



# BESPOKE PLUS

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

## CN Tower EdgeWalk



And now, if you are in a wheelchair you too can dangle off the CN Tower EdgeWalk 356M above Front Street! Just in time for the Parapan Am Games these two RGK TIGA's sporting the EdgeWalk colors and logos. Thank you to RC, Michael, Paul, Russel, and all the folks at the factory for turning this around just in time, and to Jon at Allenco along with Andrew at FEDEX for a job well done!

**WHO:** You! Pushing your personal limits to the Edge!

**WHAT:** Toronto's tallest extreme urban adventure.

**WHERE:** On the roof of the CN Tower's restaurant 356m/1,168ft above the ground!

**WHEN:** Bookings are now available. 1.5 hour total experience with a 20-30 minute outdoor wheel.

**WHY:** You want to experience the thrill of a lifetime and join an exclusive group of EdgeWalkers (Wheelers).

**HOW:** Buy a ticket, do the wheel, and get a keepsake video, printed photo, certificate of achievement, and re-entry to CN Tower with an Experience Ticket which includes access to the LookOut, Glass Floor, SkyPod, and attractions.

Thank you to everyone at the CN Tower EdgeWalk Program for making this happen; a special shout out to Tom Mellon, Manager Operations, Robert Ng, Associate Manager EdgeWalk, Holly Roach and David Gradziel at Centric Health, and Rich Vanderwal for their contribution. Thank you also to Jenny going above and beyond looking after us on delivery!

## ParaPan Games



The Parapan Games started in 1999 in Mexico City when the inaugural edition was held with 1,000 athletes

from 18 countries competing in four sports. I would have to research to find out what all the other games were called that brought the America's together but I remember the games in Mexico in 1975 held at the site of the 1968 Olympic Games. There were people selling their children outside the locked gates to the village, there was a copper boiler with a never ending feast of baked beans, and we had pink stoppers (pepto bismal and tequila) to keep us ahead of the water treatment and other foods that had an impact on foreign bodies!

These 1999 Games became a regional qualifying event for the 2000 Paralympic Games in Sydney.

The next Games in 2003, Mar del Plata, Argentina, there were 1,500 athletes from 28 countries competing in nine sports. Rio 2007 was a little smaller with 1,150 athletes from 25 countries competed in 10 sports, but it was the first Parapan Am Games to be held in the same city as its Pan Am counterpart, with just one Organizing Committee. Guadalajara 2011 saw the games grow again to 1,300 athletes from 26 countries competing in 13 sports.

The scope of Toronto 2015 Parapan Am Games has grown. An additional Day was added and there are 1,608 athletes from 28 countries competing in 15 sports.

We wish the competitors, coaches, administrators, volunteers, and everyone else all the best for their time in Toronto and when time allows to relax and see the sites, there is an RGK chair waiting for you at the top of the CN Tower!

## **KENDA Man**



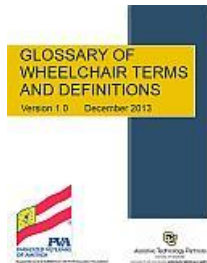
As quiet as his demeanour, Charles Li retired from Kenda Tire at the end of July 2015; no fanfare, no press release, just another day in the life of a business associate we are proud to call a friend.

We will miss the regular conversations and sharing time at trade shows. But, we will always remember a man of his word, a leader in a quiet way, walking the talk and appreciating the good in everyone!

## **VARILITE® Education**



**Susan Cwiertnia, PT, MS, ATP** then Clinical Education Specialist at **VARILITE®** and now Director of Medical, contributed to the production of two education resource books (A Clinical Application Guide to Standardized Wheelchair Seating Measures of the Body and Seating Support Surfaces, Revised Edition and Glossary of Wheelchair Terms and Definitions, Version 1.0) available for \$129.00 US and \$49.00 US respectively or for free in PDF at:



<http://www.ucdenver.edu/academics/colleges/medicalschool/programs/atp/Resources/WheelchairGuide/Pages/WheelchairGuideForm.aspx>

## **MEDiChair Rockin'on**

There have been significant changes in the MEDiChair LP make up of companies in the last few months with many of the stores rebranding and opting out of the MEDiChair LP advantage. This has occurred despite the efforts of MEDiChair LP providing an improved infrastructure, strengthening their industry knowledge/expertise, and with a formalized strategic direction for the brand.

MEDiChair LP relay that they are rebuilding the infrastructure of the MEDiChair LP system and following

an aggressive strategic action plan to strengthen their position in the home health care industry in Canada. For a complete list of the current MEDiChair locations, visit their website at [www.medichair.com](http://www.medichair.com).

## **BATEC**

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MOBILITY



Batec Mobility has arrived in Canada! This power add-on to a wheelchair has the power to revolutionize the lives of individuals by providing an opportunity to access all services in their community without the hassle of getting in and out of a vehicle a number of times during the day.



This Spanish company has radically improved the mobility of people with disabilities by creating and selling innovative products designed by and for people with a disability. Their story is linked to the personal story of Pau Bach, a quadriplegic who founded Batec Mobility to bring the solutions he designed to other people with physical disabilities. They have received several awards since their foundation in 2006, both for entrepreneurship and for their commitment to employing people with a disability (presently more than half of the Batec team have a disability); check them out at [www.batec-mobility.com](http://www.batec-mobility.com).

## **Bits and Bytes**

- 49 Rehab Equipment Expo Sept 9, Richmond BC;
- 49 Italy and Spain travels Sept 11-18;
- 49 Boston Abilities Expo Sept 18-20;
- 49 Atlantic Rehab & Ed Conference Sept 23-25 Halifax, NS;
- 49 OSOT Conference Sept 25-26, Kingston, ON;
- 49 Rehacare Trade Fair/Show Oct 14-17 Dusseldorf, DE
- 49 Saskatoon & Regina Shows Oct 20 & 22 SK;
- 49 OSOT – Sheila Buck Oct 29, Kitchener, ON;
- 49 22<sup>nd</sup> CFPDP HOF Oct 30 TO with Galen G. Weston.

**BESPOKE PLUS** markets/promotes **RGK Wheelchairs**, **VARILITE®** Seating and Positioning Systems, **KENDA**, and **Batec Mobility** products, along with Spinergy, Glance, Spintek, Frog Legs, X-Core, Shox, CEW, Schwalbe, Sun Components, Natural Fit, MBL, Blax, and a host of other fine products. **Comments are welcome; contact the editor Reg McClellan in the manner you wish below.**