



BESPOKE PLUS

"If your work speaks for itself, don't interrupt"

Pierceland is Home



An unknown author wrote, "A house is made with walls and beams. A home is made with love and dreams."

In a recent trip to my home town of Pierceland, SK., I met a number of friends and refreshed memories that need to be in a book someday. The trip was to celebrate the life of my brother Bill and it provided opportunity to reminisce and reflect on his life and the impact he had on their lives as a person born and raised in the area who became a business leader, councillor, and mayor. The occasion reminded me of countless times that I have returned home and have had the ability to catch up with folks, remember the good times we had together, and how much friends for life means.

The celebration took place at the community hall and it was overflowing without the help of an open bar; a super feast prepared by the United Church Ladies Auxiliary kept people milling around and talking for hours.

For some people, home is where you hang your hat. For others, it is mindset. The people in Pierceland, SK., made it home for Wally and it will always be home to me with the warmest place in my heart.

Rolling Rampage



Founding Chair, Senator Vim Kochhar, has another successful Rolling Rampage on Parliament Hill October 10th thanks to the help of many folks. This event was co-chaired by The Honourable Yonah Martin and The Honourable Jim Munson. In addition, other committee members were The Honourable Kellie Leitch, Andy McInnis, Alain Boucher,

Amanda Fader, Christian Bourgeois, Brian MacPherson, Phil Trinh, Mannon Perreault, Dorothy Price, Mary-Ellen Shafer, Deborah Lewis, Kristin Doyle, Grace Seear, and Christian Dicks.

The event had plenty of support with PATRONS like His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston, *Governor General of Canada*, The Right Honourable Stephen Harper, *Prime Minister of Canada*, The Honourable Thomas Mulcair, *Leader of the Official Opposition*, The Honourable Justin Trudeau, *Leader of the Liberal Party* and HONORARY PATRON The Honourable Bal Gosal, *Minister of State (Sport)*, and HONORARY CHAIRPERSONS The Honourable Andrew Scheer, *Speaker of the House of Commons*, The Honourable Noël A. Kinsella *Speaker of the Senate*, The Honourable John Baird *Minister of Foreign Affairs*, The Honourable Jason Kenney *Minister of Employment and Social Development and Minister for Multiculturalism*, and The Honourable Julian Fantino *Minister of Veterans Affairs*, along with The Honourable Steven Fletcher, The Honourable Claude Carignan, and The Honourable James S. Cowan *Leader of the Opposition in the Senate*.



Logistically, Stu Ed, Conval-Aid provided the relay chairs for the Senators and MP's portion of this event. Getting 25 units together is no easy



feat and it was really appreciated. The pain was taken out of the movement of those units from Conval-Aids retail store at 2600 Lancaster Road, Ottawa, ON to and from Parliament Hill by Cole Eden, Canpar. We take this opportunity to also thank Jean Yelle of Jean M. Yelle & Associates Ltd. who filled in for me on short notice!

The top three women and men in the 10,000 meter race were: 1 DeRozario, Madison Australia 2 McGrory, Amanda USA 3 Roy, Diane Canada 1 Van Dyk, Ernst South Africa 2 Cassidy, Josh Canada 3 Casoli, Julien France.

Networking

When a group of like minded folks get together in business in the same company great things tend to happen. When they get together with others in the supply chain, profitability and other aspects of product delivery are refined. When they are with folks prescribing and delivering the products the relationships may become entwined with the need for increased sales. In this industry, there are a number of interpersonal relationships that on the surface may appear to be conflicting when you have manufacturer representatives, prescribing authorities, funding agents, care givers, dealers, distributors, etc., living with each other and or sharing intimate moments. These products that we are working with have a seductive appeal, bringing people together.

All to say, from an end user perspective, you have to be aware of the interest the professionals have in meeting your needs and understand that at the end of the day you have a responsibility to become your best resource so that you can filter out the information and find out what is going to best meet your needs!

FrogLegs, Inc.

Frog Legs have two types of suspension – Front and Rear.

Front suspension is designed to dissipate road vibration so that it does not enter the frame of the chair and transfer it to the rider. Rear suspension is designed primarily to reduce spinal compression experienced during curb drops and other living situations.

Frog Legs use a polyurethane dampener and that is the primary material used to eliminate vibration in most industries. Urethane is similar to a spring in that it has shape memory – it can be compressed and then return quickly to its size/shape after being distorted. However, when a spring is compressed it retains energy and reflexes it back into the system. When a polymer is compressed, it dissipates the energy as heat thereby completely eliminating it from the system.

The polymer used for Ultra Sport front forks are: MCP 40= Less than 80 lbs - MCP 50= 80-120 lbs - MCP60= 120-160 lbs - MCP 61= 160-220 lbs - MCP 71= 220-260 lbs - MCP 81= 260-300 lbs.

The polymers for the Big Rigs are: EZP 50= Less than 100 lbs - EZP 60= 70-180 lbs - EZP61= 180-250 lbs - EZP71= 250-400lbs MAX.

The polymers for the Rear Suspension, the older ultra sports, and Tilt N Space are: FLP 50= 80-120 lbs - FLP 60= 120-160 lbs - FLP 61= 160-220 lbs - FLP= 220-260lbs.

Changing of the polymers come with a recommendation to use the MCA TOOL from FrogLegs, Inc., as this tool will make it easier to get the holes lined up after the insertion of the polymer; without it you would need to use a lot of force to align the holes. The Prices of all of the polymers are \$15.00 CDN per Poly Retail.

Active Living (ALA)

The Active Living Alliance (ALA) for Canadians with a Disability has initiated a strategic planning process in celebration of their 25th anniversary and wants your help by completing a 15 minute survey on-line.

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Bits and Bytes

- 49 SCI Accessibility Expo in Ottawa, ON Nov 05;
- 49 The Prairie Seating Workshop Nov 5-6, Winnipeg, MB;
- 49 12th CFPDP Hall of Fame Dinner Toronto, ON Nov 05;
- 49 HHSC in-service Nov 20, Hamilton Noon!

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