

The Toronto Wing's



Kickstand



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

Ramblings from your Editor(s)

Freedom Is NOT Free



Hello Everyone,

My dad is a war veteran and just turned 90 this year. Rose and I want to dedicate this issue of “the Kickstand” to all the veterans who served for Canada. It is because of them, we experience so many freedoms today! We will not forget Edwin Thomas Pennock and the others named and unnamed who sacrificed unselfishly for us and the future they never got to experience.

We have another breakfast planned this Sunday November 16th. Moische will provide details closer to the date.

Chapter T continues its preparations for the Manufacturers' December Bike Show. Kevin has a sign up list and I am busily choosing pictures for our video display.

Nedda has graciously volunteered her home again for our December Potluck Holiday Celebration. Yup...the eating and socializing in Chapter T continues!





Submitted
by

**David
Minifie**

End of Season checklist Bedding down your bike

By Tom Porco, owner of CycleWerx service shop in Toronto, offers this handy checklist.

Taking time to prepare your motorcycle for winter storage serves two good purposes. For one, you're giving it much needed preventive maintenance. Second, every extra moment spent caring for your bike gives you a chance to get to know it better..

1. Give it a good cleaning

"The first thing you should do is wash off all the dirt, grease and corrosive stuff that can damage paint and other surfaces," says Tom. If your bike is chain-driven, use a proper chain cleaner or kerosene to degrease it. Then, lube the chain or use chain wax.

Tip: To prevent rusting, spray lubricant on all pivot points, including those on the bike's side stand, centre stand, and foot pegs.

Apply it also on any bare metal, as on the inside of exhaust pipes.

2. Add a fuel stabilizer

Top up the gas tank with fuel and add a quality stabilizer. Run the engine for about five to ten minutes to thoroughly mix the two. This will prevent the tank interior from rusting and fuel from stratifying.

Tip: "If your bike is carbureted," Tom adds,

"make sure you drain the carbs." Otherwise, gas left inside can break down and clog the jets. You could face an expensive overhaul job in the spring!

3. Change your oil and oil filter

Do this after you take your bike for a ride, so the oil gets heated and becomes easier to drain. It's important to drain old oil because it absorbs combustion by-products like acids. If left standing, this can eat away at bare metal. Oil can also stratify and leave gummy deposits.

Similarly, it's best to change the oil filter both before and immediately after storage. Over several months, the filter will absorb residue deposited at the bottom of the engine case.

Tip: "Change your oil to a cheaper brand when storing your bike, and then replace it in spring with a higher caliber," Tom advises.

4. Protect cylinder walls and valves

After you remove the spark plugs, pour a tablespoonful of 50-weight motor oil (or fogging oil) into the cylinders.

Turn the engine over by putting the bike in gear, with the plugs out and the ignition off. Then turn the rear wheel by hand several times. Replace the plugs.

5. Pamper your battery and electrical

"One of the most common mistakes when storing a motorcycle is neglecting the battery," observes Tom. Simply hook it up to a smart charger or a one-amp trickle charger for small engines.

When removing the battery, clean any sulphated connections with steel wool and coat them with grease or petroleum jelly. It's also a good time to check for any exposed or frayed electrical connections. Spray all connections with lubricant or coat

them with a lithium-based grease.

6. Check all fluids and hoses

If you own a liquid-cooled machine, inspect coolant levels and test coolant quality. Brake, hydraulic clutch, and fork fluids are prone to moisture corrosion. These fluids should be checked before storage and replaced at least every two years. Examine hoses for excessive wear.

7. Treat tires with care

Inspect tires to detect any cracks or other defects. Put your bike on its centre stand and reduce the air pressure in both tires by about 20 per cent. It's best to store your bike so it's not resting on its tires.

If your bike doesn't have a centre stand, inflate the tires to their recommended pressure and rotate them every few weeks. That will help prevent flat spots.

8. Protect paint and chrome

Preserve painted surfaces with a recommended wax and apply a chrome protectant to keep all your shiny parts shiny.

9. Top it off with a cover

Ideally, you will be able to store your bike in a dry, heated facility. But no matter where you keep your bike for the winter, buy a good quality cover made of breathable fabric.

