



Batec's & More at REE

We look forward to seeing folks on the west coast next week at REE (September 10th at the Richmond Oval, 6611 River Road, Richmond, BC).



Wondering what we do? We are like industry partners TAG and Nighthawk providing the dealer network in Canada with a number of products for ultra-

light mostly rigid wheelchairs and power add-ons; the smallest segment of the wheelchair marketplace in Canada. They would be the go-to place for many parts and accessories on the bulk of the folding, tilt and recline, and power products. And, if you need something sourced, go to Darryl at Nighthawk as he is well positioned to shop the world.

We will have Varilite® product at REE along with Spinergy, Softwheel, Sun Components, CEW, and other wheel sets, tires from Schwalbe, Kenda, Sentinel, IRC, Innova, Benoit Systemes, and from Batec we will have the Mini, E2, E2 Black Edition, Rapid, Para and Quad Hybrids and a lot more. All the Batec models have the same anchoring system, same type of structure, and varying power systems with different size wheels 16" - 305, 18" - 355, 19" - 387, 20" - 406. Batec models are designed for users with or without full hand function and there is even an offering for hemiplegics.



We will even have a prototype of Cheelcare's new offering called the CHEELCARE COMPANION.

Rehab Equipment Expo

The Rehab Equipment Expo (REE) is an annual event that provides an opportunity for manufacturers, dealers, prescribers, industry related folks, and end users of durable

medical equipment to congregate, share information, network, and otherwise be more informed. It will be held on Tuesday September 10th, 2019 8am - 4pm at the Richmond Olympic Oval 6111 River Rd, Richmond, BC, V7C 0A2. There will be Free Parking and Free Shuttle Service from Lansdowne Mall (Sky Train Station). Shuttle to and from REE will be every 10 - 15 mins and starts at 7am and Ends at 5pm. There will be a limited amount of pay parking available at the Oval. Admission is \$2 with Car poolers, cyclists, and transit users being free. Complimentary food and drink are provided. Some of the education schedule includes the following:

Jill Longhurst (PT) and Kevin Waldorf (OT) are the Regional Educators for Physio and Occupational Therapy for Vancouver Coastal Health. Part of the Professional Practice team, they provide support to clinicians and students, and are involved with regional education initiatives. They will provide a review of the new provincial Medical Equipment Provision Program (MEPP), including participating vendors (the Canadian Red Cross as primary vendor and seven additional vendors across the province) how to refer clients, and answers to frequently asked questions.

Dr. Mary Forhan is the Chair of the Department of Occupational Therapy and associate professor, Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine, University of Alberta. Dr. Forhan session will provide strategies to provide quality care that considers bariatric care needs of clients living with obesity.

Dr. Jaimie Borisoff is the Canada Research Chair in Rehabilitation Engineering Design at the BC Institute of Technology. His presentation will provide a brief overview of different attachable power-assist devices for manual wheelchairs. They will demonstrate front-, rear-, and push rim-activated power assist products and review the performance characteristics of each device category.

MaaS

WHILL and Scootaround have Teamed Up to Offer Mobility-as-a-Service (MaaS) a Model for Large Venues and Urban Transportation Worldwide. With WHILL's Intelligent

Personal Electric Vehicles (EVs) and Scootaround's device rental, repair and service platform, together they have the ability to evolve personal mobility and transportation.

MaaS is defined as the integration of various forms of transport services into a single mobility service accessible on demand. While long distance travel has been rapidly evolving and becoming more convenient for decades, limited innovation has been developed around moving shorter distances, especially for people with reduced mobility. The new MaaS model implemented by WHILL and Scootaround will combine WHILL's sleek and intuitive Personal EVs, which can easily maneuver indoors and effortlessly tackle rugged terrains, with Scootaround's worldwide rental, repair and mobility management services. Looking to provide a completely seamless travel experience for mobility users in areas with heavy traffic flow – i.e. large venues, airports, theme parks and hospitals – to 'last-mile' transportation, the shared MaaS vision is fueling the development of new products to meet changing market needs for assistive device use. For more information on WHILL, visit www.whill.us. For more information on Scootaround, visit www.scootaround.com. The Media Contact is Hannah Young, Uproar PR for WHILL/Scootaround 321-236-0102 hyoung@uproarpr.com.

CHEELCARE COMPANION

Cheelcare, a GTA based manufacturer, has developed a new product called the CHEELCARE COMPANION and it has some remarkable features:



cheelcare exceed your reach

- 49 Lightweight – less than 10 kgs – Ideal portable solution for car, sea, and air travel
- 49 Compact – Your perfect companion for your business meeting or trip to the mall
- 49 Quick release/connect and disconnect mechanism

- 49 Versatile – Fun outdoors and agile indoors
- 49 Smooth, powerful and fast – 3 speeds - comfortable ride on any occasion and place
- 49 Long range – 25 kms – Peace of mind, boost confidence and independency
- 49 Outstanding driveability – Turns in place and easily steers through narrow spaces
- 49 Sleek – Stylish design that empowers users to socialize and explore
- 49 Safe – Amazingly stable, feel safe and secure

More information may be found at www.CHEELCARE.com or by sending an email to info@cheelcare.com

Softwheel Demo Units

SoftWheel develops advanced in-wheel suspension technology to enhance personal mobility. Their innovative suspension system is engineered for use on a wheelchair, bicycle, and also for the automotive sectors. They are based in Tel Aviv, Israel and have strategic partnerships with leading global companies, such as NSK, Linamar, 49 Bespoke, and others.

The version 3.0 built here in Ontario has further reduced the actual wheel weight while maintaining their superior controlled suspension and is available in four (4) different stages (A. 55lbs. – 110 lbs. B. 110lbs. – 155 lbs. C. 155lbs – 200lbs. D. 200lbs – 300lbs). They are \$2,795.00 complete with anodized push rim and choice of tire through the dealer network in Canada.



We appreciate the super job Permobil Canada did for SoftWheel; they are a great partner in the industry. With them in mind, we have 25 pair of free demo wheels to go to a loving home. If you want to add suspension, give us a call!

Gone but Not Forgotten

We have said goodbye to some great athletes and friends in the last few weeks: Leroy Coates, SK, Rick Oak, SK, Garry Reid, BC, and Daniel Marcoux, QC. This publication cannot do justice to laying out their tremendous contributions to sport and entertainment so we will ask you to google them. Our condolences to all family and friends!

Bits and Bytes

- 49 2019 Birmingham Tennis Classic September 5-8, GTA;
- 49 Rehab Equipment Expo (REE) Sept 10 Richmond, BC;
- 49 Prairie Heart Show September 17 Regina, SK;
- 49 MEDiChair Show September 19 Saskatoon, SK;
- 49 Rehacare in Dusseldorf, Germany September 18-21;
- 49 CADA Event on ADP Challenges September 25, GTA;
- 49 OSOT & Therapy Now "Seating" October 23, Barrie, ON.

BESPOKE PLUS is the newsletter of 49 Bespoke Inc., which markets products from around the world designed to better meet the needs of people with a disability. We have grown up in sport, have a social service background, and have adopted an advocacy role in our business practice. Comments are welcome. Have a great Abilities Expo Toronto!