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Letter From The New President

As many of you may , or may not know ,there has been a recent change in the board of directors for the Northern BC Chapter. On November 2 2008, the board held a general meeting which was open to all members. Attendance was very limited, but the meeting proceeded as planned. The general content of this meeting was to hold nominations and elections for a new board.

Up for election were the following positions, President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. There were no nominations for any of the positions, so those that had previously expressed interest in them, stepped into the prospective positions by acclamation. Let me take a moment to introduce your new board. President is myself Darryl Laing . Keeping the position of Vice President is Wayne Balcaen. Also keeping her position as Treasurer is Mary Anne Schram, and stepping into the position of Secretary is Lori Laing.

As some of you may know, our past President, Laura Head, has stepped out of her position due to personal issues. I, along with the rest of the board would like to take a moment to thank Laura for her hard work and dedication to A.I.M. over the past year. We wish all the best to both Laura and her husband Bob, and hope for all the success in the future. Thank you again for your time and effort .

As we usher in a new year, and a new board, we have what I hope will be some exciting new plans in mind. We as a board have discovered the need for more promotion of our organization. We will be looking at several different ideas, and as always we will be looking to our membership for ideas and help executing any and all of our plans.

Among these new ideas, we would like to introduce a new event starting in August of 2009. This was the idea of a dear friend Alwynn Long, who we lost this past Thanksgiving to cancer. It was Alwynn's wish that we start a ride to benefit the Hospice House here in Prince George. This will be a joint effort put forth by both A.I.M. and the Vintage Motorcycle Club of Prince George, both of which Alwynn was a loyal member. The tentative date is August 15, 2009 for the 1st Annual Alwynn Long, Ride for Hospice.

As always, there is a strong need for volunteers to help in anyway possible. From helping organize and run events, to doing Hospital visits to sick and injured members and their families. More information on the need for volunteers will be made available at the next meeting which will be announced in the next week or so.

Once again, thanks to the past board, and welcome to the new board and members to A.I.M. It is my goal as President, to make this chapter something we can all be proud of, so lets all band together and get involved.

Sincerely D. Laing

Serving over 250,00 on-and-off road motorcyclists throughout the province, A.I.M. is a benevolent, non-profit society registered under the provincial Societies Act and holding a Federal Charitable Tax Number. A.I.M. is committed to assisting injured motorcyclists by providing legal assistance, knowledge of rights, assistance with emotional support as well as regular hospital visits and by helping with aspects of recovery not covered by other agencies. It is operated solely by volunteers and relies on memberships and donations for funding.

Letter from A.I.M.-Can President

Once again we find ourselves locked in winters cold embrace with our noble steeds safely stored in the barn. If you are like me, winter is a time to reflect on the past years events and rides. The year started out with every intention to hit all the big functions (dreamers) like Slack Alice's, the Pig and Fin, Toad Rock and then of course the Boogie Bash. Then "Murphy" reared his ugly head and one thing or another got in the way. I received an invite from the Kelowna chapter to attend A.I.M.'s 20th anniversary BBQ at the 4 mile Ranch, unfortunately Nicki had to work so I had to go stag. I very much enjoyed meeting some of the founding members and participating in honouring and thanking them for their years of service to the riding community. We did manage to make it to Toad Rock for the first time and we were very impressed with the event. I had talked with Mary (the owner of the campground and event organizer) via email and she left Nicki and me a couple of complementary tickets at the gate. Thanks Mary! What a great time we had. We got to catch up with old friends and made a lot of new friends. The bike games were a lot of fun to watch and Nicki sure enjoyed the Green Jell-O slide! (She was green all over for a day or two!)

The next event was supposed to be the Boogie Bash on the August long weekend, however (Murphy again!) the RCMP decided they did not want us big bad bikers to have our event in Rock Creek and refused to issue us a liquor licence. Not only did it annoy the event organizers but also the town of Rock Creek who very much wanted us to return to their town. The upshot of the whole thing was that we had to postpone the event until the September long weekend and have it at the old 8 mile ranch (now the Heartland Ranch) which because of the last minute changes knocked our attendance in half! (Thanks a lot RCMP!) Now, that being said, Nicki and I still had a blast at the Bash. Dale (the Kelowna president) arranged for us to stay in a travel trailer which was awesome. It was not until the last night that I figured out, with the help of a new friend, how to warm up the trailer. Lol. The plus 3 temp was a bit too cold for poor Nicki. Although this was the 2nd Boogie Bash that Nicki had attended it was the first one that she got to participate in the bike games. We entered into the 2 up slow up race and I won the plank race. The wienie bite was the one Nicki was the most nervous about but what a champ! She bit it on her very first try! That's my girl! After the long ride back to Prince George both Nicki and I have come to realize that although we love riding the bike, the long trips on it have to go the way of the Dodo, because we both have injuries and medical conditions that make it extremely painful to ride long distances any more. Oh well I guess the next best thing is to trailer the noble steed. Well I guess its time to shovel some of the filthy white stuff and dream of the next years events.