Tip: Use plastic bags to protect the exhaust and air box from unwanted rodents. Alternatively, plug pipes with rags. If these critters make your bike a winter home, they'll cause havoc in the spring. "Follow these steps" says Tom "and your bike will thank you next spring!"

When having your tire changed ensure you get your spline lubricated



From GWRRA....

Spline Lubrication

Stu, I read with interest your recommendations to Mr. Rich Hahn in the February 2008 issue about lubricating the U-joint splines on the GL1500s.

Could you please explain the additional steps necessary to do this procedure during a

Jeff, lubing the U-joint or driveshaft splines requires removal of the final drive gearcase followed by removal of the driveshaft and U-joint. Honda's concern was apparently only with the splines at the rear of the driveshaft, though it would only require a few minutes more to access the U-joint once the driveshaft is out. There is a very specific order for retightening the components on installation to guarantee correct gearcase alignment. Leave the four gearcase-to-driveshaft nuts finger tight until the axle nut, then the axle pinch bolt has been tightened. Torque up the gearcase nuts as the last step.

Stu

Editors submission:

I had my rear tire changed before mu trip this summer. I asked about having my spine lubricated as other Wing riders told me it had not been done on their bike and then they had problems later. I was told that was only done on the older GL 1100. I decided to check if it was needed for my GL 1500 and yes often it is overlooked . Insist it is done when you have the wheel changed.

Meeting Dates and locations

Nov 20 *Stephen and Tammy*
Dec *No meeting-Holiday Party*
Jan 22 *Kevin*
Feb 19 *Need a host*

Dec 6th Holiday Potluck
At the Lash Residence 5:30 pm

November Birthdays

Linda Pennock November 22

**Toronto Wingers and Wingettes ...please submit your birthdays to bikechick222@yahoo.ca (day and month)

November Sunday Breakfast
Sunday, November 16th

Breakfast Location: "Times Square"
(Wilson Heights and Sheppard,
southeast side).
Time TBA.

Moishe will provide information and let everyone know the details by email. If you plan to attend let him know as he will need to book space for us.



Submissions from

Stephen Daiter

Aka

"STEVIE WONDER"

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1950's

for the guys in the group

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QUICK TIPS: Guidelines For Carrying A Passenger On Your Motorcycle

Legal Considerations

1. All state laws and requirements for carrying a passenger must be followed.
2. Some states have specific equipment requirements. Examples: the motorcycle must have passenger footrests, passengers must be able to reach the footrests, and a motorcycle must have a separate seating area for a passenger.
3. The decision to carry a child, assuming all safety and legal factors have been considered, is left to the parent or guardian. Ensure that the child is mature enough to handle the responsibilities, tall enough to reach the footrests, wears a properly fitted helmet and other protective gear, and holds onto you or the passenger hand-holds. Check your state's laws; a few states have set minimum ages for motorcycle passengers.

Operator Preparation

1. Passengers should be considered as a second "active" rider so they can help ensure that safety and procedural operations are correctly followed.
2. A passenger will affect the handling characteristics of a motorcycle due to the extra weight and independent motion.
3. A passenger tends to move forward in quick stops and may "bump" your helmet with theirs.
4. Starting from a stop may require more throttle and clutch finesse.
5. Braking procedures may be affected. Braking sooner and/or with greater pressure may be required.

6. More weight over the rear tire may increase the usefulness and stopping power of the rear brake, especially in quick stop situations.
7. Riding on a downgrade will cause braking distance to increase.
8. Extra caution is called for in a corner because of the extra weight.
9. Cornering clearances may be affected.
10. More time and space will be needed for passing.
11. The effects of wind, especially side wind, may be more pronounced.

Motorcycle Preparation

1. The motorcycle must be designed to accommodate a passenger.
2. The motorcycle owner's manual should be reviewed for manufacturer's tips about motorcycle setup as well as any related operational recommendations.
3. The motorcycle's suspension and tire pressure may need adjustment.
4. Care should be taken to not exceed the weight limitations specified in the owner's manual.

Passenger Preparation

1. Passengers should be tall enough to reach the footrests and mature enough to handle the responsibilities.
2. Passengers should wear proper protective gear.
3. Passengers should receive a safety briefing (see #7 below).
4. Passengers should consider themselves a second operator and share responsibility for safety.

