

4 April, 2009 Meeting Minutes

Attendees

Kevin Key Smith	ORRA President	Brampton Motorcycle Association
Marlene Steele	ORRA Controller	Zen Riders MC
Michael Raber	ORRA Safety Director	Zen Riders MC
Mike Gnoyke		BMW Motorcycle Club Ontario
Rick McCalla		Brampton Motorcycle Association
Mike Bossio		French Connection Riders
David Snodgrass	ORRA Editor	ICBA Hamilton Chapter
Barrie Ward		ICBA Hamilton Chapter
Kelly Ripley		ICBA London Chapter
Al Savoury		NA 40+ Riders
Rod Dore		NA 40+ Riders
Towser		Parry Sound Motorcycle Association
John Milner		Sheridan Motorcycle Instructors
Liz Jansen	MCC Ontario Rep	Brampton Motorcycle Association

Absentia Rights

Bruce Pooler MTA1 – Ontario

Guests

Dan Independent Freedom Riders
Joel Independent Freedom Riders

The ORRA Executive welcomed everyone and all attendees introduced themselves. Special thanks to Bar and Hedy Hodgson and the International Motorcycle Supershow for providing the meeting room today.

The previous meetings minutes were accepted by Mike Bossio and Mike Gnoyke.

Controllers Report

Marlene provided a detailed breakdown of our financial standing. It was accepted as read.

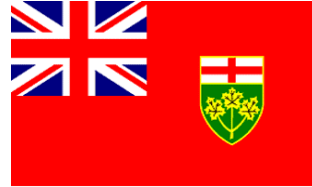
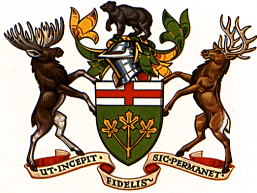
Safety and Awareness Report

The Spring Tune-up will be held on 26 April 2009 at 11:00 am in the GO Station parking lot at 699 Westburne Drive in Vaughn and will last 2 to 2.5 hours depending on how many riders attend. Please contact the ORRA executive if you are attending with approximate number of riders so that we can staff it accordingly. Mike pointed out that he is now the Chief Instructor at Centennial College (congratulations Mike) and can arrange for more instructors if required. Mike has confirmed that the White Knights will participate again as well as Rosy Toes who will

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perform circle checks on motorcycles on a first come first served basis. Ian Blake from the Toronto Sun will be attendance as will other members of the local media. The rain date is the following week.

The new pamphlet is completed and awaiting printing.

The poster campaign drafts have been finalized and Rod Dore, who graciously offered his assistance, had a hard of the posters to pass around for comments. Some people commented that a small poster size is required at some facilities so it is likely that 2 sizes of posters will be produced. The posters were well received. Well done Rod. ORRA would like to thank the GWRRA volunteers who posed for the posters and Powersport Junction in Guelph who graciously donated the space, bikes, and their own time for the Sunday shoot.

The thought on the bus sign campaign was that the duration is too short, reaches only a limited audience and would not give us the coverage and return on investment expected so it will be dropped.

Marlene presented a draft bumper sticker for review. It was well received and will be placed on over 2,000 Canada Cartage fleet vehicles. ORRA members will likely be solicited to assist in this matter.

The road signs are complete and a sample was available for viewing. Members can pick them up after the meeting. The balance will be sent out. The intent is that all ORRA road sign campaign participants will place these signs in high visibility areas so that car drivers are aware that motorcyclists are back on the road. Rick pointed out that Brampton has recently enacted a road sign bylaw banning signs from public property. Please ensure that your sign placement complies with all local bylaws.

Mike went on to state that ORRA reviewed some safety videos we are considering purchasing. These will be available to the Member groups upon request. Zenriders will be showing them at their booth through-out the show.

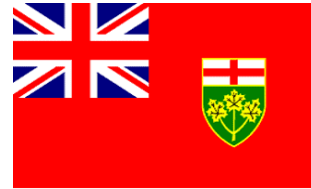
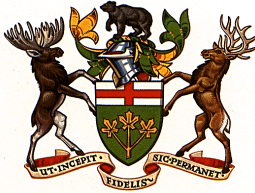
There was a lot of discussion about Bill 117 which limits the age of a passenger to 14 or older. All members are encouraged to sign the petition attached to the ORRA meeting minutes. Please return these to ORRA once they are complete. Clubs are encouraged to write and visit their local MPP as this bill requires only one more reading. The Select Committee hearing is not open to the general public so to get a position speaking or sit in the gallery you must contact Jonathan Brickwood at jonathan_brickwood@ontla.ola.org or call him at 416-325-3500.

