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

Have a HAPPY & Safe Riding Season

Ramblings from the Editor(s)

Well when most people talk about the negative impact of global warming we can only say WOW>>>>our riding season has gotten longer as we are out earlier.

As we start this 2007 riding season we have already had several rides and the Region J Ride in Lunch. Remember it is still early in the season so we all need to review the rules of the road, be vigilant and ride in a protective manner. When we ride as a group and move as a unit (with everyone aware of everyone else's job) we are all much safer.

Aware of the potential of sand on the road, Bobby L. led us on a great ride. It began with breakfast at the Huskies on HWY 400 and then a trip through to the Big Chute, Bala, Gravenhurst and home. Great way to start the season.

Paul C. a week later, organized a ride to Belfountain and lunch at Erin. He had his 81 year old mom on the back of his bike. Did you all know that you can no longer ride through to the switchback? It continues to be closed. The good news is that the bike heavy traffic in the area was a lot less. It was nice to meet Paul's mom and Serge who is considering joining Toronto Wings.

Be safe out there and have a great season!



Photo Gallery of Rides
photos by Paul Cuddy



Everyone met at the Tim Horton's to start.



Sam and Jeanie were ready for Breakfast... and followed Bobby into the Huskies.



Look at all the smiles....after an amazing breakfast all were ready to ride!



Lionel told us HWY 400 did not look busy!

Belfountain/Erin



"Hi Mom....I got you here in one piece" (Paul)



Alex told Geri if she bought anything it must fit on the bike or it was not coming home.



We parked in Erin and got ready for lunch



We had a great lunch...would go back again.

Thanks Paul!

News Article: Charleston, S.C.

Teen survives 60-foot plunge into pluff mud *Published: 5/6/2007*

Pluff mud saved his life.

A teenager lost control of his motorcycle, plunged over the rail of the James Island connector at the Lockwood Drive ramp Saturday and dropped on the bike 60 feet into the mud flats and rising tide of the Ashley River. He sat there mud-wrapped like a mummy, then crawled out of the water and laid down on the flat, leaving his shoes stuck behind, the bike a twisted freak in the mud and the tide leaking into his overturned helmet.

Charleston Police identified the motorcyclist as Benjamin Fischer, 17. He was being treated Saturday night at the Medical University of South Carolina and was in fair condition.

"I heard a boom, then a loud smack," said Orry Howe, who works at Ashley Marina nearby. "We saw a debris field splash across the water," said Les Emery, of Hudson, Fla., who was docked at the marina. "He was stuck under the bike. He was half-buried in the mud and water. We couldn't believe it."

Howe slugged his way out to the flat and found Fischer waist deep with the tide beginning to circle him. He was conscious and yelling, Howe said. Howe asked if everything was all right and the man said no, everything wasn't all right. "I told him, 'What's all right is you're alive. Somebody was looking out for you.'" Charleston firefighters tied a rope to a stretcher board and slid the teen out of the mud, blinking, barefoot and shivering uncontrollably. The only visible injury was a

cut on his arm.

Pluff mud is a soft, sucking fill along tidal marshes that has a distinct, pungent smell.



For more photos click the link below:
<http://www.torontowings.com/rose/bridgefal/motorcyclist.gif>

Motorcycle Safety

Wheel Traps

By James R. Davis

As agile as we know our motorcycles are, there are times when two wheels simply are not up to the tasks we present to them - unless we know HOW. For example, assume you are riding along and notice that there is a trough in the middle of the road extending for as far as the eye can see. It also just happens to be about four inches wide and about one inch deep.

Like a magnet, that trough sucks your front wheel into it, the rear wheel obligingly joins it and suddenly your wheels are trapped.

You cannot steer out of it.

OK, OK, I can hear it now: 'Get real!'

Fine, so it's not down the center of the road.

It's along side and some people would call it a rain gutter.

Or it is down the middle of the road, but it only has one side - they resurfaced the road, one lane higher than the one next to it.

Or you eased off the pavement and there was about a one inch drop to the apron beyond.

Or you are on a surface street and pull over to the curb and your front tire slides right up against the curb, parallel to it.

You get the picture. There are all kinds of traps out there that we don't normally have to deal with but that can be encountered at any time, and you will have no choice but to deal with them.

In every case I described above the problem is that you must either ride up and over one side of the obstacle or you must turn away from that obstacle - both of which turn out to be more difficult than first expected.

The problem, of course, is that you often simply cannot turn your wheel because it *IS* trapped. An effort to turn away from the curb that your front tire is hugging finds that the rear edge of the tire must push against the curb in order for the front edge to turn away from it. A mere one inch of height is sufficient to stop you cold - your bike will fall over before you can turn the wheel.

