a eu au moins 400 essais complétés et pas moins de 1200 personnes se sont présentés sur les lieux. Un gros merci à Mr. Francois Morneau, directeur régional des Ventes pour le Québec pour cette journée.

AVENIR Nous sommes déjà à préparer la saison 2005, saison qui se voudra notre réelle première saison en tant que chapitre Northern Star ISRA. Mais nous n'avons pas l'envie de dormir, comme les ours, tout l'hiver.

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Constellations:



QUEBEC (English Version)

First of all we would like to thank the Northern Stars for their warm welcome to the ISRA family.

Quebec Starriders ISRA was born in May 2004, and we would like to thank our founders **Andre "Chokerris" Boudreault** and **Michel "8ball" Rousseau** for their work and vision of bringing all Quebec Star owners together. Together we will strive to make this Constellation very successful. They got helped by a working team.

The Executive Committee:

Gilles "Cailloux" Deroches, is the president of this Constellation and also the administrator of the Quebec Star riders ISRA forum.

[Http://forums.deldhiforums.com/quebecstariders/start](http://forums.deldhiforums.com/quebecstariders/start)

Benoit "Red Star" Teste, is our Vice-President. Ben is a visionary, very experienced and well respected in the motorcycling community here in Montreal. He shares our enthusiasm and is eager to help us realize our goals.

Daniel "Vireago" Breault is our Secretary. Dan has a great desire to help us move forward with this Connie. He is an experienced administrator having helped found no less than 8 different organizations.

Michel "8ball" Rousseau, is our treasurer. Michel is an honest, reliable, and a very hard worker, and will do a great job as our treasurer. He also has a great knowledge of the mechanics of the motorcycle and has become our technical guru.

Richard "Purple" Seguin is the liaison officer. Bilingual, Rick is at ease with the public, tactful, diplomatic, and open minded. He will be an asset in this position. He knows how to approach people and get their confidence.

ACTIVITIES: This being our first season as an official ISRA Constellation, we have been primarily in a recruiting phase this summer, handing out business cards at various biker events around the province. One of our goals this summer was to spread the word about our new Connie. We are planning our first official ride this fall to meet as many of the new members as possible, and bring them into our new ISRA family.

In July we took part in Yamaha's Star Day in Boucherville. Our thanks go out to Yamaha Canada for supplying us with a great looking banner and a tent for the day. We were invited to take care of the demo rides of the new 2005 models. Yamaha had 39 different bikes for the public to test.

Everything from Customs such as the V-star, Road Star, Venture, to sport bikes R1, R6, YZF, series and a rare GEM, THE Royal Star Tour Deluxe. A total of 400 demo rides were done on this day. Attendance at this event reached the 1200 participant mark on a beautiful sunny hot Sunday in July.

While the Summer months have come to an end, rest assured that we will not be hibernating this winter. We will be busy planning our first real season as an ISRA Constellation. Stay tuned "**The Best Is Yet To Come**"

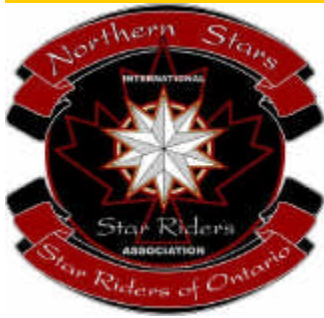
May the road rise up to meet you

May the wind be always at your back

May the warm rays of the sun fall gently upon your face

And may the hand of a friend always be near.

Constellations



ONTARIO

from Pat "Yamamom"

Hi to everyone from Ontario. We hope that all fellow riders have had a great summer of riding, no mishaps, and lots of good stories to tell. The Ontario Connie continued to grow over the past few months, and Ontario has had some excellent events.

We started off the season with the "Polar Bear Poker Run". Our first Poker Run was an resounding success despite the uncooperative Mother Nature. No rain and luckily no snow. The temperature hovered around 6 degrees all day, but the warmth of friendly people made the day seem warmer. The winner of the poker run rode away with over \$500.00. We sure hope to see everyone at next years poker run that is scheduled for

May 14, 2005, in the Niagara Region. Please try to attend. More information will follow in the next few months. Yamaha presented it's Star Appreciation Day again this year and it was well attended, despite the damp start to the day. It was quite impressive to see about 100 Star Riders of Ontario riding in together.

