

Barach Bulletin

Environs:

I currently reside in Red Deer having recently moved from Winnipeg, MB where I lived for 13 years. Before Winnipeg I lived in various places in BC, Alberta, and Saskatchewan. I moved a lot! By the time I was 13, I had moved 13 times.

Education:

I am enrolled in my second year of my Bachelor of Education. Prior to pursuing my B-Ed, I acquired my Machine CAD Technology Certificate (Machine Drafting), a Business Administration Diploma, and a Software Development Certificate.

One of my goals is to teach adults in a Business College setting. Another goal is to teach [English?] in other countries.



Charlene riding Paris-Brest-Paris Randonnee (1200 kms) in France in 2003



Charlene at Devil's Tower during trip across North America in 2006

Employment:

While in Winnipeg, I worked for 8 years in the Engineering Department of a farm machinery manufacturer, MacDon Industries.

Since I've been in Red Deer, I have worked in the Engineering Department of Nova Chemicals, and for Group2 Architecture, the company handling the Red Deer College renovation/expansion.

While in college, I work part-time in the mailroom of the Red Deer Advocate.



Charlene with father (top), and Rowan (bottom)

Favorites:

My favorite color is blue, and I believe that blue bicycles are the fastest bicycles. I can even back that up with a logical argument!

My favorite food is chocolate, especially dark chocolate which recent studies have proved is beneficial for our health, giving me all the more reason to eat it.



Machak, my bicycle

For Fun:

I have been an avid cyclist for 16 years, and have been involved in ultra-distance cycling for the past 6 years. I have my own web-page mainly about ultra-distance cycling: <http://www.machka.net/>

I love traveling and have been all over Canada, US, UK, France, and Australia with many plans to travel more in years to come. Much of my traveling has been cycling-related.

Family:

My parents are in Red Deer, but the rest of my family is scattered across western North America, and my significant other, Rowan, is Australian.

I am currently owned by two cats, Sabre and Smudge. Sabre, my boy, is a handsome tuxedo who has had feline diabetes for the past 7 years. Smudge, my little girl, is a cute white cat with grey smudges. She has quite the personality.



"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbour. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover." -- Mark Twain