



BESPOKE PLUS

"Pushing to be Better, Faster, and Stronger"

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Who is RGK?

The original RGK Wheelchairs was founded in 1988 by three individuals who use RGK products, Russel, Greg, and Keith ... hence the RGK. RGK Wheelchairs, RGK Wheelchairs, Ltd., RGK Italy, RGK Australia Pty Ltd., and RGK Wheelchairs, Inc., are all companies that market and promote the *BESPOKE* line of wheelchairs. The North America company was formed with Reg McClellan and it became known as RGK Wheelchairs, Inc.

We have operated more autonomously than the other entities and has expanded operations to include Canadian distribution of *VARILITE*® and Kenda products, along with a keen interest in providing the dealer network with a collection of wheels on the market today including Spinergy, Glance, Sorano, Sun, MBL, etc.

People in Motion Show

The 17th Annual People in Motion Show features 63,000 square feet of exhibits which include adapted vehicles, mobility aids, barrier-free design, rehabilitation services, home health care products, accessible travel, leisure activities, technical aids, employment information, corporate services and government programs. RGK Wheelchairs, Inc., is proud to be there for the sixth year in a row and we look forward to showing our products and discussing individual needs directly with end users of our products, as well as prescribing authorities, and the folks in the dealer network. We are happy to have the Ontario Paralympic Committee on-site this year as well.

Enjoy yourself at the www.people-in-motion.com show. Be sure to check out the dealers we have a relationship with and see us at booth E17-18-19 for the latest on happenings with RGK Wheelchairs, Varilite®, Kenda and American Airless, Spinergy Wheels, Natural-Fit Hand rims, Glance Wheels, Sorano Wheels, MBL and Frog Leg Products, KIK, r. a. designs, and more.

CAOT Conference in Montreal

Tanya Baglole, Communications Coordinator for the Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists has her work cut out for her with the 2006 CAOT Conference taking place in Montreal from June 1-3, 2006 at the Fairmont The Queen Elizabeth. The host committee is comprised of Daniel Bourbonnais, Johanne Desrosiers, Élisabeth Dutil, Isabelle Gélinas, Huguette Picard, Andréia R. Malisia and Pierre-Yves Therriault. The Chair of the Conference Scientific Program Committee welcomed everyone with a Conference theme that conveyed how occupational therapy is gaining momentum in developing evidence for occupation - the building block of the profession. She wants the Conference to be an opportunity for her colleagues to share their findings in this area and add to the growing body of evidence.

Their mandate, as the Conference Scientific Program Committee, was to produce a balanced program that meets the wide range of needs and interests of occupational therapists. The diversity of practice was extremely evident while reviewing the 399 papers submitted for presentation at the conference. This year, they were very pleased to receive about 20% of the abstracts in French. Due to the high quality and quantity of submissions, the final selection of abstracts was difficult and their overall acceptance rate was 59%. This conference program offers sessions that address the latest practice, research, education and professional issues.



We have a booth at this event to show our **VARILITE**® products and share the philosophy on **RGK ERGO Seating**. There have typically only been two basic types of wheelchair positioning available. **Horizontal Seat** - Giving acceptable pressure distribution with a neutral pelvic position. Trunk stability is however sacrificed along with propulsion efficiency. **Angled Seat** - Giving improved trunk stability and enhanced propulsion. The pelvis is however rotated rearward with the tendency for increased lordosis, combined with poor pressure distribution.



RGK's ERGO seating is well proven as a superior option for wheelchair users.



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The RGK Ergonomic Seating System is the superior option. The RGK Ergonomic Seating System combines the best of both elements to give the optimum in spine / pelvic positioning, pressure distribution and wheelchair propulsion. The seat may be angled with the exception of the rear section which is horizontal, the backrest is set vertical in the lower section for lumbar support, while the high section has a rearward angle to allow the natural kyphosis of the thoracic section of the spine. **Watch for the introduction of ERGO seating across product lines in the future!**

Thank You VARILITE®



How do you cover 9,976,140 square kilometers of land (only half of North America) with a product message.

Simple, you associate with a few good people who are quite capable of communicating in a manner that stands them and their organization in good stead and people who are comfortable resolving issues without pointing fingers and with all the confidence in the world that *"I am okay and so are you!"* Our company is involved in four shows at the same time in three provinces. Naturally, this stretches the human resources, but we are confident and very proud of the work that everyone is doing and take this opportunity to highlight a super effort by VARILITE®, in particular, International Sales Manager Kevin Coleman and Education Specialist, Dan Eilerman. MEDiChair Calgary held their Education Day May 31, inviting prescribing authorities and colleagues in the area. Organizer, Allan Jones, on the eve of the event had his hands filled with preparation and received the news that Dan, a major speaker, did not make the flight. It was looking a little gloomy until Kevin found a flight out of Vancouver and Dan chose to hop in his car and drive from Seattle to catch the first flight out the day of the presentation. Lloyd met him at the airport and whisked him down to the 10:30 presentation. There were a lot of happy campers when the "eagle landed", least of which was Allan and this writer! Thank you very much guys for coming through and doing a super job for the folks in Calgary!

Dan's presentation was on "Assessing a Seating System for the Long Haul" and included information on over-use syndrome, seating system performance areas, anterior-posterior rear wheel placement, superior-inferior seat placement, creating comfort with ideal posture, and effects of aging.

Bits and Bytes

- Congrats to Team Ontario winning 2006 Nationals;
- Congrats to the Edmonton Inferno winning CWBL Women Finals;
- CAOT Conference and Show June 01-02 Montreal, QC;
- ECO Medical Education Day June 02 in Edmonton, AB;
- People in Motion June 02-03 in Toronto, ON.

See Bespoke Plus @ 4RGK.com

BESPOKE PLUS helps market and promotes **RGK Wheelchairs, VARILITE®™** Seating and Positioning Systems, **KENDA** Tires, **SPINERGY** Wheels, and other products through the North American company called **RGK Wheelchairs, Inc.** Back issues on www.4RGK.com .

If you have something that you think we should be expounding on, please contact the editor, Reg McClellan.