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WELLAND 75TH ANNIVERSARY

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Welland County Motorcycle Club 75th Anniversary Forward

The following story is dedicated to the men and women that helped get the Welland County Motorcycle Club to where it is today!

From humble beginnings, meeting in Chippewa Park to owning the beautiful Club grounds and Clubhouse that we operate from today we have stood the test of time. Our accomplishments stem from the dedication and hard work of our members and our undying love for the sport of motorcycling in all forms.

We have also been a great community partner exemplified by the City of Welland designing and planting the Flower Garden to commemorate our Club's 75th Anniversary. We have put together many events that benefit the community and several Charities have benefited from our fundraising efforts.

One of our greatest accomplishments has been the continuous operation of our Flat Track Racing Facility for 50 years (with the exception of 2020 due to COVID). Wesley J. Pierce (Hall of Fame Inductee) was largely responsible for that happening along with John Vukanics, Ghislain Loubrier and Doug Browes who built the track. In 1985 the Club took over operation of the track however Wes has always been known as the face and voice of Welland County Speedway.

The club has also started some new and long running events like partnering with Bruce Bissell and bringing Biketoberfest to Welland County, The Mustache Ride and Mud Run, just to mention a few.

In Closing I would like to give thanks to Peter Galea and Dave Thomas for helping collect the information to tell this story and also the hours of work they put forward to motivate the members and collect information to write the Club Member Profiles. I would also like to thank the many Club members that brought their stories to us to be included in this story.

Alan J. Fair

75th ANNIVERSARY



Welland County Motorcycle Club



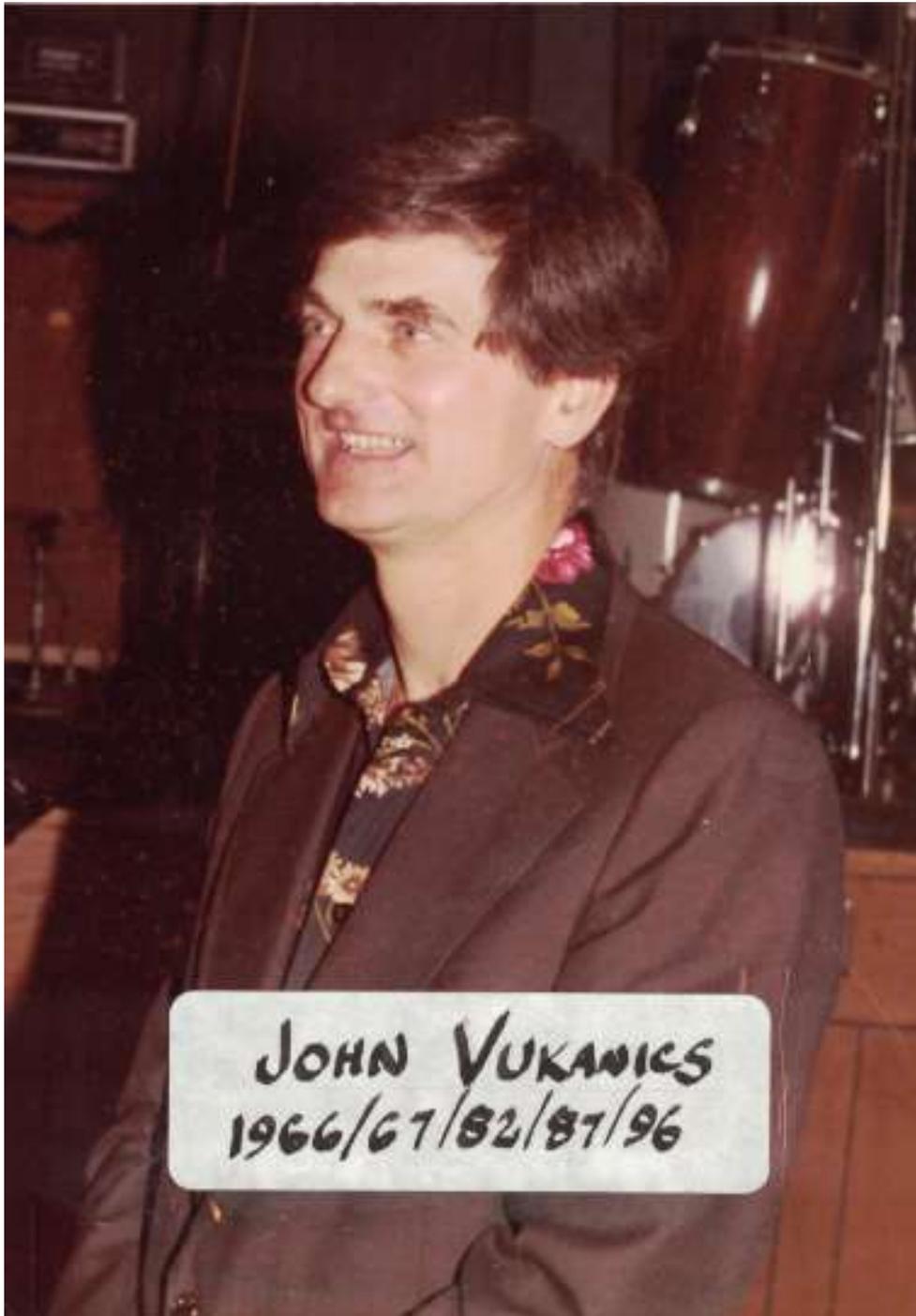
50th Anniversary Reunion

History 1996 - 2021

WCMC 75th Anniversary 1996

John Vckanics (President)

Rene Landry, Gary Eisler, Ray Fournier, Chester Osten,
Tom Blanchard, Ron Turnbull, Dave Shilling, Al Fair,
Archie Hardie



WCMC 75th Anniversary 1996

Well a good place to start would be with the 50th Anniversary weekend. A good time was had by all from what I can remember...

Friday evening we had a Wine Tour to a Niagara Falls Winery. After partaking in the free samples we headed back to the Clubhouse for a Wine and Cheese party. We continued to drink wine into the wee hours of the morning.

The next day was started with Breakfast at the Food Booth followed by our Nostalgia ride



Nostalgia Ride Chippewa Park Site of First Meeting



Another scene from the Nostalgia Ride

We had a bike display in the afternoon with everyone bringing out older motorcycles they had or still owned. The best display hands down went to Jimmy Orosz for the most motorcycles and a really awesome display.



Jimmy O's Motorcycle Display



Al Fair with two of his daughters and his former 1940 Indian Chief Restored by Chris Simmons the founder of Friday the 13th

Later in the afternoon we did a photo shoot from the bridge on the 140 with Don Tait as our photographer. Don did a fantastic job and we were able to isolate 4 bikes at a time and make prints for the club members as we hope to do for our 75th Anniversary. Don also took the grandstand picture.



The ride was led by:
Chester Osten (left)
Audrey Alexander (right)



The same year the club celebrated our 50th Anniversary there was another Anniversary to be celebrated as well. Audrey Alexander was celebrating 50 years of continuously riding a Harley Davidson.



John Clare presenting Audrey with a letter from Harley Davidson



Welland native and Canadian Motorcycle Hall of Fame inductee Audrey Alexander began a lifelong commitment to riding only Harleys from her father Clifford, a mechanic who operated a garage in what was then known as Humberstone.

As with most of the Anniversary weekends we have had in the past, a creative member (Jeffrey Orosz) had been put in charge of the Saturday evening special event``.

Jim Stokes was in charge at the 40th and he came up with a midnight spike drive that involved driving an 8" spike through an oak railroad tie at midnight after copious amounts of alcohol had been consumed while wearing goggles and a helmet from the 1920`s.

Jeffrey came up with a wheelbarrow race relay with a male and female paired up. There was a twist however, the male participants had to dawn a dress before mounting the wheelbarrow and that is all we are going to say about that.



Al Fair about to meet the dirt with his niece Sue at the helm. Check out the tee shirt it has a giant nose on it donated by Mark DeRuyte I believe.

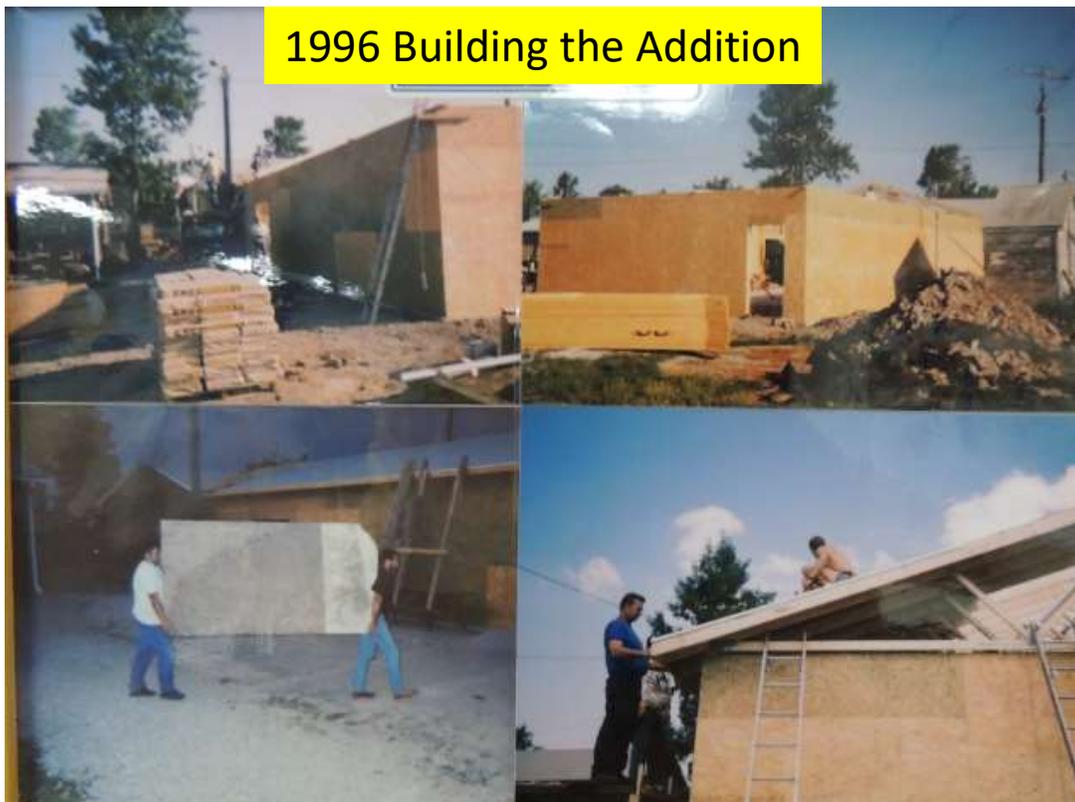
Rene Landry taking his turn. I think he has the stabilizer thing figured out.



1996 was also a very big year for the club in the construction department. The club started construction of the 4th addition to the clubhouse.



John Vukanics (President) holding the shovel. John has his arm around George Bosak who headed up the construction.



Scans from Hub of the Club

HUB of the CLUB
W.C.M.C. NEWSLETTER - ISSUE #6 - FALL 1996

Hub of the Club is the Official Newsletter of
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Owner/Operator of The Niagara Motorcycle Raceway

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1946
to
1996

Watch for a New Graphical Internet Web Site for W.C.M.C coming this Winter!
URL: <http://mergetel.com/~turnbull/wcmc.htm>

2nd Annual Ten Thousand Dollar 600cc North American Challenge Race

EXPERT

- | | | |
|--------|-----------------|---------------------|
| 1) 72 | TODD WINSETT | Lockport, NY |
| 2) 90 | Les Washburn | Coatesville, Pa |
| 3) 29 | Perry Phillips | Stoney Creek, Ont |
| 4) 67 | Scott Sehl | Sombra, Ont |
| 5) 41 | Todd Sharpless | Stoney Creek, Ont |
| 6) 11 | John Parker | Macedon, NY |
| 7) 50 | Gurth Bastian | St. Catharines, Ont |
| 8) 15 | Chris Evans | Dunham, Ont |
| 9) 22 | Claude Racine | Ste. Madeleine, QP |
| 10) 20 | Ronald Beavais | Elba, NY |
| 11) 88 | Jeremy Thompson | Farming, NY |
| 12) 44 | Chris Hart | Farming, NY |

DASH for CASH

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|-------|----------------|---------------|
| 1) 12 | Philip Libhart | Maytown, Pa |
| 2) 65 | Dave Pirt | Sarnia, Ont |
| 3) 8 | Bill Newkirk | NY |
| 4) 82 | Marco Morello | Ancaster, Ont |
| 5) 39 | Bob Sobering | |

INTERMEDIATE

- | | | |
|---------|------------------|-------------------|
| 1) 39 | Ken Shafer | Holcomb, NY |
| 2) 22 | Patrick Racine | Dunham, QP |
| 3) 52 | Jeff Berdan | Wyoming, Ont |
| 4) 34 | David Wass | |
| 5) 49 | Bill Harrett | Hamilton, Ont |
| 6) 43 | Chad Heideman | Lyndonville, NY |
| 7) 23 | Francois Dumas | Quebec |
| 8) 50 | Doug Caswell | Holley, NY |
| 9) 98 | Graham Hill | Peterborough, Ont |
| 10) 711 | Harry Vanderveen | Roslin, Ont |
| 11) 13 | Philip Winer | Grimsbey, Ont |
| 12) 27 | Hank Rosloski | Welland, Ont |

NOVICE

- | | | |
|-------|----------------|--------------------|
| 1) 20 | Rob Rainville | Welland, Ont |
| 2) 95 | Jeff Seguin | Welland, Ont |
| 3) 50 | James Fisk | Lyndonville, NY |
| 4) 34 | Jason Spearin | Medina, NY |
| 5) 43 | Dave Taylor | Sarnia, Ont |
| 6) 28 | Sam Donnelly | |
| 7) 5 | Martin Wingate | Richmond Hill, Ont |
| 8) 54 | Joshua Edwards | Lyndonville, NY |
| 9) 29 | Steve Metcalfe | Sarnia, Ont |

ATV PRO

- | | | |
|--------|----------------|---------------------|
| 1) 84 | Jim Goertz | Niag-on-l-Lake, Ont |
| 2) 117 | Steve Boone | Mooretown |
| 3) 32 | Carter Hodgins | |
| 4) 121 | Dave Davies | |
| 5) 41 | Shawn Langis | Oil City |
| 6) 45 | Darrin Verhart | |
| 7) 21 | Leo Verhart | |
| 8) 1 | David Little | |



Along with the Outstanding Show that the 600's, ATV's and The Live Band put on we also had a special appearance by Al Fair. Al got his old Indian board tracker out on the Dirt Track during the half time to show everyone the way things use to be in honor of our 50th Anniversary. All in all an excellent night of racing with over 60 racers from North Eastern United States and Eastern Canada.

WCMC 50th Anniversary Weekend

The weather person was in full cooperation with the Club on the weekend of August 9 - 11. The weekend started with a scenic ride to Vincor Winery. The wine tour was laid out and led by Ron Turnbull and we didn't even need a gas stop. Great job Ron. Upon arriving back at the clubhouse we were met by Jim Ewart playing all the hits until the last person was ready to drop or his stereo system blew up. Thanks Jim for an enjoyable evening and we still need to find out what happenrd to your stereo. Morning brought a few headaches, however after a tasty breakfast prepared by René and Crew everyone was ready for the nostalgia Road Run. This was a ride to the locations of all the old haunts NOTE I said locations because most of all the old haunts are gone. Wes Pierce laid out this run and did the route sheets. Many many thanks to Wes, I know doing the mileage sheets is a lot of work. The day went on to include several photo opportunities with a group shot being held at the grandstands at 4:00 p.m., followed by a shot riding down Town Line Tunnel Road. Thanks to Don Tait for volunteering his expertise as a photographer. Upon arriving back at the clubhouse, René set the bikes up in a 50 and Willie flew over and took some aerial photographs. Thanks to René and Willie. This was a lot of work and took a lot of organization. This set the stage for the highlight of the weekend. The roast beef dinner, prepared by Jeff and his crew. This was an all day job getting the fire started and cooking. Jeff and the crew had to give up a lot to do this and we appreciate it, thanks. After dinner we presented a letter to Audrey Alexandre from Willy G. Davidson of Harley Davidson congratulating her on 50 years of riding a Harley. The Motormaid's also had some nice gifts for Audrey which I am sure made a night that Audrey will not soon forget. Following the festivities we had a Live Band, called Good Question, play until the Special Races started at midnight. Jeffrey Orosz ran this event so you know it had an evil twist. The object was to dress the men up in a dress (Crash did not want to take his off after the race) and the girls in coveralls and race in a wheelbarrow to the pylon and back. It was a lot of fun and I believe the Gamm brothers and respective partners dominated this event. Sunday morning brought more headaches and terrific breakfast from Tom and his crew. We wrapped up the weekend and said our good-byes to the guests and old friends. Thanks to everyone who came out and made this weekend a great success.

by Al Fair

WCMC 75th Anniversary 2005

2005 Board of Directors

Rene Landry President

Ron Putman, Ken Johnston, Gary LaBelle, Al Dunn,
Ron Ganham, Jamie Schooley, Ryan Rainville,
Gary Eisler, Cliff Rashleigh



The year starts off with the Toronto Bike Show



Club Award from the Spring Bike Show 75th Anniversary



Tudor (peach) shirt and Dennis Orosz to the right Supporters of the club



Dennis Orosz trying to sell Al Fair his Harley Davidson Wide Glide at the Toronto Bike show. It didn't work Dennis still owns it in 2021.

1920 Indian Board Track Racer now in the Bar Hodgson Museum displayed with the poster from the premier of the movie "The World's Fastest Indian". The Indian was used to promote the movie in Toronto.





Canadian Biker Build Off created by Vern Savage and Randy Doan





The Top Bike and the Builder Trophy in Hand



Welland riders pace the pack at motorcycle track

■ JEFF SEGUIN, DON TAYLOR TAKE TURNS LEADING 250 cc EXPERT CLASS

BY BEN LEESON
TRIBUNE STAFF
WELLAND

Welland's weekend warriors were out in full force Saturday as Rose City rider Jeff Seguin dethroned fellow Welland motorcycle racer Don Taylor in the 250 cc intermediate/expert class at Niagara Motorcycle Raceway.

Taylor maintained his supremacy, however, over the field in 600 cc expert competition. He has only failed to finish first in that class once this season.

Doug Beattie of Burlington was second in the 250 cc class, helping bump the weekly favourite Taylor to third spot. Another Wellander, 15-year-old Mike La Belle, was fourth, while Jamer Liles of Batavia, N.Y., was fifth.

Taylor was followed in the 600 cc race by Beattie, Scott Sehl from Hamilton, Paul Little from Welland and John Parker from Stoney Creek.

P.J. Biegger of Hamilton took the checkered flag in the 600 cc intermediate class, beating out second-place finisher Sam Manyon of Clarence, N.Y.

Wellanders Jeff Blanchard and Clayton Isherwood placed third and fourth, respectively.

The 450 cc novice class was led by Jeremy Higgins of Bergen, N.Y., who was followed by Chad Charlton of Welland, Harley Dunn of Petrolia, Ont., Dale Thompson of Port Colborne and Steve Rivier, also from Port Colborne.

Higgins also won the 600 cc novice class, edging out Charlton again. Dunn, Rivier and Calvin Marcov of Welland rounded out the top five.

Manyon won the veterans division for riders 40 and older. Kurt Biegger, Garry Eddy, Pete Thompson of Port Colborne and Time Seguin of Welland followed him across the line.

In the youth 50 cc shaft class, St. Catharines racer London Macintosh came in first, Welland's Mathew Laflamme was second, Thorold's Jade Sammut was third and Welland's Kevin Hatton fourth.

The youth 50 cc chain event was won by Dunnville's Tyson Wagter. Wainfleet racer Dustin Lambert came in second and Scarborough's Chris Trimble third. Whitby riders Tyler Clark and Riley Clark were fourth and fifth, respectively.

Another Wellander, Tyler Seguin, defeated cross-town rival Luke Helpard in youth 65 cc competition. Kitchener's Braden Vallee was third, Niagara Falls' Zachery Dickison fourth and Welland's Justin Sparks fifth.



and Welland's Lenny Munroe fifth.

Oakville rider John Kehoe won the Division 1 Speedway division. John Heye, Rob Dixon, Drew Kehoe and Phil Smail followed.

The ATV Open class was won by Niagara Falls racer Jason Tuin, who beat out Wainfleet's Andrew Groszeibl, Dunnville's Rodney Wagter and Stevensville's Paul Lindberg.

Tomorrow night's racing program gets underway at 7, weather permitting. Gates open at 2 p.m. with practice beginning at 5:30.

Niagara Motorcycle Raceway is located on Netherby Road, east of Highway 140, in Welland.

Cole Yauchzee of Byron, N.Y. placed first in the 85 cc run, while Matt Zacher of Medina, N.Y. was second. Kitchener's Sean-Hoy was third, Hamilton's Steven Nickerson fourth

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Mike Labelle takes the Checkered Flag 75th Anniversary

2005 Fishing Trip



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The welcome sign is out



Our Host Bob



Fred Stonos and the boys



Archie Hardie happy about something

75th Anniversary



Al Fair on Dennis Orosz's Chopper



ZZ (Gary) and Rob Stokes



Bob and Dianne, owners of the Poolside Motel. Bob was such a great guy that he bought a BBQ and a Canopy so Al Fair would not have to bring his truck. That was nice but what he did not know was Al slept in the truck because with three other guys in the room the snoring was brutal.

Plumbers Bar Great food and mini Rolling Rocks. We have stopped at for years on the way to and most of the way home from the Fishing trip. A lot of us would ride down from here just to have lunch. Sadly it is closed now.



W.C.M.C. Banquet 2005



Gloria Lawson and Archie Hardie



Andrea and Tracy Knowles



More Bad News and the Horns from Hell played





Rene Landry, Mike Sullivan, Brian Jamieson and Al Fair presenting Kaye with a signed Tee shirt from the Fishing Trip crew



Kaye's 90th Birthday Oasis Bar Ohio

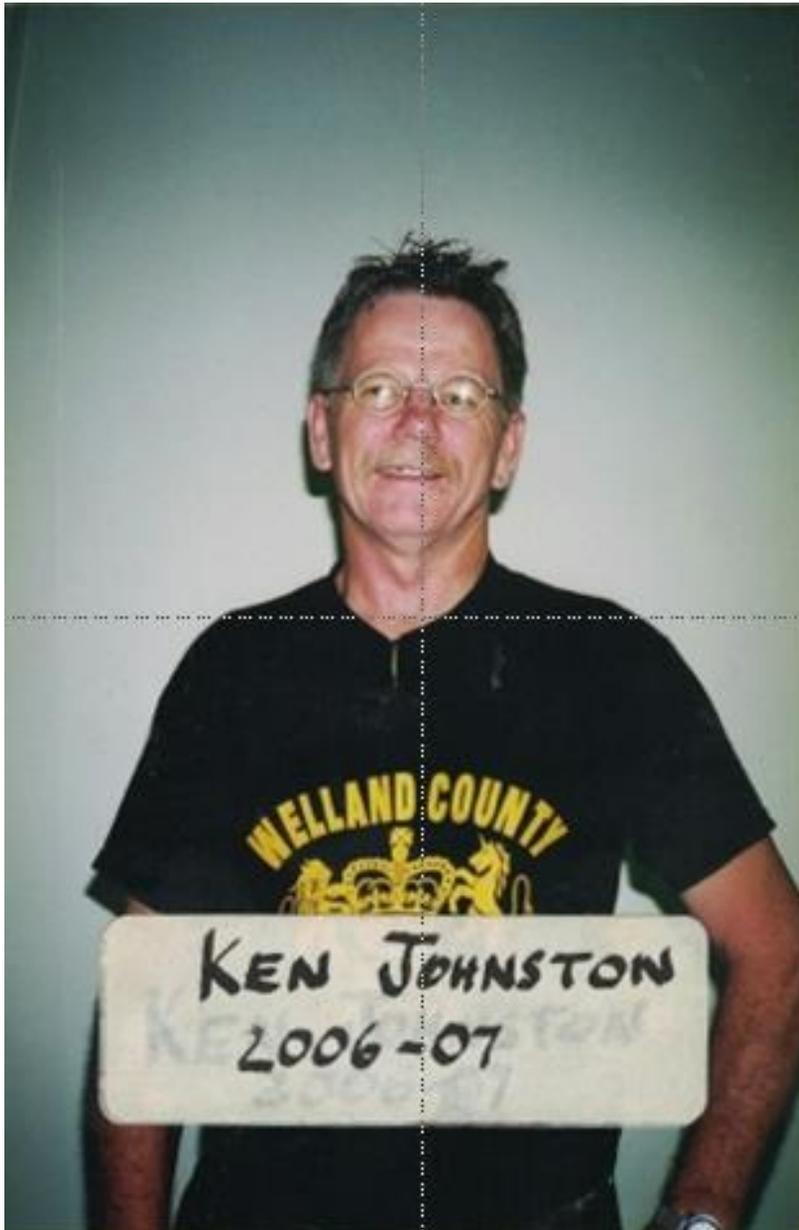
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2006 Board of Directors

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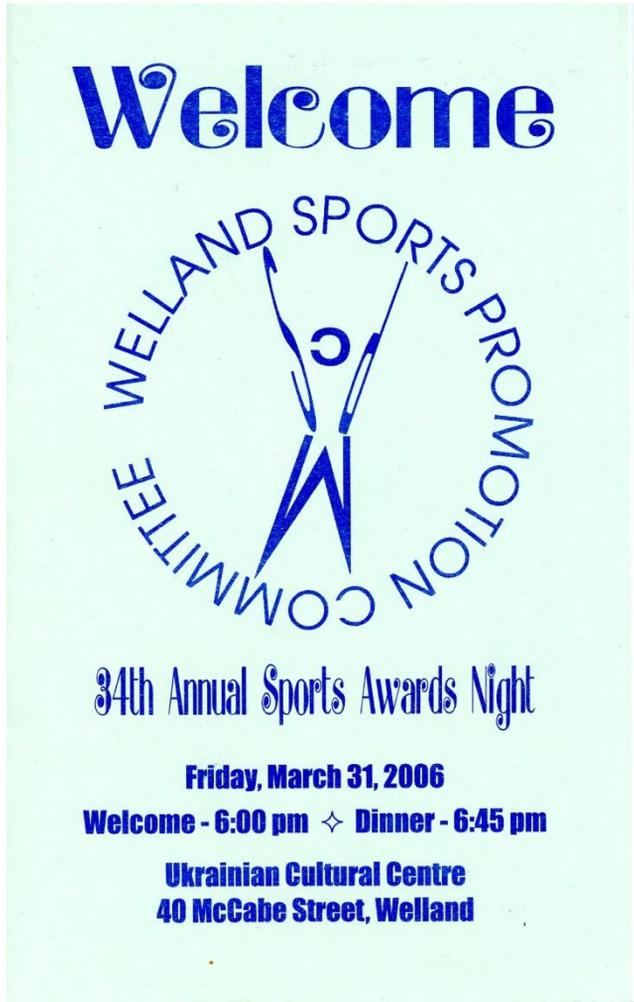
John Dmytrow, Gary Eisler, Wes Pierce, Fred Legault,
Gary Stokes, Ron Putman, Jamie Schooley
Tim Murray, Cliff Rashleigh



2006 was a Big year for the club. A lot of events going on and it was our 60th Anniversary.

