

The Toronto Wing's



Kickstand

News and views of the Toronto Wings – Chapter T of the Goldwing Touring Association
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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. Halloween has come and gone but not to be forgotten. 7 of us attended the halloween party held by Ajax Pickering and have photo's to prove it. I must apologize to some of you. I had not been out dancing in quite a while and something let loose and I just could not help myself(smirk).

We gained an extra hour and yet I don't know where it went. At least it is not so dark when I get up and take the dog for her morning run.

2 bikes are now fully stored and I just have the last bike to get ready for winter. Yes Bob some of us have to put the toys away early as we don't have the heated equipment like you do.

Bruce has planned all year to go to the USA and borrow Bob's trailer to transport his wing down and then play. He sent us photos of his time down south and excerpts of his encounter with Wilma. We are happy he has returned to us safe and sound and that he was far enough away not to get hurt.

Kevin is busy preparing for the December bike show. Hope you all enjoy this months edition!



Bruce meets Wilma in Florida



As I put the bike back on the trailer, (hopefully to keep both from blowing away) the police drive by. The message from the loud speakers says "mandatory evacuation for all mobile home residents". A friend of Marlene has a brick house & we will be going there before dark. No rain yet.



They predict up to 1' of rain. Wilma will get here sometime tomorrow morning. Winds here are expected to stay under 100 mph. As this is my first life threatening hurricane, I don't feel any fear. Perhaps that will come to me tomorrow morning. All I feel is excitement.

Monday Oct 24th

Very little of anything. The Lunch time now. If we make the house and survive, I will send more tuesday, if there is power. Bye from Sarasota.



The wind never got that wild. Maybe 45 to 50 mph. Very little debris with steady rain, which were not that heavy. Played games all evening.

The worst was between 6 & 7 am. The sun came out around 1 pm. Only 10% of those in town are without power. On the way back to the park the roads were clear & dry. At the park we saw only one palm about 15' was down. It was nice to visit other people for the evening, but as it turned out, we could have stayed put. The hardest part was loading & unloading the car.

Tomorrow I have to clean the eaves, wash the car, & unload the Wing again. I will go for a short ride tomorrow afternoon.

Bye from Sarasota



Bob's Addiction to Pennsylvania

We left Sat at 7:30 am. 6 bikes in all. Nedda and I were #5 and Bruce last in line. Cool and damp/misty but no rain until very late afternoon but roads wet all day. From about 5:30 pm we had middling rain until we pulled into Scranton at about 7:45 pm. In the pitch black we had ridden about 730 kms. During the last 1.5 hours it was quite unpleasant as the roads were so shiny black making it very difficult to see. Bruce was pissed and out of sorts. Apparently that distance is about as far as he has ever ridden in 1 day. Too far...too long...too tired...too cold (no heated gear). He was also real happy to pay \$149 US for his room.

Sunday was cool again but reached low 60s. Overcast - no rain. Roads dry and superb. Tree colour about 30 - 35%. Did about 400 kms. Bruce now 3rd in line behind ST1300 and YZF600 so we didn't see all that much of him. On reaching Williamsport Bruce again a happy camper having had a great day. My heated clothing thermostat died but I had a backup so all OK.

Monday we left Williamsport at 8:30; arrived in TO at 7:15 completing a total of 1760 kms. It was Overcast and mid 60s until about 11:30 am; then partly sunny to sunny all the way back. No rain. We went up and down Wykoff Run. Enjoyed breakfast at Yesterdays in Renovo. Bruce grinning ear to ear...feels steering is a bit loose over 180 kph. so can't keep up with the two lead bikes...but very, very happy.

I managed to fall parking my bike but no damage to me, Nedda or the bike. I went straight back on my head and the helmet made a very loud sound when it struck the ground. Probably have to get a new one now.

All in all a terrific weekend. By the way, the chest pain I was having at breakfast last Sunday when Rose closed our pool was a fractured rib probably from the incident with my cousin in Pa. two weeks ago. I got an X-ray last Thursday and saw my doctor today. Almost no more pain.

Editors note: Everyone was sent the October Region J minutes Nov 6th. They have also been posted on our website. I am enclosing the presentation that Nedda made at the Oct CD meeting on our behalf for all of us to appreciate.

Chapter T -Toronto Wings Chapter Directors' Meeting - Sunday, October 2, 2005

The Members of Toronto Wings have worked well together to implement club activities. Rides, programs and social activities have been well attended and successful. Chapter T members are thoughtful, considerate and helpful to one another.

Under the capable direction of our Events' Coordinator, Kevin Welch, we had a great Spring Warm Up; a successful charity ride, which raised \$635.00 for the Alzheimer's Society and a memorable long weekend on Manitoulin Island.

Together we supported many other clubs

including Newmarket's MADD Ride, the DAD ride, Camp Huronda, Barrie Chapter Toy Ride, Red, White and Blue Toy ride, TOMA, Ride for Sight, the Bad ride, the Huronia Chapter ride and others.

When gaps appeared Toronto Wings members stepped in to fill them. Linda and Rose "kickstarted" and revived our chapter newsletter The Kickstand. Full of pictures, articles and good contributions from members. It is an interesting and informative publication. Our web site is attractive, functional and well maintained under the watchful eye of our webmaster and trustworthy treasurer Bill Hobbs. Linda Pennock is our new Assistant Chapter Director. Our members host meetings, create calendars, lead rides, facilitate winter activities, participate in club events and help to boost and maintain a positive, friendly atmosphere.

Our exciting riding season has given us an incentive to plan for fall and winter events. From dinners and brunches to hockey games and movies Chapter T keeps the home fires burning.

Visit us at our booth at the **December Manufactures' Bike Show** at the Convention Centre as we continue our tradition of making GWTA visible to the largest number of motorcyclists in Canada.

Sunday, May 14, 2006.
Participate in our superbly organized **Spring Warm Up** at the Honda plant on Milner Road.

Featuring:
Separate groups for beginner and experienced riders;

EMS experts leading safety demonstrations;
Practice on courses with Certified Motorcycle Instructors;
Technical and education Seminars;
Demo Rides.

Join Chapter T, Toronto Wings, for their exciting Spring Warm Up.

Respectfully submitted,
Nedda Lash
Chapter Director.

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Pickering Ajax Halloween Dance

See if you recognize these Halloween folk from various Chapters





Judy, Jason, Chapter F,

Marvelous music-
Dynamite decorations-
Fabulous food-
Great gifts-
Dramatic disguises-
Hospitable hosts- Perfect party
All of us had
a great time.
Happy
Halloween
from
Chapter T

Nedda



Humor Photo Attempts for the boys in the crowd



Tom Niemela photo

Birthday Beauties November

Linda Nov 22

Happy Birthday bike chick!

November Meeting
at the Biller's home

117 Elm Ridge Drive
416-787-9960

Thursday Nov 17th
starts at 7:30

Please submit photo's and articles to
Nedda for our next newsletter.

Rose & Linda