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The **FUTURE** of **LEARNING**

Motorcycle Group Visits Yamaha



Peter on 2008 R6.



John and Matt on Electric Scooter



Steve on 08 Raider

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Staff Profiles



Roy King, Professor (Motorcycle & Powersports). Roy is a Centennial graduate and has been teaching at SoT for 10 years. He is also a mechanic for the National Go-Kart Racing Team. Roy and Shirley have a son (Jonathan) and a daughter (Sarah). For Roy, Golf is not a game, it is a commitment. He also enjoys Oldtimers Hockey.



Michelle DeCoste, Chair (Aerospace & Motive Power). Michelle graduated from C.W. Jeffrey High School and received additional training at Centennial. She has an amazing 23 year old daughter (Krystle) who is currently in her third year at Laurentian. Michelle loves to read and travel. She also has two beautiful dogs (Beej and Bayley).



Jim Hooey, Professor (Automotive and Motorcycle). Jim is man of many talents including building furniture (out of trees he has personally cut down), building homes for Habitat for Humanity and appearing as an expert witness in civil and criminal cases. Jim and Ellie have a son (Jeff) and a daughter (Lisa) and not 1 but 2 SmartCars.

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Motorcycle and Powersports Class Visits Yamaha Motor Canada Ltd.

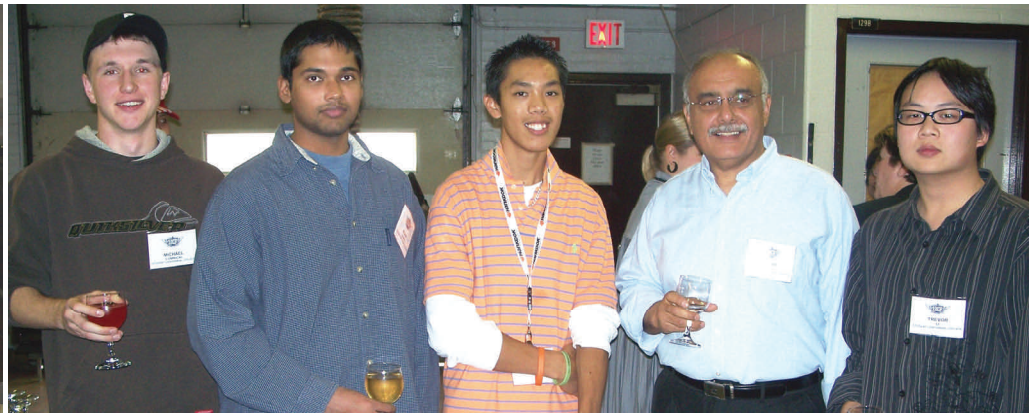
On Monday November 12, the Motorcycle and Powersports Class had a field trip to Yamaha Motor Canada Ltd. to see the inner workings of a powersports importer. The tour was led by Dave Shepherd, (Technical Specialist for Motorcycle and ATV's), with help from John Bayliss (Product Manager) and Rory Wong (Warehouse Manager). Some opening words by Jeff Waite (National Service Manager) started the morning followed by some Yamaha history and company facts from Dave.

An office tour was next, outlining where all the different departments were situated, then off to the warehouse to meet Rory. Walking through the almost 70,000 square foot warehouse filled with 15 million dollars of inventory was impressive. Almost 4,000 lines are shipped per day to 493 dealers across Canada.

The grand finale was a stop at the "5 star service shop" where some of the 2008 models were on display for us. John and Dave outlined some of the key features of the new models, and answered many questions from the students.

A return to the boardroom to receive some parting gifts and our tour was over.

Yamaha has conducted this tour yearly for the past number of years exclusively for the benefit of our post-secondary class of Powersports students as another example of their continued support of our School of Transportation at Centennial College. (Submitted by Professor R.S. King and his students).



OMVIC MEDIA EVENT: "KNOW YOUR RIDE"

On Thursday, November 15th., our Chrysler Lab hosted OMVIC's launch of the "Know Your Ride" program. The program is aimed at first-time used-car buyers (usually students) and delivers the message "If you're buying from a 'curbsider'...BEWARE!" The DVD "Know Your Ride" will be delivered to every high school in Ontario. Our School of Hospitality students demonstrated their culinary expertise by serving "Shaken Salads", hors d'oeuvres, brisket of beef and drinks.



The DISCOVER CENTENNIAL event held on Saturday, November 17 in SoT's Hangar drew more than 350 visitors to the Ashtonbee Campus.



Arnold Schwarzenegger views the Chevy Camaro Concept at the 2007 Auto Show in Los Angeles

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