



## **On The Fly**

November, 2008.

### **Changes at the Top!....**

After years of dedicated service Scott (Relic) Parker stepped down as our 1st Officer early in this past season. Scott was a founding member of the Peel Chapter and one of its first officers. He, Bill (Spider-Rider) McKiernon and Bill (Yer Man) Vance built the chapter from the ground up and thus were instrumental in many of our success. Their forward and well thought-out strategies lead to our rapid growth and sustained reputation. We thank Scott, and the two Bill's for their sacrifice and efforts and wish them well in all of their future endeavors.

A sad departure however inevitably leads to a new leadership emerging and continuing the legacy that the past officers have left behind. Frank (Spike) Formoso who had shown unselfish dedication to the club in his former position of Second Officer was an easy choice as our new First Officer. Frank had to eventually fill the other Officer voids and did so by naming Keith (Ace) Wood, Dianna (Sporty Di) Kentfield, Gary (Gazza) Vance and Doug (McFly) Stewart to assist him.

Frank and his team bring a refreshing leadership style that is formulated by obtaining consensus. He has always tried to do whatever is in the best interests of the chapter by talking to our members, not as their leader; but as their contemporary. His team is similarly chosen for their dedication and ability to listen to all of your opinions.

Please join me in welcoming Frank and his team, and more importantly, always feel free to bring your concerns and suggestions to any one of us!

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### **We have missed many of our friends?**

In our continuing efforts to update our Membership Roster we will be trying to contact many of you that we haven't seen for a while or have lost contact with. The 2008 riding season brought many new members to the chapter. Unfortunately, many of our other members went missing in action. We will be sending this newsletter to everyone via email as a means of continuing to update you. However, we need you to stay in touch with us as well.

From the process of emailing this newsletter we will discover that some of your email addresses, mailing addresses, and/or telephone numbers have changed. We will attempt to

contact those who have not responded with a letter and/or telephone. If we still do not get a response back, your membership may be cancelled. Therefore, please respond!

Perhaps you have moved or are no longer interested in continuing your Southern Cruiser membership. Possibly family or job commitments during the past year have kept you away, but you are in fact, still interested in maintaining your membership. Many times we will know a member by his face and/or "Handle" but are not able to match that with a name on the roster. Regardless of the reason for the disconnect, please let us know your plans and update your contact information, including the following:

- Your Name
- Your Handle or Nickname
- Telephone number
- Mailing address
- Email Address

*Unfortunately if we don't here from you, you will be removed from the membership roster!*

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## **End of Tuesday Night's Riding Season**

We would like to thank both Bill & Shawn for all of your efforts in this riding season. No spills, few- if any incidents, and all of our riders tucked in and safe for another year. We couldn't ask for more, and are so fortunate to have you!

This was a trying year with many challenges. Shawn and Bill met each of those challenges with determination, style and effective leadership. Many of our previous Road Captains and Tail Gunners either graduated into Officers; or were unable to be much help to the club because of outside commitments. Still, often with only three Road Captains at our disposal (the third of which was added halfway through the riding season); you were able to safely mentor all of our riders through some spectacular tours of Brampton and surrounding territories.

In that regard, I also give special thanks to Jeff 'Freebird', Wally 'Hotrod Wally' and Kelly 'Ditch' our three faithful, dependable and knowledgeable Road Captains. Thank you for your contributions to the chapter.

Thankfully, many of our Tail Gunners were able to help out and remained as dependable contributors. We hope that some will feel inspired to make a further commitment in stepping up as future Road Captains.

However, the glue that held the riding season together was Bill and Shawn. As our 1st Officer, Frank 'Spike' Formoso has often stated, "We couldn't have done it without Stumps

and Jet. Our other Officers "Ace", 'Sporty Di' and 'Gazza' and I; couldn't agree more with that sentiment, and offer our praise to the Senior Road Captains.

**Bill (Stumps) Burnett & Shawn (Jet) McQuillen; thank you again!!!!**

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## **The End of One Season....**

...Doesn't end our ability and need to talk about bikes, rides or just re-acquaint ourselves with new and old friends. Thankfully, we still meet each and every Tuesday evening at The Frigate & Firkin (north side of Queen Street, west of Highway 410).

Many of us arrive a little earlier than the riding season, often to cheer (or Jeer!) our beloved Toronto Maple Leafs hockey team. While the glorious chrome eye candy of Two-wheeled beauty is often missing- the dreams and wishes of our trips, adventures, bike projects or purchases can be planned, consulted or just plain talked about. The fellowship created during the offseason often results in new friendships come springtime and new trips.

Also continuing in the off-season are the Sunday Brunches. *Currently* the brunches are held at 'Allstars' Restaurant, which is located at the south-west corner of Queen Street and Dixie. (just off of Lisa Street). We get together at 10:00a.m.. These breakfast get-togethers are held on the second Sunday of every month.

