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CSMC 25th

We will be attending the 25th Anniversary of the Canadian Seating & Mobility Conference this year and thank **Randy Willett, Ming Chang, and Doug Munsey** for their help to date on the show. **Randy & Ming** with **Varilite®** and **Doug** with **Ki Mobility**.

Theresa Risi promises that this year's program will once again offer an exciting and interesting variety of topics for all who work in the area of assistive technology.

The Conference program consists of educational workshops, paper and poster presentations as well as keynote speaker **Aimee Mullins!**

The theme focuses on **25 Years of education and what better way than to play host to the 15th Annual OTA and PTA Seminar for Humber College!**

49 Bespoke Inc.

RGK Wheelchairs, Inc., was officially renamed 49 Bespoke Inc., in September 2009. This took place as a result of growth in the scope of the legal entity originally formed to bring RGK Wheelchairs to North America. After a decade of marketing and promoting RGK Wheelchairs and strengthening relationships with **Varilite®**, **Ki Mobility**, **Kenda**, along with other fine manufacturers, Russel Simms and Greg Eden sold their shares in the company to Reg McClellan. Although the logos for those companies have always been front row and center, it has been a goal to come up with a generic name.



We chose to use the numbers 4 and 9 with the English term for custom made "Bespoke" and to add the legal incorporated requirement. The significance of the 4 and 9 relate to Reg McClellan's privilege to have worn the number 4 for over 20 years on the men's national wheelchair basketball team and an honor that his partner shares having wore the number 9 on the women's national team for 20 plus years. Visit us at booth 320 or see the New Product Walk where we will have the **Icon™ Backs** (attachment at trade show) from **Varilite®**, and the **Tsunami** and **Little Wave** from **Ki Mobility!**

Thanks CPA, Conval-Aid, Canpar

The third annual Canadian Paraplegic Association (CPA) Chair Leader event was held Wednesday May 12th on Parliament Hill. This event is co-hosted by The Right Honourable Stephen Fletcher Conservative Democratic Reform Minister, along with Liberal MP Mike Savage, and NDP MP Peter Stoffer was a resounding success with the work of CPA's Sylvia Haines, Bruce Drewett, and Bobby White. Twenty MPs and Senators used Ki Mobility Tsunami wheelchairs with either a Varilite® Evolution, Stratus, or Reflex cushion for the day. "It is exciting for us to be associated with such a tremendous event and we look forward to many more years of affiliation", said Doug Munsey, President of Ki Mobility, "and it is super to see 20 color coordinated Tsunami's bearing the CPA logo."



We thank Conval-Aid, Canpar, Ki Mobility, Varilite®, Kenda, and most of all CPA for making this event happen!

For any further information call Sylvia Haines at the CPA National Office 613-723-1033 extension 723 or send her an email at shaines@canparaplegic.org.

Ki Mobility Tsunami and Little Wave

The Tsunami is a rigid/adjustable offering from Ki Mobility. It has a sleek look, light frame, stiff, responsive ride, and is incredibly light. It is available in both Titanium and Aluminum, adult and pediatric.



Check them out at our booth/New Product Walk.

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VARILITE® Technology

VARILITE® cushions come in widths from 12 to 24 inches and tested to 750 pounds in the largest sizes. **VARILITE® Products have "Air-Foam Floatation Technology"** combining the best characteristics of air and foam!

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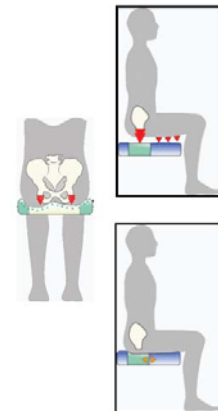
- Fluid and displaces under load
- Provides pressure relief

FOAM:

- Acts like a spring; compresses under load
- Provides support and conformation

Air-Foam Floatation – Key is immersion.

- The valve releases air to immerse the user in the foam
- Each cell of the open-cell foam provides support and distributes the pressure
- Increased immersion provides increased load distribution and greater stability
- Optimal pressure distribution is achieved over the largest possible area resulting in low surface tension



A VARILITE® cushion is dynamically supportive:

The combination of soft foam under the pelvis and firmer foam under the thighs creates continually adjusting forces that evens out the interface pressures.



ERGO Seating



RGK has been producing **ERGO** seating in their range of wheelchairs since the 90's. They supported the development of a body of work by Drs. Kees van Brueklen on this subject and he produced a paper in 2000 which was presented at the Canadian Seating and Mobility Conference (CSMC) September 19-21, 2007.

ERGO seating is the development of the wheelchair seat rail to use the most positive properties of the flat seat and the wedge seat to enhance the sitting posture, torso stability, pressure distribution, and wheelchair propulsion abilities for the end user.

Bits and Bytes

- CSMC May 18-20, 2010 Toronto Congress Center Toronto, ON;
- National Championships May 20-23, 2010 Saskatoon, SK;
- People in Motion Show June 4-5, 2010 Exhibition Place Toronto, ON;
- Invitation Kiewit June 12-13, 2010 Ste-Thérèse, QC;
- Coupe Canada 2010 Canada Cup June 18-20, 2010 in Longueuil, QC.

BESPOKE PLUS helps to market and promote **RGK Wheelchairs**, **VARILITE®** Seating and Positioning Systems, **KENDA**, and **Ki Mobility** products, along with Spinergy, Glance, Frog Legs, Schwalbe, Sun, MBL, Natural Fit, Blax, and other great products.

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