

Fallsview Hilton Hotel, Niagara Falls Ontario – January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2006

## Ontario Chapter Presidents Meeting

Aim – Investigate the possibility of a Provincial Association – RKMC

### In Attendance:

Henry Heideman	Provincial Rep. – President Ontario 13
Leo Patry	Treasurer of the RKMC International Board
Norm Clapham (Ina)	Ontario 1
Mike Wilkins	Ontario 2
Doug Kuiken	Ontario 5 and Representing Ontario 9
Lorne Cornell	Ontario 7
Wylie Welsh	Ontario 12
Brian Kennedy	Ontario 12
Jim Friend	Ontario 14
Kevin Hodges	Ontario 14

Meeting called to order by Henry Heideman, Chair, at 1300hrs

The chair thanked everyone for attending this meeting and everyone introduced themselves to the group

It was established that Wylie would take minutes of this meeting

The Chair thanked Ont 12 for their assistance in arranging the meeting's requirements.

The Chair thanked Leo Patry for his assistance in putting the information package together

The Chair went over the contents of the info package and made a couple of minor changes to the agenda.

911 Ride – David Marks of the Toronto Police Department has been in touch with Henry in regards to a ride in support of the Canada's 911 Foundation on the weekend of September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2006. The ride is from Kingston Ontario to Ottawa then to Deerhurst Resort in Huntsville and then continuing the next day through Orillia and Markham, possibly to the Fire Fighters memorial in Gravenhurst. Final plans for exact route to come out very soon.

Money raised help children who are victims of crime, those of fallen police officers, fire fighters and EMS personnel. Also money in support of the The Mikey Network. There will be a Motorcycle raffle as well

Hoping to raise \$75,000 to \$100,000.

Wants to be in contact with all Fire Departments.

Jim Friend spoke on the cause:

Pat Keller from Hamilton Police has contacted him hoping for support from the Red Knights and the White Knights

The route is yet to be finalized

Leo mentioned that there had already been 500 to 700 calls looking for info

Registration available as of January 31, 2006 at [www.canadas911ride.com](http://www.canadas911ride.com)

They feel it will sell out by February 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup>.

They are also looking for local contributions.

It was agreed that we would all go back to our Chapters for support of this ride

Besides being a very worthy cause, extremely good public relations.

#### Toma Ride – 2006 – Norm Clapman

Norm gave an overview of the Toma history and the history of the ride

Money raised goes to assist burned children after hospital care

Toma controls the money, not any one Hospital or other organization

Also encourages fire prevention education to children

The first ride went from Toronto to Milton to Burlington.

Now the ride terminates in Hamilton.

Last year large amount of support from Proctor & Gamble

2006 will also be seeking a large corporate sponsor

The ride is September 24<sup>th</sup>, starts at the Sears Parking lot again at 1000 hrs.

Not an escorted ride – spotters only – not a race and riders should ride in their own groups

Harvey Hamburgers again will be providing the food in Hamilton

The cost this year is \$25.00 per rider

Jim Friend added that at the Super Bike Show at the International Centre they were able to raise over \$3800.00 in loose change from the show goers

“y-not motorsports” is raffling off a race truck with proceeds to go to Toma  
Only 3000 tickets to be sold at \$10 each or 3 for \$25. There will also be a 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize draw. Leather jackets and a weekend hotel package. For \$2.00 anyone can sign their name on the truck.

A short discussion among the group regarding the fatal accident last year and the loss of Southern Durham Cruiser rider Jennifer Sultana. Jennifer’s family do not have any hard feelings towards Toma or any of its organizers. There will be an award presented in her memory to the rider bring in the largest donation.

The 2006 RKMC International Convention in New York City was discussed by most of the members present.

Leo and Henry gave an overview of the convention

Registration handouts to all

Norm noted how much fun the conventions are and not all business.

The members were encouraged to attend the convention and register early

Easy registration on line at the New York Riders web site.

Henry reminded the meeting of the Perry Carter Red Knight of the Year Award nominations are due in by March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006. This award is presented each year at the convention.

Henry asked us to consider the Ontario Logo that Ontario 7 uses as a province wide logo. Leo explained the legalities of trademark licensing and registration through the office of the International Quarter Master. At the present time the International Quarter Master has been very busy with both personal and club duties. Logo an ongoing issue.

Recommendation from Jim Friend:

Regarding the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Books.

Very poor sales – as far as we know, only about 20 books ordered.

