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This is it – my favorite time of the year – time for the Toronto Motorcycle Show, 2003 edition.

This is Canada's premier motorcycle show, the year's first show in Canada and the only show in Ontario with all the manufacturers displaying all the new 2004 bikes and prototypes. This is what we have been waiting for.

The 2003 Motorcycle show will be held in the Metro Toronto Convention Center, North building, next to the CN Tower. This show has a much bigger location than last year, and there will be vendors galore.

Show hours: Friday: 10:00a.m. - 9:00p.m.
Saturday: 10:00a.m. - 9:00p.m.
Sunday: 10:00a.m. - 5:00p.m.

Visit <http://www.motorcycleshows.ca/> for admission specials

Chapter T will be at the show – with all flags flying - in booth 1039. Come out and visit us! Drop by and say hello!

In addition, plans are afoot to celebrate the season's holidays in fine style with Christmas dinner at a comedy club.

It doesn't stop there. In the New Year, we can look forward to some fiercely competitive laser tag, a genuine knock down drag out bowling competition, as well as other events too numerous to mention.

Come out and support your club.



Manitoulin Island Weekend July 30, 31, August 1, 2, 2004

Don't Miss This One!!

Join Toronto Wings on Manitoulin Island next summer to ride some of the best roads in the Province. Get back to what it's all about, motorcycling with your friends.

Manitoulin Island is one of the best-kept secrets in Ontario. The island offers the friendliest people and several attractions often missed by most visitors. If we travel off the beaten path (Highway 6 north) we will find many interesting paved roads ideal for motorcycles.

The town of Little Current is host to the biggest party of the year, the Hawberry festival held on the first long weekend in August. Live music, a parade, a street party, steak dinners for all at the Legion Hall, a huge fireworks show and a light parade of boats in the harbor are just a few of the things we will enjoy.

This weekend is also the International Pow Wow in the south end of the island. Come see the fantastic handmade

costumes and traditional dances.

Cascading waterfalls, small waterfalls and high waterfalls that you can swim in are a great way to cool off in the mid summer heat.

Join us on some challenging hiking trails with high vistas overlooking the green rugged terrain. Some trails are designed for the casual walker, others for the true adventurer.

Various restaurants along the way with superb homemade meals will keep you going for the duration of the day.

Just to whet your appetite for this fantastic ride, we include a few images of our last ride to this fascinating place.



The Details

There is no registration fee. This is a free event.

We ask that you inform Rose at Toronto Wings once you have made plans to go. As we look at the number of attendees, we will plan for tours and possibly a parade in Little Current to coincide with the town's festival. We have motorcycling friends living on the Island to help us with the arrangements.

Golf Shirts for the weekend

We have Manitoulin Weekend golf shirts available on pre orders only. They are red with black trim; with a front left pocket and the GWTA emblem on the left sleeve. The design is the same style as the Friendship Rally Shirts. The shirts are available in Small, Medium, Large, X Large, XX Large & XXX Large. All shirts cost \$25.00 taxes included.

Please inform Rose at Toronto Wings if you are joining us for the weekend and what size shirt you require. Rose must have your order and payment by May 31 to be sure your shirt will be ready for the Manitoulin Weekend. Preordered shirts can be picked up on the Island the weekend of July 30, 31 August 1, 2.

Accommodations

Accommodations are your responsibility. We only recommend these motels due to their location. All are within easy walking distance to restaurants, gas, groceries and downtown Little Current and are reasonably priced.

Please mention the Gold Wing club when

booking.

Bridgeway Motel (Little Current)
Jim & Elain Renton telephone 705-368-2230
or 705-368-2407

Hawberry Inn (Little Current) telephone
705-368-3388

Sunset Motel & Cottages
Summer Months - 705-368-2186 or other
times of the year 705-524-1523
<http://www.sunsetmotelandcottages.com/>

The Shaftesbury Inn telephone 705-368-1945

Getting There

You can gain access to the Island via Tobermory, then the ferry to South Baymouth (on the Island). Or on an all land route, south from Espanola then across the swing bridge to Little Current.

More information to follow soon.

Book now as space is limited !!

We hope to see everyone there!

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How to Pick Up a Fallen Large Motorcycle

CAUTION

Picking up a motorcycle can be dangerous and cause serious injury if done incorrectly or under poor footing. A simple back injury could wreck your life! Always, always, always try to get help first—and remember, you don't want anybody else to get hurt, either. You need to think clearly, use common sense, and be in good physical condition. Keep your body and back straight, and lift only with your legs. Maintain control of the motorcycle and never twist your body while lifting. Check the motorcycle for damage prior to riding it again.

The majority of picking up a motorcycle is mental: Work smarter, not harder. Motorcycles are heavy machines. Think about how you want to do it first—if you were going to lift a 300-pound refrigerator, would you just run up and grab it and start muscling it around, or would you plan your attack? What would you do if you were going to lift an 800-pound refrigerator?

The ideal situation for lifting a motorcycle would be:

1. Have the lifting technique demonstrated by a qualified professional.
2. Practice with a qualified professional.
3. Have the qualified professional evaluate and coach your lifting technique.

Step 1: Assess Yourself

Take a few minutes to calm down. Seeing your bike lying on its side can be a traumatic experience, but it happens to everyone at one time or another. Your bike's not going anywhere without you. Spend a few minutes asking yourself questions and talking

yourself through it: are you hurt? Are you able to pick up your motorcycle in a normal situation? Do you want to pick up your motorcycle? Is it safe to pick up your motorcycle? Etc., etc. You have the rest of your life to pick up your bike; take a few minutes to relax and assess the situation. *It's best if you get help.* And remember: if someone helps you, don't forget to warn them not to touch the hot exhaust pipe, not to lift by the turn signals, etc. Also make sure they lift correctly. You don't want someone else getting hurt.