The Club was inducted into the Hall of Fame as well.

We had a great Race season.



Welcome

WELLAND SPORTS PROMOTION COMMITTEE

34th Annual Sports Awards Night

Friday, March 31, 2006

Welcome - 6:00 pm ♦ Dinner - 6:45 pm

Ukrainian Cultural Centre
40 McCabe Street, Welland

The next event was the Poki-Barbi-Dan. This was the 28th Annual. This our Season Opener as far as Club Events go. It is held on the last weekend in April every year and ran continuously until 2020 when we had to put it on hold due to the Pandemic.

The Year started off with The 34th Annual Welland Sports Awards Night. Mike LaBelle and Don Taylor were Finalists for Male Athlete of the Year. Both of them are Dirt Track Racers at our track.



WELLAND SPORTS AWARDS FINALISTS FOR 2005

MALE ATHLETE TROPHY - Earl Leonard Memorial
Mike LaBelle
Don Taylor
Budd White

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Enclosed please find cheque in the amount of \$_____ for _____ tickets at \$15.00 each for the 28th Annual Poki-Barbi-Dan, Saturday April 29th, 2006. Make cheques payable to Welland County Motorcycle Club. All tickets to be picked up at the door on the day of the event.

Name: _____
Address: _____
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Club Affiliations: _____
Distance Traveled to Event: _____ Camping: Yes No



STAFF PHOTO MARK TAYT

FOR THE HOSPITAL FOUNDATION

Anne Guillemette, second vice-president of the Welland Hospital Foundation, was at the Welland County Motorcycle Club recently to receive a cheque for \$500 from Gerry LaBelle, who organized the Mud Run where the money was raised; and Ken Johnston, club president. The club also donated \$500 to the Port Colborne Hospital Foundation.

Dozen inducted into bike hall of fame

Inaugural banquet for motorcycling
Industry honours leaders and riders

ALLAN JOHNSON
SPECIAL TO THE STAR

A sold-out gathering of the motorcycle community met last Saturday in Mississauga to honour the first 12 inductees into the industry-sponsored Canadian Motorcycle Hall of Fame Museum.

Of the 12, two were motorcycling organizations, the Canadian Motorcycling Association (CMA) and the Welland County Motorcycle Club (WCMC).

The CMA, now celebrating its 60th anniversary, was formed in December 1948 by motorcyclists returning from World War II who felt that Canada should have its own national association to sanction and control motorcycle competition, rather than relying on British or American organizations as had been done in the 1930s.

The CMA received international recognition by the FIM (International Motorcycling Federation) in 1950. The CMA currently has almost 10,000 members.

The Welland County Motorcycle Club, also celebrating its 60th anniversary this August, built the quarter-mile Raceway dirt track and speedway in 1970.



JOHN COOPER / CYCLE CANADA

Among those honoured by the Canadian Motorcycle Hall of Fame Museum last weekend were, left to right, Stan Bradbury, Joe Goddall (for the CMA), Lang Hindle, Don Munroe, Dawne Deeley (seated, daughter of Trevor Deeley), Grace Nelson (standing, widow of John Nelson), Gerry Marshall, Ray Gref, Jim Bentley, Wes Pierce (for the Welland County M.C.) and Blair Sharpless.

"Mr. Motorcycle" in Canada. His father and grandfather had operated a Vancouver Harley-Davidson dealership and after a successful motorcycle racing career in the 1940s and early 1950s, Trevor became involved in the motorcycle business, dis-

fore concentrating on his Toronto-area Honda dealerships such as Ontario Honda and the dealership now known as Cycle World East.

When the Mosport racetrack became unavailable for club racing, he became part of the con-

1914 Douglas flat twin, using it for a package delivery service.

When, in 1932, a Calgary Harley dealer failed to honour his deposit on a used bike for the delivery business, Walt bought out the Indian dealer and sold Indian motorcycles for the next 22

die, Gerry Marshall, Don Munroe and Blair Sharpless.

Jim Bentley was a member of the York Wings Motorcycle Club in 1979 when he proposed they hold a charity motorcycle ride. A then-obscure charitable foundation for a genetic eye dis-

assistant to new riders and, in short, mentor to the whole Canadian speedway racing scene.

Ray Gref is best known as a dealer and organizer of the largest custom motorcycle show in Quebec and as the owner of Moto International, the largest motorcycle retailer in Canada.

Lang Hindle was endurance champion for North America in 1974, 1975 and 1976. He was Canadian RACE champion in 1981. He began his Hindle Exhaust Systems company in 1982, basing his designs on his 13 years of racing experience.

The company has since become a leader in aftermarket and motorcycle road racing exhaust systems.

Gerry Marshall of Pointe Claire, Que., has been a rider in both on- and off-road motorcycle competition for more than half a century.

A successful road racer in the days of the classic singles, he was Canadian observed trials champion on a 1953 Francis-Barnett in the 1950s — and Quebec vintage trials champion on the same motorcycle half a century later.

Don Munroe, from a Halifax motorcycling family, has been manytimes Canadian 600cc supersport road racing champion and has had a long involvement with the Atlantic Motorcycle Competition Riders Association and Atlantic Motorsport Park at Shubenacadie, N.S.

The induction of Blair Sharp-

WCMC was inducted along with WCMC member Stan Bradbury
"The Father of Speedway in Canada"

The next big event was the Induction Ceremony for The Motorcycle Hall of Fame. The WCMC . Picture on previous page.

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The family and friends of this year's Inductees and the members of the Motorcycle Industry who supported this historical event.

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Roma's Place Banquet & Convention Centre
Mississauga, Ontario

Motorcycle Club cruises into the Hall of Fame

BY PAUL BASWICK
THIS WEEK

WELLAND — The Welland County Motorcycle Club and St. Catharines speedway pioneer Stan Bradbury are among the first group of inductees to be named to the Canadian Motorcycle Hall of Fame Museum.

The Welland club, one of only two motorcycling organizations inducted into the Hall of Fame in its inaugural year, and Bradbury, widely acknowledged as the "Father of Canadian Speedway Racing," were honoured with 10 other Canadian motorcycling icons at a May 6 induction ceremony in Mississauga.

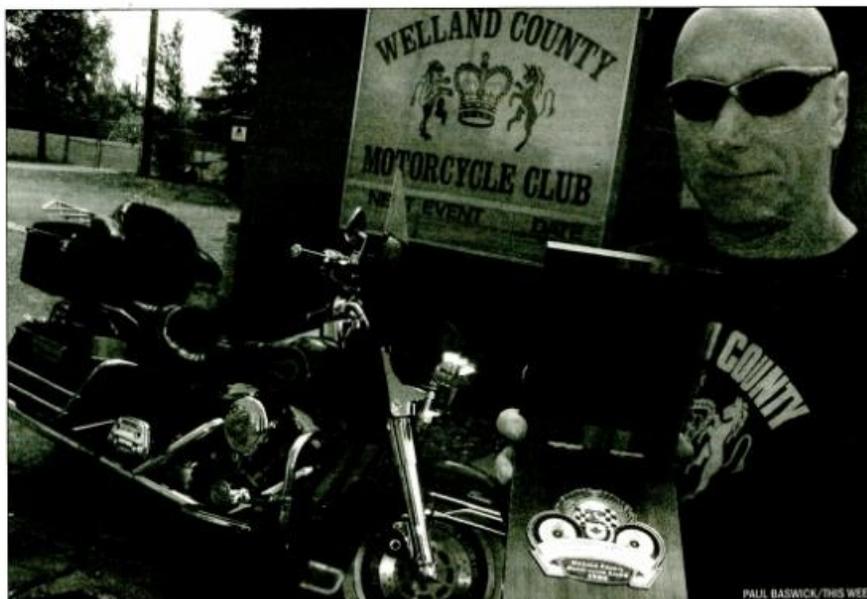
"It's quite a thrill to be inducted into the Motorcycle Hall of Fame, especially since this is the year of the Hall of Fame's inception," said Alan Fair, a past president of the Welland County Motorcycle Club who joined the organization 26 years ago.

"There were some pretty notable people nominated, and to be included with that elite group of motorcycling people is quite something."

Fair, who lives in Hamilton, and long-time club member Wes Pierce of Port Colborne represented the Welland club at the induction ceremony, which was hosted at Roma's Place Banquet and Convention Centre.

"The induction ceremony was very well done, very professional, and there were a lot of very high-profile people there, and of course, a lot of familiar faces. The motorcycling community in Canada is a very close community."

Among the sport's seminal figures spotted at the banquet was Bradbury, who has kicked up his fair share of dirt at the Welland club's well-worn track



Al Fair displaying the Hall of Fame Plaque for the Niagara This Week Reporter

Clips from the Hall of Fame Website



The man who established speedway racing in Canada

Stan Bradbury

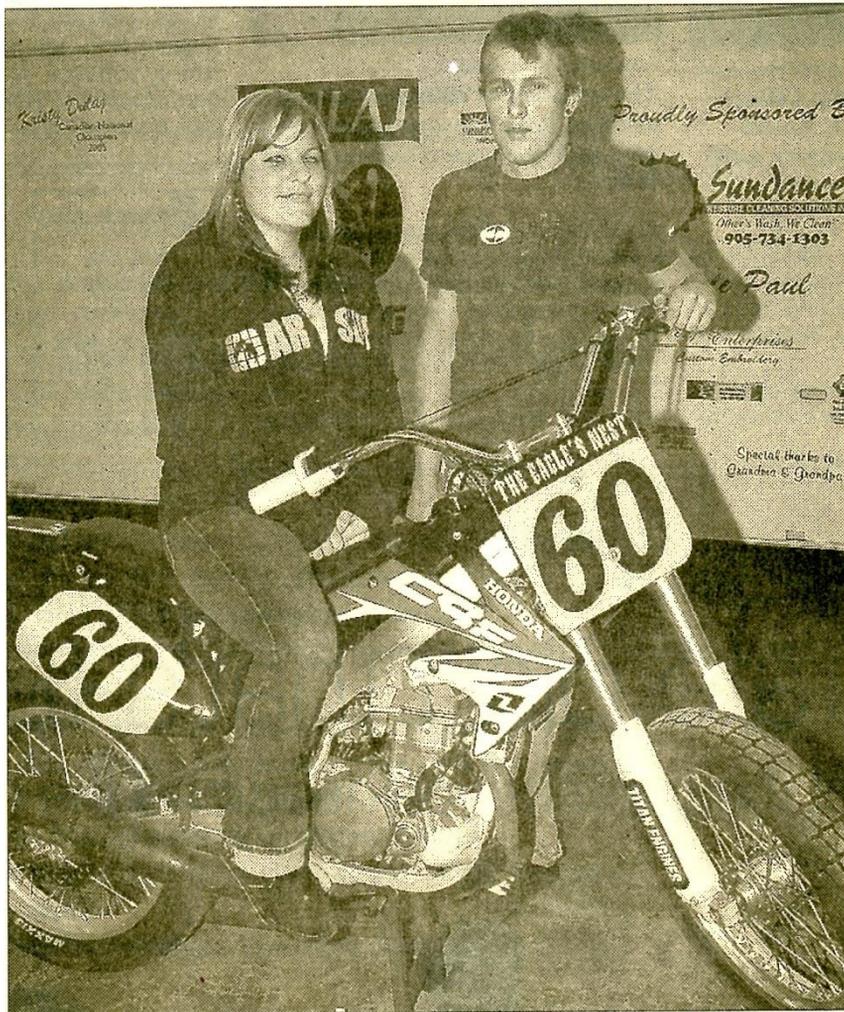
For anyone who has witnessed the spectacle of Canadian Speedway racing, names such as John Kehoe, Len Dillon, and their counterparts evokes some pretty spectacular images on the race track! Consider that these bicycle like framed 500cc...



An active, enthusiastic and all encompassing motorcycle club

Welland Motorcycle Club

In the 2006 schedule of events for the Welland County Motorcycle Club you will see among other things, their 19th Annual Poki-Barbi-Dan, (this is a combined Poker Run, barbecue and dance, and obviously a lot of fun), a National...



TRIBUNE PHOTO JOE CSEH

GEARING UP FOR SEASON

Motorcycle racers Kristy Dulaj, left, and Clayton Isherwood were the guests of honour Saturday night at a benefit at Dain City Tavern. Proceeds from the fundraiser will help the two young riders offset expenses when they travel the racing circuit this summer. They both compete locally at Niagara Motorcycle Raceway on Netherby Road, east of Highway 140, in Welland.

Apr. 25/06

Kristy Dulaj and Clayton Isherwood preparing for the 2006 Race Season

Track hopes to buck trend

■ HIGH LOONIE COULD KEEP U.S. BIKE FANS HOME THIS SUMMER

BY BEN LEESON
TRIBUNE STAFF
WELLAND

Motorcycle racers are a stout breed whose iron nerves and lightning reflexes mean the difference between victory and defeat.

It's those same qualities which make them heroes in the eyes of racing fans – young and old – who fill the stands at Welland County Motorcycle Club every Saturday night. Fearlessness is their business.

It's Wes Pierce's business, too. He acts as track announcer and public relations director for the club and served as president of the club for four terms. Involvement in the thrills-and-spills world of racing has long been a way of life for him.

But he's starting to get just a little bit worried.

The source of his concern in the surging Canadian dollar, which has been floating at about 90 cents US for weeks.

Pierce is afraid that trend, along with border security concerns, could mean fewer American spectators and riders at the club's weekly events.

"Then again, there's the potential for the other riders to make more money," Pierce said.

But attendance did slack off slightly in 2005, he said, and crowds at the Netherby Road track – once composed of 30 per cent American visitors now include about 20 per cent from across

the border.

Between 10 and 15 per cent of the riders are also from the U.S., he said.

It will be important for the club to maintain local interest in motorcycle racing, Pierce said, while also courting new fans. They'll be helped in those areas by the increased success of local riders, who routinely took a large share of the prize money last year.

"We've got a lot of really strong riders from the Niagara peninsula," Pierce said.

Among strongest last year were perennial points leaders Mike Labelle and Don Taylor, both from Welland, who are ranked among the best speedway racers in Canada.

While the youth class hasn't grown as much as Pierce hoped, a crop of strong young riders is becoming more seasoned giving a dedicated racing crowd something to cheer about each week.

Their first chance will be during the club's practice weekend, which stars Saturday.

"We do have a lot of local enthusiasm," Pierce said. "Sometimes, you wonder if 70 per cent of the people are the same every week."

That number will grow, he believes, once more of the curious buy tickets and give motorcycle racing a chance.

"It's a great family night out," Pierce said. "Kids under 12 get in free of charge, and they get some wonderful entertainment."

"There's no better place to be on a Saturday night."

Besides, he added, anything can happen on those Saturday nights.

"You never know if there's going to be a bunch of guys who show up who were driving through to another track. You end up with five or six guys who are just the cream of the crop."

Some of the best from throughout



STAFF PHOTO BEN LEESON

Wes Pierce, who acts as track announcer and public relations director for the Welland County Motorcycle Club and served as president of the club for four terms, is a little worried on the eve of the 2006 racing season. The source of his concern in the surging Canadian dollar, which could mean fewer American spectators and riders at the club's weekly events.

the club's six decades will return later this summer. From Friday, Aug. 4 to Sunday, Aug. 7, at the end of the racing season, the club will host its 60th anniversary celebrations, which include a club reunion.

Earlier this month, the club was

inducted into the Canadian Motorcycle Hall of Fame Museum, which is located in Mississauga

"We've touched a lot of people over the years," Pierce said. "We'd like to get them all back for this night."

"Every night is a big night."

Wes Pierce being interviewed by the Tribune regarding the 2006 Race Season



TRIBUNE PHOTO JOE CSH

Don Taylor, No. 5, leads Clayton Isherwood, No. X12, into a turn in a 250-cc intermediate/expert class qualifying heat last Saturday night at Niagara Motorcycle Raceway on Netherby Road, east of Highway 140, in Welland. N. 56 is Jeff Blanchard and No. 21 is P.J. Biegger.

Dirt finals on track at motorcycle raceway

■ UPWARDS OF 120 RIDERS EXPECTED TO RACE FOR BIGGER PURSE SATURDAY

BY BEN LEESON
TRIBUNE STAFF
WELLAND

Stay clean at Niagara Motorcycle Raceway Saturday night, and you won't stand a chance of hitting pay-dirt.

As many as 120 riders are expected to stir up dust in the attempt to capture their share of a double-sized purse this weekend when the Welland

Motorcycle Club hosts the Clare's Cycle Dirt Track Championship at the Netherby Road raceway.

The event will feature races in all of the club's classes, from novice to expert, except its speedway divisions. Focusing on dirt racing only frees up more prize money for what has become the club's unofficial club championship.

PLEASE SEE WELLAND/83

Welland Motorcycle Club preps for 60th anniversary

JOHN EDWARDS
Staff Reporter

Hundreds of motorcycle enthusiasts will rumble into the Rose City next month as the Welland County Motorcycle Club is set to celebrate its 60th anniversary.

The club – which is one of the oldest of its kind – will kick off four days of events on August 4 at the clubhouse at 603 Netherby Rd. The club currently boasts about 100 members.

Wes Pierce, a member of the club for 47 years and the current public relations chairman, says this is a major event.

"This is the most important motorcycle club in Canada," he said.

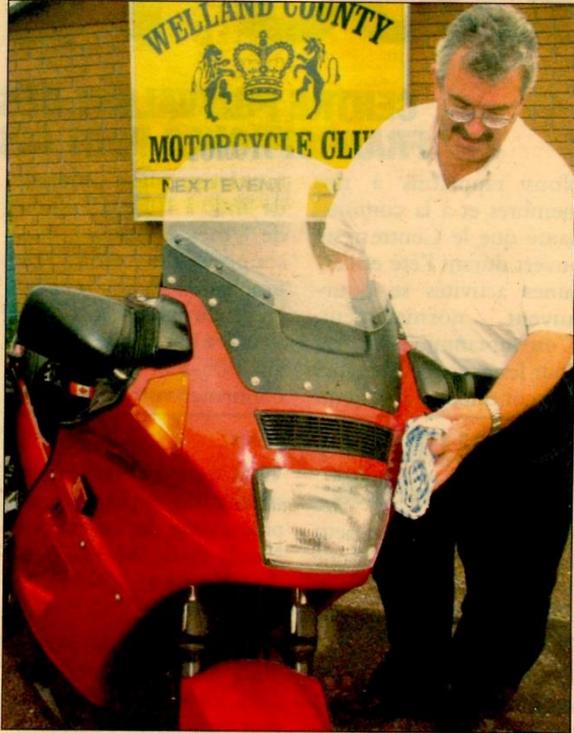
The club was founded in 1946 by Victor Svob. Pierce said Svob enjoyed motorcycling, but had nobody to ride with, so he started the club.

Since it opened, Pierce says the Clubhouse has gone through three major expansions.

Jim Stokes, chair of the event, says most of the former presidents will be attending as including Audrey Alexandre, Fred Secord and Chester Foster.

"We enjoy what they started and what they set the foundation for," he said.

Stokes has been a member for about 33 years. He enjoys hitting the open road on his bike with some of his friends. "Some of my best friends are



Jim Stokes of the Welland County Motorcycle Club, shines up his bike at the club house last week. The Club is set to celebrate its 60th anniversary, making it one of the oldest in Canada.

in this club," he said. "We are one of the most active clubs in Canada." In addition to regular trips, the non-profit club also

hosts Saturday night races during the summer.

Pierce says they have some of the best racers from across the United States and Canada.

The 60th anniversary celebration will feature a various events including:

breakfast at the clubhouse, a group photo of past and present members, official dinner at the clubhouse, social night, special events on the track, nostalgia Ride across the region, a nostalgia display, a dance with the James Dolan Band and a special bike show. "We're going to have a bike for every year of our existence," Pierce said. Pierce says the most important part of the weekend will be seeing old friends. "We're going to have a lot of people we haven't seen in a long time," he said. For more information on the event e-mail Stokes at jestokes2@cogeco.ca

Jim Stokes one of the organizers of the WCMC 60th Anniversary being interviewed about the upcoming festivities at the club's 60th Anniversary. Jim is a long time member and has organized, run and participated in many event over the years.

RACERS!!!!!!

Have you Ever?

- Raced at Welland County Speedway?
- Partied at Welland County?
- Landed in the Frog pond?
- Landed in the Welland Hospital?
- Landed on the road like Angus MacKenzie did?

Do you remember :

- "Do it in the Dirt" at Welland County Speedway Every Saturday Night?
- Stupid Knupid? - The Florida Flash? - The Weasel?
- "Little" Johnny Parker? - "Chabs"?
- \$10 to crash on the front straightaway?
- Bob Metcalfe jumping over cars?
- The quarter horse on the quarter mile?
- Steve Baker on the $\frac{1}{4}$ mile?
- The Sehl brothers on their XR 750s?
- "Rowdy" Rick Stone on his Triumph?
- The bikini contest or the trophy girls?
- Bears Bo Diddley Racing Team and Unicycle Thrill Show?
- Gary Ford? - Corky Keener? - Leo Anthony?

*Welland County Motorcycle Club 60th Anniversary! August 2006
See racers, Partiers, Spectators, Trials Riders, Enduro
Riders, Members,
Old bikes, new bikes,*

Go to: www.wellandmotorcycleclub.com or contact us at jstokes2@cogeco.ca

A Blurb Jim put together to entice people to come and share in the
60th Anniversary of the club.

■ 60TH REUNION LETS MOTORCYCLE CLUB MEMBERS GET UP TO SPEED

BY BEN LEESON
TRIBUNE STAFF
WELLAND

Jeff Orosz may be retired, but these days he's as busy as ever.

Chronicling 60 years of history for the Welland County Motorcycle club might sound like nothing but a good time – reliving memories of roaring engines, flying dirt, cheering crowds and celebrating life in the fast lane.

Turns out it's a whole lot of work.

"I've been in the club since 1964 – not long enough to know more things," Orosz said. "It's unbelievable, the number of wrong dates we have. Who knows what's been forgotten. It's frustrating."

But Orosz, a champion speedway racer in the 1970s, takes on the task wholeheartedly. Though he's more likely to head to the club's facility at Niagara Motorcycle Raceway as a spectator than a rider, the oil and dust of the track is in his blood.

He keeps several bikes in his garage and in a basement room dedicated to his racing days. His recreation room features not only racing photos but also a beer tap made out of a piston from a speedway bike.

So Orosz knew exactly what he was getting himself into when he got on board with fellow club members Jim Stokes and Al Fair to plan the organization's 60th anniversary celebration. Members and past members are gathering in the Rose City for the club's biggest party ever.

"For our 50th anniversary we had people here in the hundreds," Stokes said. "This time we may get as many as 500.

"This time it's going to be less formal, though. We want more of our members to enjoy themselves, so we're going to spend less time on formality and ride every day. That was one thing a lot of the members said they wanted last time."

Tonight the members will gather at the Netherby Road track to kick-start four days of riding, socializing, reminiscing, dining and dancing. On Sunday all past and present members in attendance will be gathered in the raceway bleachers for a group picture.

"We're also hoping to have 60 bikes for 60 years, to have someone bring a bike for each year of the club," Stokes said. "It gives them a chance to relive their youth. It's always been a social place and people have made long-lasting friends. A lot of them drift away,



STAFF PHOTO BEN LEESON

The motorcycle may evoke thoughts of freedom on the open road, but Welland Motorcycle Club members Jim Stokes, left and Jim Orosz have been as busy as ever lately preparing for the organization's 60th anniversary this weekend. The club could see as many as 500 past and present members descend on its Netherby Road headquarters when they kick-start four days of celebration tonight.

but they want to come back and visit."

