

The Toronto Wing's



Kickstand

News and views of the Toronto Wings – Chapter T of the Goldwing Touring Association
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Coffee Nights

Every Thursday 8:00 p.m.

Tim Horton's Donuts

4400 Dufferin Street

(on Dufferin – south of finch)

Breakfast Meetings

(Date determined each month)

(check out our webpage for changes as we often try new locations in the winter)

The Wexford Restaurant

2072 Lawrence Avenue E

Web Site

<http://www.torontowings.com>

(check regularly for meetings and changes)

Ramblings from the Temporary Editors

The Kickstand has had a hiatus after all who can ride in the winter unless you are retired and go somewhere south. That did not mean we “wingers” were inactive. (This group loves to eat) -breakfast at Cora's, the Tulip; many attended and some volunteered at the Jan bike show held at the international center; we hosted laser tag; attended Newmarket's bowling night. Always close to our hearts was the anticipation of the start of our riding season.

You could really tell who the diehards in our group are. They sit around the coffee table in march with serious conviction trying to decide when the snow has melted enough to get out and ride. The discussion then turns to the # of layers of clothing to wear since only Bob & Nedda have heated clothes. It then changes to the safety factor of sand on the road which triggers another round of “so when can we get out there riding”?

Our riding season officially began with our wildly successful Toronto Wings/ Honda Canada Spring Warm Up.



There was a loot bag, and Ed won a pair of Dunlop Elite II tires which prompted him to

upgrade his 1200 Goldwing to a 1500 Goldwing which he is loving. Ed graciously sent his nephew his 1200 Goldwing but at last count it was stuck in German customs waiting to establish its RIM #? Good things come to those who have to wait.



The day threatened to rain but it held off and our 3 MSF instructors along with the EMS gang put on a fine showing. The lunch Honda catered was delicious (like I said earlier...we love to eat). We are starting to plan for it again next year.



The riding season's next big attraction was Americade. Those that attended had good weather and a wonderful experience. Linda's boss however did not allow her time off to attend while Tom and trailer did arrive all in one piece.

In July we hosted our 2nd Wings and Wishes in conjunction with St Louis to raise \$535.00. Lisa single handedly raised another \$100 making our final contribution \$635 to the Diabetes Society.

Manitoulin's Civic Long week end was fun for those in attendance despite Sunday's rain. Bruce will remember it

well as he enjoyed playing in the sand with his PT Cruiser.



Kevin was enthralled with a 49cc moped. He went in search of it on the island and found it again 3 days later. He is considering downgrading his classic 1979 Yamaha to one of these exciting mopeds. (HA HA) Rumor has it Kevin is considering joining the moped as it ventures off to BC.



this year. Kevin did manage to cut the grass Friday before the tornado winds hit Toronto and flooded his garage. Thanks to Lisa and Kevin setting up while Tom and Ted (T + T) toasted some mean burgers and dogs.



Toronto Wings BBQ at Kevin's home



August 20th, 2005 BBQ



Kevin does not look handicapped?
(Madd ride May 29th, 2005)

So that's the latest from the Toronto Wings gang. We still look forward to the remainder of the season as we are in August only. After we complete our colors ride Oct 2, 2005 to Bancroft the discussion will turn to the all familiar around the table at Tim Hortons.so how many layers do I need to put on again? When are you stopping riding?



Rose and Linda



Nice hat Bill – Mt. Tremblant

PHOTO's of Various Rides



MADD ride -Newmarket GWTA Chapter K



Mt. Tremblant – Comfort Inn



Quebec –Le Chateau Montebello



Bobby – Checking the under carriage



Huronia Wings - Ted BBQ's burgers
(Aug. 14th, 2005)

Motorcycle Safety

Bruce and Julia Malson
International Directors
(from GWRRA brochures)



WHY DOUBLE CHECK?"

- About 3/4 of motorcycle accidents involve another motor vehicle.
- Two-thirds of these accidents were caused by **the motorist** failing to yield the right of way.
- The most common reason given by the motorist is, **"I didn't see the motorcycle"**

WHY DON'T MOTORISTS SEE MOTORCYCLISTS?

- Motorists, for the most part, are unfamiliar with motorcycles.
- Motorists tend to look for and see the familiar-the familiar being other motorists.
- Motorcycles have a much smaller profile than vehicles; therefore judging speed and distance of an approaching motorcycle is more difficult.

WHERE ARE ACCIDENTS MOST LIKELY TO OCCUR?

LEFT TURNS - Over 40% of all motorcycle accidents occur at intersections.

CARS BLIND SPOT - Motorcyclists are often hidden in a vehicles blind spot or missed in a quick look due to their smaller size.

LOOK TWICE - SAVE A LIFE!

Motorcyclists have to be much more concerned about road obstructions such as debris, potholes, and railroad tracks.

Motorcyclists braking and handling abilities are impaired by wet roads, icy roads, and roads with loose gravel.

Wind gusts and gusts from large vehicles can be a serious hazard for motorcyclists.

A large vehicle can completely hide a motorcycle from view of other vehicles.

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Humor Attempt

<http://motorcyclecity.com/jokes.htm>

QUESTION: What does a Harley-Davidson and a Vacum Cleaner have in common?

ANSWER: They are both very loud and they both have dirt bags on 'em!

From: **bikernut**

There were two guys on a motorcycle driving down the road. The driver was wearing a leather jacket that didn't have a zipper or any buttons.

Finally he stopped the bike and told the other guy, "I can't drive anymore with the air hitting me in my chest."

After thinking for a while he decided to put the coat on backwards to block the air from hitting him. So they were driving down the road and they came around this curb and whipped out. The farmer that lived there called the police and told them what happened.

The police asked him, "are either of them showing any life signs?"

The farmer then said, "well, that first one was 'til I turned his head around the right way."

From: **msbikes**

You know your a biker when...

all your cars and trucks are parked outside because the garage is full of bikes and parts.

you think woman are turned on by the sound of a bike starting.

you have a collection of air filters (10) but only one fits your current bike.

every shirt you own is cotton with something written on it from all the events

you think that dressing up means putting on a brand new t-shirt and jeans.

you have more riding boots than dress shoes.

you have three sets of tools metric, regular and those goofy british things.

sunday is set aside for riding instead of watching sports on tv.

when your bike makes a funny ticking noise and you know right away what it is without even looking.

you don't even flinch when you are hit by a bug when riding.

you can tell what bike it is just by hearing the exhaust.

someday you would like to find your first bike and restore it.

your bike is worth more than your car or truck.

the sides of your tires are worn more than the center.

you know how and when to use your front brake.

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