



## Atlantic Chapter

### Summer Newsletter

Two weeks away: Our annual AGM & ATCC is being held in Saint John, New Brunswick, on September 17-19, 2009. Our host chairman, Chris Gaudet of the Saint John Department of Leisure Services has been busy to make this year's event a success.

Have you indicated that you're coming? The block of rooms reserved at the Holiday Inn Express has been sold out but there are rooms available at the nearby Fort Howe Hotel.

### AGM & Educational Sessions / Friday, September 18, 2009

9:00 to 10:00 am: AGM business session, recognition awards to two long-standing members and the election of a new chapter executive.

10:00 -10:15 am: Nutrition Break

10:15 am-11:00: Garth Nickerson: update on New Brunswick's state of the horticultural industry

11:00-12:00 noon: Walk N talk session in Rockcliffe Park

12:00-1:00 pm: Lunch (provided)

1:00-3:00 pm: Keynote speaker, Scott Cullen (See info on presentation)

3:00-3:15 pm: Nutrition Break

3:15-4:15: Kelly Honeyman of the Irving Nature Park will outline the various forest ranges in the Saint John Park

6:30-7:00 pm: Networking/ Cash Bar

7:00-9:00 pm & Buffet Dinner (provided)

About our keynote speaker



Scott Cullen from Connecticut, one of the top Registered Consulting Arborists in North America, will be presenting his version of "ALSO trees" (amenity, landscape, shade & ornamental) and their values.

Scott's talk will explain the differences between forest trees and ALSO trees how we - as arborists or urban foresters - manage them.

CEU's will be available for Certified Arborists for the various sessions

On **Saturday, September 19th**, ATCC Chairman John Denovan of Fredericton Parks and his committee will be conducting our annual Tree Climbing Championship. A winner will be determined among 13 registered entrants to represent our chapter in Chicago at the 2010 World's ITCC

The ATCC will be held at Kings Park in downtown Saint John and runs from 7:30 am-4:00 pm. Awards for the competitors will follow at 5:00 pm. Location TBA

Volunteers to assist in the judging and timing of the events are needed. Contact John Denovan if you can help out.

Matt Follett our ATCC champion for the past two years represented well at the ITCC in Providence, Rhode Island . He completed all his events finishing in the middle of the pack among 35 competitors. Matt has moved to Montreal where his lady partner Rosin is now teaching at Concordia University. Matt plans to resume his studies at McGill University.

Tour riders coming in for the finish, note Jim's Canadian flag



Matt Follett & Jim Urbanowsky  
Our chapter reps for ITCC & Tour des Trees after their events at ISA Providence.



In this year's "Tour des Trees" ride, our chapter secretary, Jim Urbanowsky completed the seven day ride successfully raising over \$3,600 for the research foundation.



Party time at the Asplundh dinner at Goat Island off Newport, I. Stephen Rice, Brian Phelan of HRM, Steve Christianson, Asplundh & Rob Young, NS Power



Jim Urbanowsky and his Team Canada Riding mates Tour des Trees ride for research. (See Jim's summary on Page 3)



Jim Urbanowsky showing off his tattoos at the Asplundh party after dancing up a storm!



## Presentations

### 2009 STIHL TOUR des TREES

#### Summary: Aug 2009 by Jim Urbanowsky

While attending the 2009 International Society of Arboriculture annual conference, James Urbanowsky spent a week biking in the STIHL Tour des Trees, an 800 km cross-country cycling event. The cycling event concluded at the opening ceremonies of the ISA Conference, with the presentation of a cheque for almost \$US 400,000 for tree research.

