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Kickstand

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More riding to go this season

Ramblings from the Editor(s)

I managed to wrestle the computer from Rose so I am writing the “ramblings” this month. As you know last months newsletter was sooooooo long. I am limiting Rose to a maximum of 14 pages and she can't write any articles this issue about our trip(or at least nothing of great length).

Thanks to Paul for organizing the ride to Haugens. It was great to see such a large turnout. I could not attend as I work but the photos helped me share in the experience. I also must confess I was envious I could not go. We've included some photos in the newsletter.

I have started my plans for next years summer 2008 motorcycle trip. Some exceptional roads have already been chosen to explore next summer. My search for more roads continues. Rose has given me full control over organizing this trip. This year she has offered to put a GPS ram mount on my Burgman.....I don't know why because when we follow her and bills GPS we seem to find all the dirt roads and still get lost. No thanks you guysI'll pass and I want it known that I am a cartographer at heart. After all someone has to find the way back on track when the GPS steers us wrong.

Shanah Tova (Happy New Year) as some of our membership observe Rosh Hashanah.



Tail of the Dragon Blue Ridge Parkway

By Paul Cuddy



I had business meetings in Syracuse, NY at the end of July 2007. What better way to get there than via TN, NC and VA then by bike? I ended up having a wonderful five-day ride along the Tail of the Dragon and the Blue Ridge Parkway. The trip consisted of two days traveling south and then three days traveling north.

On day two I followed a route recommended by Linda and Rose. Tazewell, VA to Marion, VA. It had a great twisty road and beautiful scenery. I ended up at a great old-fashioned, hand-dipped ice cream store in Marion. Thanks Linda and Rose for the great suggestion.



Hwy 16 between Tazewell and Marion

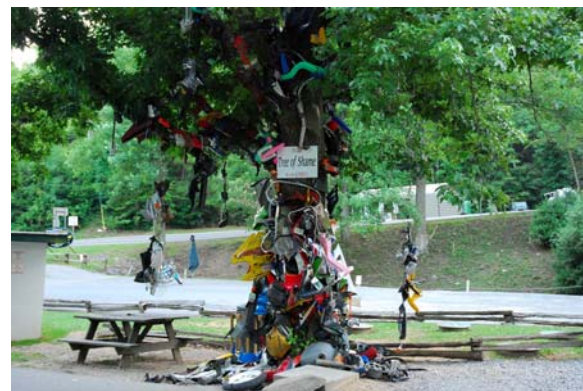
The evening of day two found me at the “*Tail of Dragon*”, which is Hwy 129 in NC. It had 318 curves in 11 miles. I stopped at a souvenir shop and had chatted with a fellow inside. After buying my patches and other goodies, the fellow remarked that “the count was up to 27 so far this year”. “27... what do you mean?” I had asked innocently. He indicated that there had been 27 riders killed on the Tail of the Dragon so far in 2007. In fact, “three were killed just last weekend”, he had enthusiastically offered. He suggested that I watch the pavement at the twists as I would be able to observe the rubber skid marks of the crashing motorcycles traversing the pavement and going off the road.

With my new-found information, I eagerly began the ride. It was Saturday evening hosting perfect weather along with few bikes or cars on the road. The ride was incredible. Beautiful twisty curves with no gravel or traffic. Ideal conditions!



Tail of the Dragon

At the south end of the Dragon was the Deal’s Gap Motorcycle Resort. In their front parking lot was the “*Tree of Shame*”. This tree was decorated with parts of crashed motorcycles. Fortunately I did not contribute to the tree.



Tree of Shame

After spending the night near Cherokee, NC, I began the Blue Ridge Parkway on day three. The Parkway was 755 kms in length. It traveled along the crest of the Blue Ridge Mountains through North Carolina and Virginia. The Blue Ridge Parkway was the most visited unit of America’s National Park System, and had attracted twenty million visitors each year. The Parkway elevation ranged from 650 feet to 6,000 feet. This was a rider’s and photographer’s paradise. Wonderful roads with outstanding beauty and breathtaking views.



