

# The Toronto Wing's



# Kickstand

 News and views of the Toronto Wings – Chapter “T” of the Goldwing Touring Association  
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(check regularly for meetings and changes)

## Happy Holidays



### Ramblings from the Editor(s)

Linda and Rose wish everyone a wonderful Holiday Season/Christmas celebration. The bikes may be in storage for most of us but when one is out on the street Rose still follows them in the car and passes out our business card. Last week she chased down a scooter and found out there is a Toronto Scooter club the rider rides with.

Everyone has pitched in for another December bikeshow. Thanks Kevin for your organization of this big event.

The mandarin supper was a hit...next eatery is the potluck at Nedda's in December.

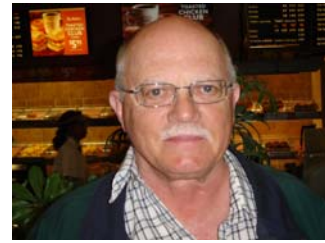
Finally Linda and Rose are taking a break from the writing the newsletter as Rose is finding it extremely difficult with her current work load. We will be back in May 2007 so keep sending us links and photos!

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# Port Dover Friday Oct 13<sup>th</sup> 2006

(getting there is half the fun)



by Bill Hobbs

A few weeks ago my brother called me and said he could get two rooms very close to Port Dover for Thursday Oct 12 and Friday Oct 13 - was I interested? The rooms were in two separate, but close, Bed and Breakfast establishments. Of course I was interested and agreed to go 'rain or shine'.

My brother Bob and his wife Ada were riding with a group and leaving Thursday morning. I had commitments, so I said I would ride down Thursday by myself and meet them there Friday morning. I then made plans with my niece to have dinner with her in Hamilton (it is on the way) on Thursday.

The Friday before I left I bought a heated vest for \$94 (good deal) at Cycle World.

Thursday dawned cold and rainy. Undaunted I left Toronto at 3pm wearing my new heated vest. I had an excellent Thai dinner with my niece and left Hamilton just as it was getting dark at 7pm. I was riding down highway 6, with the music loud, my foot thumping, when I saw what looked like snowflakes in the air. I pushed a button and the outside air temperature display showed 3C. I was impressed and pleased. I was wearing a cotton shirt, my heated vest, and that ugly summer jacket I have. And, I was toasty warm. How did I ride without a vest for 3 years? I continued on without a concern.

A few miles later I had concerns. The few pretty snowflakes had become so dense that visibility was an issue, that silly display now showed 2C, the GPS (my sole means of navigation) needed new batteries, and was the bike slipping on ice or was it my imagination. I slowed down, turned off the music and concentrated. Only the slowing down helped. I stopped in Hagersville where I noticed immediately that the road was just wet and not slippery. Also at this point the snow stopped.

The next turn was off of 6 onto county road 3. I was only 15km from the B&B when a heavier snow squall started. Soon the shoulders were covered and visibility dropped to nothing. I turned on the four way flashers, pulled over, stopped, and thought about my options. I couldn't think of any. A car crept pass so I pulled out and followed it till I got to the B&B. There I was directed to park in the garage.



After I took my luggage to a very pleasant room I went out to the bike and brought in a bottle of wine which I shared with the landlady. This turned out to be a good investment - see later. The B&B was on a horse farm and was very good. I enclose some pictures.





The next day the riders from the B&B I was at and the B&B my brother was at met up went into Port Dover, about 10km away. Attendance was off so we had no problem parking or getting around. The first thing I bought at Port Dover was a toque, selection was limited. Then I bought

a pair of fingerless gloves, there was no line up at that counter. At 5pm we all met at the local hotel to have the required fish diner. It was excellent. More pictures.





I returned to my B&B about 7:30pm. The landlady was in the sitting room and had prepared cheese and biscuits, two bottles of wine( a red and a white) and cookies.

It was a delightful evening. I did make reservations for next year.

This time its JULY 13<sup>th</sup>!

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**Submission  
From  
"Stevie  
Wonder"**



Click the link below and enjoy the safety video

<http://www.torontowings.com/rose/safetyvisibility.wmv>

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**Submitted by Jason Choy**

**Ajax Pickering CD**

**Motorcycle Express**, a subsidiary of Motorcycle Services, LLC, provides *first class services* to motorcycle enthusiasts in the USA and around the world. Working closely with motorcycle manufacturers and major insurance companies, Motorcycle Express has developed many types of motorcycle insurance services.

### **Uncrated Motorcycle Shipping by Airfreight**

We make all the arrangements for *Shipping Uncrated Motorcycles* by air freight between Canada and Europe by first class carriers. All the client has to do is arrive at the Cargo Terminal with a clean motorcycle, have less than one gallon of gasoline, disconnect the battery and tape the positive terminal. The motorcycle is then strapped to a pallet and shipped in an airline container. We do offer group discounts for motorcycles leaving from the same port.

### **Passenger Tickets**

If riders decide to ship in/out of Canada, we can refer them to a travel agent who can book their passenger ticket on the same flight as their bike.