It was 1946 when Wellander Victor Svob founded the Skyhawk Motorcycle Club. Six men – Svob, Rodger Demars, Mike Stifel, George Harpwood, Stan Major and Jim Papp – convened the first meeting that summer in the backyard at Svob's Regent Street home.

The meeting places changed during the formative years and the growing group held drag races at various locations before buying into a track at the former Welland fairgrounds in Denistoun. In 1951 they held the first dirt track race at the site.

The club became known as the Welland County Skyhawks to recognize its out-of-town members around that time, as it was becoming more active in hill climbs and road riding events. In 1950 Chester Osten, the club's oldest living member, joined up. So did future president John Clare, of Clare's Cycle and Yamaha.

In 1964 the Skyhawks moniker was dropped and the club built its clubhouse in 1958. The first track was built nearby in 1970.

It is still the site of weekly summer races on Saturdays and meetings each Wednesday.

Jim Stokes and Jimmy Orosz at the 60th Anniversary Celebration

Motorcyclists take trip down memory lane

■ CLUB CELEBRATES 60TH ANNIVERSARY WITH FOUR-DAY REUNION WEEKEND

BY BEN LEESON
TRIBUNE STAFF
WELLAND

On Sunday night, during Welland County Motorcycle Club 60th anniversary celebrations at the organization's Netherby Road clubhouse, past and present members were treated to an impromptu feat of daring-do by speedway racer Jeff Orosz.

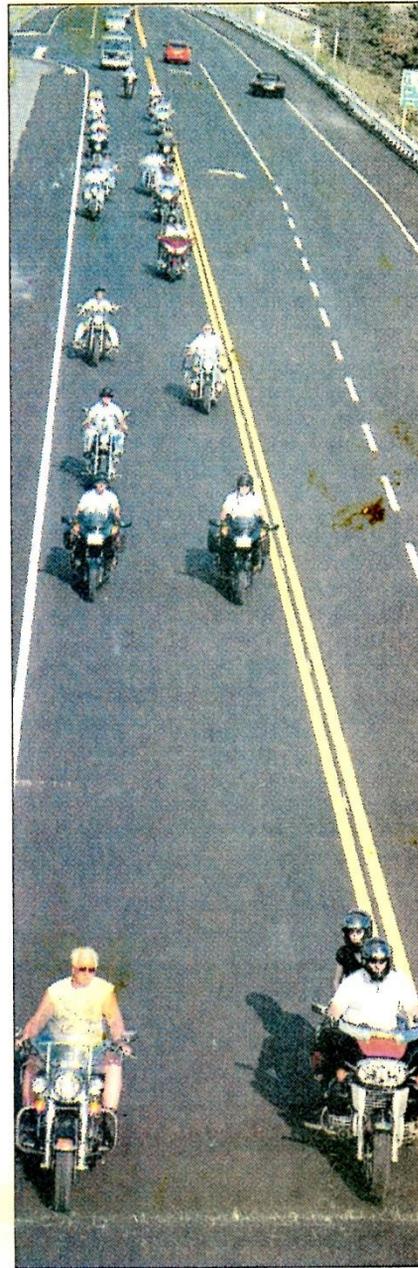
Hoping his command of two-wheeled speed machines was transferrable from his usual racing vehicle to the pedal-powered bike, Orosz built up a head of steam and attempted to jump the clubhouse fire pit.

"Oh, he cleared it," Wes Pierce, the club's track announcer, said with a chuckle. "He landed right on his face, but he cleared it."

Light-hearted though it might have been, the fun that filled four days of anniversary celebrations amounted to more than just hijinx. There were around 200 who visited the club from parts of Canada and the U.S. and took part in events during the celebration. Older members relived similar stunts of their own, while many younger ones were entertained by those tales for the first time.

Six decades of Niagara motorcycling came together, and Pierce said the result was one good time.

"It was quite nostalgic," Pierce said. "It was really laid-back, really fun. We're thinking about making this an annual thing, or every five years at least."



TRIBUNE PHOTO JOE CSEH

After assembling at the club-

Continued

least.”

The first major gathering since the club's 50th anniversary in 1996, this week's event was highlighted by a series of rides around the region, with stops at the club's historic haunts. The festivities started Friday with opening ceremonies and a wine tour ride, followed by a wine and cheese social that night.

Saturday saw the club members on the road again as they made stops at several of the club's early meeting places and its first scramble site in Fonthill. There was a past-president's supper that evening, where members had the chance to remember and reminisce.

That theme was carried further

After assembling at the clubhouse on Netherby Road for a group photo as part of their 60th anniversary reunion weekend, Welland County Motorcycle Club members took a ride along Townline Road on Saturday.

with a visit to 90-year-old Fred Secord, one of the club's oldest surviving members.

“He's a very respected guy,” Pierce said. “He went out east for the Bluenose rally when he was in his 80s. He was a corner marshal at the track well into his late 80s.”

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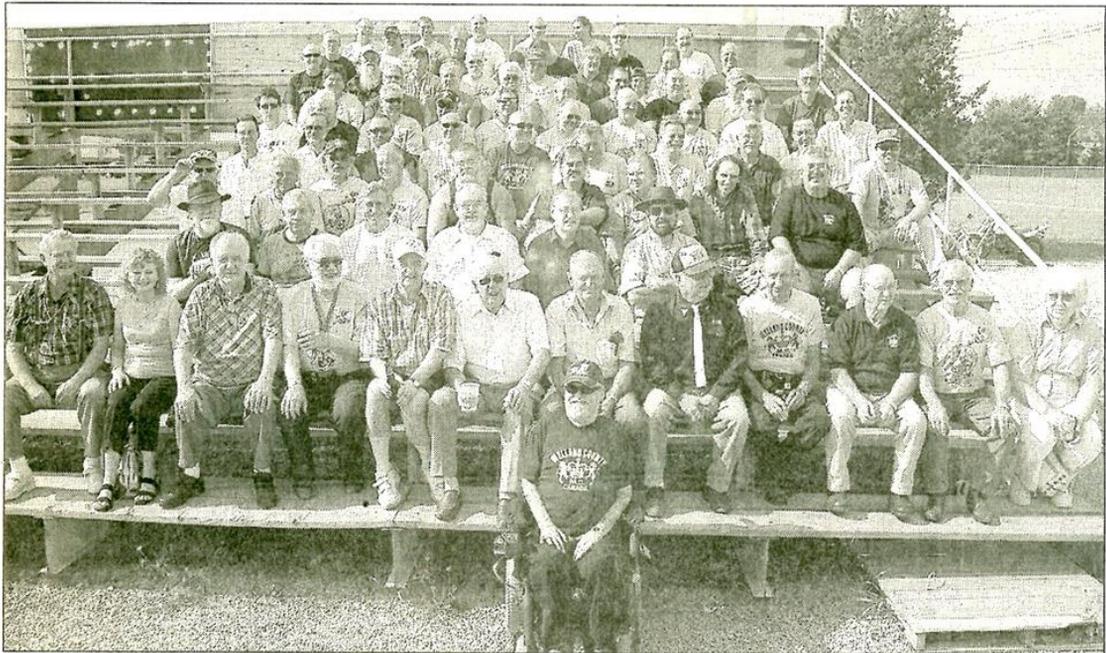
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A sheet of Labels Designed for our first batch of
Welland County Wine

It proved to be very popular and we are doing it again
for the 75th

SPORTS AND REC



TRIBUNE PHOTO JOE CSEH

Welland County Motorcycle Club members get together for group photo Saturday at the Netherby Road track during 60th anniversary celebrations.

Old bikes on display at reunion

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Also present were 77-year-old member Audrey Alexander and former president John Clare. Joyce Woodruff, the daughter of original member George Harpwood, and Victor Svob, who founded the club in 1946.

Several of them were in attendance Sunday as the club lined up and displayed bikes from 43 of the club's 60 years and hosted a bike show. Larry Miller, from Stevensville, won best in show for his Yamaha Dirt Tracker, affectionately dubbed the Dry Slider.

Club members were gathered Sunday for a group photo on the track bleachers and were later entertained by James Doolan and the Mob, and 11-piece band. On Monday most of the partygoers climbed aboard their bikes one last time for a club ride.

"All in all, we had quite the time," Pierce said. "We had quite a few of the young kids out, too. We were pretty well-represented."



TRIBUNE PHOTO JOE CSEH

Welland Mayor Damian Goulbourne, centre, presents a plaque to, from left, Welland Welland County Motorcycle Club members Jim Stokes, Al Fair, Wes Pierce and Ken Johnston in commemoration of the club's 60th anniversary.

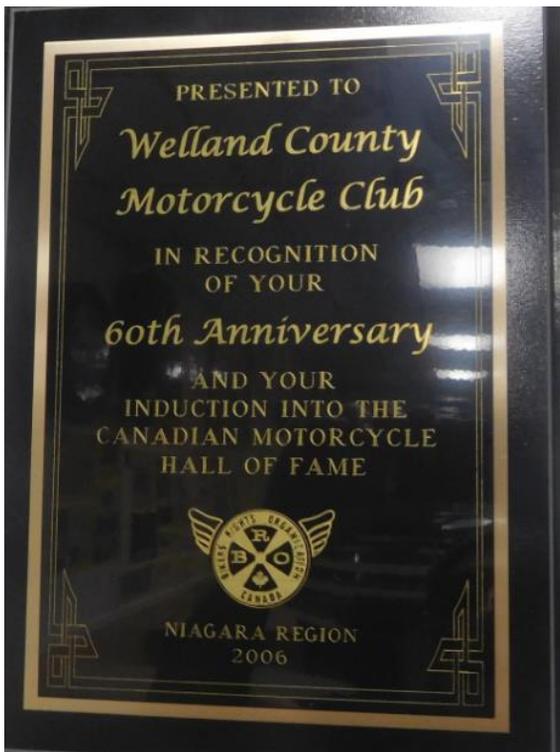
past and present members of the club put in appearances at the event, but added the Canal Days festival in nearby Port Colborne and the civic holiday likely took some elsewhere. In any case, he said he and the event organizers were grateful for those who came

laid-back entertainment. I hope the neighbours didn't get too mad."

Without the work of organizers Jim Stokes and Al Fair, Pierce said, the event wouldn't have been possible.

"They did a yeoman job. There's a lot of work that went into this and

Lots of Press Coverage in 2006



A Plaque presented to the Club
by B.R.O. Niagara



Pictures of Members taken at the 60th Anniversary by Jim Ewart

Pot of gold at Rainbow's end totals \$4,500 for charity

■ PROCEEDS FROM NIGHT AT MOTORCYCLE RACES HELPS SPECIAL OLYMPIC ATHLETES

TRIBUNE STAFF
WELLAND

A mini bike race between South Niagara mayors and councillors and a wheelie race helped draw one of the year's largest crowds to Niagara Motorcycle Raceway for Saturday's Rainbow Races, the Welland County Motorcycle Club's season finale.

About \$4,500 as raised at the event for Niagara's Special Olympics athletes, according to Rainbow Races co-

ordinator Dana Taylor.

"It was really a great crowd, probably one of the best all year," Taylor said.

Jim Larouche, a Welland city councillor, crossed the finish line first in the mayor's race, followed by Welland Mayor Damian Goulbourne, Port Colborne Mayor Ron Bodner and fellow Coun. Pat Chiocchio - all on pint-sized motorcycles.

"Everybody always seems to get a big kick out of that," Taylor said.

Wellander Jeff Lee won the wheelie race, another of the day's highlighted events, on his No. 176. Regular racing, face-painting, a performance by local band Almost Relative and a fireworks display were also part of the annual benefit for Niagara's developmentally challenged.

Funds raised at the event are used to offset travel costs and other costs of sending the athletes to next year's World Games in Shanghai, China. Earlier this year about 160 local athletes travelled to Brandon, Man., to participate in baseball, five- and 10-pin bowling, curling, rhythmic gymnastics, soccer as well as track and field events.



TRIBUNE PHOTO JOE CASH

Doug Beattie, No. 12, rounds a turn ahead of John Parker, No. 11, and Brad Hazel, 41B, in the 250cc intermediate/expert feature race Saturday night at Niagara Motorcycle Raceway.

Doug Beattie # 12, Johnny Parker # 11 and Brad Hazel #41B
Vying for the lead in the 250 Expert Class Season Finally



Youth Racers at the Clubhouse Youth Racer Banquet



The next event was our Annual Fishing Trip to Geneva on the Lake Ohio. We meet at the Duty Free in Fort Erie and leave from there.

Jimmy Orosz Bike C/W Fishing Rod and Pat Gauvreau



Ritz Rainville and Jimmy Chez (rear) L to R Al Fair, Larry Gazley, Jamie Schooly, Tracy Knowles, Archie Hardie and Jack Doan



Jack Doan and Mike Sullivan (rear) Rene Landry (standing) Archie Hardie with Kaye (the owner of the Oasis Bar in Ohio) in the sidecar. Rene was planning the route and led the ride. He was taking it easy until Kaye yelled at Archie “Doesn’t this thing go any faster” so they had to pick up the pace. Kaye had a lot of spirit.

Fall Trial, Robin Hood Quarry, September 2006

Organized by Gerald Young

RESULTS REPORT TO CMA

Sanction No. 01506; Event: Trial;
Organizer: WCMC; Date: Sept. 10/06

Location Port Colborne.

For more than 50 years WCMC put on Observed Trials.

Many of the highest caliber, sanctioned by the CMA.

Some of our past accomplished riders:

John Ranger, Nat. Champ, 6 times

Randy White Nat. Sr. Champ

Jeff Dulaj, Nat. Jr. Champ

John Clare

Dave Atkins

Rudy Marcy

Al Fair

Ron Gamm

Greg Gamm

Gerald Hough

Gerald Young

(Did I miss anyone?)

Rider	CMA No.	Rider Name	City/Prov.	Mark	Pos
EX.		No. of Starters: 3			
47	60444	Jordan Stoke		Beta	1st
5	60587	Andrew Young	Welland	Montesa	2nd
9	61554	Will Abel		Beta	3rd
INT.		No. of Starters: 3			
81	62034	Chris Doog			1st
61	61568	Travis Howards		Montesa	2nd
66	61191	B. Schroeder			3rd
JR.		No. of Starters: 8			
133	60211	Cal Whiffing		Sherco	1st
134	62044	Mike Lynch		Sherco	2nd
678	62049	Siu McNeil		Beta	3rd
398	61564	Curtis Emory			4th
427	62039	John Gayford		Beta	5th
106	61953	Steve Haggerty			6th
683	60064	Brian Couture			7th
114	60354	Marc Eike			8th
NOV.		No. of Starters: 2			
120	61509	Colin Flux			1st
103	61565	David Fleet			2nd
SR. 45		No. of Starters: 7			
27	LM 140	Neil Carter		Sherco	1st
33	LM 33	Cam Whiffing		Sherco	2nd
10	60097	Paul Howards			3rd
56	60588	Gerald Young			4th
501	62038	Fred Gayford		Beta	5th
56	60281	Dave Butler		Beta	6th
200	61590	Kevin Wood		Montesa	7th
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11	60037	John Purse		Sherco	2nd
14	LM 119	Blair Flux		Gas Gas	3rd
122	61569	Trevor Howards		KTP	4th
78		Brian Kelly		Sherco	5th
26	60240	Dave Main			6th
45	62035	Dan Farago		Montesa	7th
41	61553	Bob Abel		Montesa	8th
VINT.		No. of Starters: 2			
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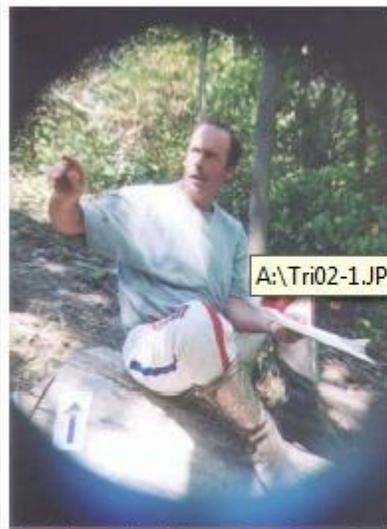
Trophies were donated by

Clare's Cycle and Sports, and Yamaha on Hwy#20 in Fenwick

Thanks to Dave Thomas for acquiring and organizing all the checkers, the great job that the checkers and other club members did for the sport of motorcycling. Thanks to Andrew, for helping with the sections, and picking the lines, Theresa and Dave with sign in and results. Also a great job on the food both by Pat, Jim and other helpers.



The start, 12:00 Noon, Sunday September 8, 2002



Gerry Young, checking a section. Gerry and his son Andrew did the section layout. Lots of



Matthew Zajac - 1st place Intermediate Class



Bill Hamilton, checking a section with his son. Bill has checked at W.C.M.C. trials almost every year since he joined the Club.



Steve Mumford, Senior 35 Class, long time trials rider



New Club member and first time checker, Ken -----??? (the Dwarf)
learning the ropes.
"I enjoyed the day", says Ken.



Senior 35 rider Tom Golden riding section checked by Brian Jamieson
and his BIG take-no-shit boy.
This is Brian's son in the photo



Bicycle trials riders set up their own separate event in the quarry

WCMC 75th Anniversary 2007

2007 Board of Directors

Ken Johnston President

Ron Putman, John Soles, Gary Stokes, Jamie Schooley,
John Dmytrow, Fred Legault, Wes Pierce,
Jim Stokes, Tim Murray.





At Fair with Michelle Smith of Biker TV. Trying to smoze her into coming to the club and doing a show on the club races

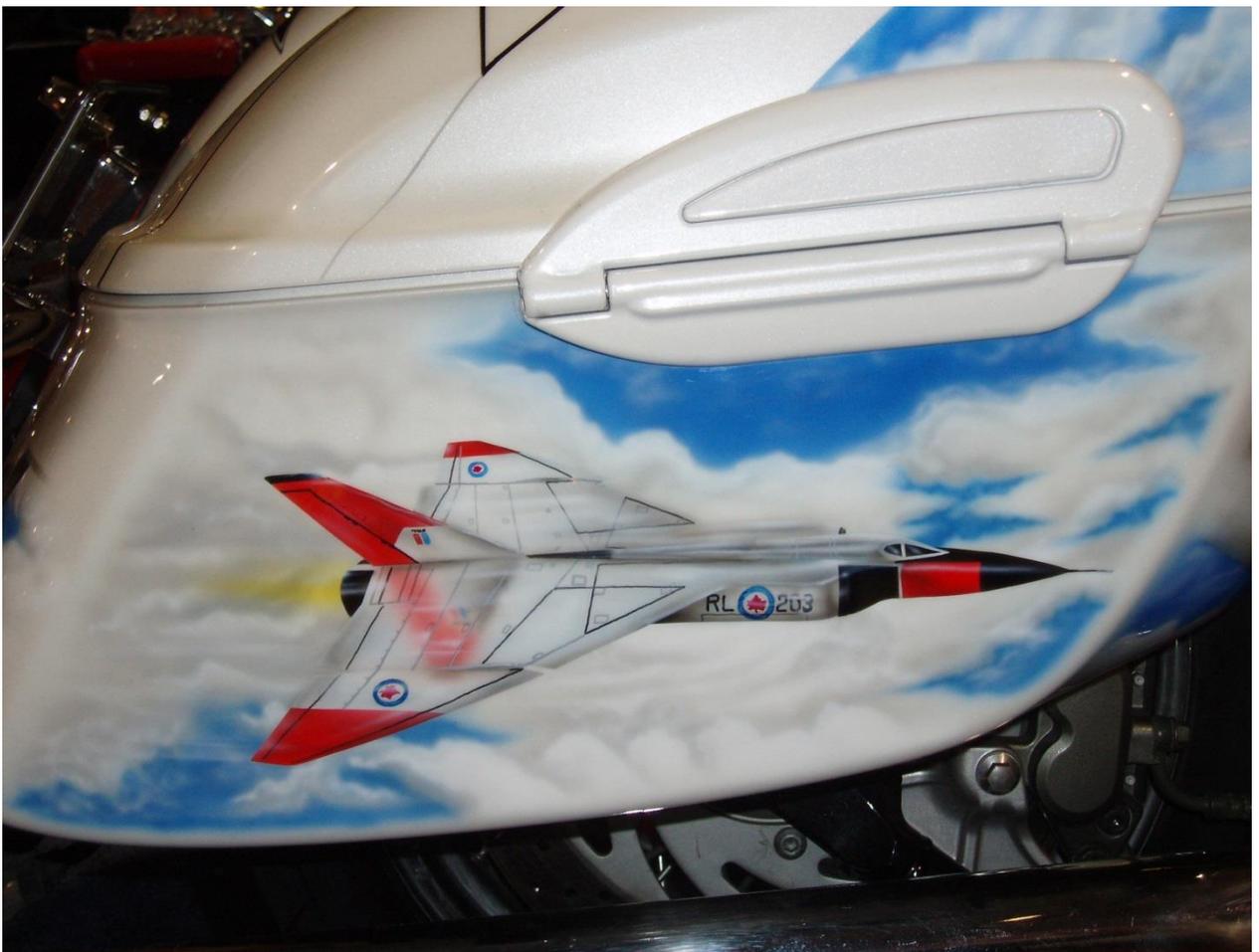


AVRO Arrow Tribute Bike

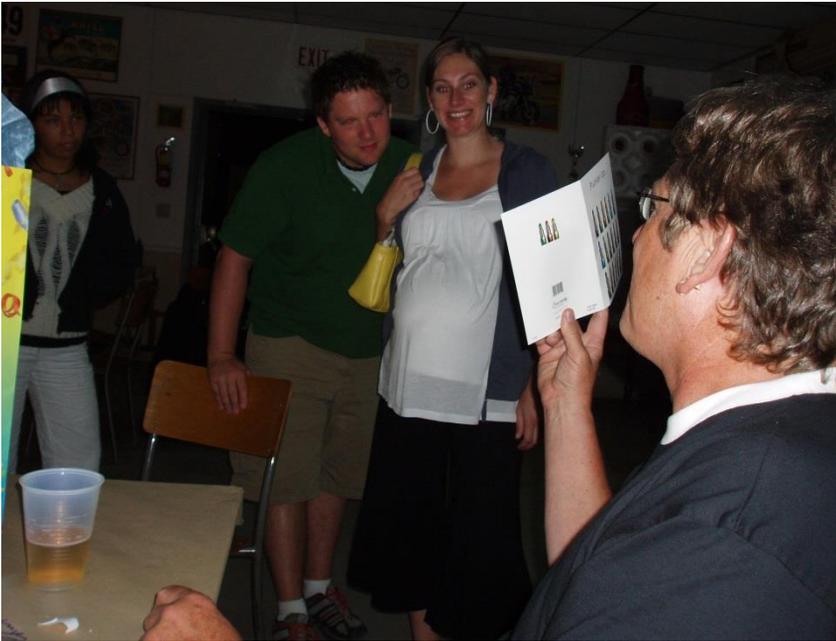
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AVRO Arrow Tribute Bike



Rene Landry's 60th Birthday at the Clubhouse



Rene reading a card from his daughter pictured in the center.



Andrea Schooly (right) with ?

Not sure who made the cake but they certainly captured Rene's favorite things however don't see a motorcycle on there.



Jamie Schooly and his drummers Martin and Eli at Rene's Party



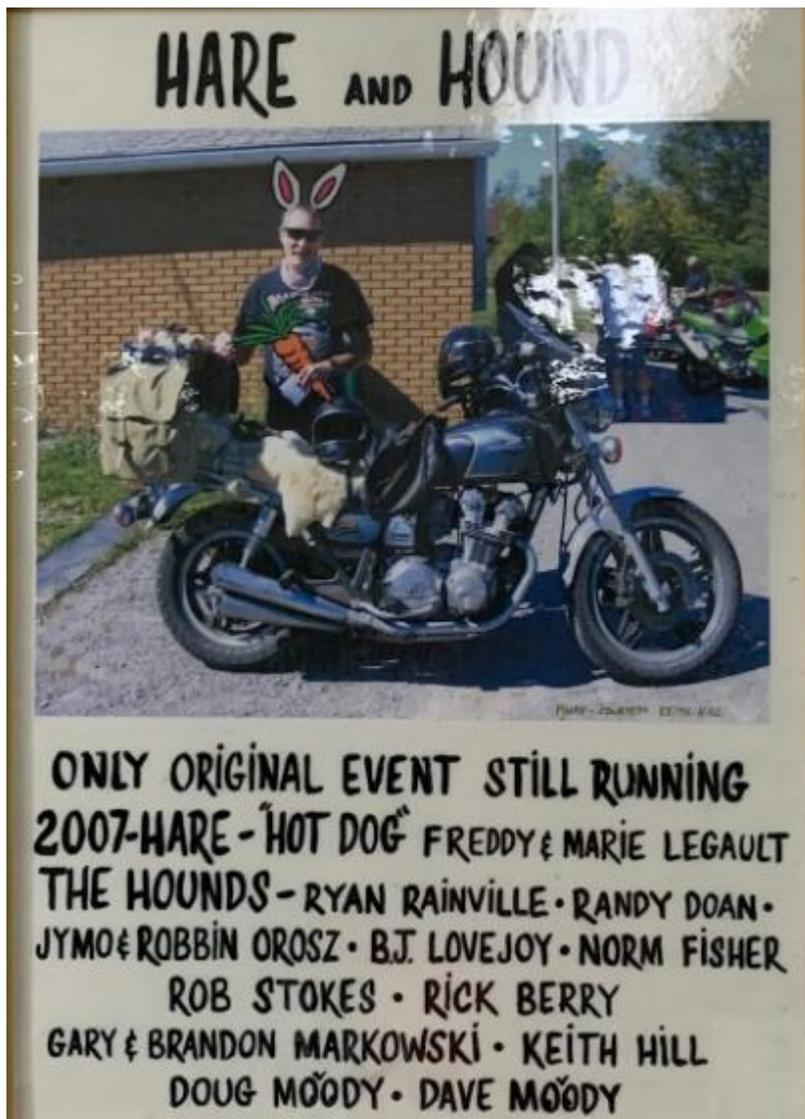
Friday July 13, 2007 Port Dover. Archie Hardie cooked breakfast C/W Tequila for Gloria Lawson, Lorna Dockril and Al Fair



Doing Harley Davidson Shots with Leroy at the Shooter PD 13



Jamie Schooley at the AI Fair Affair



The Hare and Hound is one of our longest running events. The Hare (winner from the year before) leaves the club with a supply of lime bags and drops them leaving a trail for the hounds to follow. This event differs from the Lime Run in that the winner is the first rider in to the location picked by the Hare. It tends to be a faster paced event than the Lime Run. The winner of the Lime Run is the person who arrives at the location closest to 30 minutes after the rider dropping the lime bags arrived.