It had rained a couple of times, but the rain had only lasted 10 minutes and then I rode into sunshine and rainbows again.



I stopped around 9:30 pm in a town called Little Switzerland, NC. This town looked just like a Swiss village. I stopped at the main lodge, partly because I saw several other motorcycles parked there. The lodge had biker accommodations for \$60, as well as more luxurious accommodations. Because it was late, I was offered the luxury package for \$75. This was a wonderful resort and catered to

motorcyclists. The buffet breakfast the next morning (included in the price), was unbelievable with a view that had overlooked the Appalachian Mountains.



View having breakfast in Little Switzerland

Day four I traveled north along the Blue Ridge to its end. Then I rode on Skyline Drive, VA. Skyline Dr. was a 160 km continuation of the Blue Ridge Parkway, and was only 120 km from Washington, DC. Beautiful nature was all around. I decided to finish Skyline Dr. before stopping as it had gotten late. This was a challenge because of the deer. After dark they readily came out. I had taken one tight curve and came face to face with three deer in the middle of the road. I stopped about ten feet away from them – and they didn't move.

Leaving Skyline Dr. on day five I headed north towards Syracuse, NY, which was my ultimate destination. I drove through Hershey, PA, home of the famous Hershey Kiss. Did you know the streetlamps in Hershey are designed to look like Hershey Kisses? The total trip was approx. 3,000 kms and was a great experience.



Hershey, PA

My Kenyan Experience

by **Jeanie Manone-Biller**



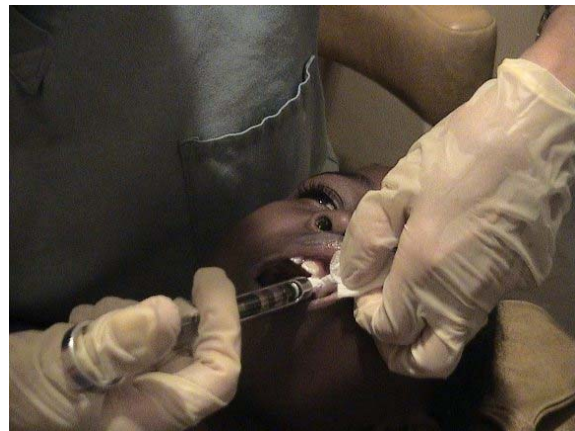
In June of this year I had the privilege of traveling to Kenya. This was my first trip to Africa after first expressing my wish to go there more than eighteen years ago.

In March of 2007, I was most fortunate to meet an amazing woman named Katalin Brown. She “happened” to drop into my office to meet with one of my colleagues. Katalin mentioned that she would be going to Kenya (this would be her third trip). I blurted out “I’m coming with you” – she laughed and said “sure, come with me”. She seemed a little more convinced two days later when I telephoned her and said, “I was serious you know, I want to go with you”.



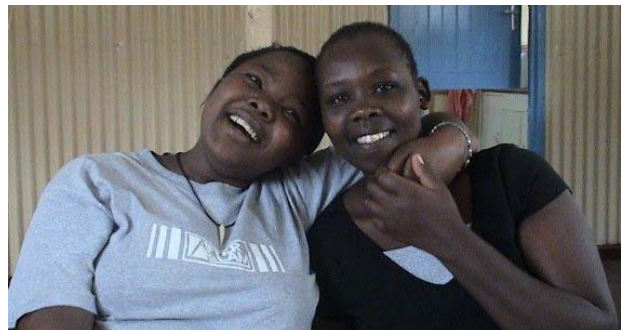
This started us on the unbelievable journey and a most rewarding trip. This trip has solidified our friendship and commitment to return to Kenya together again. In mid-June we left Toronto with five extra-large hockey bags packed with everything imaginable. Items included clothing,

basketballs, books, toothbrushes, floss, etc. We arrived in Nairobi and then carried on to Ndalani which was approximately 90 minutes away. Ndalani is the home of Charles and Esther Mulli who are two of the most incredible human beings you will ever meet. Charles was a wealthy businessman who essentially sold all of his worldly possessions to take orphans off the street and give them a roof over their head, food, clothing and most of all to educate them.



