

# The Toronto Wing's



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News and views of the Toronto Wings – Chapter “T” of the Goldwing Touring Association  
April 2006

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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 (in the winter)

(Date & location determined each month)  
check out our webpage for changes  
as we often try new locations in the winter

## Web Site

<http://www.torontowings.com>  
(check regularly for meetings and changes)

## Ramblings from the Editor(s)

Hello everyone. **April FOOLS.....**

April finds us busy planning the Toronto Wings Spring Warm up. Honda Canada has graciously agreed to allow us to host the event at its Honda Plant. They have also agreed to either cover the cost of insurance for the event. or accept our GWTA insurance certificate. Yipee!!

Then we found out both Ted Torrence and Dave Hollingsworth(our past instructors) had to decline. Luckily we have advance notice. You must admit, our lives are never boring and we have learned to roll with lifes many challenges and this will get resolved.

The Spring Warm Up will now be a Chapter T only event Saturday April 12<sup>th</sup>. We want to extend our thanks to Kevin for graciously or April foolishly, stepping forward and agreeing to run a “1 Man show” spring warm up for us.

Now we only need the weather to cooperate. I guess that's where we have more then luck on our side. We trust Father William will put forth a request to the big guy upstairs for good weather.



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## Warning to drivers...

Corporal Tom Burkett Winnipeg police

Notice that there is a new scheme being used that you should be aware of.

It works like this- You walk to your car, unlock it, start the car and you look in the rear view mirror to back out of the parking space and notice a piece of paper stuck to the middle of the rear window. You shift into park, unlock your doors and jump out of the car to remove the paper or whatever is obstructing your view. When you reach the back of your car, that is when car jackers appear out of nowhere, they jump into the car and take off!! Your car engine is running and the thieves practically mow you down as they speed off in your car.



If you are a woman, your purse will likely be inside the car.

Be aware of this new scheme that is being used extensively. Just drive away and remove the paper later. Please warn your friends and family, especially woman! Your purse contains all your identification and you do not want someone getting your home address. They already have your keys!

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## Ottawa Museum week end with GWTA's Chapter B

by rose



Chapter T made its way Friday to the Best Western in Gatineau. Hey Linda did you know they were undergoing renovations at Best Western??? The hotel location was right across the street from the Museum of Civilization. Our 3 day visit consisted of several excursions to the various galleries, museums, eating and the search for the illusive Copland home in the Rockcliffe area.



When Nedda contacted the GWTA Ottawa Chapter B to say we would be in town, they graciously accepted our invite to get together. John and Darlene, Bill, Paul and Anita, Mike & Kathy and Dave from GWTA's suggested we meet them

for supper Saturday night at Oreganos. John as master host met us and introduced us to all. He even created Toronto Wings buttons for us.



Bobby asked if we could join Chapter B for their Sunday breakfast the next day. They were correct that the greek place served a mean and filling breakfast. So what do GWTA people love to do besides ride.... eat and talk.



Talk consisted of Wing Whirl, Friendship Rally, how to fix this, where to ride and invites to each others locations. The Ottawa gang invited us for a "twisties" ride should we wish to return in the summer. This demonstrates what destination friendship is all about.



Thanks to:

- \* Nedda -> contacting Chapter B
- \* John -> buttons & hosting
- \* Chapter B -> new friends
- \* Linda -> organizing & finding a hotel
- \* Bobby-> driving the Billers and being our Ottawa tour guide
- \* Kevin -> sharing photo's CD
- \* Chapter T -> everyone was great

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## Toronto Wingers in Action in Ottawa







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## 2 Motorcycle Safety tips

### Chris' Safety Tip of the Week: **Braking Distance #1**

#### *Slowing down a little can reduce braking distance a lot.*

Motorcycles that stop really well are capable of braking to a stop from 60 mph in a distance of about 110 feet. So how long would it take the same bike to brake from 30 mph to zero? It's half the speed...so it must take half the distance, right?

Actually, no. Through the magic of physics, the braking distance from half the speed would be about one-fourth the distance, or 28 feet. It turns out that slowing down by only 18 mph (to 42) is all that is required in this case to halve your stopping distance.

So how can we use this information to enhance our safety while riding? When you find yourself in one of those all-too-common situations where you might need to stop suddenly, like urban streets with lots of intersections or when approaching a potential left-turner, keep in mind that even a relatively moderate reduction in speed will allow you to reduce your stopping distance considerably.

#### **Braking Distance... Rest of the Story**

#### *There's more to stopping distance than how well the brakes work.*

There is more to stopping distance than just how far it takes the motorcycle to brake to a stop.

The MSF teaches us that three separate components comprise total stopping

distance. The first of these, *Perception Distance*, is the distance the bike travels from the time the dog jumps off the porch and starts running toward the road until the rider makes the mental connection that the intercepting hound could be a potential hazard. Perception *time* depends on the mental alertness of the rider and how well she is scanning ahead. The distance traveled during that time is proportional to the speed of the motorcycle.

The second component, *Reaction Distance*, is a measure of how far the motorcycle travels between the time the rider perceives the approaching dog as a danger, reaches for the brake lever and/or pedal, and actually begins to apply the brakes. The Reaction Distance is a function of the rider's motor skills and familiarity with the motorcycle. For a typical rider, reaction *time* is about 1/2 second. Just as with perception distance, Reaction Distance is proportional to motorcycle speed.

The final component is the one discussed last week, **Braking Distance**. It is a function of the bike's braking capability, the rider's technique, and available traction. As Bill pointed out last week, Braking Distance is proportional to the *square* of the bike's speed.