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## **Sunday Brunch Opinion Poll**

An earlier post on our chapter's Delphi Forum has been noticed by our beloved 1st Officer Frank (Spike) Formoso who has asked that we poll the membership to obtain their feedback and suggestions regarding Sunday Brunches.

- Do you currently attend our brunches? Yes or No?
- Are you happy with the current arrangement of Brunches being held at All Stars restaurant, located at the corner of Dixie and Queen Street. Yes or no?
- Would you be Less or More likely to attend the Brunches if they were relocated? Less Likely or More Likely?
- Do you have a suggestion where we may hold our brunches? If so, what is the name of the restaurant and where is it located?

*Remember, all of the officers want to be receptive to the needs of the chapter and it's members. We can not however know how you feel about the subject, unless you respond.*

**Editors Note-** Our most recent Sunday Bruch was held this past weekend at 'AllStars' Restaurant. There was a noticeable and significant upgrade in both their service and

presentation. We are hopeful that their staff and facilities will continue to listen and address our concerns. In the meantime we will continue to meet at Allstars until further notice. Again we ask for our members input in the constant effort to improve the 373 experience!

### **Peel Chapter News On The Web**

Feel like you have been out of loop for a while? Our very own former 2nd Officer, Bill (Yer Man) Vance has constructed and maintains a brilliant resource of chapter news and motorcycle information. Please feel free to browse the site and share in its resources and links at the following address.

<http://www.chapter373.com/>

(Our thanks to Bill for his creativity and skill in making the web site and committing the time to maintain it.)

Feel like talking to us or getting in touch with someone in the chapter? Try our Delphi Forum site at the following address:

<http://forums.delphiforums.com/SCRC373>

Delphi Forum is free to sign up to, (Basic membership) and offers a handy resource for communication and chapter news. Included, you will discover Ride Information, Club Events, New Members, Port Severn, Classifieds, Jokers Corner, Bike Maintenance, and lots of General Information.

If you can't come out in person for a ride or to visit the Firkin, both our Chapter Website and Delphi Forum are great ways to stay in touch!

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### **Request for Road Captains and Tail Gunners**

The Peel 373'ers are looking for some special candidates to lead and tail our rides for the coming riding season. Those interested should be competent riders who have a full 'M' license, leadership abilities and want to lead safe and successful rides.

While this year has barely ended, we are already fast at the preparations for next year. This year is shaping up to be an outstanding riding season as the Senior Road Captains have designed and cataloged standardized routes and Pre-Ride Briefing Cards. Best of all is the many new riders who have joined our chapter in the last several months.

We had a great riding season last year due in large part to the ride leaders that served as our Road Captains and Tail Gunners that we had. Many of those will want to retun but several have moved on and we need to replace them. For those interested we will be conducting written and riding tests as soon as weather permits.

Whether a new candidate or an existing Ride Leader, all must apply each season to be a Road Captains and Tail Gunners. The obvious reason is to affirm your interest level but it also serves as an opportunity to continually keep your ride leadership skills sharp!

Although we will be accepting applications for both/either positions, we will require Tail Gunners to lead at least two rides per season as well as being backups should we not have enough Road Captains for a given ride. All ride leaders should have a Cellular Telephone and First Aid kit for possible use during rides.

Please respond by sending us an email to [dougstewart12@rogers.com](mailto:dougstewart12@rogers.com). You may also respond through our Chapter's Delphi Forum by posting a message or emailing us by choosing the option at bottom of your new message page marked 'Send via E-mail'. Please respond with the following information:

1. Your Name
2. Email address
3. Position Requested
4. Cellular Telephone Number

We Look forward to many of you to stepping 'forward',

Your Senior Road Captains,

*Bill (Stumps) Burnett & Shawn (Jet) McQuillen*

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## **Know A Great Ride?**

Anyone who has a suggestion for a ride route for either our regular Tuesday evening ride or a longer weekend route is asked to please submit it to your senior Road Captains.

Perhaps you have heard about a Charity ride or motorcycle event that you think would be interesting to some of your fellow cruisers. Please share your information by either emailing one of us or by posting on our Delphi Forum.

Maybe it's more of a social event. In the past we have gone to Woodbine Race Track, Flying in Airplanes (No, not in the Avro Arrow!), Hockey, Bowling, Horseback riding, Baseball, Jewelry parties. Although we are currently planning some events for the near future there are equally many things that we have never even thought of.

Through the years many of our members have suggested doing our own Peel 373 charity ride. Perhaps in support of a local charity, hospital or shelter. Please submit any suggestions for Ride routes, social events, charity rides to us in writing. (Preferably in a typed word document format.)

*Remember, we can't do it, if we don't know about it*

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## **Klickage Champions Crowned!!!!**

The Peel chapter has instituted a Klickage contest as an annual competition to award the male and female riders who log on the most kilometers in a riding season.