Our *“Temporary U.S. Motorcycle Insurance Program”* provides insurance coverage’s for visiting foreign nationals while riding as tourists in the United States and Canada. This insurance program meets the statutory requirements of each state in the U.S. and will comply with each Canadian Providence. The client can purchase coverage for liability only or liability with fire, theft, vandalism and collision for the number of months they will be traveling.

Our *“Foreign Motorcycle “Green Card” Insurance Program”* provides coverages for United States and Canadian citizens while riding in Europe. This insurance program meets foreign regulatory requirements for tourists. The client can purchase coverage for liability only or liability with fire, theft, vandalism and collision for the number of months they will be traveling.

Feel free to contact our office if you have any questions about our motorcycle programs. We look forward to hearing from you.

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### ***Growing Old Gracefully***

Any woman can have the body of a 21-year-old, as long as she buys him a few drinks first.

My memory's not as sharp as it used to be. Also, my memory's not as sharp as it used to be.

Know how to prevent sagging? Just eat till the wrinkles fill out.

I've still got it, but nobody wants to see it.

I'm getting into swing dancing. Not on purpose. Some parts of my body are just prone to swinging.

It's scary when you start making the same noises as your coffeemaker.

The good news is that even as we get older, guys still look at our boobs. The bad news is they have to squat to do it.

These days about half the stuff in my shopping cart says, "For fast relief."

I've tried to find a suitable exercise video for women my age, but they haven't made one



called "Buns of Putty."

Don't think of it as getting hot flashes. Think of it as your inner child playing with matches.

Don't let aging get you down. It's too hard to get back up.

Remember: You don't stop laughing because you grow old, you grow old because you stop laughing.



### ***Think Fast . . .***

An elderly man in Florida had owned a large farm for several years.

He had a large pond in the back, fixed up nice: picnic tables, horseshoe courts, a volleyball court, and some apple and peach trees. The pond was properly shaped and fixed up for swimming.

One evening the old farmer decided to go down to the pond and look it over, as he hadn't been there for a while. He grabbed a five gallon bucket to bring back some fruit from the orchard.

As he neared the pond, he heard voices shouting and laughing with glee. As he came closer he saw it was a bunch of young women skinny-dipping in his pond.

He made the women aware of his presence and they all went to the deep end. One of the women shouted to him, "We're not coming out until you leave!"

The old man frowned, "I didn't come down here to watch you ladies swim naked or make you get out of the pond naked."

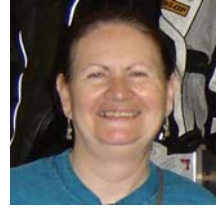
Holding the bucket up he said, "I'm here to feed the alligator."

Old men can still think fast !!!

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## MURPHY'S OTHER LAWS

from Biker Joan



1. He who laughs last, thinks slowest.
2. A day without sunshine is like, well, night.
3. Back up my hard drive? How do I put it in reverse?
4. Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.
5. Those who live by the sword get shot by those who don't.
6. I just got lost in thought. It was unfamiliar territory.
7. When the chips are down, the buffalo is empty.
8. He's so dumb, he got fired from the M&M factory for throwing out all the W's.
9. You have the right to remain silent. Anything you say will be misquoted & used against you.
10. I wonder how much deeper the ocean would be without sponges.
11. Honk if you love peace and quiet.
12. It is hard to understand how a cemetery can raise its burial costs and blame it on the higher cost of living.
13. Just remember...if the world didn't suck, we'd all fall off
14. The 50-50-90 rule: Anytime you have a 50-50 chance of getting something right, there's a 90% probability you'll get it wrong.
15. It is said that if you line up all the cars in the world end to end, someone would be stupid enough to try and pass them.
16. Latest survey shows that 3 out of 4 people make up 75% of the world's population
17. If the shoe fits, get another one just like it.
18. The things that come to those that wait may be the things left by those who got there first.
19. Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach a man to fish and he will sit in a boat all day drinking beer.
20. Flashlight: A case for holding dead batteries.
21. A fine is a tax for doing wrong. A tax is a fine for doing well.
22. I wish the buck stopped here, as I could use a few.
23. I started out with nothing, and I still have most of it.
24. The shinbone is a handy device for finding furniture.
25. When you go into court, you are putting yourself in the hands of 12 people that weren't smart enough to get out of jury duty.
26. Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

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## Snappy Answers

A flight attendant was stationed at the departure gate to check tickets. As a man approached, she extended her hand for the ticket, and he opened his trench coat and flashed her. Without missing a beat she said, "Sir, I need to see your ticket, not your stub."

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## *Motorcycle Safety*

### **Leathers REALLY Are Worth The Price**

By James R. Davis

And, with the colder weather the odds are that many of you have begun wearing leather chaps and heavier jackets. Though pretty expensive, there's ample proof that these provide far more than protection from the cold.

In studies of 'survivability' of various garment materials to a 50 MPH ride on asphalt, for example, denim lasted no more than FOUR FEET before wearing through. Kevlar, on the other hand, lasted EIGHTEEN FEET. But standard motorcycle quality (about three times heavier than fashion jacket material) lasted EIGHTY-SIX FEET. That's more than 20 times as effective as your jeans in protecting your hide.