WCMC 75th Anniversary 2008

2008 Board of Directors

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John Soles, Gary Stokes, Fred Legault
Tim Murray, John Dmytrow.





Everyone Welcome!

2008 EVENTS

Events Subject To Change

April 26	Poki-Barbi-Dan
May 4	Spring Trials
May 28	'Fallen Members' Ride
June 7	NMR Season Begins
July 20	Willy's Lime Run
Aug 22-24	Annual Fishin' Trip
Aug 30	Help A Child Smile Ride
Sept 13	Family Field Day
Sept 21	World's Hare & Hound Run
Oct 25	Youth Race Awards
Nov 1	Annual Awards Banquet
Nov 9	Barry's 'Blue Balls' Brunch
Dec 7	Children's Christmas Party

Activities May be Added!

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2008 Poki-Barbi-Dan



L-R Archie Hardie, Rick Vincelette, Gloria Lawson, Chritie Sharp and John Sharp



Jim Bodber Sr. taking tickets



Our Cooks: Ritz Rainville, Cliff Rashleigh, John Vucanics, ? and George Bosak



Ritz Rainville enjoying a refreshment with George Evans



Len Dillon pictured with son Shawn and Grandsons Jeff and Cole Robillard, and Riley Dillon. They were riding vintage Trials bikes except one was a Gas Trials bike. The other bikes were Ty 250 Yamahas and one Ty 80 Yamaha.



2008 was also the year that the club approved sewing the club crest on the back of a leather vest. It had been previously outlawed by the club due to an incident that happened back in the 60's. Ask Ron Turnbull about that.

As my first year as President in 2008, I was concerned about getting new members to join the club. I put it on the Agenda and the membership took hold. It took on a life of its own and the current members at that time started promoting it and we ended up taking on a few dozen new members.

Randy Doan.

The History of the Motocross Track

Randy Doan was president the year the motocross track was started. The board had approved \$5,000 to hire the Bulldozer to start the track. Randy passed the money on to Willie Mikelsar and the work was paid for before the next board meeting where the board members wanted to reverse the decision but it was too late. That was the beginning of the motocross track. Since then we have done an extensive amount of alterations to make into a world class practice track.

The next big development was when the club obtained 300 free loads of dirt plus a bulldozer to rough in the track. That was all donated by Jeff Bellcore construction. The dirt came from a construction project at Roots Lumber in Welland. Kyle Legault and John Harrington were at the track to receive the dirt and oversee where it was being placed on the track.

Ryan Rainville, Greg Gamm and Randy Doan with a few others helped to bring the track to it's present condition.

The Irrigation system and well were approved and installed in 2015. The irrigation system was installed by Ryan Rainville, Greg Gamm, Randy Doan, John Harrington, Kyle Legault and Andy Muscat.



John Harrington Enjoying the Track

The History of the Motocross Track

The track ran weekly and was manned by different club members each week that also rode on the track. The track maintenance was done mainly by Kyle Legault and Ryan Rainville. Mike Adaire also donated many hours of his time to help maintain and improve the track.

Around 2017 the club was approached by Andrew Youngusband of the TV Show Tougher Than It Looks to teach him how to ride a motocross bike and then how to make a jump. John Harrington and Regan Woodworth spent 12 hours with Andrew and his TV crew and had him jump both wheels about three inches off the ground. It was a painful day.

The track has gone through many transformations since it was built.

Al Dunn and Gayle ran a BBQ to help feed the riders and make a few dollars for the club.



Ryan Rainville catching some air while riding the Motocross Track in it's early stages. Things got a lot more Hairy as the track developed.



Greg Gamm



Greg Gamm



John Harrington



Mark Roe



Peter Wells



Randy Doan

The CBBO Canadian Biker Build Off



The Custom Chopper Craze was on and Vern Savage and Randy Doan brought it to life in Canada with the CBBO



The CBBO Canadian Biker Build Off



Ryan Rainville acting as Tour Guide to these young ladies



The CBBO Canadian Biker Build Off



R-L Vern Savage, Randy Doan and ? In front of the Trophies



Radical Randy was brought up from Tampa to M.C. the Event

WCMC 75th Anniversary 2009

2009 Board of Directors

Randy Doan President

John Soles, Gary Stokes, John Dmytrow, Marv Nash,
Ron Putman, Fred Legault, Ryan Rainville,
Tim Murray, Wes Pierce.



Poki-Barbi-Dan 2009





L-R Al Fair, Lorna Dockrill, Christie & John Sharp, Rene & Ann Gelothier, Bobby LePine



Port Robinson



Left: Bob LePine riding his
homebuilt Rolling Thunder
Chopper



John Sharp



Port Robinson

Lorna Dockrill's Early Birthday



About 2 years earlier Al Fair purchased this beautiful Harley Davidson Wide Glide in Florida and called Lorna from Florida and told her he bought her a Harley. Lorna had just got her M2 the Year before in 2007 and was riding the 1100 Virago that she learned on. She rode the Virago another year to get more experience before moving to a bigger heavier bike.

Lorna's Birthday was at the end of September and Al wanted to give her the bike for her birthday but thought it would be cruel to give someone a bike in the Fall just in time to put it away. Al had also been waiting for her to drop the Virago (pay her dues as we all do) then give her the bike however she never dropped the Virago so he figured he would bump her birthday up a few months and give her the bike after a race in June and have an early birthday party. Gloria Lawson and her were sitting at the trailer with a bottle of tequila so after the race Lorna had a little trouble grasping the concept of an early birthday and that in the morning she would be riding home on her new bike but she eventually caught the drift and rode the bike home in the morning.



JULY 24-26

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CANADIAN MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION
12th National Rally



NORTH AMERICAN MOTORCYCLE UNION
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All Welcome

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Till **July 11, 2009** **Contact**
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● www.wellandmotorcycleclub.com
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'09 Rally Schedule

Friday July 24	4PM	Registration
	6PM	Scenic Tour/Ride to Downtown Welland
	7PM	Welcome Concert at Amphitheatre
	11PM	WCMC Club House Rally Party
Saturday July 25	8-11AM	Registration
	8-11AM	WCMC Rally Breakfast
	Noon	Choice of Scenic Niagara Rides
	5-7PM	Steak Bar-b-que* additional \$20pp
	7PM	NMR Race Season Finale
	11PM	WCMC Club House Party Bon Fire . Entertainment . Fun
Sunday July 26	8-11AM	WCMC Rally Breakfast
	11AM	Final Awards & Farewell
	Noon	Ride to Canadian Biker Build Off 5

FREE On-Site Rally Weekend Parking & Camping
Food Booth . Washrooms . Showers . Security

Friday Night Welcome
Downtown . Welland . 7PM



July 24



**Flat Track
Motorcycle Racing
Season Finale**
7PM



July 25

Canadian Biker Build Off

canadianbikerbuildoff.com



July 25 & 26

2009 Fishing Trip



Dennis and Jimmy Orosz working Dennis's Bike Archie Hardie Supervising



Jack Doan Relaxing



Rick Coutu (Who Me?)



Dianne's new corvette



Al Fair sitting on Dennis's Bike again
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Barry wells Blue Balls Brunch 2009



We had a really cool
Trike join us for
brunch this year



We had a nice ride
and ended up in Port
Colborne at the
Funky Monkey for a
very nice meal.

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WCMC 75th Anniversary 2010

2010 Board of Directors

Randy Doan President
Archie Hardie, Willy Mikalser, Ron Putman, Gary Stokes,
Gary LaBelle, Ryan Rainville, Wes Pierce,
Tim Murray, Norm Fisher.





The decision to put a new roof on the clubhouse and out buildings was made by the Board. They debated steel vs shingles and decided to go with putting steel on the roof of the clubhouse, Food Booth and the Pavilion. The club members all pitched in led by Randy Doan and put all the roofing on all three buildings. Randy went to pick up subs for all the workers. He ordered ahead and when he got there they had not started making them as the owner was questioning Randy's ability to pay. Randy got a bit upset and talked the guy into providing free drinks and a cooler bag to smoot things over.



Metal Roof Pictures

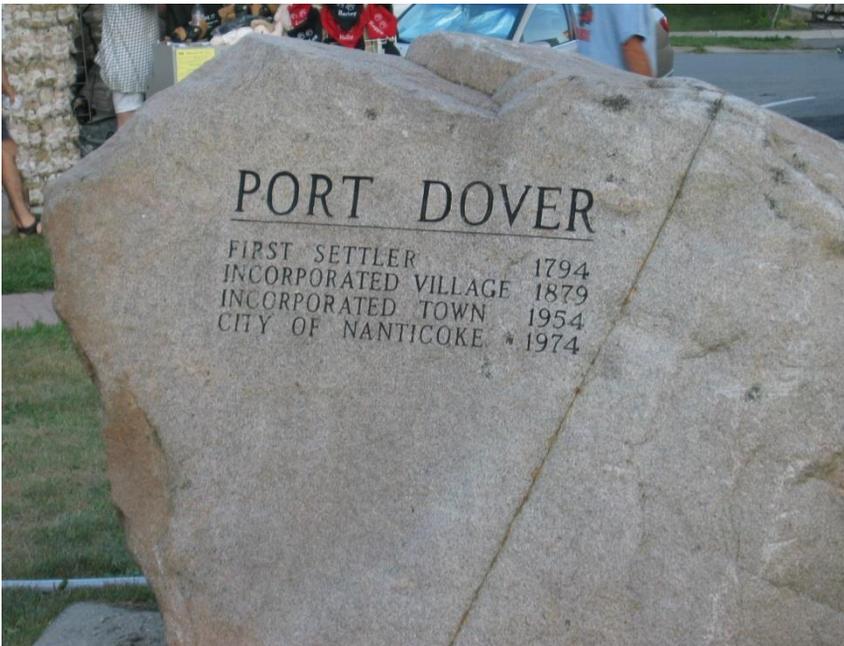
Metal Roof Pictures



Friday the 13th 2010



Setting up camp. (We travel light as you can see)



Some Fun Facts about
Port Dover.
It must be true
because it is
“Carved in Stone”

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ZZ (Gary Stokes) and Al Fair

This was a very special Friday the 13th for Al. His friends Rusty and Gwen came up from Daytona Beach and they were impressed after seeing how much of a crowd showed up for a one day event.





Rusty and Gwen Lueck came up from Daytona for Friday the 13th



2010 Fishing Trip



Jack Doan at the Duty Free



Our Favorite Lunch Stop



Who says we don't fish on the Fishing Trip?



Is Pat Gauvreau double fisting or delivering a drink?

2010 Club Banquet



Rene Landry and Shauna Carpenter



Vern Savage and Randy Doan (President)

2010 WCMC Christmas Party



The Stage is set for Santa



Marg and Ron Putman



This was a very different Christmas Party for the kids. Oh yes we had the usual games, Pizza and of course Santa with all the presents for the kids however this year there were some very special guests. An assortment of reptiles for the kids to hold and learn about. Sounds like something Bobby Wetmore or Rob Stokes would have dreamed up but no it was the brainchild of Shauna Carpenter (Rene Landry) and Lorna Dockrill (Al Fair). They had been to several parties before and when they volunteered to run it in 2010 they wanted to do something different. As you can see from the pictures it was a great success. Jimmy O was conspicuously absent as he is not a snake lover.



Lorna Dockrill

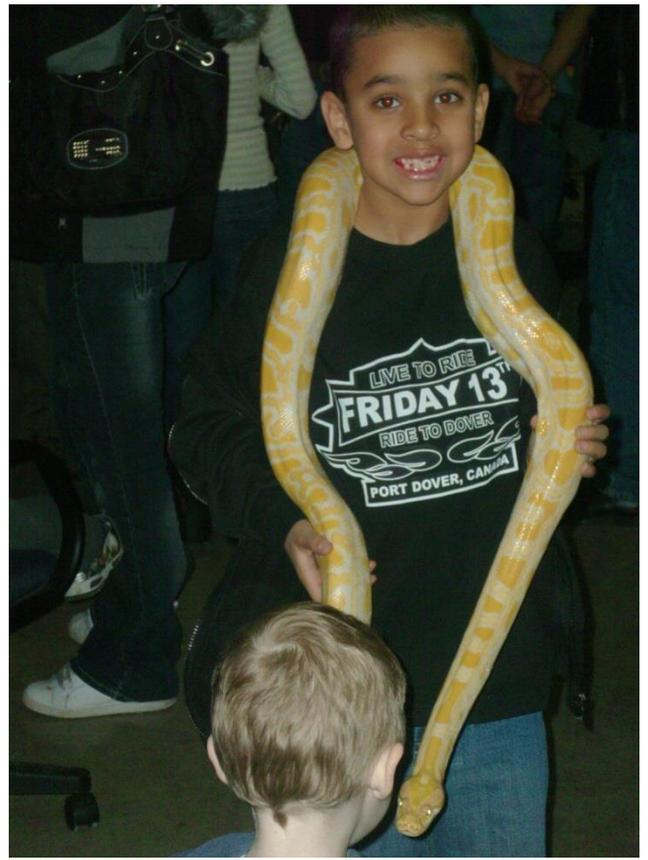


Shauna Carpenter



The kids and adults were enjoying holding the reptiles





Everyone sure looked like they enjoyed themselves and came away with a new appreciation for reptiles.



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Greg Gamm, Geoff Tait, Kyle Legault,

Ryan Rainville, Mark DeRuyte





A few interesting Bikes from the Toronto Bike Show



Saying Goodbye to Chester Osten



It was with heavy hearts we said goodbye to Chester Osten. He was one of the most influential members the club has ever known. Chester was our Treasurer almost since he joined in 1950 until somewhere around 2010. Chester passed away on March 11, 2011. The club purchased the land that the clubhouse was built on from Chester's family and that set the stage for what we have today.





The ride was at Gopher Dunes, (Tilsonburg area). The facility has a motocross track and a lot of Trails. This was a club event for people that like riding dirt. The group spent most of their time riding the trails, that is why they were so muddy. A great time was had by all.

Scooter Weekend 2011



Friday the 13th 2011



Left: The Zebra Lady was a permanent fixture showing up at most Friday the 13ths dressed to match her bike.

Below: A custom made sidecar rig built with one of the “Indian Bottle Cap Engines” purchased as surplus when Polaris bought them out and sold off the old stock at auction.



Friday the 13th 2011



The infamous “Thong Man” seen in the background on the left and up close below.



Geoff and Carol Tait
At the Al Fair Affair.
Not sure who the
other two are.



Right to left:
Randy Doan, Vern
Savage, Tracy
Knowles, Al Fair,
Lorna Dockrill, Liz
and Stan White
and ?

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Lightning Len Dillon (Named by Marty the announcer from Owego) was inducted into the Canadian Motorcycle Hall of Fame in 2011. Len had a very long and successful racing career starting at Welland County Speedway and racing at many Horse Tracks like Bellville, Woodstock, Paris and Sarnia. He also rode many tracks in the US and even rode speedway in Australia and New Zealand. Some of the tracks in the US were Owego, Batavia, Hamburg, Costa Mesa California and numerous other tracks in California for the world Qualifier. Len was the first Canadian to ride in the World Qualifiers. You had to win every race in the US East Coast World Qualifier to get to go to California.

Len Dillon

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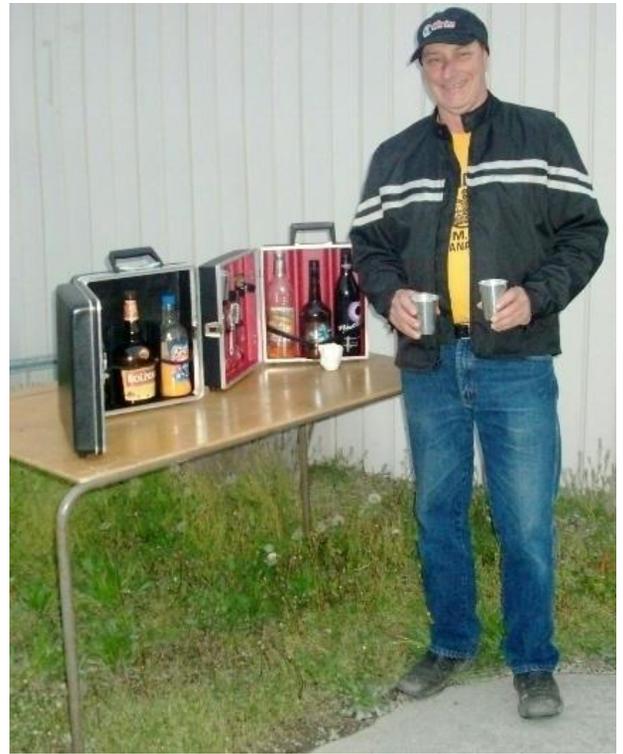
Competitor



Kicken Back in the Outback



Above: Pete and Carrie Thompson enjoying a beer with Al Fair at The Fairmont.



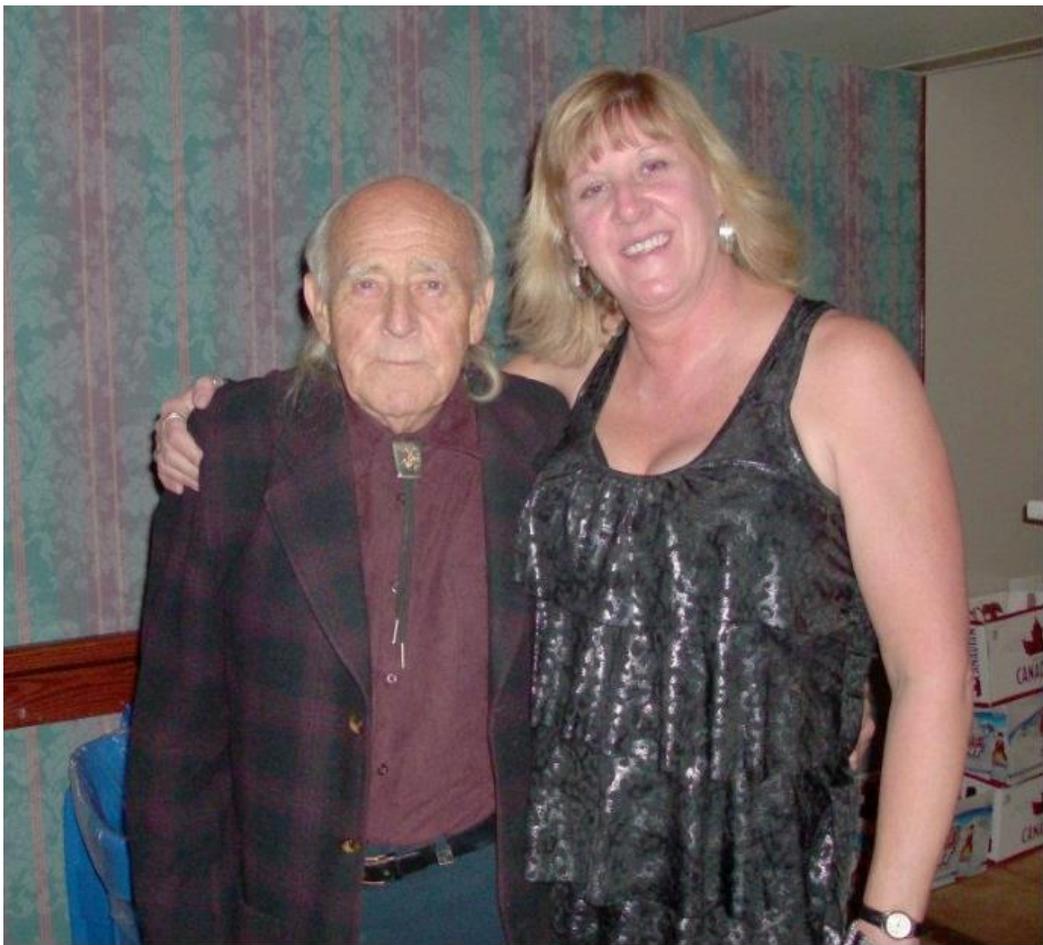
Al with the Shooter Bar ready to go



2011 Banquet



L-R Matt Schmit, Tim Murray, Norm Fisher, Ron Gamm, Mike Jones, Kieth Hill, Pat Maddalena, Jack Doan, Kyle Legault and Jeff Orosz.



Jack Doan with Lorna Dockrill

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Ryan Rainville, Greg Gamm, Mark DeRuyte
Kyle Legault, Ron Putman.



Fallen Members Ride



The Fallen Members Ride was put together by Rene Landry to honour our members that have passed on. It is very well attended and starts off with the “Reading of the Roll Call” members names that have passed on. We usually do a lap around the track to honour the members who have had their ashes spread there. The ride visits different grave sites each year and we try to get at least three or four each year. When we arrive at the grave sites we pay our respects, reminisce and tell the odd story about the member. It is our way of keeping our Fallen Brothers close and not forgotten.

2012 Race Pictures



Kyle Legault on his Speedway Bike



Kyle Legault on a Dirt Tracker

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Kyle raced in England and is displaying his Awesome Riding Style



L-R Ritz & Alma Rainville, Marg & Ron Putman, Jim Stokes, Lenora & Jim Krusell, Dave Thomas and Norm Fisher out on a ride

Sid Scott, Spirit of the Fishing Trip 2012

I was going on WCMC's infamous Fishing Trip for the first time. Mind you I had heard stories of past fishing trips so thought I should prepare for any eventuality.

So in addition to packing my best fishing gear I decided to pack a sleeping bag and air mattress. Why you ask? Well I had been pared up to share a room and a bed with a guy I did not know....and he was much bigger than me.

The fishing trip experience started before we even arrived at Geneva-on-the-Lake when the voltage regulator on Al Fair's Harley quit, draining the battery.

We found my Gold Wing battery was the same size as Al's Harley battery so we swapped them back and forth all the way to Geneva-on-the-Lake. Sort of like, using my Gold Wing as a Harley battery charger.

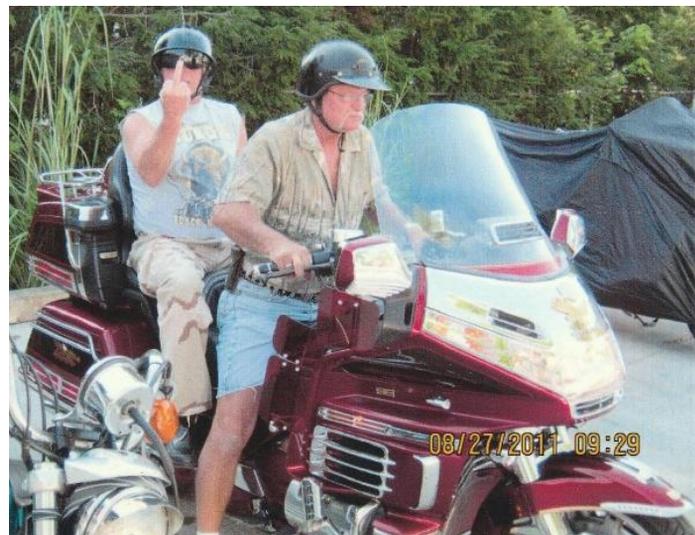
As a further degradation for Al, he had to ride "Bitch" on the back of my Gold Wing as we searched Geneva-on-the-Lake for repair parts. For this he was abused all weekend in a way that would have brought tears to a weaker man.

Later after a night of drinking in Geneva I went back to my room, filled my air mattress and went to bed thinking my first fishing trip adventure was over.

Then at about 2:00 A.M. my roommate – who shall remain anonymous – staggered in with one of the local wild women. This totally uninhibited lady proceeded to remove all her clothes then mounted my inebriated roommate on the bed for a ride to glory. At this point he asked for a little privacy....not for her, but for him!

To oblige I picked up my air mattress and sleeping bag, moved it into the parking lot where I slept all night. Lesson learned, a fishing trip patron must be prepared for any eventuality.

Thinking no more of the incident, at the WCMC Fall Banquet and Awards Night, my name got called. Getting up before 200 people the MC presented me with the prestigious, "Spirit of the Fishing Trip" award. I say prestigious, when you learn the very high standard WCMC sets for this award, you learn it's not just given to anybody...you have to be special!!!



