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New Board announced for Motorcycle Hall of Fame Museum

January 6, 2007, Toronto ON FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Bar Hodgson, chair and founder of the Canadian Motorcycle Hall of Fame Museum, has announced a new and diverse Board of Directors will be installed shortly to lead the body. The announcement was made at the 31st North American International Motorcycle SUPERSHOW, held at the Toronto International Centre.

“Our existing Board of five has served us well,” said Bar. “With the establishment of the Hall of Fame, we now need a Canada-wide Board with broad experience to lead the Hall of Fame Museum into the future.” Bar will continue to serve on the Board, though he will step down as chair. The other four existing directors will also step down. These changes will take place at a Board meeting to be held early in the year.

The new Board will consist of:

Bernard Benoit	Sherbrooke, Quebec
John Cooper	Aurora, Ontario
Darryl Copithorne	Cochrane, Alberta
Jack Criger, CA	Etobicoke, Ontario
Denis Curtis	Belleville, Ontario
Peter Gagan	White Rock, British Columbia
Bar Hodgson	Ashburn, Ontario
Kellee Irwin	North Vancouver, British Columbia
Dave Lloyd	Komoka, Ontario
Bryan Lowes	Richmond, British Columbia
Rob MacLeod, LLB	Dartmouth, Nova Scotia
Peter Sheppard	Trout Creek, Ontario
Warren Thaxter	Roseneath, Ontario



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In making the announcement, Bar thanked the four directors who have stepped down for their contribution. These include Hedy Hodgson, George McKeag, John Runnquist and Ed Vaillancourt.

Coincident with the installation of a new Board of Directors, it was announced that administration of the Hall of Fame Museum will be assumed by the Motorcyclists Confederation of Canada (MCC). "The Hall of Fame Museum is a great initiative," said Peter Sheppard, chair of the MCC. "As a founding patron and title sponsor of the banquet, we are delighted to be able to take on this support role."

The Canadian International Motorcycle Heritage Museum Foundation, a charitable organization, was founded in 1999 by Bar Hodgson and his wife Hedy as a way to give back to the motorcycling community that they love and as a mechanism to preserve important Canadian motorcycle memorabilia. For several years, the primary activity of the Foundation was to operate the Canadian Motorcycle Heritage Museum. The Museum borrowed and loaned motorcycles, and toured throughout Canada displaying interesting and important items.

In 2006, the Foundation expanded its operations with the creation of the Canadian Motorcycle Hall of Fame. The first induction banquet was held May 6, 2006 with 10 individuals and two organizations inducted.

More information about the new directors, as well as downloadable nomination forms, can be found on the Foundation's new website at www.cmhfm.ca, which will be available shortly.

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