May I have a drum roll please.....

*The winners of the 2008 Annual Klickage Awards are....*

- Female Rider: Lillian Cooper at 13,269 kms
- Male Rider: Jeff (Freebird) at 23,035 kms.

Award ceremony to follow!! (Award will not include the extensive therapy each will need to rehabilitate their bruised and battered buttocks!)

On behalf of Frank (Spike) Formoso and all the other officers (Ace, Sporty Di, and Gazza) congratulations to both Jeff and Lillian for their two wheeled accomplishments. Thanks to everyone who participated and a note for all who plan to compete next year.....

*It's not the size of the bike that matters... It's the thickness of the Gel Seat that makes a champion!!!!!!*

Congratulations!

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## **CHRISTMAS PARTY DETAILS**

Here are the details for our 373 Christmas party...

- Tickets will be available on Tuesday nights at The Firkin (see Dianna or myself)...
- Cost is \$30.00 per person...
- Cut-off for the sale of tickets will be Tuesday December 2...Don't miss out, get 'em early....

**Date: Saturday December 06, 2008.**

**Time: 6:pm Cocktails, 7:00 pm**

**Buffet Dinner, 8:30pm**

**Dancing to -1:am**

*Location:* Vasco De Gama Cultural Center of Brampton, 25 Fisherman Dr. Unit #19  
(just down the street from our regular Tuesday night "launching pad").

**Menu:** BBQ Chicken, Breaded Sole, Potatoes, Rice, Mixed Veggies, Bread, Salad, Desert (cheesecake and other assorted goodies), Coffee/Tea. Cash Bar (mixed drinks and beer).

*Music:* (and games) by our very own DJ- Tommy B.

As always, the Peel Chapter extends an open invitation to all SCRC members, their friends and family to attend .... Also, in keeping with our tradition of helping the less fortunate, please consider bringing along a non-perishable food item(s) to the party. I will deliver these items to our local food bank on behalf of the SCRC....

Equally if not more important- we really need everyone's help in soliciting or donating Door Prize contributions. If you, your company or someone you know can help us out, please do so!!

Thanks... and See ya there...(:

Frank (Spike) Formoso  
1st Officer Peel Chapter 373, SCRC

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## **Severn 2008!!**

The 2008 edition of Port Severn was again an astounding success. Of course 'fireballs' were an integral part of the festivities, but the rides, events and camaraderie were unforgettable. Peel supplied different ride options for Saturday with Spike's Muskoka Tour and another tour lead by "Jet" leading the way in popularity. Not to be outdone, our Chapter was represented in the first annual Southern Cruiser Tug of War contest.

### **Of course we won!**

Severn is a fantastic closing chapter to the riding season and is a 'can't be missed' event. It is also why; in my opinion, our Peelers373 can't be beat!

Six people need to be mentioned for their contributions. Without them Severn just wouldn't be... what it is. So please join me in thanking:

- Anne- So unselfishly gave of her time to help with registration and oh, so many other things.
- Bill McKiernon - Working throughout the year in the background to make sure that all of the little things are organized before we could ever question them.
- Marg & Relic- Who unselfishly make the “Bear's Den” our home base and make all who visit, feel welcomed.
- Frank- It all starts with our first officer! For months before the event, while the rest of his chapter is out riding and socializing; is our ‘Godfather’ is working tirelessly, ensuring that all is in place for us to have such a fun time at Severn.
- Dianna- Frank would be the first to tell you that our 4th Officer is the administrator without equal. Sporty Di is in reality the power behind our chapter running so smoothly.

Proud to be....

*A Peeler!*

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## **Food for Thought....**

*Some things that have been considered for the near future....*

- Chapter Calendar- each month featuring a photograph of one of our own, a scene along a route, or trip, a party or event.... who knows! We would try to build it up with SCRC events or motorcycle related events.
- Our very own, Peel373 chapter charity event or ride. These things take lots of idea and planning. They also require the time commitments of many people. Lets put our ‘heads’ together and think of something special that we could do.
- Would you want and be willing to purchase a Peel 373 Chapter Patch? Got an idea or graphic that we could incorporate into a patch? Draw it up and submit it to us.
- Weekend Rides are something that we have yet to be able to formally incorporate into our ride itinerary. Would you want to participate in a weekend ride? Could you commit to helping out with a once per week Saturday or Sunday ride?

*Something we have not thought of but has always been on your mind? Let us know... and get involved!!!!*

*Hope to see you soon!*

Your Officers, 1<sup>st</sup>- *Frank (Spike) Formoso*; 3rd *Keith (Ace) Wood*, 4th *Dianna (Sporty Di) Kentfield*, 5th- *Grary (Gazza) Vance and Doug (McFly) Stewart*