So, there's the whole story. The total stopping distance is the cumulative distance the bike travels while the rider perceives a hazard, reacts to it by applying the brakes, and finally proceeds to brake the motorcycle to a stop. Principal factors that come into play include the *rider's awareness and reaction time, motor skills, traction, and the braking capability of the motorcycle.*

Chris

## Humor and Smiles

This biker lady has a heart attack and is taken to the hospital. While on the operating table, she had a near death experience. Seeing God, she asked, "Is my time up?" God said, "No, you have another 43 years, 2 months, and 8 days to live."

Upon recovery, the woman decided to stay in the hospital have a facelift, liposuction, and tummy tuck. Since she had so much more time and to live, new roads to ride, she figured she might as well look even nicer.

After her last operation, she was released from the hospital. While riding her motorcycle home, she was run into by a delivery truck and killed. Arriving in front of God, she demanded, "I thought you said I had another 40+ years? How come you didn't pull me out of the path of that freakin' truck?"

God replied.... "I didn't recognize you."

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## **Birthday Beauty this April**

**Nedda April 22**

**\*\*new members please submit your date to Linda for recognition in newsletter**

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## More smiley photo's....



I've seen smart cars and now the smart scooter?? Its even enclosed??



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Submit photo's/articles to Linda/Rose for newsletter...



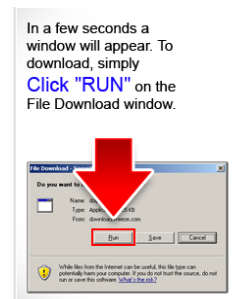
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## Something new to try:

We have created a "jigsaw photo" puzzle for you to try. It contains no viruses and you can open it onto your computer safely. Double Click the box below:



Kevin's fixation at manitoulin.exe



OR...

It has been posted on the Toronto Wings Website but in a "hidden format" so only readers of the newsletter can access it. To access it open your web browser and type in the following link in the address bar and choose RUN: **HAVE FUN!**  
<http://www.torontowings.com/rose/c.exe>

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April 2006						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 CD Spring Meeting Newmarket 10:00am  **Daylight Savings	3	4	5	6 Coffee Night Tim Hortons 8 pm	7	8 Motorcycle show International Centre <a href="http://www.sucesshowevent.com">www.sucesshowevent.com</a>
9 Motorcycle show International Centre <a href="http://www.sucesshowevent.com">www.sucesshowevent.com</a>	10	11	12 Passover	13 Passover Coffee Night Tim Hortons 8 pm	14 Good Friday Passover	15 OFF motorcycle Seminar 215 Old Church Road (just east of Airport Road in Caledon East) starting at 11 a.m.-1 pm RSVP 905 897-3304 Passover
16 Easter Sunday Passover	17 Easter Monday Passover	18 Passover	19 Passover	20 Passover Coffee Night Tim Hortons 8 pm Passover	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 Chapter Meeting Kevin's 7:30 start	28	29 Poki-Barbi-Dan Welland County <a href="http://www.wellandmotorcyclistsclub.com/pokirides.htm">www.wellandmotorcyclistsclub.com/pokirides.htm</a>
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May 2006						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4 Coffee Night Tim Hortons 8 pm	5	6 Waterloo spring warm up <a href="http://waterloo.wings.sk.com/">http://waterloo.wings.sk.com/</a>
7 Region J Ride in Lunch Peterborough	8	9	10	11 Club Meeting ???? Location? 7:30 start	12	13 Toronto Wings Spring Warm UP 9:30am Honda Canada
14 Mother's Day	15	16	17	18 Club Meeting ???? Location? 7:30 start	19	20
21	22 Victoria Day	23	24	25 Coffee Night Tim Hortons 8 pm	26	27 Ride for Dad huconia <a href="http://www.motorcycleridefordad.org">www.motorcycleridefordad.org</a>
28 MADD Ride Newmarket 9am start BADD Ride <a href="http://www.thebadride.com">www.thebadride.com</a> Huntington Ride for a Cure Welland	29	30	31			



**Region "J"**  
**Ride in Luncheon**  
**Sunday May 07, 2006**  
**12 noon sharp**

**Rochhaven Motel & Conference Centre**  
**1875 Lansdowne St. West**  
**Peterborough, Ontario**

**\$15.00 per person**



# Region J



## **Niagara Falls, Ontario**

**KOA Campground**

**8625 Lundy's Lane, Niagara, ON L2H 2H5**

**Phone 905-356-2267 Fax 905-354-0900**

**from Friday June 30 thru Sunday July 2**

### **Registration Fees:**

<b>Before June 1, 2006</b>	<b>GWTA Member</b>	<b>\$35. Cdn</b>	<b>\$30. U.S.</b>
	<b>Non-Members</b>	<b>\$45. Cdn</b>	<b>\$35. U.S.</b>
<b>After June 1, 2006</b>	<b>GWTA Member</b>	<b>\$45. Cdn</b>	<b>\$35. U.S.</b>
	<b>Non-Members</b>	<b>\$55. Cdn</b>	<b>\$45. U.S.</b>

**Info/Registration form: [www.gwtaregionj.com](http://www.gwtaregionj.com)  
or e-mail: [martinscott15@sympatico.ca](mailto:martinscott15@sympatico.ca)**

# Ottawa Wing Whirl

September 1~4 2006

This year's event is being held in Ottawa  
at the

**Embassy West Hotel**

1400 Carling Ave., Ottawa, ON. K1Z 7L8

**phone: 1-800-267-8696**

**www.embassywesthotel.com**

Reservations being accepted now - state that you  
are with Wing Whirl and you will receive the  
preferred rate which includes breakfast buffet.

Visit:

[www.ottawagoldwingriders.homestead.com](http://www.ottawagoldwingriders.homestead.com)

for more information

Ottawa Smiling faces adorn Kevin and Pats bed...lets Party!



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