Recommendation that each chapter purchase a leather bound, gold embroidered book for their chapter at an approximate cost of \$97.00 cdn.

Leo spoke on this issue with a little history. The International will buy 50 books to use as gifts and presentations. The bigger problem has been the lack of contributions from chapters and individual members. (Bios). The presidents may not be getting the info out to the members. The books were to go to print in the spring of 2006. Cut off date of January 31, 2006 may be extended.

Norm Clapman spoke on the Info Booth – Super Show – International Convention Centre  
No cost

Brief history of Ontario 1 and a few other chapters helping out manning the booth  
Needs more bikes to be at the show.

There are prizes for bikes in club booths. Winners get their tickets covered for the show.

Booth has been very successful in recruiting new members and even new chapters.

Any suggestions and assistance for more bikes for the 2007 show welcome.

Banners and such available from the International

Only one show next year...no manufactures show in December.

Norm Clapman – Red White and Blue Ride

Brief history of this ride which is a toy ride in support of the Salvation Army.

At first it was a police ride and now includes Fire and EMS.

September 9<sup>th</sup> in Scarborough. Escorted ride – 250 – 300 bikes

Have had problems with parade permission for some areas

All welcome.

Leo – EIN

Leo gave an overview of the Employer Identification number situation

For the U.S. Chapters only.

Norm Clapman – Brief explanation regarding the 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> International Conventions.

Coffee Break

1445

Resumed

1505

### Creating a Provincial Association?

Henry requested Leo to chair this portion of the meeting

#### Leo Patry

It has been the aspiration of the International that state or provinces with more than 2 chapters create a state/provincial association.

Some of these ideas started after the 9 man board was created.

The RKMC is mostly an Eastern based club

There has been an increase in State/Provincial reps.

The International is looking for growth in the west and it is happening

This is a great value to the entire club

Bring Chapters together – get more involved

Encourage more rallies

Continue to encourage us as a socially active club

The Ohio State Association is a great example of the success everyone can enjoy

Gene Downs who is the Southern Director proved the worthiness of an

Association through the efforts of all chapters and Members helping out with the hurricane disasters of 2005.

Louisiana 1 was able to get money flowing to victims within 72 hours and assisted in billeting members families while the fire fighters were rescuing people

There may be amendments to the Help-A-Knight registry to aide with such disasters

Associations also create opportunities for Members who can not go to long distance rallies. They may be able and may be more interested in attending a function that is only a few hours or a day away. Creates growth, better riding, fellowship and communications.

The Red Knights is a social fraternal group. Fire Fighters who love to ride motorcycles. The best of both worlds to a lot of members and that is why they joined our club.

Leo and Henry are attending the Dixie Rally in Port Arthur Texas in May

Leo continued with a suggestion to all chapters. Be careful on how much time you spend on charities. The ages of our group is changing with a lot members still being in the heavy payments, mortgages loans etc. Club activity is meant to be stress relieving.

#### Creating an Association

Only three chapters required to form the Association

Funding possibly \$25.00 per chapter

Only need \$200 - \$300.00

First order of business – Henry’s position is up for election 2006  
Explanation of who the officers of the Association must be as per the Constitution.

Bill Snodgrass very good expert at creating constitution – may use Ohio’s as an example

Executive should only need to meet two or three time a year.

Would expect one 2 day rally a year which would include a Exe meeting

Also the possibility of a one day rally/get together

Nomination of Provincial Representative – RKMC – 2 year term

Brian Kennedy nominated Henry Heideman. Seconded by Lorne Cornell

Henry Heideman nominated Jim Friend. Seconded by Norm Clapman.

Leo read article 3:22 from the constitution outlining the duties and responsibilities of the position.

Henry Heideman elected as Provincial Representative – Ontario

Motion moved by Jim Friend that we as a group create a Provincial Association as outlined in the International RKMC Constitution and by-laws. Seconded by Norm Clapman. Crd.

A Charter application will be sent to the International Secretary.

Further discussion regarding examples of constitutions both provincial and chapter.

After some light hearted debate, the group volunteered the following positions in support of the newly created Provincial Association

Vice President	Jim Friend – Ontario 14
Secretary	Norm Clapman – Ontario 1
Treasurer	Mike Wilkins – Ontario 2
Road Captain	Wylie Welsh – Ontario 12

Open chat by all members.

Henry thanked everyone for the support. Meeting adjourned at 1640 hrs.

The newly created Executive had a short meeting deciding on their first meeting to be in Milton on Saturday June 24<sup>th</sup>.