

The Toronto Wing's



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News and views of the Toronto Wings – Chapter “T” of the Goldwing Touring Association
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Tim Horton's Donuts
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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.

Well March is an exciting month. It's the month I consciously start to practice in the car, some motorcycling safety like *doubling checking* blind spots, looking back and forth in *both mirrors* and making sure I am *constantly* checking my mirrors. All in preparation for the motorcycle riding season. Ok I know I am supposed to do this in the car anyway, but it's a bigger safer vehicle and I became complacent. Its time to mentally be alert, practice and prepare for bike riding season.

Toronto Wings may be having a chapter only “spring warm up” if Honda Canada requires us to get insurance. We have requested an answer about this last year and its February with no answer. The chapter has decided that if Honda has not given us their answer by March 1st in accepting our GWTA certificate of insurance, then we will simply cancel the traditional Toronto Spring Warm up. We will need time to prepare an alternative for our chapter. We still hope for an acceptance from Honda Canada.



The bike itch...

Every spring we all feel it. When the roads are clear of snow, the sun shines and the weather gets nice (even if it's cold).. we get the bike itch. Did you know this disease comes in two forms.

The first version is the **get out and ride version**. That one is a given for all bikers. But then there is the other mutated version that seems to have hit my household in the last 2 years. It's the **"get a new bike itch"**. Over the last 2 years I was itching. I sold the Honda 250, bought the Virago 750, bought the Virago 1000, bought the Goldwing, sold the 750. Now it's hitting our household again.

HELP...Linda is itching. I kept saying "with 3 bikes we have no more room in the garage". She wants to give me her green virago and I'm supposed to sell my old, rusty 84 virago "bad ass" bike.

How can she ask me to do that? This bike is as close to a Harley as I will ever get. In my mind it has all the benefits with no maintenance issues. I can ride anywhere and parts don't fall off. I don't need to replace the oil every ride and my "bad ass" has and will never been trailered anywhere either.

Then I said to Linda "keep your virago...after all I have 2 bikes, why not you". Stop...What was I thinking???

Linda's itch is for the 650 Suzuki Burgman. Of course now I am panicking. I know a little about the wing and virago maintenance....but it's me who will get stuck doing the maintenance. I don't even know of any riders in GWTA that own a Burgman.

I guess in the future when I am riding in the car or later on the bike and I see a Burgman....I'll have to do a Gary Wayne thing (I will not be in a taxi) but catch up to the Burgman and pick their brains for info. I am the *info girl*.

Thank God for internet (where I spend ¾'s of my life in the winter). The Burgman sites are great and even have detailed photo's of how to change the 3 levels of fluid etc...now that Linda is addicted to the computer, I can send her the links. There is also great advice for fix its and recall problems.

I know our Toronto chapter will welcome Linda's new addition when she decides to buy it. I am hoping she will wait until the fall and get a better deal but then you know how this disease works. It can fester and irritate requiring immediate attention to fix the problem. Nice to know that Linda's potential new addition also falls in line with the GWTA policy of adding and welcoming all forms of bikes in our organization. Sell my "bad ass".....come on!

Linda will need to decide on her method of treatment. I may need some form of treatment help too. Especially if we do decide to keep 4 bikes. I think I will have to visit our in house Toronto Wings psychologist, Lisa for some therapy.



Cell phone Safety Tip

I remember meeting an ambulance attendant on a ride and he was telling me about ICE for cell phones. This idea began in England due to all the bombings and people needing fast EMO contact. I believe it is now in operation in Canada as well.

East Anglian Ambulance Service have launched a national "IN CASE of EMERGENCY (ICE)" campaign with the support of Falklands war hero Simon Weston. The idea is that you store the word "ICE" in your mobile phone address book, and against it enter the number of the person you would want to be contacted "In Case of Emergency".

In an emergency situation ambulance and hospital staff will then be able to quickly find out who your next of kin are and be able to contact them. It's so simple that everyone can do it.

For more than one contact name ICE1, ICE2, ICE3 etc. Don't just think about doing this - pick up your phone and DO IT NOW.

Remember, an emergency is any situation where you are no longer in control – injured after a car accident – or the like.



March Social Calendar

Chapter T

Ottawa from March 10 to 13 to visit the many museum located there.

Civilization, Science and Technology, War, Royal Mint, Canadian Nature museum-"Ice Age Mammals" Parliament Buildings etc

The only organized parts of the trip are:
-to stay at the Best Western Hotel
-Friday to Monday.

Everything else, including arrival on Friday, museum visits and dinners will be ad hoc. Nedda has extended the invite to our sister GWTA chapters.

Chapter K

and friends will have returned from their cruise in February and are rarin to go for March. Chapter K is having a Fun Night at Rinx appealing to golfers and whirly ball players and other activities on Saturday March 25th. You will need to let Nedda know if you plan to attend as spaces are limited.



Humor and Smiles

You might be a biker if ...

- Your best shoes have steel toes.
- Every left shoe you own has a black spot on it from the shift lever.
- You're only sunburned on the back of your hands and neck.
- Your three piece suit consists of leather chaps, a leather vest, & a leather jacket.
- Your other suit is a rain suit.

A Motorist was mailed a picture of his car speeding through an automated radar post in Edmonton AB. A \$40 speeding ticket was included. Being cute, he sent the police department a picture of \$40. The police responded with another mailed photo of handcuffs.

A Saskatchewan policeman had a perfect spot to watch for speeders, but wasn't getting many. Then he discovered the reason. a 12 year old boy was standing up the road with a hand painted sign which read "RADAR TRAP AHEAD". The officer then found a young accomplice down the road with a sign reading "TIPS" and a bucket full of money.



Unless you're a hemorrhoid,
Stay off my ASS



Bumper stickers

So many pedestrians
So little time.....

If You Can Read This
I've Lost My Trailer!



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



Birthday Beauties in March

Gerry Offord March 2nd

Bruce Whye March 6th



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:



Women 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/b.exe](http://www.torontowings.com/rose/b.exe)



HAPPY

St. Patrick's Day