Mike further stated that ORRA should continue to pursue motorcycle access to the HOV lanes in keeping with the petitions signed a few years ago. It was agreed that once the urgency of Bill 117 had passed we would recommence our efforts on the HOV lanes. It was also noted again that this only applies to 400 series roads and that some "diamond" lanes are under regional control and therefore different rules apply. Check your regional requirements and report back to us.

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Web-site

A poll was taken and the general consensus was that the website has been steadily improving. It was suggested that a direct link to the map for the Spring Warm-up be added including the time and date.

MCC Update

Liz Jansen the Ontario representative for MCC gave us an update;

The Women Riders Council is fully functional and some MCC WRC members will attend the AMA Womens Congress later this month. They will give us an update for the next meeting.

Liz stated that MCC has hired 2 new staff to deal with the current volume of work, Marcia Barrett is the new Association liaison.

MCC receives money for every new motorcycle purchased directly from the MMIC on behalf of the new rider. This will provide a consistent source of financing for MCC. The new rider can get a 1 year free MCC membership if so desired. ORRA will still have to pay 1 dollar per member to join MCC.

MCC commented that the MCC website has a Members area which requires a password that no-one has. MCC stated that this area has nothing "behind it yet" as it is a work in progress. They will assign ORRA a password once construction has been completed.

MCC has also negotiated service discounts for members at Sell off Vacations, Choice Hotels, Budget Car Rental, Inside Motorcycles magazine, Canadian Motorcycle Hall of Fame banquet, MCC Motorcycling RPM Conference, and MCC apparel.

MCC is also promoting International "Ride Your Motorcycle To Work Day" on 15 June, 2009. Postcards with the details were handed out to attendees. If you e-mail them details of your ride, you are entered into a raffle for MCC swag.

Open Floor

The Executive noted they finalized the purchase of a policy that will change our insurance renewal date from mid-November to 30 January. Rick asked is anyone has requested increased coverage for their event this year. The answer is not yet. The Members collectively asked for the copy of certificate. ORRA executive will continue to pursue this and it will be forwarded via mail. ORRA remind everyone to give us at least 2 weeks notice if a named third party is required on a certificate.

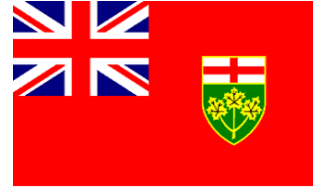
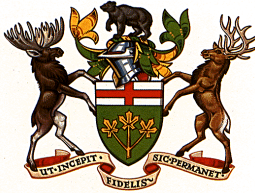
Mike noted that anyone completing their M2 exit exam get their M license with a restriction limiting them to 3 wheeled vehicles. He also noted the new licensing required for mopeds and other limited speed vehicles.

Mike noted that places offering Canada Safety Council courses may now also offer any introduction to motorcycling course for 3 hours to see if you are even interested in taking the full course. No temporary license is required, only a helmet and riding gear. This came about as a lot

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of people drop out on day one of the full course, so it is thought that with a short, cheaper course, more people will take it and continue on to take the full course.

Rick noted that some Insurers have separate policies that cover your personal effects such as helmets and leathers, so read your policy carefully. Thanks Rick.

One of the members stated that in Quebec the quick coupler latch for your helmets is banned and that the QP are actually cutting the straps off on non-compliant helmets. The general consensus was that helmets should not be modified at all, ever. They should be worn with all Manufacturers original parts. You should also familiarize yourself with local laws when planning your ride in order to avoid this type of incident.

Dan from the Independent Freedom Riders joined us as a guest today along with Joel. Dan stated that they are a small group who ride out of the Kitchener Waterloo area and they support the local charities dealing with issues regarding the homeless. Welcome both and congratulations on your good works.

Marlene provided samples of badges and pins that ORRA can order based on the new logo. Approximate cost is 2.50 each or a badge and a pin for 5.00.

The ORRA Member Relations on the Executive is vacant. Anyone wishing to volunteer please contact us through the website or talk to the executive after the meeting.

Upcoming Meetings

3 January 2009 – Mississauga at the International Motorcycle Supershow

4 April 2009 – Mississauga at the International Motorcycle Supershow

6 June 2009 – Ottawa Region – Location tbd (May tie in with Memorial ride and BBQ at Mikes)

12 September 2009 – Parry Sound, Location tbd

24 October, 2009 – St. Thomas, Location tbd

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