General Safety Considerations

1. You need to be experienced in the motorcycle's operation and have a safety-oriented attitude before taking on the added responsibility of carrying a passenger.
2. Practice low-speed clutch/throttle control as well as normal and emergency braking in a low-risk area like an open parking lot, with

- a passenger.
3. Use caution in cornering and develop cornering skills over time to ensure passenger comfort and safety.
4. Use caution in corners as clearance may be affected.
5. Use a Search, Evaluate, Execute (S.E.E.) strategy to increase time and space safety margins.
6. Allow time for a passenger to adjust to the sense of speed and the sensation of leaning; speeds should conservatively safe and reasonable until a passenger acclimates to the proper riding techniques.
7. Ensure passengers follow safety procedures:
 - a. Complete personal protective gear is properly in use.
 - b. Hold operator's waist or hips, or motorcycle's passenger hand-holds provided.
 - c. Keep feet on footrests at all times, including while stopped.
 - d. Keep hands and feet away from hot or moving parts.
 - e. When in a corner, look over the operator's shoulder in the direction of the corner.
 - f. Avoid turning around or making sudden moves that might affect operation.
 - g. If crossing an obstacle, stand on the pegs with the knees slightly bent and allow the legs to absorb the shock upon impact.
8. Allow more time for passing.
9. Be ready to counter the effects of wind.
10. Avoid extreme speeds and dramatic lean angles.
11. Be ready for a passenger "bump" with their helmet when stopping quickly.
12. Start the motorcycle before the passenger mounts.
13. Have the passenger mount after the motorcycle's stand is raised and the motorcycle is securely braced.
14. Annually complete an ERC Skills Plus *RiderCourse*SM with a passenger.
15. Have frequent passengers complete a Basic *RiderCourse* so they can better understand the operator's task.

You Think English is Easy???

Can you read these right the first time?

- 1) The bandage was wound around the wound.
- 2) The farm was used to produce produce .
- 3) The dump was so full that it had to refuse more refuse .
- 4) We must polish the Polish furniture.
- 5) He could lead if he would get the lead out.
- 6) The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert.
- 7) Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present .
- 8) A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.
- 9) When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.
- 10) I did not object to the object.
- 11) The insurance was invalid for the invalid.
- 12) There was a row among the oarsmen about how to row .
- 13) They were too close to the door to close it.
- 14) The buck does funny things when the does are present.
- 15) A seamstress and a sewer fell down into a sewer line.
- 16) To help with planting, the farmer taught his sow to sow.
- 17) The wind was too strong to wind the sail.
- 18) Upon seeing the tear in the painting I shed a tear.
- 19) I had to subject the subject to a series of tests.
- 20) How can I intimate this to my most intimate friend?

Let's face it - English is a crazy language
There is no egg in eggplant, nor ham in hamburger; neither apple nor pine in pineapple. English muffins weren't invented in England or French fries in France .
Sweetmeats are candies while sweetbreads, which aren't sweet, are meat. We take English for granted. But if we explore its paradoxes, we find that quicksand can work slowly, boxing rings are square and a guinea pig is neither from Guinea nor is it a pig.

And why is it that writers write but fingers don't fing, grocers don't groce and hammers don't ham? If the plural of tooth is teeth, why isn't the plural of booth, beeth? One goose, 2 geese. So one moose, 2 meese? One index, 2 indices? Doesn't it seem crazy that you can make amends but not one amend? If you have a bunch of odds and ends and get rid of all but one of them, what do you call it?

If teachers taught, why didn't preachers praught? If a vegetarian eats vegetables, what does a humanitarian eat? Sometimes I think all the English speakers should be committed to an asylum for the verbally insane. In what language do people recite at a play and play at a recital? Ship by truck and send cargo by ship? Have noses that run and feet that smell?

How can a slim chance and a fat chance be the same, while a wise man and a wise guy are opposites? You have to marvel at the unique lunacy of a language in which your house can burn up as it burns down, in which you fill in a form by filling it out and in which, an alarm goes off by going on.

English was invented by people, not computers, and it reflects the creativity of the human race, which, of course, is not a race at all. That is why, when the stars are

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Delicacies on the Road

By Eaters Anonymous

One thing we all know about Toronto Wings is their "love for food". We all know about cravings. Let me tell you about Bill's craving.