PS: Don't forget to take some time this holiday season to remember our fallen brothers and sisters and keep in touch with their families. Remember they are our families now and forever.

Your grateful National President (AIMCAN)

CLIFF HAMMOND (SHOTGUNN)

Schedule of UpComing Events

- April 2009: Rev-Up to Spring Dance - Details to be announced
- May 2009: Motorcycle Awareness Month
- June 2009: Father's Day Show 'N Shine Downtown PG
- July 3-5, 2009: Toad Rock 2009
- August 2009: Boogie Bash - August Long Weekend - Location to be announced
- August 2009: 1st Annual Alwynn Long Ride for Hospice - Tentatively set for August 15, 2009

Some Web Pages for Riders

<http://www.aimcan.com>
<http://www.beltdrivebetty.com>
<http://www.bccom-bc.com>
<http://www.bikerornot.com>
<http://www.canadianbiker.com>
<http://www.cmdra.com>

Letter from Vice President

This story can fit 150-200 words.

One benefit of using your newsletter as a promotional tool is that you can reuse content from other marketing materials, such as press releases, market studies, and reports.

While your main goal of distributing a newsletter might be to sell your product or service, the key to a successful newsletter is making it useful to your readers.

A great way to add useful content to your newsletter is to develop and write your own articles, or include a calendar of upcoming events or a special offer that promotes a new product.

You can also research articles or find "filler" articles by accessing the World Wide Web. You can write about a variety of topics but try to keep your articles short.

Much of the content you put in your newsletter can also be used for your Web site. Microsoft Publisher offers a simple way to convert your newsletter to a Web publication. So, when you're finished writing your newsletter, convert it to a Web site and post it.

Membership

A.I.M. is the leading organization supplying assistance to injured motorcyclists. Your membership helps to support that cause. We believe that all motorcyclists, and their families, benefit from A.I.M. through hospital visitations, direction for legal and other assistance, and moral support.

A.I.M. is a 100% volunteer organization, which is registered in the Province of British Columbia as a non-profit society.

A.I.M. Northern B.C. Chapter Dues

- Cdn. \$20.00 - Single Member
- Cdn. \$30.00 - Couple

Application Form



Alliance for Injured Motorcyclists of Canada
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Prince George, BC V2M 5Y6

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Prov: _____

Postal Code: _____ Email: _____

Phone: 250-_____ Cell: 250-_____

Would you like to volunteer?

Would you like information by email?

Return this application with your payment to the address above. Make cheques payable to: Association for Injured Motorcyclists



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History of A.I.M.

In 1983 a group of Vancouver BC motorcycle accident victims established the "Association for Injured Motorcyclists." They intended to provide moral and financial support to accident victims and their families as well as references to legal support, rehabilitation sources, etc.

In 1988 the Vancouver Chapter began establishing chapters throughout the Province of BC. These chapters applied for, and were registered under, the BC Societies Act and became autonomous organizations. Because there was no central organization, only non-binding agreements could be put in place at informal meetings.

In 1996 these chapters agreed they needed a body to regulate the organization, to control the growth of the movement, and use the logo (pictured at the right) and name.

On May 24, 1996, the "Alliance For Injured Motorcyclists Canada" was created and has since been registered as a Canadian non-profit corporation.

New chapters have been established in Prince George BC and Lethbridge AB that operate under the national organization's charter and are A.I.M. CAN chapters.

Purpose

Our objective is to provide assistance to motorcycle accident victims and their families by...

Chapters

Establishing chapters in every province of Canada to provide direct assistance where needed.

Support

Providing the necessary framework for the operation of chapters through consultation, networking, and the provision of instructional training manuals, and startup assistance.

Participation

Carrying the concerns of our members and chapters to all levels of government, participating with other organizations to promote awareness and programs of support for those injured, and joining with others to promote safe motorcycling programs.

Governance

Conducting the administration of the organization and ensuring that standards of program, fundraising, and victim assistance are maintained. Ensuring the general reputation of the organization is protected from abuse or misuse.

The Board of Governors and Executive Officers of A.I.M. CAN are unpaid volunteers who serve you because they believe in assisting their brothers and sisters in need.

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Half Page	\$ 65.00	\$ 225.00
Full Page	\$ 125.00	\$ 450.00

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