



VARILITE™ has made the Evolution Back even better. Now with longer pin bars for greater angle and seat depth adjustment, additional shell slots for flexibility in mounting, new shim material and lower profile shell edge trim. The T shaped hex wrench replaces the L shaped one.



Smart Wheel™



Game Cycle™

Medtrade in Las Vegas

Medtrade Spring is established as the mid-year event for thousands of home-medical and rehab providers, distributors and manufacturers' representatives. We attended the event again this year to primarily support partners at KENDA and VARILITE™, but to also take the opportunity to see the new products, technologies, or techniques being offered. MEDiChair held their conference in conjunction with this event which was attended by more than 5000 home healthcare professionals.

We brought in Eric Larson, University of Illinois and Balance Wheelchairs to demonstrate his innovative technology and will organize a demonstration at the People in Motion Show.

We took the opportunity to meet with Ron Boninger, Natural-Fit™ Hand rims and are now able to announce that we have his product in stock and ready to ship.

Natural-Fit™ Hand Rims

The Natural-Fit™ is one of the most extensively researched wheelchair hand rims. One study that tested the Natural-Fit™ was funded by the National Institute of Health (NIH) through their Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) program. And, more recently, a survey of Natural-Fit™ Hand rim users was conducted to examine self-reported outcomes of using the hand rim. Both of these studies are summarized on their web site, but the upshot is that When asked to compare propelling with the Natural-Fit™ to propelling with their prior hand rims, 85% reported less fatigue, 80% reported less pain in their wrists, 65% reported less pain in their shoulders, 93% said it was better than a standard rim!



Their web site has information on carpal tunnel syndrome and repetitive stress injuries and other wheelchair propulsion biomechanics. We look forward to showing their product at the upcoming www.people-in-motion.com show June 3-4 in Toronto. Check them out at www.3rivers.com and take a look at their other products, the Smart Wheel™ and Game Cycle™.

Balance Wheelchairs

Eric Larson and a team of Industrial Design students developed a new product to give athletes in various sports better control and maneuverability over the chair. They labeled it the Balance Wheelchair and have received significant support from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and an E-team grant from the National Collegiate Inventors and Innovators Alliance. We will have a demonstration of this technology at the www.People-in-motion.com show as well.



*Toronto Spitfires
with 265 years of
experience
between the 9
players captured
the CWBL Finals!*



*"The first Quattro
built in North
America (TQ329C)
went to Shayne
Smith, National
Junior Wheelchair
Basketball Team!"*

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CWBL Finals in Winnipeg

We were pleased to assist the Manitoba Wheelchair Sports Association and honor the 2005 All-Stars, Sportsperson, and MVP



at the 2005 edition of the Canadian Wheelchair Basketball League Finals held in Winnipeg April 15-17. As many of you know, we have been very involved in sport and active living for people with a disability and, in particular, wheelchair basketball. This event saw the Toronto based Spitfire team get through the conference and win it all at the finals. Thank you very much to the companies in the banner above who acted as corporate sponsors throughout the year and at this event.

Building in North America

If I had a nickel for every time I have heard someone say, "there is not much to that chair, I could make one of those," I would be a rich man! We have made great strides on producing the RGK wheelchairs here in North America, but there is a lot of growth and development in the works yet to be able to say that we are a well oiled machine. It is extremely gratifying to see us evolve to this stage and we are looking forward to the next six to 12 months which will see us refine our processes and make sure we have an adequate number of people on board to achieve our goal of delivering all product in the lesser of the five to ten weeks from the date the order is confirmed. Unfortunately, with about 30% of our current builds we will be on or over the 10 weeks due to some issues out of our control and we ask folks to bear with us as we solve them and get on with reducing the time period to receive a truly **BESPOKE** RGK Wheelchair. At present, we are accepting orders, clarifying issues, having the order reviewed and confirmed at RGK in the UK and then having the imagery produced if required or we go straight to the production of the technical drawings. The technical drawing is then forwarded electronically to the production facility in Brockville and the units are fabricated, assembled, tested, and packaged for shipping.

Our packaging is a very durable 275 pound capacity double wall box with a full four sided fold in floor and a single color RGK logo/web site on two sides.

Bits and Bytes

- Thank you to Defi Sportif for another classic event and BC on the win!
- CWBA National Championships/CWBL Women's Finals May 20-22 in AB!
- Welcome aboard Allan and Paul!
- People in Motion Show June 3-4, Toronto, ON (RA Track Chair Debut).
- Telephone messages on Friday May 20th will be returned Tuesday.

BESPOKE PLUS helps market and promotes **RGK Wheelchairs**, **VARILITE™** Seating and Positioning Systems, **KENDA** Tires, **SPINERGY** Wheels, and other products through the North American company called **RGK Wheelchairs, Inc.**

If you have something that you think we should be expounding on, please contact us at your convenience in the manner of your choice.