Al Fair not amused at all the ribbing he had to take so he bought a Victory the next year.

2012 Banquet



Randy Doan wins the Hare and Hound again 15 Times as of 2021



Alex Scott wins the Blue Balls Award for 2012



Joe Montovoni receiving the Chester Osten
Outstanding Service Award

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2013 Board of Directors

Geoff Tait President

Gary Stokes, Rob Stokes, Jim Stokes, John Harrington,
Ron Putman, Norm Fisher, Mike Jones,
Wes Pierce, Kyle Legault.



Poki-Bari_Dan Celebrates 35 Years

THURSDAY, April 25, 2013 NIAGARA THIS WEEK

Poker run celebrates year 35

BY EVAN LEE
STAFF

Thirty-five years and the poker run is still in the cards.

The Welland Motorcycle Club is proud to present the 35th Annual Poki-Barbi-Dan, or Poker -Run, Barbecue and Dance.

The nearly 160 km run, which now sees between 250 to 300 riders annually, was the first motorcycle Poker-run in all of Canada to be sponsored by the Canadian Motorcycle Association, said Mike Jones, coordinator of the event.

"The route is changed every year," said Jones, adding, "we keep it a surprise. it makes for a better experience."

The route consists of three stops, where riders will collect a playing card to put together for their poker hand.

Jones said the run takes advantage of the whole Niagara Peninsula, even going as far as Dunnville in previous years and they always try to incorporate a ride along one of the Great Lakes, either Ontario or Erie to make it that

much more enjoyable.

The run will conclude at the Welland Motorcycle Club's clubhouse where there will be a steak dinner, live music from The Rhythm Hounds Unplugged and prizes and awards for things like best poker hand, largest club in attendance and furthest travelling visitor.

"We get people from way outside the area," said Jones, adding one year the prize went to a traveller all the way from West Virginia.

Another attraction is a commemorated, handcrafted knife made by club member Jim Cross that will be raffled off during the dinner.

Advance tickets cost \$20 a

person and \$25 the day of the event.

Individuals who only want to join in on the ride or the dinner, tickets cost \$10 and \$15 respectively.

Registration kicks off at 11 a.m. on April 27 at the Welland County Motorcycle Club's clubhouse at 603 Netherby Rd., and the run will go until around 5:30 p.m. The barbecue goes until 7 p.m. and the music kicks off at 7:30 p.m. Free campsites are also available on the clubhouse property.

We keep it a
surprise.

— Mike Jones

The Poki-Barbi_Dan was started by Wes Pierce as a result of an event in the Spring to bring out your bike to prove that you had a motorcycle which was requirement to belong to the club. Fellow club member Randy White and Wes were chatting over a beer and said why don't we have a barbeque as part of the event and it evolved into the Poki-Barbi_Dan. In the early years we used to draw 250 motorcycles and 400 people for dinner.

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2013 Poki_Barbi_Dan Pictures



Barry Wells checking things out



L-R Sid Scott, Carol & Geoff Tait and Jim Ewart



Ryan Rainville



Al Fair



Wes Pierce and Geoff Tait



Riding along the Parkway



Rene Landry



Tim Lucas 75th Anniversary

2013 Spring Trials (The Last One The Club Ran)



Gerry Young A long time WCMC Trials Rider



WCMC has a long history of putting on Trials. In the early seventies John Ranger was the Number One plate for Trials in Canada. Randy White, Jeff Dulaj, Ron Gamm, Gerry Young, Al Fair, Derek Thomas and Gerald Huff all competed at various times. The Club used to put on two Trials a year. One at the Robin Hood and one at the Farm in Fonthill.

Picture Front Gerry Young
Rear Jack Doan

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Kyle Legault showing off his Trials Skills





Ron Gamm and Randy Doan handing out Trophies to Jordan Zoke



Mark Deruyte Checking a Section 75th Anniversary



Kyle Legault catching
some air on the
Motocross Track

Friday the 13th September 2013



L Kathy Lepine with the Zebra Lady. Kathy just happened to be wearing a Zebra print top that day.

R Al Fair lost one of his lifelong friends (Leroy Phibbs) to Cancer a few years before so he was showing his distaste for cancer along with this guy.



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Mustache Ride History

In 2013 with a couple years of retirement and a wish to do something for charity I said to the club "this weekend I'm doing a ride and I have some beer and hot dogs for the end, so everyone throw in a few bucks and well donate to Movember." With a turnout of 25 or so we ended up with \$550! We wanted to donate to a cause for men since the club has been a predominantly men's membership for the full 75 years.

In 2014 we formalized it as the Mustache Ride (wrong spelling intentionally) and set the last Sunday of September as our day and said we'll get food donated etc. It was good and it started to grow.

In 2015 we started meeting ahead of time and because we knew we wanted to keep this going, we still donated to Movember. We started thinking of Mustache Ride T shirts. Donations grew the ride size grew and it was an annual event. We also added a lunch as part of the package, something unique on rides.

2016 was our last year with Movember, they didn't seem to get the idea we had, they were deaf to our ideas and ask of help. We weren't a huge contributor but we thought we were unique. They subsequently organized a ride on the same day that we traditionally held our ride.

In 2017 we switched to Ride for Dad and have been most happy with them as they are most appreciative of us. Our t-shirts became more popular and we were organized into a team with regular meetings. Our mission remained to have a fun ride, have as little admin or members having to work as possible and to donate to Ride for Dad. We also ensured that our meetings at the clubhouse were fun as well. The ride evolved into a well oiled machine with Joe and Laurie Montovani welcoming all with coffee and breakfast. Registration is Tami Riemer, Sandie Kares, Rose Auld, Barb Vizzari and others.

Our ride layout switched from Jim in 2016 to Rene and now has added Don McCormack and Mark DeRuyte.

In 2018 we split out some funds and make an in person donation to the Radiation Oncology department for Prostate Cancer at the Niagara Health System, St Catherines.

Dinner the last two years was donated by Billy Bones BBQ and salads etc. were donated. Sponsorship and prizes came from businesses throughout the peninsula as well as Molsons, Coca Cola and Maple Leaf Sports and entertainment. Bin Deruyte is the prize and raffle expert for us. The club has been most generous and giving in its backing of this event.

2019 was our last Mustache Ride and our donation total stands at \$30,000 for the 7 years of operation. Traditionally we have about 140 riders and passengers and serve dinner to up to an additional 50 who wish to enjoy and to donate!

We feel we have the right balance of fun ride, value for your money and great charity so that Welland County can be proud to have the Mustache Ride on the calendar annually.

Jim Stokes

The Hatfield and McCoy Trails, West Virginia



L-R Rob Rainville, Josh Dolan, Freddy Legault, Kyle Legault, John Harrington, Andy Muscat, Greg Gamm

From 2012 until 2016 some club members got together and went to West Virginia to ride the Hatfield and McCoy trails. Mike Thompson a non club member organized the trip every year. It was usually around the second week of October. Sometimes they would stop part way down and ride the trail heads. Jeff Orosz and Max Keeping also went down other years. The accommodations were fantastic and they were treated like Kings. There was a guide that took them out and he was the great-grandson of the McCoys. A great time was had by all and as you can see from the members that went there were lots of shenanigans. They got see wild horses and moonshiners up in the hills. The boys managed to procure some moonshine and sampled it there and some of the moonshine managed to make it home. The view in the mountains was just breathtaking and the riding was not for the faint of heart. They would ride form 8 in the morning until 3 in the afternoon for 3 days.



Sarah and Shelly Gam receiving an Appreciation award from Geoff Tait for all the hard work they do around the club and on the race track.

L-R
Josh Barrick,
Kyle Legault,
Kristy Dulaj
Receiving their
Racing Trophies
for the 2013
Season



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2014 Board of Directors

John Harrington (President)

Norm Fisher, Rob Stokes, Ron Putman,
Max Keeping, Kyle Legault, Greg Gamm,
Ryan Rainville, Gary Stokes, Geoff Tait



Ice Racing on the Canal near Dain City



Greg Gamm



Jeff Orosz and Greg Gamm



Most winters the boys get together and go out on the ice because you just can't get enough time to ride your bike in the summer so Ice Racing was invented



Randy Doan and Jeff Orosz



Greg Gamm

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Our Race Season kicks off with Bike Night at Clares Cycle. Clares Cycle (Johnny) has been a very generous sponsor



Gary Markowski and Brenda



Bob Tait and Al Fair



(Left) A Rare picture of Rene Landry without a full head of hair. Rene was involved with the Huntington's Society Charity for many years and shaved his head to raise money for the cause.

(Below) A Friday night Club Ride to the Tait cottage on Lake Erie. We set off Lanterns out over the lake.



Billy Hamilton, Geoff Tait and Norm Fisher launch the lantern under the supervision of ZZ (Gary Stokes)





One of our founding members, Audrey Alexandre passed away on July 9, 2014. Audrey was also the woman that brought the Motormaid's to Canada. These are pictures of her Celebration of Life held at the Clubhouse in August 2014



Plaque hand painted by one of the Motormaid's



Cake depicting Audrey's life of riding Harleys



Scenes from the 2014 Fallen Members Ride



2014 WCMC Annual Fishing Trip to Geneva On The Lake Ohio



Billy Hamilton



Tracy Knowles



Dianne's Poolside Motel



Jimmy O (Orosz)



L to R Cy (Frank Ghetin) Archie Hardie, Dennis Orosz, Billy Hamilton, ? and Eddie



Dennis getting dinner ready
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Al Fair on his first chopper

This one never made it to the Clubhouse wall. If you have read my profile you will know I have wanted a chopper since I saw the movie Easy Rider. It took me 59 years to get one. This was a very special bike. My friend Bob Lepine built this bike starting in 1999 and it took him several years to finish it. In 2014 he had some financial difficulties and had to sell it. I loved the bike and bought it so it would not go to a stranger and be lost to him forever. The following year he had received an insurance settlement and I sold it back to him and he still has it to this day.



Promotional Display at the Port Colborne Car Show

The 750 Twins on Nostalgia Night



The Nostalgia Night at the races is always a Fan favourite. We bring out the big guns and everyone likes to hear the engines roar as they speed off the line heading for turn one. These are bigger heavier machines and most of us remember when this spectacle was a weekly event. The Harley Davidson XR 750 dominated Flat Track racing for years however we also had Yamaha 750s, and a lot of Triumphs successfully competing at the track. Len Dillon, Pete Thompson, Chris Evans, Jimmy Orosz, Johnny Parker and Don Taylor just to name a few that competed in these machines.



Breakfast the morning after a race at Jack's Outback
L to R Mike Scallion, Wendy Thistle and Mike's wife Julie (Jules)

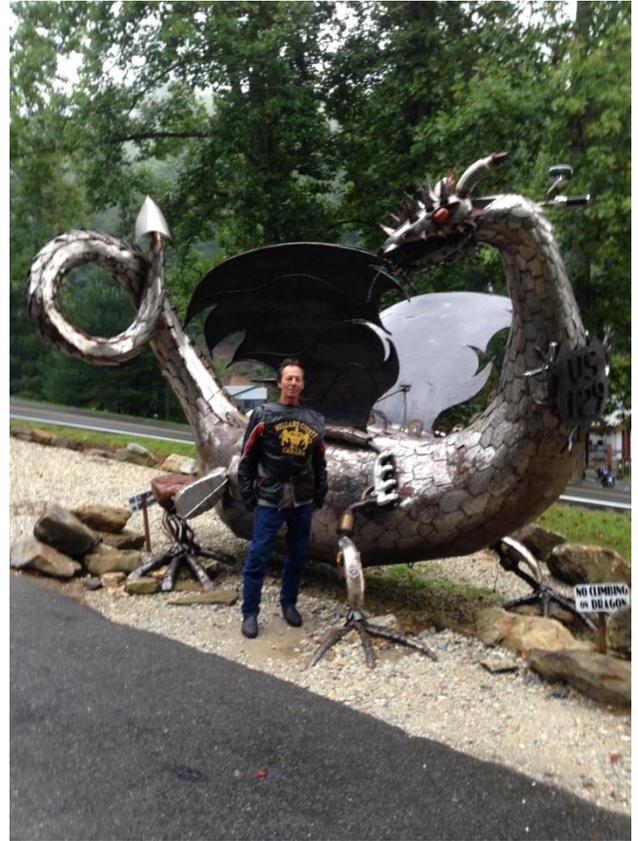
Years earlier some of the members started bringing their trailers out and putting them in the campground so they would not have to drive home after partaking in multiple beverages on race nights. One such member was Jack Doan. Jack was our Bartender for many years and by the time he closed up shop the trailer was the best place for Jack to go. After Jack passed away a few of the members got together and named it Jack's Outback and it is mostly referred to as the Outback now. There is always a fire going after the Races and when Mike was around you could bet there was going to be some delicious food coming out around midnight. When Jack passed Randy either gave or sold the trailer to Mike and Mike built a beautiful log bed inside. Mike has since moved to the East Coast and sold the trailers to Joe Koros. Mark and Bin always have a fire going now.



Family Day 2014 put on by Jeff and Bonnie Dulaj

We have had many Family Days at the club over the years. I did not have any other pictures of this one however we usually do field events like bite the weenie, slow race (believe it or not Randy Doan usually wins that one) and other motorcycle related games. Jeff and Bonnie have put on most of the ones I remember however I do remember, Crash (John Dmytrow) being involved as well. It is a lot of fun and an enjoyable day for all involved. This year they invited a lot of the racers (pictured above the two young girls) and they wanted to play pool. The highlight of the day is the food that Jeff usually cooks up to fill out tummies at the end of the day.

2014 Tail of the Dragon Trip



In early September 2014 members, Norm Fisher and Mike Jones set out to accomplish Norm's Bucket List a ride to the Tail of the Dragon. Our first adventure of the trip began in Pennsylvania. We stopped for lunch at a bar where other bikers had stopped. Upon entering I quizzed the bikers inside who belonged to the pink helmet that was sitting on the Hardley's seat. Out of the six guys of course it belongs to the biggest and ugliest rider. After buying him a drink he turned his stern face into a smile, the whole place turned to laughter. Norm and I ate our meal and left with a sigh of relief.

After that little incident, we continued our trip to our destination with awe of the roads leading through the Smokies Mountains, onto Tennessee then to the Tail.

The only other incident was caused by riding my bike too hard and blowing a head gasket by Cheyanne, West Virginia. Luckily we stopped the bike on the interstate right by an H-D motorcycle shop. The boys at the shop there helped remove the thermostat and we got home safely.



Norm on the Blue Ridge Parkway



Mike Jones and Norm Fisher at the bottom of the Tail of the Dragon

Al Fair's 60th and Mike Scallion's ? Birthdays



It started at the Clubhouse but could not find any pictures



It moved to The Reeb House. Kisses mmm 60 was not so bad



Nice cake made by Mark and Bin

2014 Club Christmas Party



WCMC 75th Anniversary 1997
1997 Board of Directors

Wes Pierce (President)
Archie Hardie, George Bozak, Cliff Rashleigh,
Chester Osten, , Brian Williams, Tom Blanchard, Doug Shilling,
Rene Landry, Jack Doan



1997 starts off with a trip to the International World of Motorcycles Show in January. The club did this show for many years with help from many club members to set up tear down and man the booth all weekend.



Al Fair and Rene Landry at the January Bike Show

<p>WELLAND COUNTY MOTORCYCLE CLUB 1997 CALENDAR</p> <p>Niagara Motorcycle Raceway LES WASHBON 1996 NMR POINTS CHAMP</p>	<p>AMERICAN MOTOR HARLEY-DAVIDSON CYCLES</p> <p>HARLEY-DAVIDSON</p> <p>N. TONAWANDA, N.Y. 1149 ERIE AVENUE (716) 692-7200</p>	<p>WELLAND COUNTY M.C. CANADA</p> <p>603 NETHERBY ROAD WELLAND, ONTARIO, L3B 5N7</p> <p>FOUNDED 1946 - INCORPORATED 1966 AFFILIATED WITH CMA, ORRA, D4-AM MEETING EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 8:30P</p> <p>FOR MORE INFORMATION</p> <p>WES PIERCE (PRES) (905) 835-2754 JACK DOAN (P.R.) (905) 835-2937 RANDY DOAN (905) 732-9817 CLUBHOUSE* (905) 734-7056</p> <p>* WED. NIGHT AFTER 8 & EVENT DAYS</p> <p> E-Mail: moto@niagara.com</p>
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NIAGARA MOTORCYCLE RACEWAY

1997 RACE SCHEDULE

Dirt Track, Speedway & ATV
Plus Occasional Support Classes
 Vintage 750 & Micro Midget Outlaws

SATURDAYS at 7:30PM

Jun 14 Season Opener
All Class+750 Vintage

Jun 21 All Class+750 Vintage

Jun 28 All Classes

July 5 All Class+750 Vintage

July 12 All Classes

July 19 Canadian National
Dirt Track Champ.

July 26 Canadian National
Speedway Champ.

Aug 2 600cc - \$10,000
North American
Challenge Race
Reserved Seating

Aug 16 Nationals Rain Date

WELLAND COUNTY MOTORCYCLE CLUB

1997 EVENT CALENDAR

Sat	19th Annual Apr 26 Poki-Barbi-Dan
Sun	CMA Spring Trials May 11 Port Colborne
Sun	9th Annual July 20 Lime Run
Sun	Paul Travis Memorial Aug 17 Mystery Tour
Sat	Help a Child Smile Aug 30 Breakfast & Ride
Sun	National Champ Sept 14 Trials, Port Colborne
Sun	World Championship Sept 21 Hare and Hound
Sat	Annual Awards Nov 1 Banquet, Welland

Event Calendar for 1997

Excerpts from the 1997 General Meeting Minutes

Jan 8, 1997

Guest Present: Mike Jones

Old Business:

Reort on the Bike show by Jack Doan. A few of the bike in our booth won prizes, Randy Doan sold some ads for our program.

April 30, 1997

Old Business:

Report on the Poki-Barb1-Dan. Thanks to Ron Gamm, John Vukanics, Rene Landry, Brian Williams and all the others who worked. 328 Tickets sold.

New Business:

Jeff Orosz Stag May 3 at 8:00 p.m.

Hog Run May 3

Cover the Kids run May 3 Port Dalhousie

Gowanda Harley Davidson Poker run May 4

Club Trials Meeting 11 a.m. need more Checkers

Fort Erie Swap Meet in Ridgeway May 4

Chester: Someone made a 976 call from the Clubhouse and it cost the Club \$30

Janitors for May

Mike Jones and ZZ (Gary Stokes)



Above: Karen Gamm and Rick Coutu enjoying a beer at the Club Grounds.



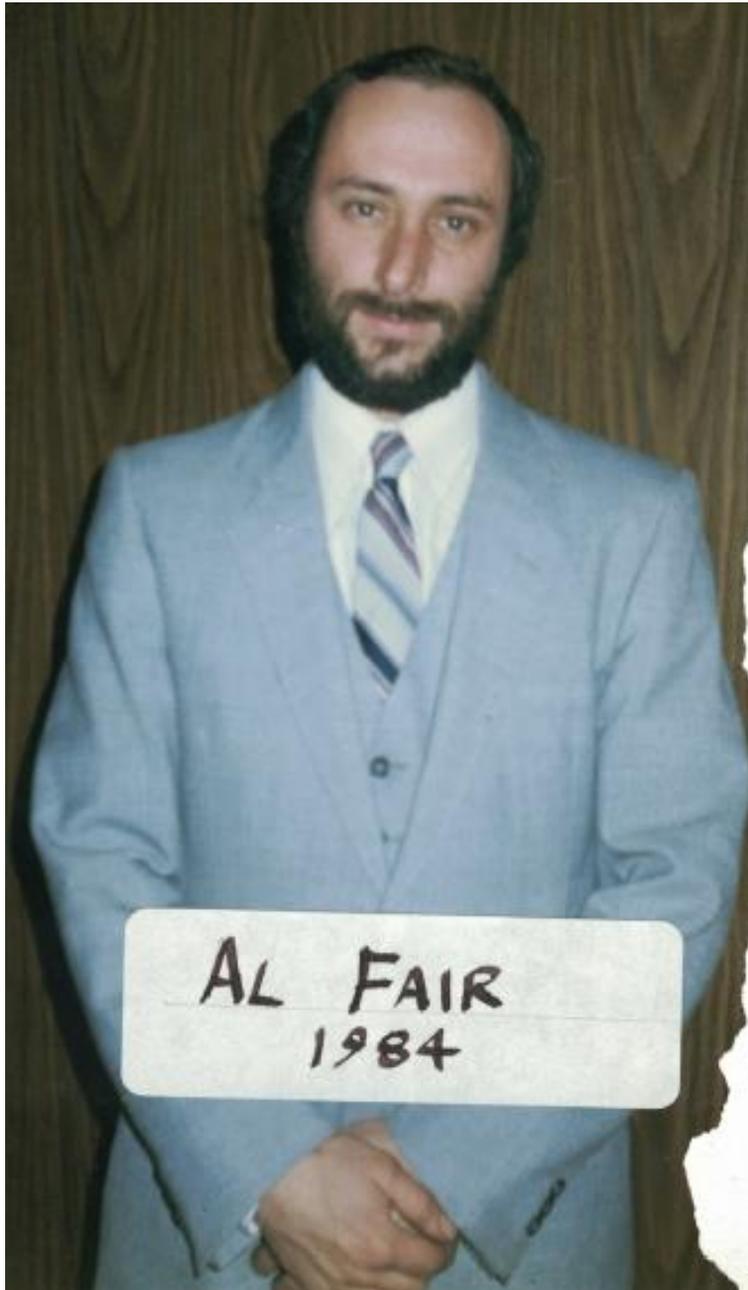
Left: Karen receiving an award for the hours of work that she put in during the year.

WCMC 75th Anniversary 2015

2015 Board of Directors

Al Fair President

Alex Scott, Gary Stokes, John Harrington,
Ron Putman, Geoff Tait, Rob Stokes
Greg Gamm, Archie Hardie.





L-R Geoff Tait, Mike Jones presenting Bob Tait with the Euchre Trophy

Poki-Barbi-Dan 2015



Al Fair presenting the winner with the handcrafted Knife that Jimmy Orosz makes each year. The proceeds go toward buying a bike to blow up at the Trap Shoot.

75th Anniversary



The Man Behind the Microphone at Welland County Speedway



Wesley J. Pierce Inducted into the Welland Sports Wall of Fame



Wes with the other Inductees for 2015 75th Anniversary

Freedom of the open road

BERNARD FRANKS
Times Staff

Wes Pierce's introduction to motorcycles was in no way a triumph.

His first bike as a 15-year-old growing up in Fort Calhorne was a 125-cc James that would never set a speed record and had just enough get-up-and-go to get going.

However, the little British motorcycle didn't go unnoticed by police patrolling Hwy. 3, nor did its young driver who was on the way home one evening from Fort Erie.

“

We see so much more. You breathe in so much history when you're on a bike.”

Wes Pierce

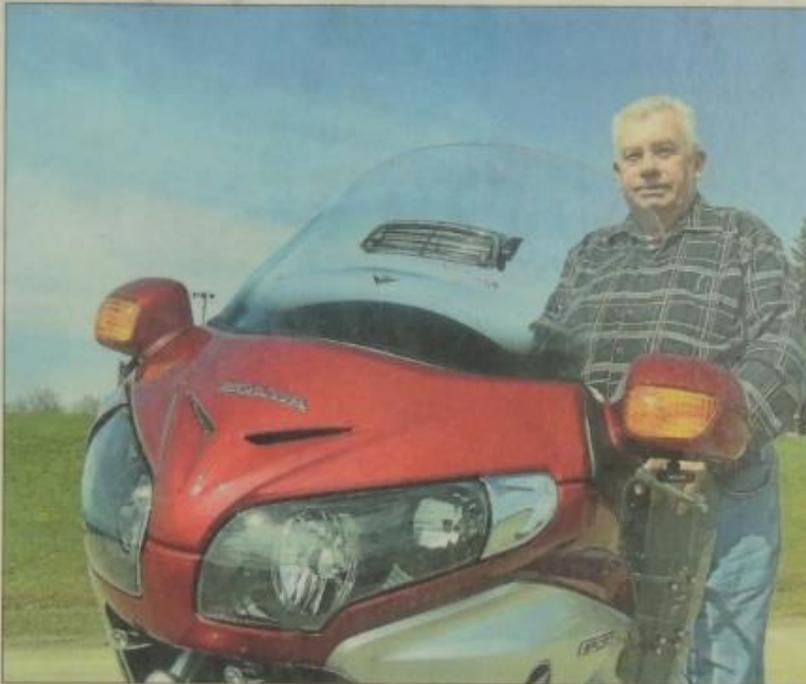
Through his suggestiveness to become mobile, Pierce assured his parents because the James was "so small," he didn't need to wait until he turned the legal age of 16 to get a license.

"I knew that but I was always a member of the track," Pierce, now 73, recalled with hearty laugh on his induction into the Welland Sports Wall of Fame.

That James has been replaced in the lifetime motorcycle enthusiast's list of memories by bigger and more powerful bikes. He now has a gleaming red Honda Gold Wing that runs more than some medium-sized cars.

Over the years, bikes have provided Pierce with a combination of transportation and recreation on trips along the back roads of Canada and the U.S. Motorcycles have satisfied his need for speed by letting him compete in 250-mile endurance races.