Friday the 13th rolled around in August and the attendance at Port Dover was outstanding. The final count was over 100,000 bikes. Quite a feat for a town of about 5,000 people. Some of the members have been successful in ar-ranging weekly rides in their areas, and what started out with one or two bikes has grown each week. The last ride in the Mississauga area had about 40 bikes. Way to go guys. Remember everyone, it only takes one to start , and sure enough, others will join in on a good thing. Rides together with new friends is always s good thing.

A few members of the SRO had a good, but damp weekend in Lake Placid, and despite the rain, everyone had a great time. Again, a chance to get to know other people who enjoy the same social activities.

Our Peterborough friends **Pam&Frenchy** hosted the first annual Pig Roast. An excellent event which we hope will be repeated in years to come.

Our President and a group are heading off to Orange County Chopper in Sept. I'm sure they will have stories to bring back about this trek. **(If they let you back in the country CHUGGER!!!)**The fall colours will soon be signaling a wind down of a great summer. Try to get out and enjoy the best part of the season. The bike shows will be in Toronto in December and January. Hope to see some members there.



ALBERTA

from Martin "Hunter"

The Alberta Constellation has had a very busy and successful summer. We attended a number of Dealer Open Houses, a couple of customer appreciation days ,and wrapped up the summer hosting a local Show N' Shine.

The Northern Stars of Alberta hosted one of the largest local bike nights, and has been asked to come back and host more in the future. Everyone just seems to have loads of fun when the Northern Stars are around. Our efforts in raising money for **S.T.A.R.S.** this year was very satisfying. We also participated and provided support in the efforts of raising money for the Children's Wish Foundation earlier this year.

I would like to wrap this up by saying Thank You to all the Alberta Members. Our success is because of the commitment and hard work from so many of you. We are one of the most active clubs, and becoming one of the most recognized clubs in the province. Hats off to all.

Lastly the Northern Stars of Alberta would like to thank all the dealers, local businesses, and corporations for their support. They are all deserving of many thanks, but there are a few I would like to mention by name because of their substantial support.

Thank you **Alberta Cycle Motor Sports, Riverside Yamaha, and Shell Canada**

Shell Canada supports STARS riding for S.T.A.R.S.

The Northern Stars of Alberta is pleased to announce it has recently received \$1000.00 from the Shell Canada Community Service Fund.

The funds have been awarded to recognize and support **Harv Craig**, a long time Shell Canada employee. Harv regularly volunteers with the Northern Stars of the ISRA as their Galaxy Membership Coordinator, as well as the Northern Stars of Alberta's Co-Director and Webmaster. "The funds will be used to purchase materials and equipment needed for ongoing fund raisers for charity", says



Martin Van Der Hoek, President of the Northern Stars of Alberta.

Shell Canada believes that contributions of time, effort and caring to non-profit organizations benefit the entire community.

"Through the Community services Fund, we recognize and support Shell people who give their personal time on a regular, volunteer basis" says Tara Lemay, of Shell Canada Public Affairs.

Message from the **PREZ** :

"A FAMILY LIKE NO OTHER"

As I sit and reflect on this summers riding season and all the great new friends we've come to meet as a result of the many great events across Canada, I can't help looking out the window at the fresh 3 inches of snow that Mother Nature dumped on us in early September in Edmonton, Alberta.

The snow "cools" the riding tendencies, but can't even begin to 'cool' my nice warm thoughts of the friends that have been made again this year; **Explosive**...can

somewhat describe the growth of the Northern Stars of ISRA. **Incredible**...official recognition from Yamaha Canada. **Tireless & Selfless**...hard work by everyone involved in setting up this summers events. **Great**...support from the many sponsors. **Proud**... Yamaha Star owners and riders. **Unbelievable**...dedication from every **Volunteer** member that we've meet along the way. And lastly...**Free & Solid**...friendships abound throughout this great country.