Step 2: Assess the Environment

If you are in danger from other traffic, get away from your motorcycle and seek a place of safety. Let law enforcement respond and take control of the scene before picking up your motorcycle. Take a look at the ground: do you have a solid surface to lift from? Is there gravel? Is the pavement wet? Are you right next to a ditch? You don't want to slip and get pinned under your bike.

Step 3: Assess the Motorcycle

Turn it off using the engine cut-off switch or the ignition switch. Turn off the fuel using the fuel supply valve. Spilled fuel is common, so use caution (though usually you need sparks, flame, or an ignition source to have a fire or explosion.) If the motorcycle is lying on its right side, put the sidestand down and put the motorcycle in gear. If the motorcycle is on its left side, you can't put the side stand down and can't put the motorcycle in gear. Make a mental note of these facts. You don't want to pick up your motorcycle and then immediately drop it onto its other side!

Techniques to Lift the Fallen Motorcycle



Turn the handlebars to full-lock position with front of tire pointed downward.

Find the "balance point" of the two tires and the engine, engine guard, or footpeg. The motorcycle will be fairly easy to lift until it reaches this point because it's resting on its side. Once you start lifting from there, you are responsible for the most of the weight of the bike.

Sit down with your butt/lower back against the motorcycle seat. Be very careful to keep your back straight and your head up. Put your feet solidly on the ground about 12 inches apart, with your knees bent slightly.



With one hand, grasp the handgrip (underhand, preferably), keeping your wrist straight

With your other hand, grip the motorcycle framework (or any solid part of the motorcycle), being careful to avoid the hot exhaust pipe, turn signals, etc.

Lift with your legs by taking small steps backwards, pressing against the seat with your butt and keeping your back straight. On slippery or gravelly surfaces this technique probably won't work. On inclined surfaces this can be very dangerous.



Be careful not to lift the motorcycle up and then flip it onto its other side! If possible, put the sidestand down and the bike in gear.



Set the motorcycle on its sidestand and park it safely.

Motorcycling Minds Want to Know

Sharon asks: Why do all of women's problems start with men?

MENTal illness

MENstrual cramps

MENTal breakdown

MENopause

GUYnecologist AND

When we have REAL trouble, it's a **HIS**terectomy.

The Coach had put together the perfect team for the Los Angeles Rams. The only thing that was missing was a good quarterback. He had scouted all the colleges, and even the high schools, but he couldn't find a ringer quarterback who could ensure a Super Bowl win.

Then one night, while watching CNN, he saw a war-zone scene in Afghanistan.

In one corner of the background, he spotted a young Afghanistan soldier with a truly incredible arm. He threw a hand grenade straight into a 3rd-story window 200 yards away, ka-boom! He threw another hand grenade into a group of 10 soldiers 100 yards away, ka-blooney! Then a car passed, going 90 mph, bulls-eye! "I've got to get this guy!" Coach said to himself, "he has the perfect arm!"

So, he brings him to the States and teaches him the great game of football, and the Rams go on to win the Super Bowl for another time in history.

The young Afghani is hailed as the Great Hero of football, and when Coach asks him what he wants, all the young man wants to do is to call his mother.

"Mom," he says into the phone, "I just won the Super Bowl!"

"I don't want to talk to you," the old woman says. "You deserted us. You are not my son."

"I don't think you understand, Mother!" the young man pleads. "I just won the greatest sporting event in the world. I'm here among thousands of my adoring fans."

"No, let me tell you," his mother retorts. "At this very moment, there are gunshots all around us. The neighborhood is a pile of rubble. Your two brothers were beaten within an inch of their lives last week, and this week your sister was raped in broad daylight."

The old lady pauses, and then tearfully says, "I'll never forgive you for making us move to Los Angeles"

Samuelson was bragging to his boss one day, "You know, I know everyone there is to know. Just name someone, anyone, and I know them."

Tired of his boasting, his boss called his bluff, "OK, Samuelson, how about Tom Cruise?"

"Sure, yes, Tom and I are old friends, and I can prove it."

So Samuelson and his boss fly out to Hollywood and knock on Tom Cruise's door, and sure enough, Tom Cruise, shouts, "Samuelson! Great to see you! You and your friend come right in and join me for lunch!"

Although impressed, Samuelson's boss is still skeptical. After they leave Cruise's house, he tells Samuelson that he thinks Samuelson's knowing Cruise was just lucky.

"No, no, just name anyone else," Samuelson says.

"President Bush," his boss quickly retorts.

"Yes," Samuelson says, "I know him, let's fly out to Washington."

And off they go. At the White House, Bush spots Samuelson on the tour and motions him and his boss over, saying, "Samuelson, what a surprise, I was just on my way to a meeting, but you and your friend come on in. Let's have a cup of coffee first, and catch up."

Well, the boss is very shaken by now, but still not totally convinced. After they leave the White House grounds, he expresses his doubts to Samuelson, who again implores him to name anyone else.

"The Pope," his boss replies.

"Sure!" says Samuelson. "I've known the Pope a long time."

So off they fly to Rome. Samuelson and his boss are assembled with the masses in Vatican Square when Samuelson says, "This will never work. I can't catch the Pope's eye among all these people. Tell you what, I know all the guards so let me just go upstairs and I'll come out on the balcony with the Pope."

And he disappears into the crowd headed toward the Vatican. Sure enough, half an hour later Samuelson emerges with the Pope on the balcony. But by the time Samuelson returns, he finds that his boss has had a heart attack and is surrounded by paramedics. Working his way to his boss's side, Samuelson asks him, "What happened?"

His boss looks up and says, "I was doing fine until you and the Pope came out on the balcony and the Japanese tourist next to me asked, "Who's that on the balcony with Samuelson?"