In this particular case you have no choice but to stop completely, lean the bike away from the trap, and walk the bike free.

▶ **Never get within 6" of a raised surface that runs parallel to the direction you are moving!**

If the surface is only 1" high you can ride over it without much concern so long as you approach it at any meaningful angle.

(Greater than 20 degrees.)

Anything higher than about 1" and you must put as great an angle of attack to it as possible. Ideally you want to cross over it with a 90 degree (perpendicular) angle.

▶ **Always approach a trap that you must cross over with more than a 20 degree attack angle.**

It is not so much that you should fear that your front tire will fail to get over the trap, it is that you must be concerned about getting your rear tire over it. What happens if your attack angle is low is that you instinctively turn your front wheel into the trap to get over it, so it does, but your rear tire, having a lower attack angle, slides along the trap rather than going over it. This immediately twists your bike into the turn and presents an ever increasing attack angle for that rear tire. At some point (quickly) the attack angle will be sufficient and the rear tire will grab and ride over the obstacle. Unfortunately, while it was sliding along you and your bike turned the front wheel in the direction of the slide. Thus, when that rear tire grabs it is analogous to the classic conditions of a high side. About 2/3s of a second later you will hit the ground.

▶ **Before trying to ride over a trap that is relatively close to you, turn away from it and then towards it in order to build the largest attack angle possible.**

About 1/2 second before your front tire hits the obstacle, accelerate. That unloads your front shocks. At the same time shift your weight to your pegs and lift your butt off the seat. When the rear tire hits the trap the rear-end of the bike will get quite a vertical jolt - possibly enough to throw you off the seat and cause you to have to fight for control if you have not already raised that derriere.

Tips for Handling Telemarketers

...Three Little Words That Work

(1) The three little words are: "Hold On, Please..." Saying this, while putting down your phone and walking off (instead of hanging-up immediately) would make each telemarketing call so much more time-consuming that boiler room sales would grind to a halt. Then when you eventually hear the phone company's "beep-beep-beep" tone, you know it's time to go back and hang up your handset, which has efficiently completed its task. These three little words will help eliminate telephone soliciting.

(2) Do you ever get those annoying phone calls with no one on the other end? This is a telemarketing technique where a machine makes phone calls and records the time of day when a person answers the phone. This technique is used to determine the best time of day for a "real" sales person to call back and get someone at home.

What you can do after answering, if you notice there is no one there, is to immediately start hitting your # button on the phone, 6 or 7 times, as quickly as possible. This confuses the machine that dialed the call and it kicks your number out of their system. Gosh, what a shame not to have your name in their system any longer!!!

(3) Junk Mail Help:

When you get "ads" enclosed with your phone or utility bill, return these "ads" with your payment. Let the sending companies throw their own junk mail away.

When you get those "pre-approved" letters in the mail for everything from credit cards to 2nd mortgages and similar type junk, do not throw away the return envelope. Most of these come with postage-paid return

envelopes, right? It costs them more than the regular 37 cents postage "IF" and when they receive them back. It costs them nothing if you throw them away! The postage was around 50 cents before the last increase and it is according to the weight. In that case, why not get rid of some of your other junk mail and put it in these cool little, postage-paid return envelopes.

One of Andy Rooney's (60 minutes) ideas. Send an ad for your local chimney cleaner to American Express. Send a pizza coupon to Citibank. If you didn't get anything else that day. Then just send them their blank application back! If you want to remain anonymous, just make sure your name isn't on anything you send them.

You can even send the envelope back empty if you want to just to keep them guessing! It still costs them 37 cents.

The banks and credit card companies are currently getting a lot of their own junk back in the mail, but folks, we need to OVERWHELM them. Let's let them know what it's like to get lots of junk mail, and best of all they're paying for it... Twice! Let's help keep our postal service busy since they are saying that e-mail is cutting into their business profits, and that's why they need to increase postage costs again. You get the idea! If enough people follow these tips, it will work ---- I have been doing this for years, and I get very little junk mail anymore.

Birthday Beauty this May

Bobby	May 07
Olga	May 12
Rose	May 23

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

Attempts at Humour

Engineer... The Pearly Gates

An engineer dies and reports to the pearly gates.

St. Peter checks his dossier and says, "Ah, you're an engineer - you're in the wrong place."

So the engineer reports to the gates of hell and is let in.

Pretty soon, the engineer gets dissatisfied with the level of comfort in hell, and starts designing and building improvements.