"In those days you couldn't



BERNARD FRANKS/TIMES STAFF

Wes Pierce, who was instrumental in getting motorcycle up in running Niagara in 1970, is being inducted into the Welland Sports Wall of Fame in a ceremony Sunday at Senway Mall.

make a living racing, you still can't, but the competition wasn't the big thing for me. I was always more in it for fun."

Though racing for Pierce the past several years has been limited to working behind the scenes as the Welland County Speedway's announcer and consummate promoter, having two

wheels under him still makes him feel like he has run feet planted firmly on the ground.

"I enjoy the freedom it brings. We see so much more. You breathe in so much history when you're on a bike," said Pierce, referring specifically to road trips he takes to northern Pennsylvania with his wife of 49 years.

Pierce, who is going on the wall as a builder at Sunday's induction ceremony at Senway Mall, continued riding and promoting the sport even after nearly losing his life in a freak accident in 1981.

He broke his neck in two places after his 500 Triumph flipped him on his head. Though the bike was only travelling 10 miles per hour

on a sidewalk, in an attempt to get around sewer construction on Kilday St., the severity of Pierce's injuries required a long recovery at Toronto General Hospital.

"I was a pretty sick puppy. Everything was hard to do. Even sitting in a car was scary," he said.

Fear of getting hurt again didn't keep Pierce off motorcy-

cles for long. In 1967 he rode to Expo '67 in Montreal on a new Triumph.

Since joining the Welland County Motorcycle Club in 1988 and playing an instrumental role in construction of the Niagara Motorcycle Raceway in 1970, Pierce's name has become synonymous with motorcycling in the region.

He started the Massena-Genoa enduro and ran the 160-mile along back roads and railway allowances for 12 years.

A dozen years ago was also how long the Canadian Motorcycle Hall of Fame induction spent running the motorcycle raceway, at one point re-mortgaging his house to pay bills at the track.

"I think you get wound up in it as a promoter. It's addictive, it becomes a drug," he said of his involvement with a track now known as Welland County Speedway.

"My biggest problem in life is I want to make people laugh. I like making people happy."

Pierce accomplished that goal long ago as far as former Tribune sports editor and Welland Sports Wall of Fame inductor Wayne Redshaw is concerned.

"I'd say he is the backbone of motorcycle racing in this area and in the prime years it has survived for so long," said Redshaw, who mentored Pierce for induction.

"He is one of the best promoters I have seen in this area. He has helped with a lot of charity work in Niagara as well."

Redshaw was inducted along with older brother Reg in 2013.

Before retiring from Welland Honda earlier this year, the 60-year-old's employees spent nearly 30 years selling cars at dealer ships throughout the region.

Pierce, who spent 24 years working in Inco's research department before being laid off in the 1980s, also worked part-time as a salesman at Clara's Motorcycles.

Send Bernard Franks a letter: @frankstrib



2015 was a big year for Wes Pierce. He was honoured by the City of Welland, The Welland Tribune did a story on him and the Welland County Motorcycle Club honoured him by naming the Tower after him. He had been the announcer at the races for 45 years at that point.

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WCMC 75th Anniversary 2015



On a Saturday race night in 2015, WCMC celebrated “Wes Pierce Night at the Races” in honour of his past and present contributions to the club and Flat Track Racing. The celebration included naming the race tower “The WES PIERCE TOWER”. Several riders with their bikes and fans met on the track to thank Wes who graciously thanked everyone in attendance. The Speedway water truck, large Canadian flag and club flags added to the festivities.





Al Dunn takes the Checkered Flag against Jessie Isherwood



Number Plates from the Clubhouse wall



L-R Ritz Rainville and Cliff Rashliegh doing the Early Gate



L-R Mike Scallion and Bob Porter preparing food for the Race



Marv Nash at “The Indian Night at the Races”



One of the more important positions at the club is “Marketing Director”. George Bosak was our Marketing Director for many years. George has been retired for a long time and he is a very personable fellow. George would ride around on his motorcycle and stop in at various places in the area and persuade them to buy advertising packages. George was quite successful and brought in a lot of sponsorship dollars over the years.

The Story of Welland County Speedway's Plastic Bottle Bags Barriers

There was a time, not too long ago when the main subject at springtime WCMC meetings was: "How many hay bales do we need? Where could we get them and for what price?". Followed at the end of the race season by: "We gotta' get those bales off the track!" and; "How are we going to dispose of them?"....That is the ones that survived the race season.

Well I can remember a few sweetheart deals for bales emerging out of a club meeting of 50+ members; someone knew a farmer who had a loft full of unusable bales for a good price, but we had to go pick them up. So a "Work Party" (a WCMC oxymoron) would be organized, the bales brought in and placed on the track.

Removal was another issue as it was generally considered they would never last over the winter to be reused another season. A number of disposal plans were tried. At least once the farmer who supplied them took them back. But no disposal plan was so famous as stacking the bales, then torching them for a giant fire.

That was then, this is now:



Rob Vrbanac, the man who knows a good idea when he sees it, powering his way around Welland County Speedway's barrier protected track.

I remember a Club meeting in the fall when, Rob Vrbanac, stood up before the membership and explained the idea and how we could accomplish collecting the millions of plastic bottles to fill the heavy woven plastic industrial tote bags which we could get for free. Rob - a former Hare Scrambler, Enduro Rider, Flat Tracker, Retired - always interested in all things motorcycle sport had read an article in, a Canadian Superbike publication. The Atlantic Road Racing League were in a cost crunch trying to provide safety barriers in their efforts to keep motorcycle road racing economically viable and safe.

One of those rare individuals, with the power to think outside the box, came up with a potentially Green idea to make use of some of the zillions of plastic bottles discarded daily. They partnered with Nova Scotia's equivalent of Niagara Recycles, RRFB Nova Scotia, for large industrial tote bags which they filled with the bottles. For next-to-nothing they had a new soft barrier which became the first stage of recycling plastic. A bonus: it was less costly than traditional hay bales and a big safety improvement.

Rob could quickly see, if they work for much faster moving road racers, they certainly would work for Welland County Speedway's ¼ mile oval. With what he thought a no-brainer idea in hand, Rob, informally put the idea to a couple club members. Immediately all sorts of, what ifs, how the hell are we going to find millions of bottles, let alone the tote bags to put them in, etc, etc. "I went home with my tail between my legs." Rob confessed.

But the idea kept burning in his mind until one night he decided to get his ducks in a row and give it one last shot. He stood up before the general membership at a Wednesday night meeting, an empty 500 ml water bottle in hand, complete with its screw top.

Rob explained the soft crushing ability of thousands of clean similar bottles securely confined in tote bags. I'm quite certain this was in the fall of 2015 but I stand to be corrected.

Thankfully it went over well. Jeff Dulaj, whose daughter Kristy races, soon came forward with a source of the ideal bags, at an ideal price...FREE !!!

All ahead full, members started collecting plastic bottles, bringing them to the club over winter. By next race season we had enough filled bags to protect part of the track. Then race fans, family, friends and neighbours started collecting, throwing off garbage bags of bottles over the fence by the clubhouse.



Step 1 – Collectors like my wife, Anna Chen, collects from her church and raids neighbours recycle boxes for the cause.

Kim Orosz, daughter of Jimmy O, and newbie racer at midlife, believing in the project, soon became chief bagger right from the get-go and continues to this day. One thing about WCMC, we are an equal opportunity organization for volunteers. Kim has done such a fantastic job on the bottle bags it appears no one dare challenge her for the position.



Riders can thank Kim Orosz for every soft landing

Kim said, "I can fill about three bags in an hour working by myself." "It's not a glorious job", Kim confesses, "The tops of the totes bags are small slowing the filling and some thrown off garbage bags of bottles are not that pleasant to work with because the bottles have not all been flushed clean of sugary soft drinks, etc." she concludes.



Step 3 – Ready when needed thanks to Kim



Step 2 – The constant pile waiting to be bagged

So three bags in an hour is a lot. On the plus side, Kim feels the peace, solitude and fresh air of the job working at the WCMC property more than make up for any unpleasantness.

No sooner had the track been fully ringed with bags three youth class riders in a 2017 national championship race experienced their full effectiveness:



#1 – Rider 18 gets bumped



#2 – Riders 1, 6 & 41 avoiding fallen #18



#3 – Riders 1,6 & 41 take to the bags



#4 – All 4 riders back on their feet, no injuries

Mark DeRyte, dedicated 2021 Race Coordinator, found an off-season use for the bags. Mark and his wife, Robin, have the ghoulish duty of organizing the kids Halloween party. Outside of the scary things, they organized the bags into a maze. It remains to be seen how many more uses will be invented for these now famous white bags.

Many thanks to your perseverance, Rob, selling a good idea. Many thanks, Kim, for the hours and hours of your time in support of the Club and the sport you love. Many thanks to the, mostly anonymous bottle collectors, for taking part in Stage One of Niagara Recycles. All have taken part in taking Welland County Speedway in a new direction and a new level of racing safety.

Dave Thomas

A peek inside the Ladies Washroom



For a long time the ladies had an old beat up nasty tin shower. The project was headed up by Marty Melnick (a new member at the time). Al Fair and Mark Deruyte helped out and this was the result.

2015 Trap Shoot at Matt Schmit's house in Attercliff Station



Matt up to shoot with Jeff Orosz and Ron Gamm loading the pigeons



Left Cal Manley and Greg Gamm with the shotgun



Greg Gamm means Business



Sarah and Shelly Gam took part as well

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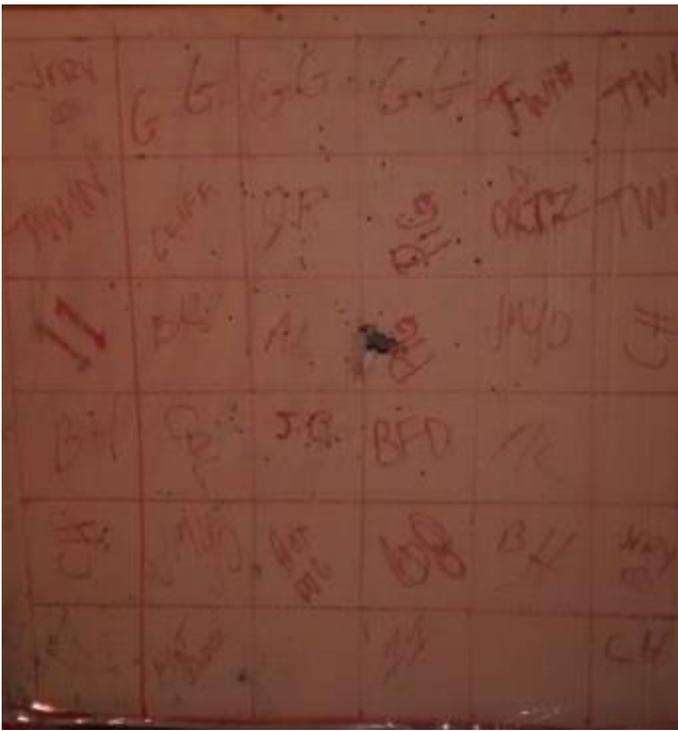
This poor Suzuki sitting there waiting for it's fate.



What could be more fun than blowing up a motorcycle on a Saturday afternoon?



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Another Skeet Shoot activity is Shoot the Box
Most holes wins the money

2015

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PA JIM KRUSSEL	111	1111	11		9	3	3
PA AL FAIR		1	11		3		
PA JOHN BENNET	11	1111			6		
PA DENNIS OROSZ	11	11	11111		9		3
PAE CAL MANLEY	1111	11111	1		10		2
PA JIM OROSZ	1				1		
PA COREY HAMILTON					0		
PA BILL HAMILTON	11111	111	1111		12		1st
PA FRED LEGAULT		1	1		2		
PA JEFF OROSZ	111	111	11		8		

Score Sheet. From what I can see here if someone is chasing you with a gun you better hope it is Corey Hamilton, Fred Legault or Al Fair because they are not very likely to hit you.

Daytona Beach Biketoberfest 2015



Al Fair sure likes his Choppers and after selling the one he had back to the original owner he was in Daytona with Tim Murray and they were looking at this one. It was a 427 c.i. 596 horsepower on the dyno V8 Chopper. Tim and Al had a few beers that afternoon so Al decided not to test drive it that day and went back the next morning. They made Al take a 350 c.i. 350 horsepower bike out first to make sure he knew how to ride. He made it back in one piece so they let him take this one out. One of the reps from V8 Choppers went with Al but he did not care about speed. They got on the back road behind the Speedway and passed two Police cruisers going the other way. Once they were passed them Al lit it up and twisted the throttle all the way. He was expecting it to break loose and lay some rubber but much to his surprise it took off like a rocket and went from 30 to 100 m.p.h. in about 2 seconds. It was a pretty cool ride but he could not get it into Canada.



When the Mustache Ride was collecting money for the Movember group Al Fair wanted to be part of it so he and a bunch of other club members grew mustaches to support the cause. This is the last time you will see Al with one. Not a good look.



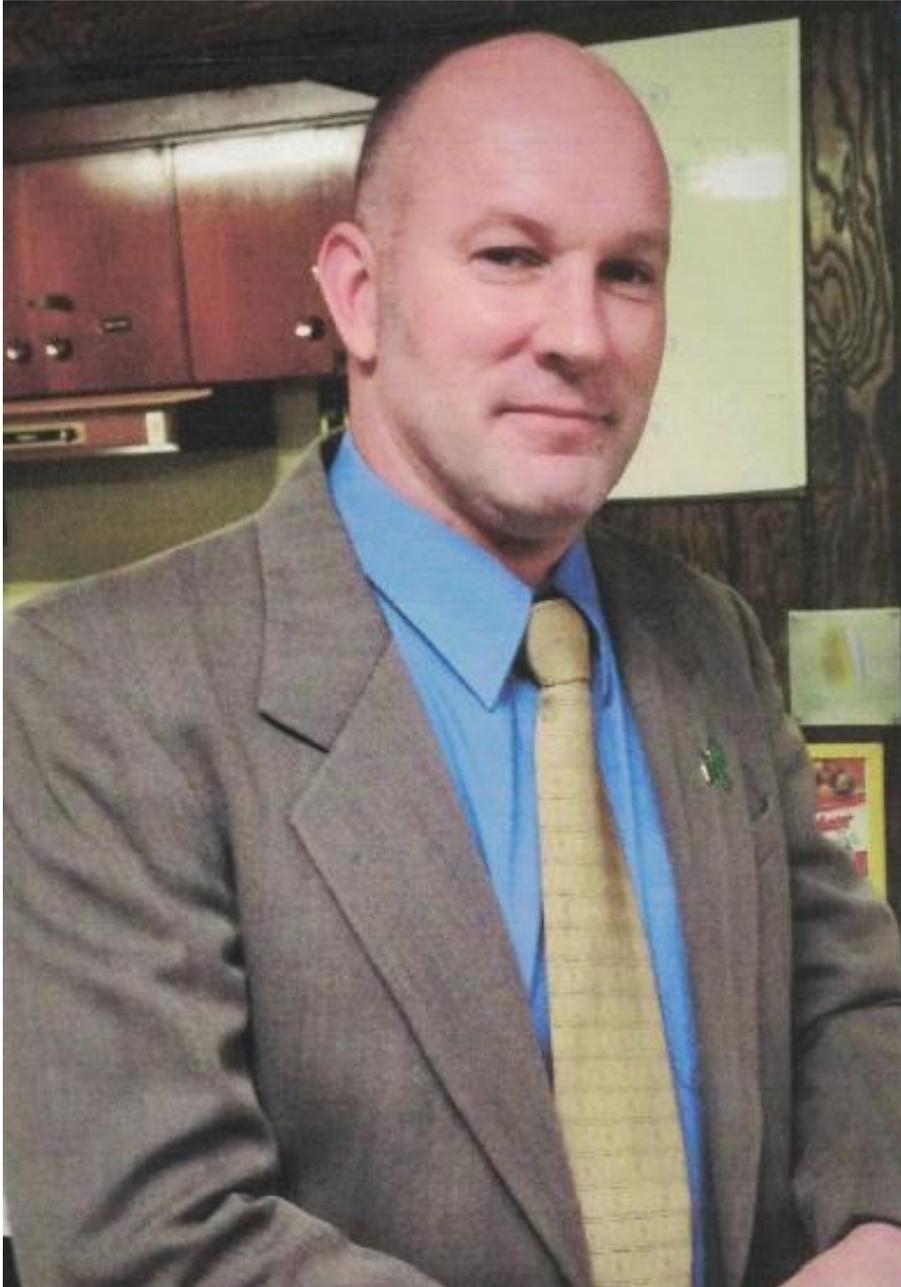
Club Banquet for our 69th Year

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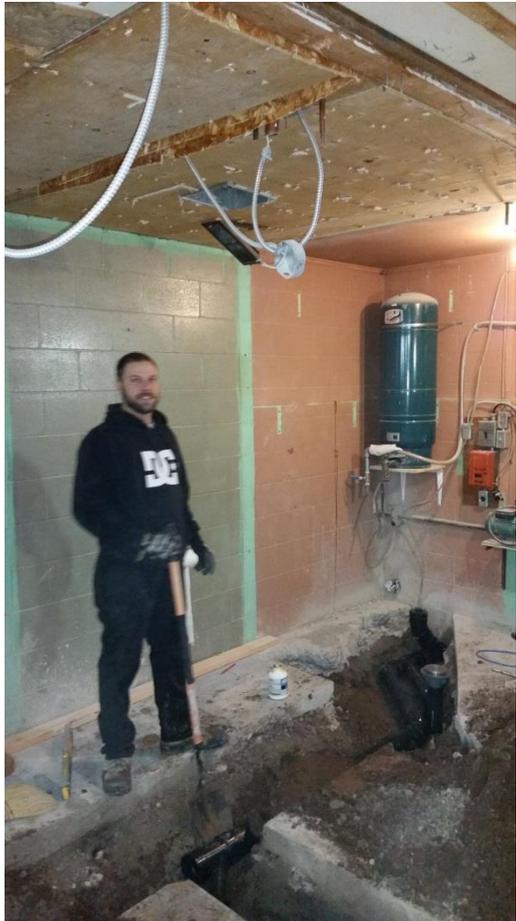
WCMC 75th Anniversary 2016

2016 Board of Directors

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Greg Gamm, Geoff Tait, Alex Scott,
John Harrington, Mike LaBelle,
Paul Uhrin, Tim Murray.



The Boys out Ice Racing



Clubhouse
Washrooms



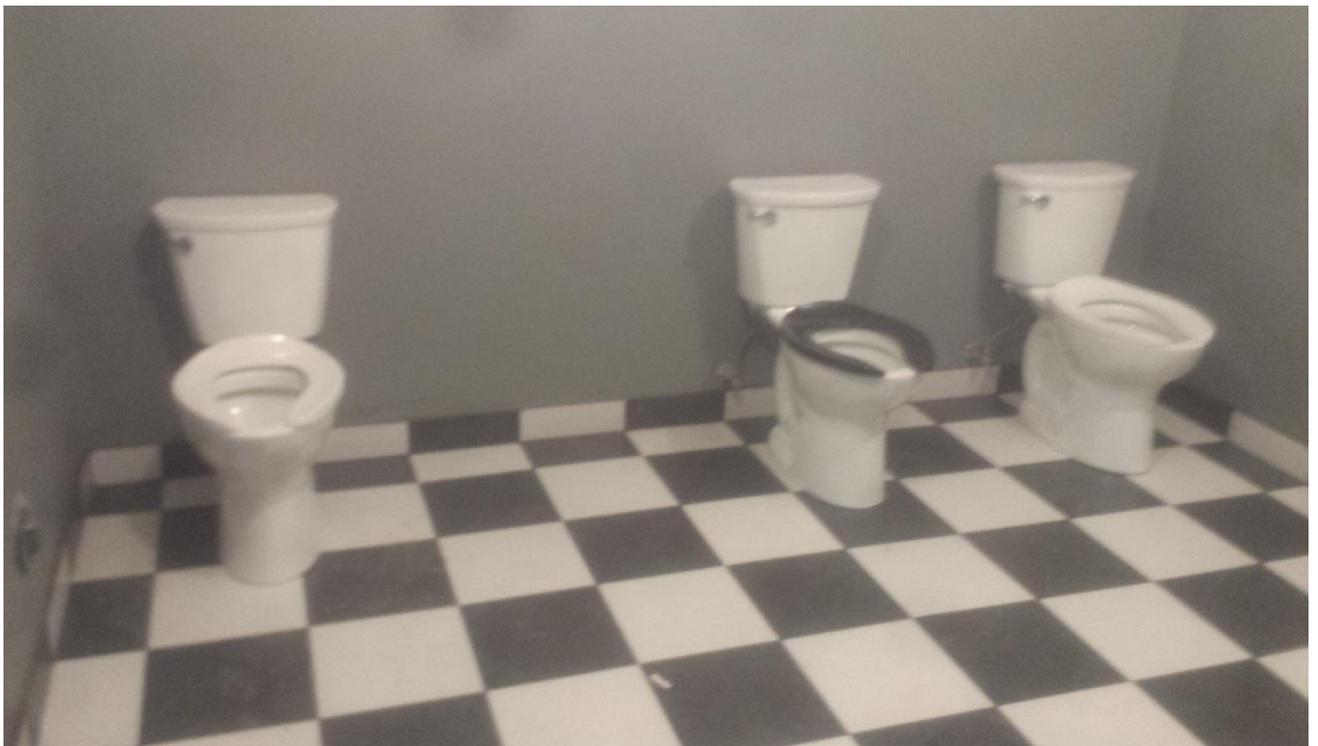


For many years the clubhouse washrooms have needed upgrading and finally in 2016 construction started on the new clubhouse washrooms. Randy Doan, Ryan Rainville, Greg Gamm, Ron Gamm, Rob Rainville, John Harrington and a few others got together early in the year and started construction on the new washrooms. Work progressed over the course of three months and our beautiful new washrooms were done. There is a time capsule in the wall behind the sink in the washroom. Some of the items in the time capsule are empty bottles of what each worker was drinking Randy Doan (Ginger Ale) and the signatures of all the workers on the drywall.





The result was two very nice washrooms that the club and the members that built them could be proud of



Sunset Rides



The Sunset Rides were started by our Road Captain Mike Jones. Mike put the idea forward at the Club meeting that we should get together and do an official Club Ride every second Friday night through the summer months. It was a great idea and caught on very quickly. The ride is usually very well attended. In the beginning we would stop at a restaurant or bar at the end of the ride for some socializing and eventually it turned into members volunteering to host the end of ride stop at their houses instead of going to a bar. This worked out very well and we have had some wonderful rides and excellent social gatherings over the years that this event has been running.



Sunset Ride stopped at Hippo's on Lakeshore Rd.



The ride ended at Mark and Bin's place in Welland and a good time was had by all.



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2016 Race Night



Rob Vrbanac takes the Checkered Flag



Speedway at it's finest.



Tammy Riemer in the Candy Booth



Kyle Legault showing how it is done

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Track Prep Crew



L-R Gary Markowski, Jim Scott, Joe Montovani and Randy Scott



Don McCormack and Gary Markowski on a ride overlooking Lake Ontario

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70th Anniversary

WINE MAKING 8-28-16



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AUG 12 10:30 AM
FRI WINE & CHOCOLATE

Wine Making for the 70th



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DSCF7738



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Shots from the 70th Anniversary

70th Anniversary Wine and Cheese Party



Mike Jones and Paul Uhrin



Bill Edgar (Two Fingers)



Jim Krusell and Len Dillon



Ron Turnbull



Jim Stokes and Fred Stonos



50th Anniversary Shirt
75th Anniversary



Archie Hardie headed up the Wine Making
We had fun bottling it

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70th Anniversary Group Picture



Coming back from the Group Ride

70th Anniversary Group Ride



Group Ride led by Al Fair and Geoff Tait

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70th Anniversary Group Ride



Gary Markowski and Wes Pierce in the front

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2016 Fishing Trip Erieau ON



Al Fair and Tracy Knowles left from the Fishing Trip and headed to Iowa



Tracy and Al met Mike Wolfe from American Pickers. Al helped Mike load a bike into his van to go to the Davenport Swap Meet.



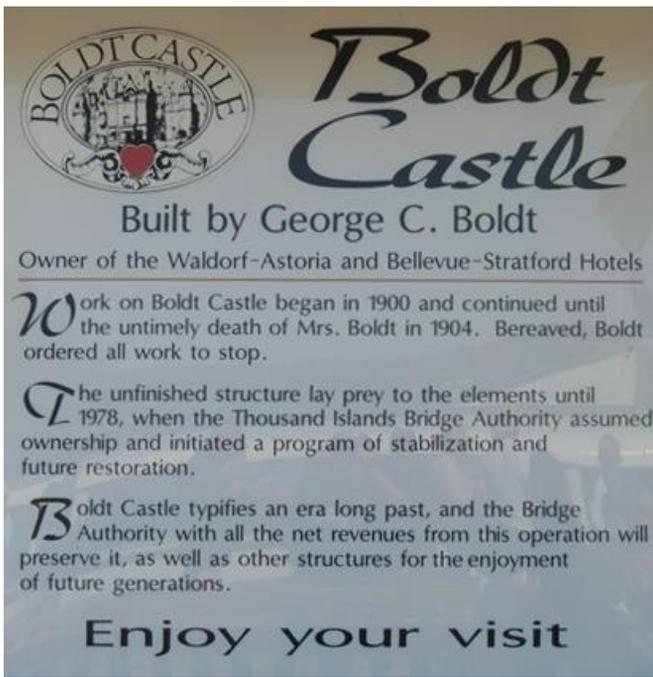
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Tracy and Al also caught the Springfield Mile on that trip. Mike Labelle was racing in that race and made the main. Unfortunately his chain broke pulling off the line.



