

BESPOKE PLUS

"Pushing to be Better, Faster, and Stronger"

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Spring Shows

The spring and fall season has traditionally brought us together at various shows across the country; this year is no different as we are booked into the Calgary MEDIChair Education Day May 31, the CAOT Conference in Montreal June 1-2, and the People in Motion Show in Toronto June 2-3!

We look forward to catching up with you at these events and we thank Mable and Lloyd Haase for their assistance in Alberta, Frank Agozzino and Christian Lassera assisting Chantal Benoit at the Montreal event, and Brandi Pinder and Paul Herewyer helping out at the Toronto event.

This is a first for us having three display set ups at the same time across Canada. For more information on these three events you can check out the following web sites: www.medi-options.com www.people-in-motion.com .

Next Generation

New Lower Cane Clips

VARILITE® recently introduced "THE NEXT GENERATION OF EVOLUTION BACKTM HARDWARE" showing the continued commitment to innovation and improvement with the all-metal Evolution Back hardware. This lightweight aluminum hardware fits new and existing

Evolution Back systems using a single tool designed for single

handed installation and back rest removal! The new hardware allows for up to 15 degrees of seat-to-back angle adjustment without losing seat depth.

By using aircraft-grade aluminum, the Evolution Back™ remains very lightweight. An 18 inch regular back only weighs 4.2 lbs with the all-metal

hardware making up only 8.5 oz. of the total system weight."

The next generation of Evolution Back hardware is now shipping with all new orders from the factory and is also available on the stock we carry; we strive to ship all *VARILITE*® product the day the order is received in our office.

The Evolution Back™ hardware has been showcased at the International Seating Symposium in Vancouver, B.C. in early March, at the Spring MedTrade in Las Vegas, and will be on display at RESNA in June in Atlanta.



Congratulations to Team BC who did a super job at the CWSA and Dr. Michael Riding organized Rugby Nationals in Halifax, NS May 12-14 by orchestrating a calculated one point win over Team Ontario in the division 1 final.

New Upper Cane Clips

New Order Forms



4rgk.com/downloads

Our offices in Orleans, ON will be closed on May 19th (Nationals), May 22nd (Victoria Day), and June 02nd (People in Motion). Telephones will be remotely answered on those days with product being shipped the following business day. If you have any concerns or questions, do not hesitate to call or email.

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Order Forms

All our new order forms are on-line at www.4RGK.com complete with confirmation of the differences in ordering a Hi-Lite and Hi-Lite with oversized tubing and the various Maxima frames that we have available.

It is official with Ontario residents that we have discontinued the Style and Ultima frames in favor of expanded Maxima and Hi-Lite offerings.

RGK Daily Use	CANADIAN DOLLARS	
	Chrome-Moly Frame	Titanium
HI-LITE	\$3500	\$4550
HI-LITE Over Size Tubing	N/A	\$5,275
HI-LITE 3	\$3500	\$4550
MAXIMA	\$3500	\$4550
Maxima - M2	\$3500	\$4550
Maxima - M2 All Terrain	\$3500	\$4550
Maxima - M2 Kids	\$4000	\$5100
Maxima - Max Lite		\$5135
RGK Active Living	Chrome-Moly Frame	Titanium Frame
PERFORMANCE	\$3300	\$4350
QUATTRO	\$3350	\$4450
GRAND SLAM	\$3300	\$4350
INTERCEPTOR	\$4350	\$5200

Axle Adjustment

In another life, in what seems a long, long time ago, manufacturers used 7/16 inch bolts to hold the rear wheels on chairs. That bolt was in the grade five neighborhood and we used to break them going down a curb if we did not land on both wheels. A lot of people carried an extra bolt strapped to the



frame somewhere as it, to say the least, was a bit embarrassing sitting on the street beside the curb with no way of getting that back wheel on. Thankfully, with the advent of Quadra and other ultra-light chairs, the quick release ½ inch axle came into use and I recall the sales presentation which read "withstands 20,000 pounds of pressure per square inch" which made it grade eight and better. The number of those axles on

the market today has mushroomed and every manufacturer uses a little different length to do the job. We use 120 mm for most daily use rear wheels and 130 mm for Spinergy Spox wheels. Each axle may be adjusted for tightness (or to include a small spacer for some of us) by simply securing the one end from spinning while adjusting the nut inward or outward. In the case of the quick release pictured on the right, the handle is adjustable.

Bits and Bytes

- Congratulations to Team Alberta winning Defi 2006;
- Congratulations to Team BC at Rugby Nationals 2006;
- CWBA Nationals in Kitchener, ON May 19-21;
- MEDIChair Calgary Education Day May 31 Calgary, AB;
- CAOT Conference and Show June 1-2 Montreal, QC;
- ECO Medical Education Day June 2 in Edmonton, AB;
- People in Motion June 2-3 in Toronto, ON.

See Bespoke Plus @ 4RGK.com

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If you have something that you think we should be expounding on, please contact the editor, Reg McClellan.