The purpose of our trip was to deliver basic dental care to the children at Mully Children’s Family Home. These are children who have been rescued from the streets, from abusive homes or who were left as orphans by parents who died from HIV/AIDS.

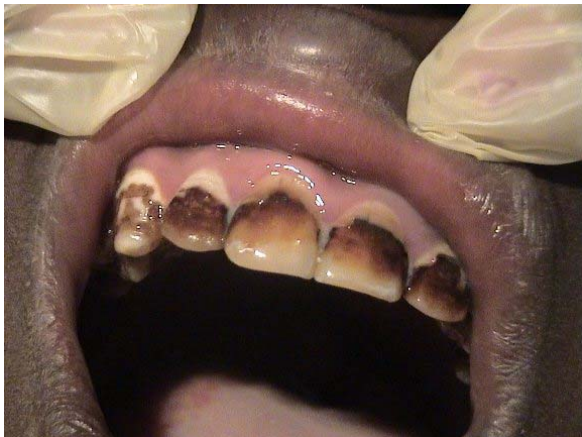
Upon meeting the children, the thing that was very evident was the resilience and unbelievable positive attitudes in spite of the adversity they have faced during their short lives. The beautiful smiles were always evident.





For me, I know I have a lifelong friend in Katalin and this experience has changed me in ways I can't fully express. Charles' daughter, Meuni really summed it up for me in her e-mail upon my return home – her words were “Remember, you'll always have a second home in Kenya”. What more can I say?

We handed out tons of toothbrushes, checked numerous teeth, extracted some (those that couldn't be saved). We did the best we could with the limited resources we had at our disposal. We truly felt blessed to be able to help in some small way and Katalin and I both felt we were making a difference in these lives.



For more information you may want to read –
Father to the Fatherless –
The Charles Mulli Story.



Our day started fairly early with breakfast; then to the clinic by 9 a.m. and the privilege of working with amazing kids (and adults) each and every day. It was truly a pleasure to deliver dental care to them. There was no stress for us – they waited to be seen sitting quietly at the front of the clinic, and not a single complaint was heard even when the waiting was exceptionally long. This delay happened when that decayed lower molar just wouldn't come out. It did come out finally!!





***Editors Note:** I searched the internet after reading about Jeanie's experience and found these links....click on them to connect.*

<http://careforceinternational.ca/dnn/Projects/Kenya/tabid/64/Default.aspx>

<http://www.crossroads.ca/missions/kenya.htm>

<http://www.spoke2005.com/book.html>

Laws of the Natural Universe

Law of Probability: The probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of your act.

Law of the Telephone: If you dial the wrong number, you will never get a busy signal.

Variation Law: If you change lanes(or traffic lanes), the one you were in will start to move faster than the one you are in now(works every time).

Law of the Result: When you try to prove to someone that a machine won't work, it will.

Murphy's Law of Lockers: If there are only two people in a locker room, they will

have adjacent lockers.

Law of Location: No matter where you go, there you are.

Law of Logical Argument: Anything is possible if you don't know what you are talking about.

Brown's Law: If the shoe fits, it's ugly.

Oliver's Law: A closed mouth gathers no feet.

the "smaller red bag" story



top red small "carry on" bag at Badlands, SD

Hi Susan,

The box containing Linda's red bag arrived today. It has been almost 3 weeks since we have been back from our trip. Finally all the gear is back home. I took some photo's of the bag for the next edition of our kickstand"

which is our motorcycle club's newsletter. Linda and I are its editors.

Linda is enclosing the funds it cost you to return the red bag and contents to us in Canada. We will also include this "story" in our September edition of the kickstand. By doing this hope to recognize you more globally. We too have started to watch the sides of the roads for lost bags.

For us the pins and cream were the essentials. With the holes in the bag we were amazed nothing was lost when you found her bag. Thanks also for zip locking some items so they would arrive here safely. On behalf of Linda and myself we extend our thanks to you for being such a wonderful good Samaritan. You took the extra time to track us down and in good faith returned our goods to us in Canada at your own expense. Not many people would do that.