Team Labelle getting setup on the Start Line.





Archie Hardie, Gloria Lawson, Wendy Thistle and Al Fair took a trip to Alexandria Bay New York and went to see Boldt Castle on Heart Island.



They also visited a Boat Museum and caught a Car Show

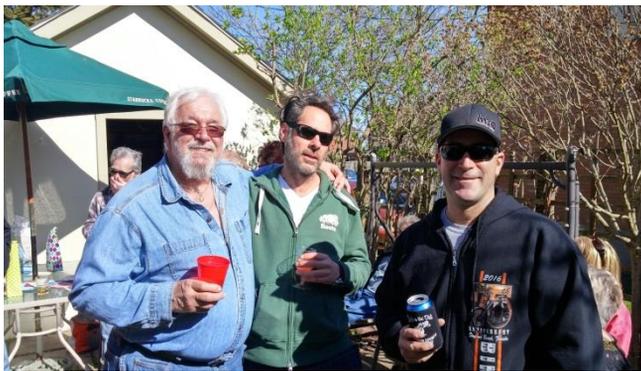


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Bary Wells 70th Birthday Party



Jimmy Orosz, Barry Wells and Randy Doan





The Sex Run
Wes Pierce MC for the Event



The Sex Run was a great event put on by the Regent Riders in Western New York. Our club had a long history of attending this event and enjoying the fun and games and collecting toys!



2nd Annual WCMC Date Night



When: Thursday
September 22th
Leave Club
at 6:30 p.m.

Welland County Motorcycle Club invites you to ride or drive to **Date Night** at the **Crystal Chandelier** restaurant in Crystal Beach!

Cost: \$49.95 per Couple

What you get:

Choice of Appetiser- Baked Brie or
Tempura/Coconut Shrimp

Soup or Salad each

Choice of Entre' each- Meat Loaf Dinner, Curry
Vindaloo, Haddock Fish Fry, Chandelier Burger
with Fries

Dessert to share

½ Litre of House wine- White or Red

Contact Al Fair 905-979-1088 to reserve.

Email: skeeter1340@hotmail.com

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2016 Club Date Night



This was the second annual Date Night. It was held at the Crystal Chandelier. The event was dreamed up by Wendy Thistle and Al Fair and was meant to take the Ladies out in appreciation for all the support they give the Club and their men.



WCMC 75th Anniversary 2017

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Alex Scott, Mike Jones, Richard Burke

Jim Bodner Jr., Ken Johnston, Paul Uhrin

Rob Stokes, Don McCormack, Mike LaBelle.





Fred Stonos brings his own Equipment and cuts a lot of Grass



L-R Mathew, Geoff Tait, Carol Tait and Wesley J. Pierce

Lap Scoring and Announcing Crew 75th Anniversary



L-R Wes Pierce, Carol Tait, Rich Burke and Don McCormack



Cliff Rashleigh in the Crowsnest ready to video another Race

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Mike Jones and Norm Fisher East Coast Trip



St. Lawrence River north of Quebec City

From mid-August to the first week in September of 2017 Norm and Lurrean Fisher along with Carol and Mike Jones took a three-week road trip to the East Coast of Canada. Both Norm and I rode 1800 Goldwings, Norm has 2005, and Mike's was 2006. We started by crossing the border in Fort Erie then traveled through New York State, up to Quebec. We followed the St. Lawrence River around the Peninsula to our first destination of Douglas Town in Gaspé Bay. Leaving our friends after three days of sailing on the bay and great camaraderie at their place. We continued to Twittie Creek, New Brunswick to some other friends. After relaxing for a couple of days there, having a feast of fresh lobster, many card games, and much laughter we moved on to Nova Scotia.



Eastern Entrance to the Cabot Trail

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Southeast Shore of the Cabot Trail

More friends were waiting for us just outside of New Glasgow. They took us to their green acres. For three days they were great hosts then sent us on our way to the Cabot Trail. After the amazing ride around the Trail, we rode the east coast of N.S. to Halifax then to Digby. We grabbed the Ferry to St. John N.B. and traveled home through Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, and New York states. All in all, we had the trip of a lifetime with only one and half days of rain, believe it or not!

Mike Jones



Lunch on the highway along the mainland northeast shore



One of the many Ferries we rode on

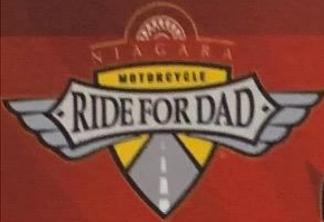


Mustache Ride Team 2017

Last night we finished off the Mustache Ride with a meeting, potluck dinner and by far the most important part, we donated \$5,000 to Niagara Ride for Dad (local prostate cancer treatment and awareness). Pictured above the Mustache Ride Team including WCMC VP Joe Montavani presenting the cheque to Matt King, Chairman of Niagara Ride for Dad as well as Paul Webb, a R4D member. Team members Mark DeRyte , Bin DeRyte, Rich Burke, Donald McCormack, Brian Armstrong, Rene Landry and Jim Stokes.

Plans are also underway for a better 2018!

I should also say that Niagara Ride for Dad presented WCMC with a plaque (next page) thanking us for our contribution! This will proudly be displayed in the clubhouse. We are also the second largest single donor to Niagara Ride for Dad!



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For Dad



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Mark and Bin DeRyte have been putting on the kids and adult Halloween Parties for a long time. They do an amazing job decorating.





The costumes are also pretty good.
Everyone gets into the "Spirit" of things.



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2017 Club Banquet



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Race Trophies go to some Familiar Faces



Remembrance Day Laying the Wreath in Port Colborne



We meet for the ceremony at 10:30 and then head back to the Core





We have extended our program and now lay a Reith in Welland and St. Catharines as well



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Barry Wells Blue Balls Brunch at Betty's



Wes Pierce usually arranges the location and the meal. We used to go to different locations but once we started going to Betty's there was no need to change.

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Jim Bodner Jr., Paul Uhrin, Mike Jones,
Jeff Warner, Mike LaBelle, Alex Scott.



Winter Blues Party



Paul Uhrin came up with the idea of a way to break the Winter Blues. He organized a party to get everyone together for some fun and refreshments.

Years ago when a lot of our members used to go to Daytona Beach for Bike Week the members left behind would get together and have a "Non Daytona Party".

We would rent the pool at the YMCA in Welland and go swimming for an hour or so and of course no one snuck alcohol or those little umbrellas to put in their drinks did they Dianne Ewart. Then we would all go to the club to continue our fun.

Winter Pool Tournament



Pool Tournament Participants

The club goes down to Bi-weekly meetings after the Banquet in November until the end of March. We have a social nights on the off weeks but they were never very well attended. Mike Jones came up with the idea to have a Pool Tournament that runs throughout the winter.

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Euchre Awards Night



In another effort to get past the Winter Blues a Euchre Night was started and goes on every second Saturday. It is a fun night where everyone brings snacks and plays Progressive Euchre. There are prizes for the most lone hands and high score each night and a High Point Award at the end of the year.



A very WET Poki-Barbi-Dan



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Al Dunn's Birthday Party
Al Dunn is a very special guy. He has had some bad things happen to him that landed him in wheelchair several years ago and he just moved on and made the best of things. Al gives his all to the club, out to almost every meeting, he was the newsletter editor for many years, did security in front of the grandstands for as long as I can remember and is just an all round nice guy.



Pat Gauvreau and Bruce Bissell selling Bike Tickets

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2018 Fishing Trip

Another successful Fishing Trip put on by Rene Landry. Rene moved the Fishing Trip to eastern Ontario as it had been in Geneva on the Lake for many years. Fred Stonos and Gary Stokes took care of the cooking duties and we had a Perch feast with fries and onion rings.

Thanks Boys



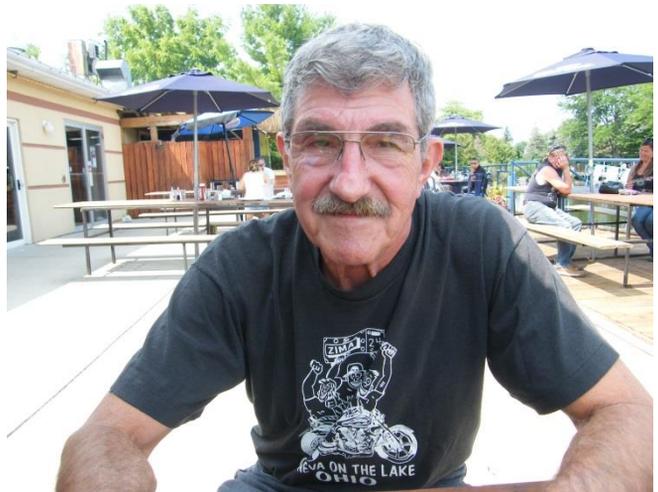
Randy Scott & Rich Burke



Dave Howie & Ray Fournier



Sean Gillespie President



Ray Fournier

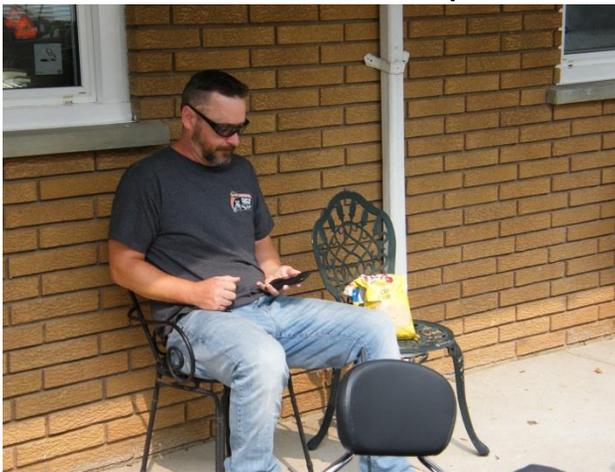
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Sean Gillespie Harley Rider
Ron Turnbull took the pictures



Al Fair Indian Rider with a
Harley shirt



Rich Burke texting Tami



Brian Jamieson Frank Getin



Fred Stonos & Gary Stokes
The Chefs



Rene Landry Organizer



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*We donated \$7500 to local Prostate Cancer groups
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\$1500 NHS Radiation Oncology Department
Our total is now \$22,000 over 6 years.*

The 2019 Mustache Ride is Sunday September 15, 2019 from the Welland County Clubhouse

We would not be so successful without our sponsors. "



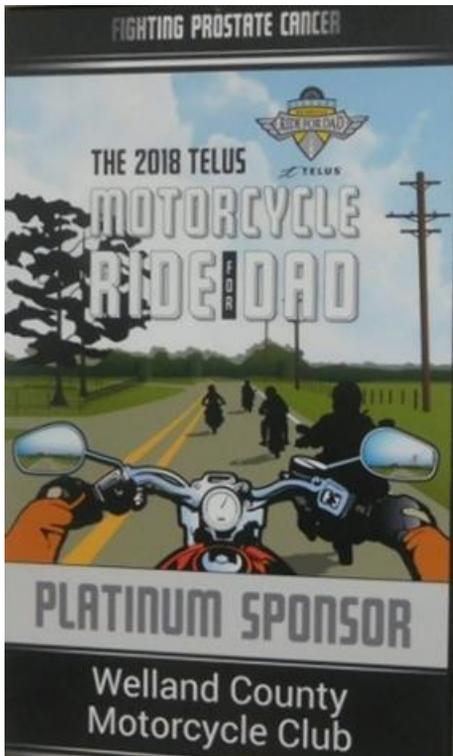


L-R Front Row Ron Turnbull, Bin DeRyte, Paul Webb, Tami Riemer, Norm Fisher, Sean Gillespie, Laurie Montovani, Sandie Kares, Barb Vizzani
 Back Row: Mark DeRyte, Brian Armstrong, Jim Stokes, Matt King, Joe Montovani, Rich Burke, Rene Landry

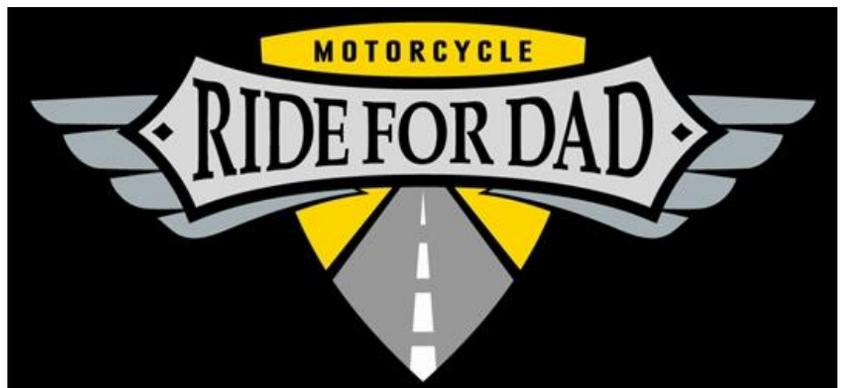




The Mustache Ride Gang sampling the food.



The partnership with Ride For Dad has certainly proved to be successful on both sides. WCMC has become a huge contributor to the cause thanks to the team led by Jim Stokes.



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WCMC Date Night



When: Thursday
May 31st
Meet at the ***Crystal Chandelier***
at 7:00 p.m.

Is that Joe and Laurie in the sidecar or Archie and Glow

This was our third year for doing Date Night and we moved to the Canalside Restaurant in Port Colborne. It was very well attended and we had a great time. We had one in the spring and fall that year.





It seems we are having a harder time finding a place that we can have our Trap Shoot. We could not shoot at the Clubhouse but when it came time we had a Bike to blow up but could not shoot it. Rene Landry said goodbye to his trusty Yamaha Maxim 1100 in a ball of flames.

2018 Club Banquet



Peter and Frances Galea with his Rookie of the Year Trophy

2018 - Peter Galea was pleased to be awarded The Rookie of the Year Award. That year I helped with parking duties, flipped Burgers, worked security, worked the gate, painted the front door and fixed the Grandstands for the races. It was my introduction into the club and made for a busy year.

I would like to dedicate the page to Sue our favourite Bartender



Sue has been our Bartender for a long time. She is a wonderful friend to many members, looks after the patrons very well and is a genuine nice person. Sue has helped out at the races for many years selling wrist bands and getting the waivers signed for the workers. Sue is an Honourary Member and has won several Appreciation Awards

Remembrance Day November 11, 2018



Every year the Club lays wreaths in Port Colborne, Welland and St. Catharines. The tradition started with Rene Landry being part of the Port Colborne Core and asked the club to participate in the ceremonies in Port Colborne. A few years ago Fred Stonos asked to extend it to Welland and then Brian Armstrong brought it to St. Catharines.



Barry's Blue Balls Brunch



Left Barry Wells the Founder of BBB



2018 Kids Christmas Party



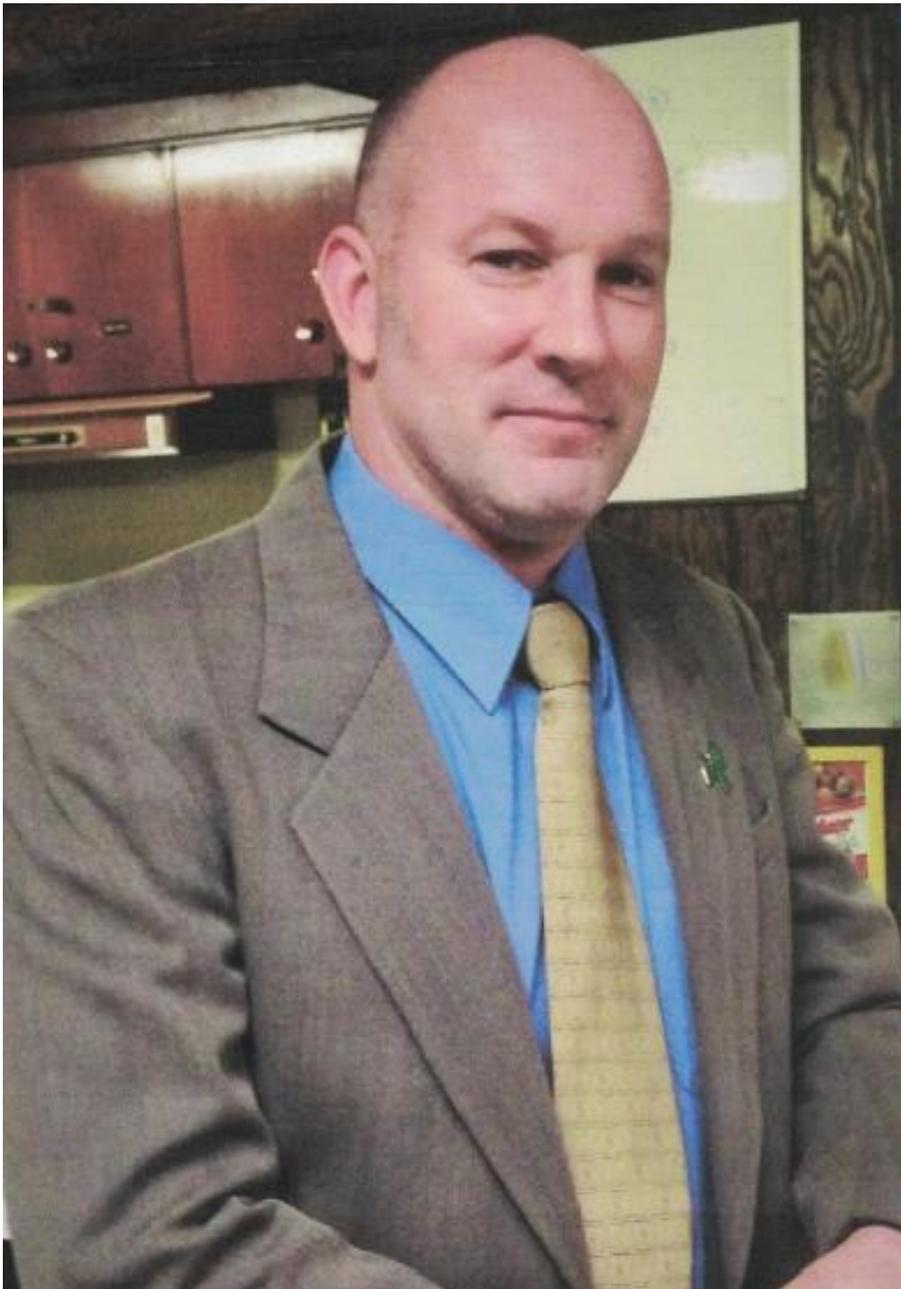
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Richard Burke, Don McCormack, Rob Stokes.

Wes Pierce, Paul Uhrin, Brian Armstrong,
Archie Hardie, Mike Jones, Joe Montovani.



Ice Racing on the Welland Canal in Dain City



Jeff Orosz, Ryan Rainville, Greg Gamm and George Lavender



Joe Koros and Cory Hamilton getting ready to run the Poki-Barbi-Dan

Poki-Barbi-Dan April 27, 2019



Above: Some Cool Riders along the Parkway!
Below: We have been doing Baked Potatoes and
salads donated by members the last few years.



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Cover the Kids Ride May 4, 2019



The Cover The Kids ride was started by B.R.O. back in 1981. It has always gone along the Niagara Parkway and ended up in Fort Erie. In the early days it ended up at the Fort Erie Swap Meet.



WCMC Date Night



When: Thursday
May 23rd
Meet at the
Canalside
at 7:00 p.m.



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Making our Donation at the St. Catharines Hospital



On May 28th we made a Fifteen Hundred Dollar Donation to the Walker Family Cancer Centre for the Radiation Oncology Department.



Sunset Ride stopping in Port Colborne June 21





Brenda Bob manning the Treat Table for the Canada Day Party



Sue explaining to John Vukanics that the Cake is for his 80th Birthday Party

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Sunset Ride July 5 ending at Jim and Dianne Ewart's House



Jim and Dianne were great hosts. The food was wonderful and the refreshments are always a hit.



Ride to the Case Knife and Zippo Lighter Museum





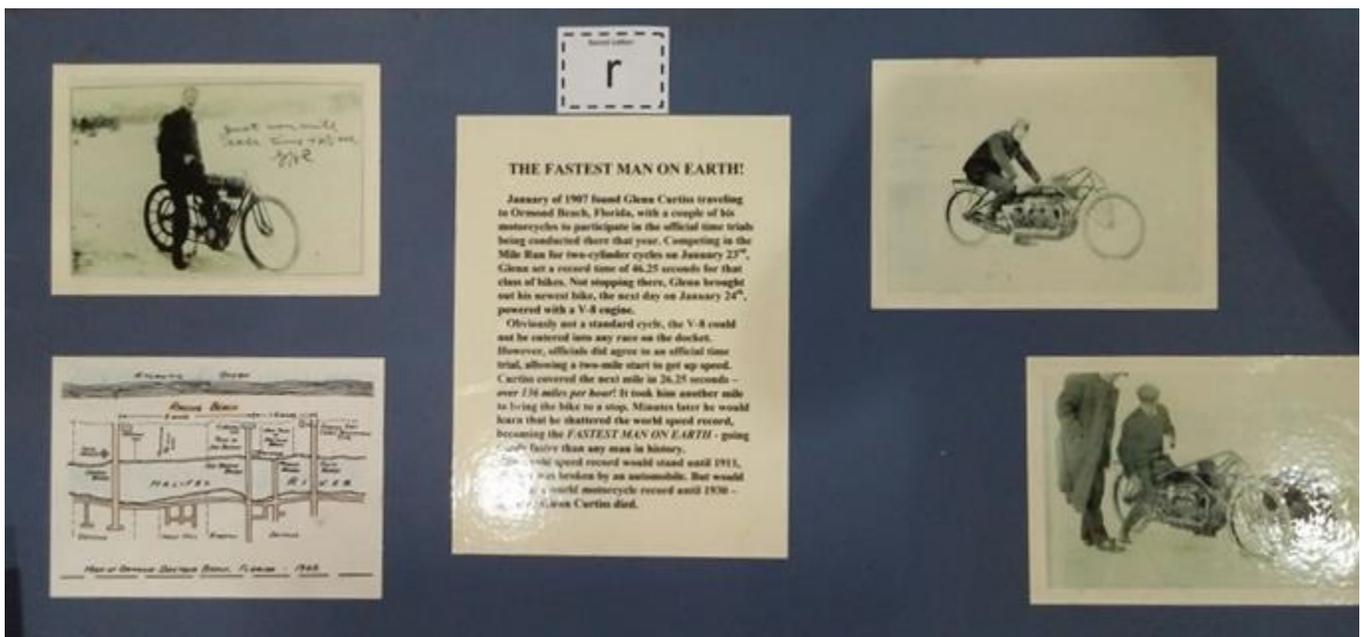
Above: L-R Jack Wilson, Andy Muscat, Al Fair and behind the car Fred Legault.

Right: Giant Case Knife.



This trip was put on by Wes Pierce. Wes puts on a few rides every year with awesome destinations. He knows a lot of nice roads in the US to travel on to get to these destinations and it is always an enjoyable ride and a lot of fun to attend.





The first generally recognized motorcycle speed records were set unofficially by Glenn Curtiss, using aircraft engines of his own manufacture, first in 1903, when he achieved 64 mph (103 km/h) at Yonkers, New York using a V2, and then on January 24, 1907 on Ormond Beach, Florida, when he achieved 136.27 mph (219.31 km/h) using a V8 housed in a spindly tube chassis with direct shaft drive to the rear wheel. An attempted 'return run' was foiled when his drive shaft came loose at speed, yet he was able to wrestle the machine to a stop without injury. Curtiss' V8 motorcycle is currently in the Transportation collection of the Smithsonian Institution.



August 9 Sunset Ride



This was a bit of a different Sunset Ride. Al Fair was promised a live band to play as a housewarming gift from his Real Estate Agent Michelle Atherton. Her husband Tim (lead guitar and vocals) was going to perform. Al was coming along with the Barn Renovations to the point where it was time to have a party so he collected on the offer of a live band to play that night. There was at least 60 people there.





There was a bit of confusion that this was going to be Al's early 65th Birthday Party because he is away in Florida for his actual birthday every year. Al made it clear at the meeting the Wednesday before that it was not. Mike Jones was out in the East Coast and put a post on Facebook to not forget Al's 65th Birthday Party that night so he ended up with quite a few cards and well wishes that he took to Florida and put them out on his actual birthday.



Ron Putman's 80th Birthday Party August 17th





Ron's favourite thing: CAKE! What were you thinking?
The cake was made in the likeness of Marg!!!
It was a great Party and Ron was truly surprised.



Friday the 13th September 2019



Brian Salmon (Giant FM), Al Fair and Dianne Moore. Brian usually interviews Al about Friday the 13th as he was lucky enough to be at the very first Friday the 13th.





This Friday the 13th started off with breakfast at Giant FM and they do a live broadcast from the parking lot. It is always a lot of fun and sets the tone for the day. This year Mike Jones led the ride along the lake and we stopped at his friend's house in Selkirk for a beer break.



Jen getting some sugar from Joe



Mike wanted some too but it was not happening

The group heading into the Erie Beach for the AI Fair Affair. We had a full house that year 37 people.