Those are just a few 'key' words that come to mind as I sit here and reflect. I believe that if one could stir all these words together in a saddle bag, the resulting words would spell...**Northern Stars of ISRA**. Truly a Family like no other. Yours... **FREE !!**

Sincerely proud to be a Brother of this great Family and always... Cheers,

Randy "**PREZ**"

Message from **YAMAHA CANADA**: "WHAT A SUCCESSFUL SEASON"

This season saw us introduce the New "Summer Events Team", with our mission to travel around Ontario and act as ambassadors for our industry and more importantly introduce the Yamaha brand to the grass roots, the potential customers that may not normally be exposed to our brand of fun. They did this and more. The season also saw Yamaha conduct more rides, attend more events and place our product in front of more potential customers than any season previous. It has been a very successful season, and I would like to thank all the different departments and personnel that

helped make it happen.

From Tim K., myself and all the staff in the Yamaha Canada Marketing Department,

Andre "**Swivel Hips**" Harris

2004 Statistics

156,000 attendee's at Shows, Rallies, and Summer Events

73,000 Demo Km's of customer test miles on our bikes.

25 Summer Events

20 Wknds saw the newly decaled

Yamaha Marketing truck on the road.

3 Amigo's... Matt, Dan, and Paul. Brought Yamaha product to the "Grass Roots" crowd and our true believers booth

1 Marriage...Mark & Sharon (Northern Stars members) chose to celebrate their unison at the Club's Nordegg Rally, w/200 plus of their closest friends.



A Year to Remember



STARS of the MONTH

"Scott and Pat Norris"



Pat and Scott's Most Excellent Adventure:

As the winter months unfolded ,we began planning our "mega" trip for the Summer 2004. We were initially scheduled to leave Caisterville Ontario in late August , to return about mid-October. Then, thanks to the Rocky Mountain Cruise-In in July we changed our plans. We are certainly glad we did,as the Cruise-In was definitely one of our highlights of the trip.

We were accompanied by **Doug Laird** from Ontario, riding his Warrior. " A most excellent tailgunner".

During our travels we stayed in a wonderful motel in Long Lac...(a must if you like squeaky beds, small bathrooms, little pillows, limited food choices, and fog). Oh yes, and lots and lots of bugs.

Onward to Winnipeg, where we were welcomed by the Northern Stars of MB. The hospitality and warmth was wonderful. This is the main reason we joined the Northern Stars. We were treated with a tour of Winnipeg sites,led by **Royce**. I can now say we stopped in the middle of Portage and Main. I'm sure there is a bus driver in Wpg. Who can attest to that....

(A special thanks goes out to **Jody and Marsha** for the bike washing station, and a wonderful bar and bed.

Onward west to our Sask. Friends. I must say your province is beautifully straight. HE ! HE !. To the RCMP in Yorkton, Thank you for the escort.

Into Saskatoon we met wonderful members of the Northern Stars of SASK. , **Mark and Sharon**. Again the hospitality , meals were outstanding.

I got a great new seat done up by **Poppa Smurf**,and my derrere appreciated it the most.

We spent a couple of days with family in Edmonton and Calgary, then onto the Rally in Nordegg.

The Rally...says it All !!!!

We met tons of wonderful people, enjoyed breathtaking scenery,

fabulous food, and made many new friends. Again, this is the whole purpose of our being part of the Northern Stars.. A special thanks to all the organizers of the Cruise-In, the vendors, **Yamaha Canada**, and of course the people of Nordegg.

After the rally we headed west to Vancouver Island,dipping our feet in the Pacific Ocean.

In California we met up with a group of Southern Cruisers who welcomed us warmly and escorted us on a 200 mile run . Thanks to the 45 or so riders who came out for the day.

Onward we treked to LA, spent time with friends in Oceanside, then went to Vegas.,Utah,and finally cut across thru Colorado.

All in all,the trip was wonderful, the people were friendly. Not once did we encounter any difficulties with our great Yamaha motorcycles.

13,973 kms in 30 days



Be sure to Watch the Northern Stars, Rocky Mountain Cruie-In this fall on Corbin's Ride On

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

f 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