I would also like to send you the august "kickstand issue" in which we highlight our trip. In this issue there is a map of the USA outlining our whole trip as we traversed the USA. You will see as we passed through Illinois on the last leg of our trip that is where the bag went amiss. Again a heart felt thanks. Should you come to Toronto Canada you would be most welcome in our home and if we too can assist in any other manner don't hesitate to ask.

In friendship... Rose and Linda



gaping holes...lucky things did not fall out!

September Beauties

Bill B	September 6th
Al Z	September 10th
Jeanie	September 23rd

Club Meetings 7:30 start

Sept 20	Paul Cuddy
Oct 18	Rose & Linda

Food for thought

submitted by Sam Grzesh



If Fed Ex and UPS were to merge, would they call it Fed UP?

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Why do croutons come in airtight packages? Aren't they just stale bread to begin with?

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If lawyers are disbarred and clergymen defrocked, doesn't it follow that electricians

can be delighted, musicians denoted, cow-boys deranged, models deposed, tree surgeons debarked, and dry cleaners depressed?

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Do Lipton Tea employees take coffee breaks?

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What hair color do they put on the driver's licenses of bald men?

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I was thinking about how people seem to read the Bible a whole lot more as they get older; then it dawned on methey're cramming for their final exam.

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I thought about how mothers feed their babies with tiny little spoons and forks, so I wondered what do Chinese mothers use? toothpicks?

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Why do they put pictures of criminals up in the Post Office? What are we supposed to do, write to them? Why don't they just put their pictures on the postage stamps so the mailmen can look for them while they deliver the mail?

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If it's true that we are here to help others, then what exactly are the others here for?

Motorcycle Safety

That Will Keep You Alive On City Streets

By James R. Davis

Of all the things that we learn being out on the streets with our bikes, one stands out as the all time life-saver in my book.

► **If you can avoid it, never enter an intersection without another vehicle on your right side.**

(It should be noted that this advice assumes you ride in a country where people drive on the right side of the road.)

If you have to slow down in order to let a vehicle catch up with you on the right side, or if you have to increase speed a little so that you catch up with another vehicle, having one on your right side is as safe as it gets for entering an intersection.

Obviously this also means that if you are stopped at a traffic light and it turns green, you enter the intersection when the vehicle on your right does - no jack rabbit jumps if you want to live.

Too tame? Could be, but this rider likes it that way. In fact, I'd rather that the vehicle on my right was a bus or even an 18-wheeler.

By the way, it is safer that the vehicle be on your right than on the left. The closer you can be to the center of the intersection when you go thru it, the more air there is (on average) between you and somebody that comes at you from either side. This is just another way of saying that if you have to enter the intersection by yourself, do it in the left most lane, especially if water is nearby.

Paul Cuddy leads Toronto Wings to Haugens one Thursday night August 2007



thanks Paul...everyone had a blast!

Hey Linda ...Haugens even had a Burgman trike!



September Ride Calendar and listings

September 2007			Toronto Wings Ride Calendar			
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					Waterloo Wings Cyclefest West Montrose	1 Waterloo Wings Cyclefest West Montrose
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9 Red White Blue Toy Ride BBMC Poker Run : Base Borden, Barrie	10	11	12	13 Coffee Night Tim Hortons 8 pm	14	15 CMRH Toyride Ride for Dialysis Barrie OCC Unity Ride
16	17	18	19	20 Club Meeting 7:30 pm start Paul Cuddy's home	21	22 Young at heart ride
23 Toma Ride for Burned Kids	24	25	26	27 Coffee Night Tim Hortons 8 pm	28	29
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More detailed Sept ride info on next page

Sept 15th 23rd Annual CMRH Toyride : Midland

<http://www.midlandtoyride.com/> email: midlandtoyride@hotmail.com

The ride begins promptly at 1:00 p.m. and leaves from Mountainview Mall, Midland. (It would be appreciated if you could be there by 12:45 p.m.). You must donate a toy (which should be strapped to your bike during the ride) or make a donation to the Salvation Army to participate. The ride is approximately 3 hours long, and returns back to Mountainview Mall where riders are usually treated with coffee and hot dogs (donated by local vendors and prepared by volunteers and the Salvation Army group).

