



SEVEN TURNS

FINALLY... A DAY OFF

This past summer Liz Clubine, our graphic artist, riding her Honda CBR600RR and I on my Suzuki SFV650 headed to Shelburne, Ontario to take part in a women's networking ride hosted by Trillium Motorcycle Tours.

Trillium Motorcycle Tours was founded in 2003 offering single to multiple day get-a-ways, to custom self-guided tours, hands-on workshops and personalized coaching for groups or individuals.

The details are carefully selected and arranged by Liz Jansen and her staff and all you need to do is enjoy the ride.

Seventeen women in total took part in the day's ride which left from Caledon and ended up in Walter's Falls. This pre-planned route took us winding through some scenic paved county roads and, as we found out, some which were less paved than they had been the previous week – and were now sporting a fresh layer of gravel. Although it slowed us down a little it really did not dampen our spirits, as this was truly an enjoyable day to ride.

On the dining patio of the Walter's Falls Inn we had a chance to introduce ourselves and chat about our different occupations, bikes and road-trips we've been on and I never once thought of work.

One of our group who I have had the pleasure of meeting twice now was Lorraine Sommerfeld –journalist extraordinaire for the Toronto Star. I enjoy reading her column in the Wheels section every Saturday. Lorraine admits she has tried to get a bike licence without being successful and believes she is a much better passenger –and we all should thank her for that.

Bikes ranged from sport bikes to fully dressed cruisers—and I would think the average age is no one's business...on that day we were all just glad to be riding and not working.

Thanks Liz for organizing such a relaxing tour, and feel free to call me on any Wednesday if there is a whisper of a ride in the wind. For more on Trillium Motorcycle Tours check out www.trilliumtours.com or call (519) 943-1131.

The motorcycle shows are now in the planning stages and I am thrilled that one of my favourite vendors, Kate King Jewellery is going to be coming to the Toronto Motorcycle show in December as well as Calgary, Edmonton and Vancouver in January. Kate showcases a collection of pendants, unique in design and quality. I have collected a pendant (*or two!*) over the past couple of years and receive compliments on them at least five times a week. So check out Kate's booth, you can't miss it as it is the one that lights up the aisle with sparkles.

Congratulations to Lesley Gearing who was named as one of the influential riders of Canada at the recent International Women & Motorcycling Conference in Colorado, August 19 - 22, 2009. I know Lesley will have some great stories from this event so I will leave it up to her to fill us in on the details in an upcoming issue. **MMM**

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