As you know we were on the road for 6 weeks this summer. At about the furthest point from Toronto....Los Angeles Bill finally got to put the craving to rest.

For 3 weeks all Bill would talk about wanting an "egg salad sandwich" for lunch. How hard could this be as we drove through chicken and farm country.



At one point he even tried to ignore the GPS and follow this truck full of big chickens but Linda's strong words brought him to his senses.

Imagine how great it was when finally in Los Angeles some 5,000 km later finally was able to find a place that served an egg salad sandwich.



His other "craving" was "green relish for his many hamburgers that he had. Again California seemed to be the place to satisfy this craving as well.



Finally being on the coast afforded Bill lots of "seafood" rather than "see food" *smirk*.



Then of course this leads to many "pit stops along the way". Some of course we had to take pictures of.

Bill with "The key on a large cup and string"

This ensured the "patron" would not misplace the "essential key" and return it to the front desk! Also Bill won't forget it in his back pocket as it won't fit there.





Why was it called a “honey bucket”...after all when Bill came out I never noticed any “sweet smell”.

Then there was the time Bill had to wait because Rose got into the men’s washroom first. This was what gave her permission and hung on the men’s washroom door!



The best sign was in one of our hotel rooms where we actually were given a towel to clean the bikes and our boots with.



Yes...we have many fond memories from this summer’s trip. It all stems from the fact that this group loves to eat!





A man and his ever-nagging wife went on vacation to Jerusalem. While they were there, the wife passed away. The undertaker told the husband, "You can have her shipped home for \$5,000, or you can bury her here, in the Holy Land, for \$150." The man thought about it and told him he would just have her shipped home. The undertaker asked, "Why would you spend \$5,000 to ship your wife home, when it would be wonderful to be buried here and you would spend only \$150?"

The man replied, "Long ago a man died here, was buried here, and three days later he rose from the dead. I just can't take that chance..

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10" - \$10.00



You lovers of the English language might enjoy this last one!

There is a two-letter word that perhaps has more meanings than any other two-letter word, and that is "UP."

It's easy to understand UP, meaning toward the sky or at the top of the list, but when we awaken in the morning, why do we wake UP? At a meeting, why does a topic come UP? Why do we speak UP and why are the officers UP for election and why is it UP to the secretary to write UP a report?

We call UP our friends. And we use it to brighten UP a room, polish UP the silver, we warm UP the leftovers and clean UP the kitchen. We lock UP the house and some guys fix UP the old car. At other times the little word has real special meaning. People stir UP trouble, line UP for tickets, work UP an appetite, and think UP excuses. To be dressed is one thing but to be dressed UP is special.

And this UP is confusing: A drain must be opened UP because it is stopped UP. We open UP a store in the morning but we close it UP at night.

We seem to be pretty mixed UP about UP! To be knowledgeable about the proper uses of UP, look the word UP in the dictionary. In a desk-sized dictionary, it takes UP almost

1/4th of the page and can add UP to about thirty definitions. If you are UP to it, you might try building UP a list of the many ways UP is used. It will take UP a lot of your time, but if you don't give UP, you may wind UP with a hundred or more. When it threatens to rain, we say it is clouding UP. When the sun comes out we say it is clearing UP. When it rains, it wets the earth and often messes things UP. When it doesn't rain for awhile, things dry UP. One could go on and on, but I'll wrap it UP, for now my time is UP, so..... Time to shut UP .!

Oh...one more thing: What is the first thing you do in the morning & the last thing you do at night? U-P



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In Flanders Fields

**In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.**

**We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.**

**Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.**



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Lt. Col. John McCrae, M.D.

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24/7

Linda's dad is a Canadian war veteran who just turned 90. Now I know where Linda gets her interest in motorcycling from. Click to see:

Eddie Pennock

Our final newsletter message

Click link below:

Happiness is a Voyage







New rider? Experienced Rider? Former Rider? Female Rider? Motorcycle Enthusiast?

Want to meet new friends? Share places to ride to? Talk Bike Tech/Repairs?



Join us for our coffee night

Every Thursday 8:00 p.m.
Tim Horton's
4400 Dufferin Street
(In the Canadian Tire Plaza)



...unless we have a meeting
(then we won't be at Tim Horton's that Thursday)

Meeting dates and times are posted on our website



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