Come and experience the beauty of both the ride and some of the most beautiful cottage county on the map, while doing something good for a child at Christmas!

Sept 15th Ride for Dialysis : Location : Barrie Contact : Barry Jaynes 905 775 5634

b.jaynes@3web.net Web Site : www.lionscampdorset.on.ca 4 rides, starting at Bradford Husky (Hwy 400 & 88),

Starting at Lions Camp Dorset, Starting at Parry Sound Fuels and starting in North

Bay (TBA)

Starting time 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon \$20 for ride and poker hand (\$50 pledges get a free ride) Dinner & Dance \$12. Extra poker card \$2.

Limited Accommodation available - Book early Weekend Specials! Free Camping.

Sept 15th Ontario Confederation of Clubs UNITY RIDE : Location : Toronto

Contact : Larry Lilly 905.712.4141 scarylarry@sympatico.ca

Unity Ride to demonstrate support for the protection of the rights of motorcyclists. The theme is a Hub Ride from your destination to arrive at Wildside Choppers, 3246 Lakeshore Blvd. W.

Toronto (West of Kipling) The event time is 11:00 and will continue until 16:00 hrs. Spend an hour or spend the day! All bikes, clubs, associations, etc. WELCOME! Attendees can make a cash donation to the O.C.C. onsite. Kindly remember that the O.C.C. is responsible for the alerts on the 401 in the spring reminding motorists to WATCH FOR MOTORCYCLES! This is your opportunity to assist us in our work that benefits all motorcyclists.

Sept 22nd Young at Heart Ride Supporting Seniors Location : Barrie, ON Contact :

Linda Clemow 705-725-4610 lclemow@ioof.com

Web Site : www.ioof.com

The 2nd annual Young at Heart Ride is set for Saturday, Sept. 22, 2007 and a Poker Run has been added this year. Registration is \$35/person, including continental breakfast, post-ride BBQ with live entertainment and prizes for Best Poker Hand, Slow Rider Competition and Top Fundraiser.

There will also be a 50/50 raffle, door prizes and more. Pre register before Sept. 1 for VIP privileges on ride day: Express registration, two extra poker cards, t-shirt and a special draw.

Registration starts at 8 a.m. at 20 Brooks Street, and the ride departs at 9 a.m.

Sept 23 TOMA RIDE for Burned Kids : Location : Rexdale Ave. and Highway 401,

Toronto, ON

Contact : Terri Zimmer 1-877-410-8662 tzimmer@fondtomafound.org Web Site :

<http://www.fondtomafound.org>

The 5th Annual TOMA RIDE for Burned Kids promises to be another outstanding motorcycle event. The RIDE is organized by the Red Knights and welcomes the Blue Knights, White Knights, Borden Motorcycle Club, Canadian Sidecar Owners, Southern Cruisers, My Brothers Keepers and the Big Smoke Riders. Fees are \$ 25.00 per person but will be waived with \$ 100.00 in pledges for the kids. Our Grand marshals will be John Derringer of Q107 and Dan McClean of Channel 11 Hamilton. The Rider with the most pledges for our Kids will receive the 2007 Jennifer Sultana Memorial Award. The RIDE departs from the Sears Parking Lot at Rexdale and 401 at 10.15 am and finishes at Bayfront Park in Hamilton.

Editors Note:Red BAG story....

If you have read all of the news letter you read" the red bag story". I had to buy a new replacement bag so as you can see Linda's new bag has no holes ...

.....yet!

rose



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14 Region J CD meeting 10 am Newmarket	15	16	17	18 Club Meeting 7:30 pm start Rose and Linda's home	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Coffee Night Tim Hortons 8 pm	26	27 Chapter F Halloween Party
28	29	30	31			

Chapter F Ajax Pickering Halloween Dance



Saturday October 27th 2007



More details will follow.....



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