After a while, they've got air conditioning, flush toilets and escalators, and the engineer is becoming a pretty popular guy.

One day God calls Satan up on the telephone and asks with a sneer, "So, how's it going down there in hell?"

Satan replies, "Hey, things are going great. We've got air conditioning, flush toilets and escalators, and there's no telling what this engineer is going to come up with next."

God replies, "What??? You've got an engineer? That's a mistake - he should never have gotten down there; send him up here."

Satan says, "No way! I like having an engineer on the staff, and I'm keeping him."

God says, "Send him back up here or I'll sue."

Satan laughs uproariously and answers, "Yeah right. And just where are YOU going to get a lawyer?"

Dear Tech Support:

Last year I upgraded from Girlfriend 7.0 to Wife 1.0. I soon noticed that the new program began unexpected child processing that took up a lot of space and valuable resources.

In addition, Wife 1.0 installed itself into all other programs and now monitors all other system activity. Applications such as Poker Night 10.3, Football

5.0, Hunting and Fishing 7.5, and Racing 3.6.

I can't seem to keep Wife 1.0 in the background while attempting To run my favorite applications. I'm thinking about going back to Girlfriend 7.0, but the uninstall doesn't work on Wife 1.0. Please help!

Thanks,

Troubled User.....

REPLY:

Dear Troubled User:

This is a very common problem that men complain about.

Many people upgrade from Girlfriend 7.0 to Wife 1.0, thinking that it is just a Utilities and Entertainment program. Wife 1.0 is an OPERATING SYSTEM and is designed by its Creator to run EVERYTHING !! It is also impossible to delete Wife 1.0 and to return to Girlfriend 7.0. It is impossible to uninstall, or purge the program files from the system once installed.

You cannot go back to Girlfriend 7.0 because Wife 1.0 is designed to not allow this. Look in your Wife 1.0 manual under Warnings-Alimony/Child Support. I recommend that you keep Wife 1.0 and work on improving the situation. I suggest installing the background application "Yes Dear" to alleviate software augmentation.

The best course of action is to enter the command C:\APOLOGIZE Because ultimately you will have to give the APOLOGIZE command before the system will return to normal anyway.

Wife 1.0 is a great program, but it tends to be very high maintenance. Wife 1.0 comes with several support programs, such as Clean and Sweep 3.0, Cook It 1.5 and Do Bills 4.2.

However, be very careful how you use these programs. Improper use will cause the system to launch the program Nag Nag 9.5. Once this happens, the only way to improve the performance of Wife 1.0 is to purchase additional software. I recommend Flowers 2.1 and Diamonds 5.0.

WARNING!!! DO NOT, under any circumstances, install Secretary With Short Skirt 3.3. This application is not supported by Wife 1.0 and will cause irreversible damage to the operating system!

Best of luck,

Tech Support

May Meeting

May 17th Joan + Tom
starts at 7:30

Future Meetings

June need volunteer host
starts at 7:30

Toronto Wings Executive Members

looking for You...to help in our organization – *we give air miles* (:

Volunteer for Secretary
Volunteer for Ride Captain
Volunteer for Social Coordinator

May We Always Have Enough

HAPPINESS
to keep us sweet.

SORROW
to keep us human

FAITH
to give us courage

WEALTH
to meet our needs

TRIALS
to keep us strong

FAILURE
to keep us humble

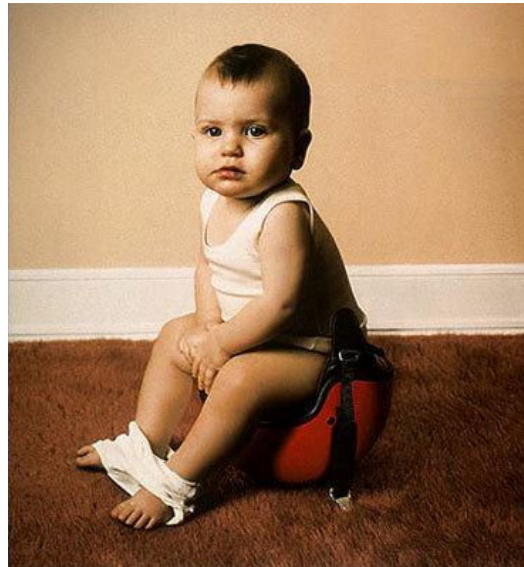
FRIENDS
to give us comfort

LOVE
to share with others

TIME
for those in need of help

DETERMINATION
to make each day a good one

May your day be blessed with just "enough"



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