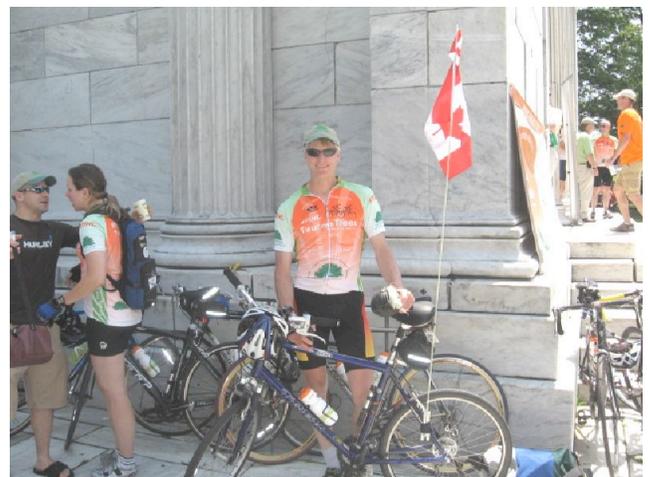
The Tour, considered America's largest fundraiser for tree research, benefits the Tree Research and Education Endowment (TREE) Fund, an international charitable organization dedicated to advancing knowledge in the field of arboriculture and urban forestry to benefit people, trees and the environment.

James, a member of NB Power's Vegetation Management team, has now participated in two "Tours"- 2003 and 2009.

"The Spirit of the Tour is one of life's great treats," said Jim. "Incredible efforts at many levels go into making the Tour a success, from organization, to fund raising, training, and riding the Tour. But one element that is

constantly apparent, is the "Spirit" that pervades all that we are doing. TREE Fund staff were always preparing for the next educational event; the mechanics worked tirelessly into the night to ensure each bike was performing. The road support crews were always where we needed them, and the Tour riders themselves, assisting every rider who stopped for any reason along the road. The camaraderie, purpose and message of the Tour were powerful motivators, while biking through a beautiful part of New England."

The 2009 STIHL Tour des Trees began when 70 riders from around the world gathered in New Jersey on July 18. The Tour officially rolled out from New York City on July 19 and traveled through eight states in the Northeast US, before culminating in a grand finale ceremony at Roger Williams Park, Providence, R.I. on July 25. The ride was considered quite challenging due to never ending hills and 2 days of heavy rain. Notable events included the ferry ride into lower Manhattan, riding around New York City's Central Park, dinner in Boston at the Arnold Arboretum - the oldest arboretum in North America, and, according to Jim, "what rider can resist 300 miles uphill through New England?"



Jim following completion of his 7-day bike trek

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### Stihl Tour des Trees Summary

To participate in the weeklong Tour, riders had to raise a minimum of \$3,500, which goes completely to fund scientific research grants and educational scholarships administered by the TREE Fund. Atlantic Canadian support for Jim included the following friends and organizations that helped to ensure that the Tree Fund and tree research will continue to provide a valuable contribution to society.

**Asplundh Steve Christianson**  
**BC Hydro Phil Graham**  
**City of Fredericton Mayor Brad Woodside**  
**Environova Stan Kochanoff**  
**IBEW Local 3 Ross Galbraith**  
**ISA Atlantic Brian Phelan**  
**K&W Ross Wetmore**  
**Lucas Tree Experts Don MacDonald**  
**Maritime Tree Trimming Jean-Yves Losier**  
**MRDC Ross Mathers**  
**NB Power Dave Lavigne**  
**NS Power Rob Young**  
**North East Tree Trimming Gino Leblanc**  
**Redding Family Gwen & Morton**  
**ScotiaBank Tammy Blechschmidt**  
**Thorne Trucking Donna & Neill Thorne**  
**Washburn Financial Mike Washburn**  
**Armstrong Family Donny & Margot**  
**Urbanowsky Family Tom & Barb**

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Jim & his wife Jana part of his support staff

Finally, Jim wanted to acknowledge the considerable patience, support and financial assistance that NB Power and his family have contributed. "There is always lots that goes on behind the scenes that allows a rider to take time to train, fund raise, and then take two weeks off to go ride a bicycle 800 km's to some tree conference. I sincerely thank everyone for that privilege."

Since its inception in 1992, the Tour has generated more than \$4.5 million and has funded a host of diverse projects. More information on the STIHL Tour des Trees and opportunities for supporting the Tour can be found at [www.stihltourdestrees.org](http://www.stihltourdestrees.org).



A salute to the tree fund raising riders at Roger Williams Park Providence, Rhode Island