[The tests were reported in the September 1988 issue of Cycle magazine.]

*Editors Note: As we work at the Dec and Jan bike shows consider it might be time to look around again for good quality graded material because the cheap leather won't last the length in an accident*

### **Maintenance Long Before you tour**

By James R. Davis

A couple of years ago a friend of ours joined us on a 1,200 mile tour. She is a conscientious lady and wanted to make sure her motorcycle was ready and safe before we left, so she took her Wing to a dealer and had them do some work on it for her. Among other things, she had her rear brakes worked on because they seemed to 'stick a little'. She picked up the bike just before our trip. That nearly cost her her life.

In the case of our friend, they charged her for the brake work, but later investigation shows that it was never done at all. Even if it had been, it makes no sense at all to depend on recent mechanical work while out on a tour. Far better, test the bike for several hundred miles before taking that tour.

Our friend's rear brakes locked up 1,100 miles into the tour with us and she did a high-side at 50 MPH.

So, this time a few hundred miles of testing would not have discovered the problem. But what about the next time? It seems to me that the above does not quite put this message in perspective. So, try this one...

Yesterday Elaine picked up her bike from the dealer after they had done some major work on it for her. She had the cams and lifters replaced on the right side of the block. She road the bike home and commented to me that the bike had never felt so good and smooth to her. She was thrilled with the work.

Today we took the bikes out for a couple hundred miles in order to lay out and pre-ride a poker run we are responsible for in a couple of weeks. We got a total of 12 miles under our belts before the engine blew.

Elaine was going 70 MPH and was in the fast lane of a four lane wide freeway. She heard a metallic grind, then the left side of her engine housing disappeared. The bolt holding the flywheel backed out and ripped the metal casing apart in the process. Oil sprayed out to the left and saturated her chaps and boot. About two quarts were lost in a matter of seconds.

Elaine signaled that she was going to pull off the freeway by going left into the center median. I saw from behind her what had happened and insisted that she move RIGHT instead. Secured each lane and we did just that - moved right across four lanes and off the side of the road. I am greatly impressed with Elaine's calmness during this experience. She did not freeze. She did not panic. She did not 'hit her brakes'. Instead, she smoothly eased her bike to the right and got it off the freeway without losing control.

[Lest any reader doubt the wisdom of moving four lanes to the right instead of one lane to the left, I remind you that the oil was gushing out on the left side. If she had gone left to exit the freeway she would have risked riding over that oil with her back tire. When we stopped and got off the bikes it was still dripping major amounts of oil beneath her bike.] The mechanic who did the work on her bike is world class! He insisted after seeing what had happened, and turning white as a sheet, that they had not been anywhere near that part of the engine to replace the cams and lifters. Nevertheless, he promised to fix the bike at his cost because 'it looks bad for us.'

Elaine asked me if I believe the guy. I do. I put my life into his hands whenever I give him my bike for work. By definition I believe this man. He will not eat the whole job, I assure you.

But the message should be crystal clear now: Do your maintenance long before you do your tour. Use your newly maintained bike for at least 100 miles before you leave home. Even the best 'wrench' makes mistakes. Those that are not the best make more of them.

*Editors Note: As we put our bikes to rest over the winter lets thank our good maintenance shops that are this honorable. We all share who we go to see and trust. Lastly remember this when we start into our season for the first big trip....All done and checked well before you go out. Problem is when we get stuck on the road so keep the GWTA phone number with you and get the best advice and where to get repairs done!*

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## December Birthday Babies

Joan Dec 9<sup>th</sup>

Kevin Dec 19<sup>th</sup>

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## Toronto Wings Dec Bike Show Calendar

Show Hours: Friday 10:00a.m. to 9:00p.m. Saturday 10:00a.m. to 9:00p.m.  
 Sunday 10:00a.m. to 5:00p.m.

Set Up Thursday Night: Stephen, Robin, Linda, Kevin

Friday A.M.	Friday P.M.	Friday to close	Saturday A.M.	Saturday P.M.	Saturday to close	Sunday A.M.	Sunday P.M.	Sunday to close	Tear Down
		Rose							
						Peter Hicklin	Peter Hicklin		
	Nedda Lash	Nedda Lash							
	Bruce Whye	Bruce Whye	Bruce Whye			Bruce Whye			
Biker Bill				Biker Bill			Biker Bill		
Linda	Linda								
			Tammy						
			Stephen						
					Gerry O.	Gerry O.		Gerry O.	
			Robin & Al						
							Tom	Tom	Tom
							Joan	Joan	Joan
				Pat	Pat		Pat	Pat	Pat
		Kevin		Kevin	Kevin		Kevin	Kevin	Kevin
Bill H.	Bill H.								

Linda's 88 year old dad knows how to dress safely when having a photo ...on the bike:

goggles, leather jacket, gloves helmet and running shoes.

...with a big smile of course

“you look great dad”!





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by Toronto  
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