Biketoberfest®

The 2019 BIKETOBERFEST program was one of the most successful events held at the Welland County Motorcycle Club. I (Brian Armstrong) was asked by the committee to look for a band to be a part of the entertainment program. I have many contacts from over the years and called Fred Mclellan drummer for BLACKWIRE. They are a local pro band with recording capabilities as they have a studio. Fred met with the band members and actually donated a full show because they recognized Biketoberfest is a charity event. I attended one of their rehearsals and at that point Fred asked me if I would join them on stage for this show. This was at the time a fairly heavy time commitment for me but in the excitement I agreed. We were now 4 months away from the show and I moved my B3 Organ and 910 Leslie gear into the rehearsal area. They asked me to come onstage to finish up the last set with a punch. The BLACKWIRE band knows my past association with Steppenwolf Music so I offered a suggestion, I will play 3 tunes as a finish. Magic Carpet Ride 1st, The Pusher 2nd, and Born To Be Wild. We met every Friday evening for 3 hours. This is a pro band doing us a favour and the Pressure is now on to make sure I bring a pro delivery. Also to add to the pressure we are opening for Recording artist and Juno Award winner Jack DeKeyzer.



On August 16th, right in the middle of rehearsals we received sad news. Peter Fonda, actor and lead in the EASY RIDER movie, passed away. Because the movie sound track included music from Steppenwolf we felt compelled to turn my part of the performance into a Tribute to Mr Easyrider, Peter Fonda.

Now comes the task of getting the Organ Gear to the Club. I asked Al Fair if I might be able to use his Mercedes Benz Sprinter van. It was perfect and it is big so I was able to bring a little extra gear for a more punchy sound.

On the day of the event I loaded the gear from the rehearsal studio, filled a very large cooler with ice and beer and parked behind the Large BIKETOBERFEST stage right beside Jack DeKeyzer's trailer. 3 bands going on, we were the 2nd, late afternoon just before the Harley Draw and then Jack would play the evening gig.

It was extremely hot. Blackwire was on stage for just under 2 hours with a short break in the middle. I couldn't believe how much power they had left when I ran out to play with these fine men. We had the crowd on their feet dancing and clapping to the powerful sound and thunder roaring through the Sound Pro System. I had Cube City Entertainment Video the entire show. In the video I can see Jack standing in the background clapping and grooving to the music. Out of Respect to WCMC and quickly just before our last song I slipped on my club vest proudly showing our Club Patch. Then we played Born to be Wild...WOW!

We had 2500 people on their feet.

Thank you WCMC for allowing me to perform with one of the most respected Bands around. Thank you Fred and BLACKWIRE. Thanks Jack D for the warm comments. Thank you Al Fair for the transport. All the hard work payed off and Personally I had a BLAST!!!!!!!

Army. WCMC



Our own Brian Armstrong doing the Steppenwolf Set with Blackwire

Mustache Ride 2019



One of our many excellent sponsors for this event is Handlebar Hanks located in Welland on the corner Rice Road and Thorold Road. Great Bar with great food so support them every chance you get.



2019 Hare and Hound



Randy Doan and his Daughter Hanna about to head out on the Hare and Hound. Randy claims to have won it 15 times.



L-R Hanna Doan, Randy Doan and Irene. 75th Anniversary

Mustache Ride 2019



Lined up for the delicious dinner donated by Billy Bones



Tammy Riemer is a big part of the Mustache Ride Team and puts a lot of time in on the day of the event.



As with all big events we had to have cake. This one was appropriately decorated for the event.

THE 2019 TELUS MOTORCYCLE RIDE FOR DAD

Fighting Prostate Cancer



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WCMC became a Platinum Sponsor in 2019 something to be very proud of. Thanks to the Team.

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The creativity of the Team makes for some very interesting shirt designs.

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Joe Montovani President

Jim Bodner Jr., Sean Gillespie, Jack Wilson,
Richard Burke, Brian Armstrong, Don McCormack,
David Howie, Rob Stokes, Archie Hardie.



March 12, 2020 was when Canada started “Lockdown”. John Harrington and Al Fair were in Florida for the winter and arrived home on March 20 to do the mandatory 14 Day Quarantine. The picture below is from their first day out of COVID Jail.

COVID was very hard on the club. We had to shut down the meetings and cancel all of our official events. The Poki-Barbi-Dan was the first to go and it just went on and on from there. The race season was cancelled and the club decided to re-surface the track. This proved to be a very good idea as we had the time to work the track after receiving 250 loads of clay.



Unofficial Poki-Barbi-Dan April 25th 2019



Al Fair came up with the idea of riding in small groups, observing social distancing and at the end of the day everyone go home, have a drink, cook themselves a steak and then post pictures on Facebook so it would be like having the event. This was our small group.





John Harrington kept trying to take off with Al Fair's Indian. He kept mumbling something about "it would be nice to ride a fast dependable bike" instead of having to ride that Kawasaki thing. It all started when a few years ago we had a little go down in Florida and he has been after that bike ever since.

Below: Al Fair was the only one to post his pictures on Facebook.





It seems after a hard winter and a bad windstorm some of the bottles had escaped the bags so we had a Work Party to clean up.

May 23, 2020 After riding by Ritz and Alma's house we assembled on Rice Road before proceeding to ride By Rob Rainville's house



Sid Scott and Peter Galea getting ready to join the ride by For Fallen Member Rob Rainville.

Fallen Members Ride August 23, 2020



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Oakwood Retirement Home Drive By



COVID hit the Retirement Homes especially hard. They were the most vulnerable of our population and are living in very tight quarters so social distancing became a challenge. Al Fair was asked by his neighbour if the club would participate in a Drive By to cheer up the Residents





Unfortunately the Fallen Members List keeps growing.
We lost Bernie Saxon, Rob Rainville and Jim Bodner Jr.

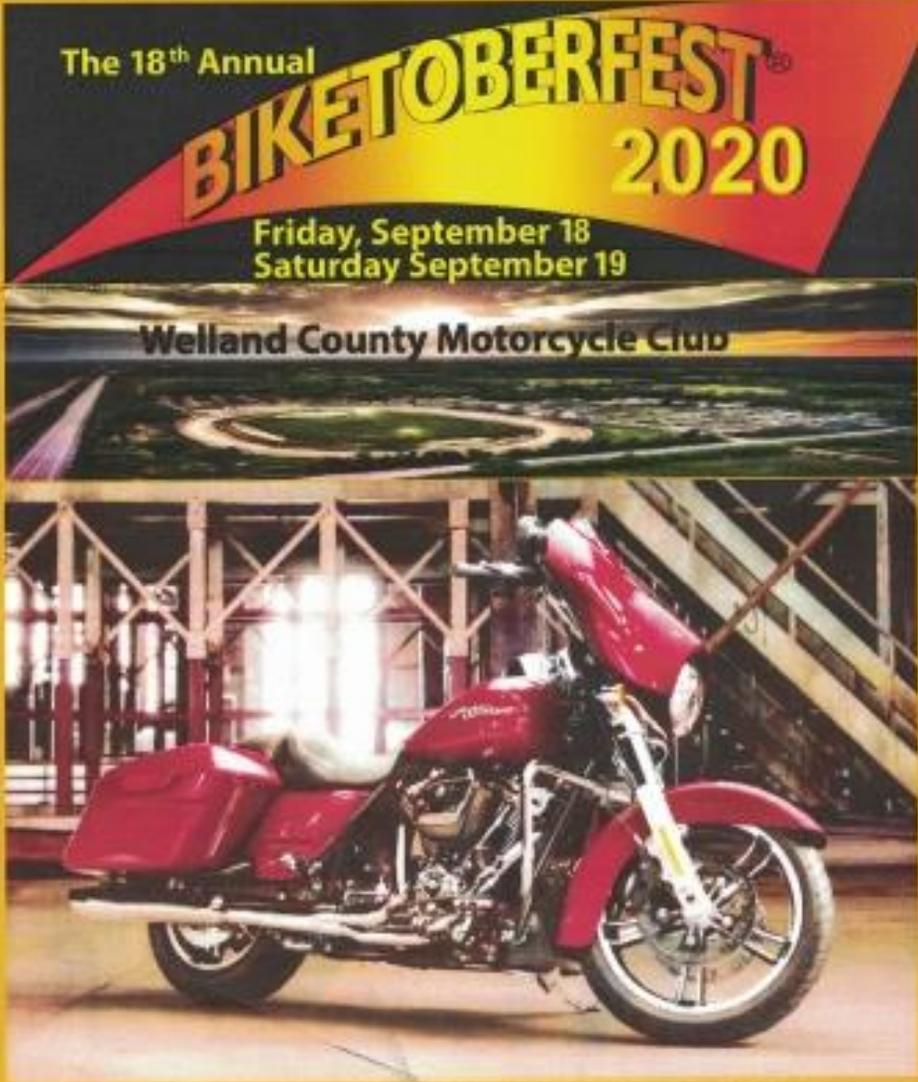


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COVID killed Biketoberfest for 2020
We had to return the Bike and cancel the Event



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or by email at ridge-lo@cogeco.net





Since everything was closed the Hare and Hound ended at Al Fair's place. Randy Doan put it on and John Harrington was the new World Champion.





Ron Turnbull and Joe Motovani September 14
Ron's Family made a large donation to Pathstone.

Acquiring Clay for the Racetrack

From Mike Jones

This is a little information on getting the dirt for the track. When I was on the Board of Directors I contacted my son's father in law John. John is a relative in the Rankin Family that is the Rankin Construction business that does road work and other construction. I asked him about getting us clay for our motorcycle track in the summer of 2018. John told me at that time he had no idea of where he could get that much clay but told me he would keep an eye open for us.

Then in December, he called me up to tell me his company was going to truck away some good clay that our club could have for free. So at the board meeting either December or January, I brought it up that I had come across free clay for the track. Unfortunately, the board decided that there was no place on the club property to store it so turned down the offer. So reluctantly I called John and told him of the decision made by our board. He then told me that he understood but was disappointed but would continue to help us out if he could.

Then in early April on a Sunday 2020, John called me and told me that Peter's Construction had the contract for excavating at Brock University for the Pan Am Games Facilities. John told me the company was planning on trucking the clay all the way to Port Colborne for disposal and might want to find a closer place to get rid of it. He thought that our club would be a prime location and that I should go down to Brock and talk to the company as soon as possible.

Instead of me driving down to Brock myself, I called up Brian Armstrong told him what John had told me. I told him to be my hero and ask him to go down to the Brock construction site. Brian agreed to do what I had asked. While down on the site Brian found out that Sean Gillespie was a good friend of the owner through Stock car racing and the rest of the story can be told by Brian Armstrong.





More information of Re-Surfacing the Track

From Sid Scott

Track rebuilding began March 2020 during COVID times – Sean Gillespie negotiated 275 Dump truck loads of Clay. They started bringing it in and we noticed that it was not up to our standards, full of brick, chunks of pavement, and large stones, etc. – not useable.

We scrapped all that off and put it in the pond on the East end of the track. Sean negotiated a much better deal for clean virgin Clay only. 275 loads latter, it was graded and sheep footed on the track.

It sat for the winter and in the spring Len Dillon and Sid Scott began grading the race track to our liking. We went with a 9 degree bank, widened the track and brought in a transit to set the grade.

We laser sighted the levels of the track by doing approximately 200 laps on the track. After 4 months of hard work in the spring and early summer, we have a useable race track with a reputation of being one of the best dirt tracks in Canada.

Thanks to Jim Scott, Randy Scott and Joe Montovani for helping Len Dillon and Sid Scott get the track ready for Racing. It's a never ending job and it must be groomed continually between rainfalls.



Friday the 13th
November 2020
The official event
was cancelled and
they asked people
not to come to Port
Dover so we visited
Pot Robinson, Port
Maitland, Port
Weller, Port
Dalhousie and Port
Colborne. We ended
up at Country Corner
Market for free
sausage.



A little Bit of Track History

A little over 50 years ago Welland County Motorcycle Club put on Scrambles & Hillclimbs on the Leslie Farm in Fonthill. Circa 1957

We would load the food booth, the (Johnny on the Spots) in John Vukanics & Ron Putman's trucks at the Club House and head off to Fonthill to set up for Race Day.

It was always John's dream we build a race track on our own property to avoid all this moving of equipment for the two scrambles and two hill climbs we put on each year.

The holes had to be dug for the (Johnny on the Spots), then they were assembled with hook and eye fasteners, seats put in place and tissue mounted on dispensers.

While the course was being marked out a second group were assembling and setting up the Food Booth.

Next it was time to place a couple Club members at the road allowance to collect admissions and direct vehicles to the parking area. These events were an important source of income for the Club; it allowed us to buy more property. Again from our neighbour, member, Chester Osten's mother.

The registration table was the next on the order. All of our competition events were Canadian Motorcycle Association (CMA) sanctioned which meant CMA memberships had to be checked and new memberships sold as required to register. The insurance provided by the CMA sanction was important due to the potential danger of motorcycle sport, so that riders, the property owner (Mrs. Leslie) and WCMC were covered in the event of any unhappy endings.

With St. John's Ambulance, the CMA referee and WCMC member corner marshals in place, let the good times roll.

The Races took all afternoon and a great time was had by all.

The Food Booth and other equipment would have to be taken down loaded back in the trucks and taken back to the Club.

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Dirt Track in the Early days at Welland County Speedway

In the later part of the 60's and our race track roughed out the Saint Lawrence Seaway approached us. They were realigning the Welland Shipping Canal and needed our land for realignment of Netherby Road and new rail line

It was a stressful time for the Club. At one point we thought we might be completely expropriated and have to relocate. In the end the Seaway settled for xx feet off the back straight. In return our five acres went to 23 (?) acres giving us the motocross track area, the campground and overflow parking.

We were so happy that night, as was the intoxicated Seaway man who delivered the news, he backed out of our driveway into the ditch across the road.

This was the turning point and the start of **Dirt Track Racing in Welland on our property.**

We built ¼ Mile Oval with a TT track in 1970 with a right turn off the Front straight going back towards the Clubhouse with a left hairpin and a jump back onto the track in turn one.

Doug Browes, a CN railway surveyor - Todd Fournier's grandfather - was transferred to Welland for the major railway relocation caused by the canal project, promptly joined the Club. Doug laid out the track using his engineering skills. John Vukanics brought numerous loads of stone. The track was graded by Ghislain Loubier, a Seaway heavy equipment operator, for almost 48 hours continuously so he could have the borrowed equipment back to our benefactor by Monday morning start of work day. Ghislain also joined the Club. 75th Anniversary

50 Years of Dirt Track

Since 2018, I have been a member of the Board of Directors. During that time the club has rebuilt the flat track oval by importing some three hundred plus tandem loads of clay all during the COVID 19 pandemic in 2020. A real accomplishment to the club members and their commitment to continuing flat track racing in Canada. All the members have seen the coming of the 50th year of the race track in 2020 and in 2021 celebrate the 75th year of the founding of the club. The members of the club should be extremely proud of their efforts as the club continues in 2021 with the renewal of the racing season by “doing it in the dirt.”

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REFLECTIONS OF THE YEAR 2020

The year started great, riding the desert in Arizona everyday in the early winter months. Then came March and whispers of a deadly bacteria starting to show its ugly face throughout the world. So much misinformation in the beginning. Wash your hands a couple of hundred times a day, start wearing a Mask. Hey, anybody got any extra toilet paper?

In late March, the Canadian Government called back all our out of country Citizens. We sold the house, packed up, loaded the trailer with our bikes, made arrangements to ship our classic car to New York so we could pick it up on the way home and left in early April.

By the time we left, most everything was closed. Only the Interstate hotels and fast food places remained open. It is a 4000km drive hauling a 16 foot trailer with all our household goods and bikes. It was a very eerie drive with hardly anybody on the road except trucks delivering essential goods. Even in large Cities like St. Louis during what would have been rush hour traffic, the roads were empty. It did make for a faster drive.

After 5 days and staying in hotels with virtually no guests, we arrived in New York to pick up our car and head for the border. There was absolutely nobody there. Canada Customs could not handle the imports so we were told that they trust us to come back when things got a little better. They didn't know me very well - lol

I was looking forward to seeing my brothers at the WCMC and would have opportunities to join some meetings, events and rides. Well, that did not happen the way I wished. We did have a couple of outdoor meetings until the bylaw people closed us down. All events including MC races were cancelled and we only had a few short rides led by Randy Doan. Restaurants, hair cutting places, etc. were all closed for most of the year.

I missed going to the club, missed seeing my brothers and wondered how I was going to fill my time with this stay at home order. Then, I joined Al Fair in gathering information for our Member Profiles for our Website. We managed to do over 50 profiles. It kept me busy especially during the winter months. As we are getting close to our 75th anniversary.

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I joined Al Fair and David Thomas to assist them in gathering photos and stories about the last 25 years of the Welland County Motorcycle Club to prepare a booklet. Al Fair prepared a full weekend agenda for August 2021 to celebrate such an enormous milestone. After all, how many clubs can say that they can celebrate 75 years of motorcycling. Not many I suspect.

Being that I have been with the club for only the past 5 years, gathering information on the members' profiles and 25 years of history, really gave me a great opportunity to know some of the members and the great history of the club. I was proud to find out that we have several Hall of Fame members and was pleased to do Post Mortem profiles for some very important member contributors to the club. Lots of our senior members were racers in their youth. Some still compete. If you haven't already, check out our Website under the Home page, About us, Meet the members. Lots of new ones. I believe there is 50 member profiles on our site now.

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We have a club we can all be proud of. Even with all the different personalities, we somehow get things accomplished. We don't always agree but we can agree to disagree and just get the job done. We have a good Executive and Board that listens and gives us all an opportunity to express our opinions. I'm also proud to see so many members, Honorary and Lifetime along with non member volunteers to keep the grounds clean, making sure everything is working, and giving their time to make sure the races go as smooth as possible.

At the time I wrote this, we just had our 2nd race event for 2021 – it was so great to see so much activity at our club for the first time in a long time. We doubled our attendance from the first race week.

Peter Galea – WCMC Member, July 2021.

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Richard Burke, Brian Armstrong, Don McCormack,
David Howie, Rob Stokes, Archie Hardie.



Promo Car April – May 2021



L-R Jack Wilson, Brian Armstrong and Joe Koros

Brian Armstrong came up with the idea of painting his Impala and putting the WCMC Logo and race promo info on it. Thanks to Brother Joe Koros and Brother Jack Wilson for doing all the bodywork. Priority Auto Collision donated the spray booth so we could paint the car. Joe Koros painted the car on May 28th, 2021.





Len Dillon had a long rich history with Stan Bradbury.

Len is pictured here accepting the Stan Bradbury Trophy at the Speedway Banquet in 1984. Sadly Stan passed away this year.



December 18, 1926 - June 3, 2021

The course has run.
The race has won.
I'm on my way.

After a life well lived, we announce the peaceful passing of Stanley in his 95th year at Brampton Civic Hospital. He is now reunited with his wife, Dorothy (2002). Beloved father of David (Teresa), Susan Pugliese (Frank), Hazel Armstrong (the late Tony), and Alan (Cheryl). Grandad to Andrea (the late Jake), Crystal (David), Lindsey, Anthony, Annette (Ryan), Justin (Nicole), and Alexandra (Chris). Great-grandad to Jacob, Payton, Corbin, Keira, Logan, Bryson, and Landon. Stan was predeceased by his parents, Charles and Doris and his sister Margaret Jackson.

Truly a 'jack of all trades,' Stan enjoyed a varied career, from teaching vending machine repair at Sheridan College, to working as a technologist for Canadian Gas Research. One of his proudest accomplishments was bringing his greatest passion, the sport of Speedway racing to Canada and completing a book "Speedway Training Notes" which can be found online. He was inducted into the Canadian Motorcycle Hall of Fame in 2006. Stanley enjoyed his retirement years travelling with Dorothy to places like Florida, Arizona and Australia when he wasn't at a speedway race. He was an active member of the Dunlop Seniors Centre where he loved to dance and play in their dart league.

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Work Party June, 5 2021



It was a long year and two months since COVID hit and all but shut our club down. Restrictions started to lift in June and we were getting ready for our first Practice in 2 years.

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Getting the Track Ready



Len Dillon on the Grader



Joey Supervising



Sid Scott on the Tractor
Pulling the Wobbly Wheels



Len Dillon on the water hose
with Sid Driving the truck

Wednesday Night Rides June 9, 2021



Randy Doan has been putting on unsanctioned rides on Wednesday nights when we could not have meetings. One of our long-time Life Members Randy White (now living in Florida) came up with his wife Patti for an extended stay. Randy did his quarantine at Al Fair's house and we put on a ride so he could see everyone.



RAT Ride (Ride Alone Together) Ride for Dad June 12



Rene Landry laid out and ran the ride to “Proof” on Saturday June 12. We also ran the official RAT ride on Sunday June 13th. Pictures Below.





Not much other than Tim Horton's was open so we stopped for coffee and treats. The ride ended at Merrittville Big Scoop for an ice-cream cone.



Flipping Burgers at the First Race of 2021



The Cooks L-R Lars Refling, Jim Stokes, Joe Koros and Al Fair

Due to COVID we were not sure we could have any races so we got a late start to organizing things. We did not have anyone to run the Food Booth so we set up BBQs and cooked the old fashioned way.



The Sales Team L-R Norm Fisher, Linda McCormack, Laurie Montovani and Brenda Bob

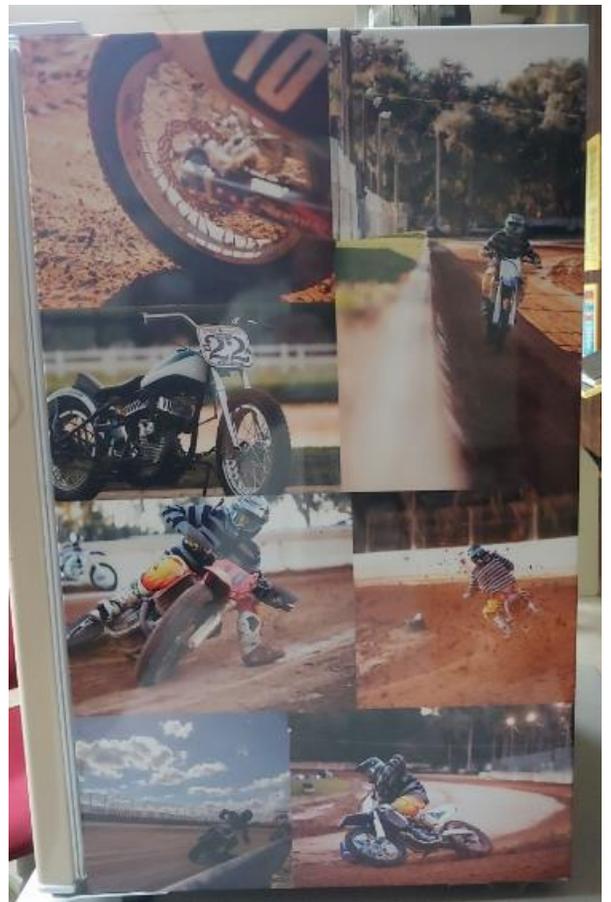
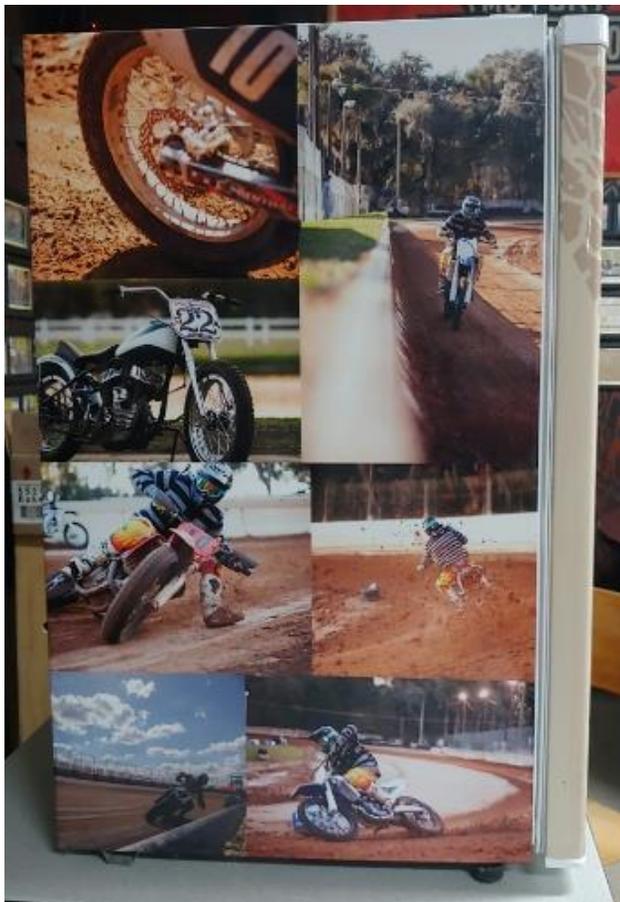


Top: Paula Kaye and a customer. Below Paula Kaye and Lars Refling





Beer Fridge Raffle
The club had a rough year in 2020. Gary Labelle resurrected the Beer Fridge Raffle as a way of helping to bolster up our bank account. We have done it in the past and it has turned out pretty good . Gary bought the fridge and got it wrapped with Flat Track Pictures. Rene Landry is looking after the tickets.



Bottling the Wine for the 75th Anniversary



L-R Don McCormack and Archie Hardie.
Archie headed up the wine making.



Paula Kaye and Rene Landry hard at work.



Brian Armstrong and Linda McCormack on Labels and Shrink Wraps

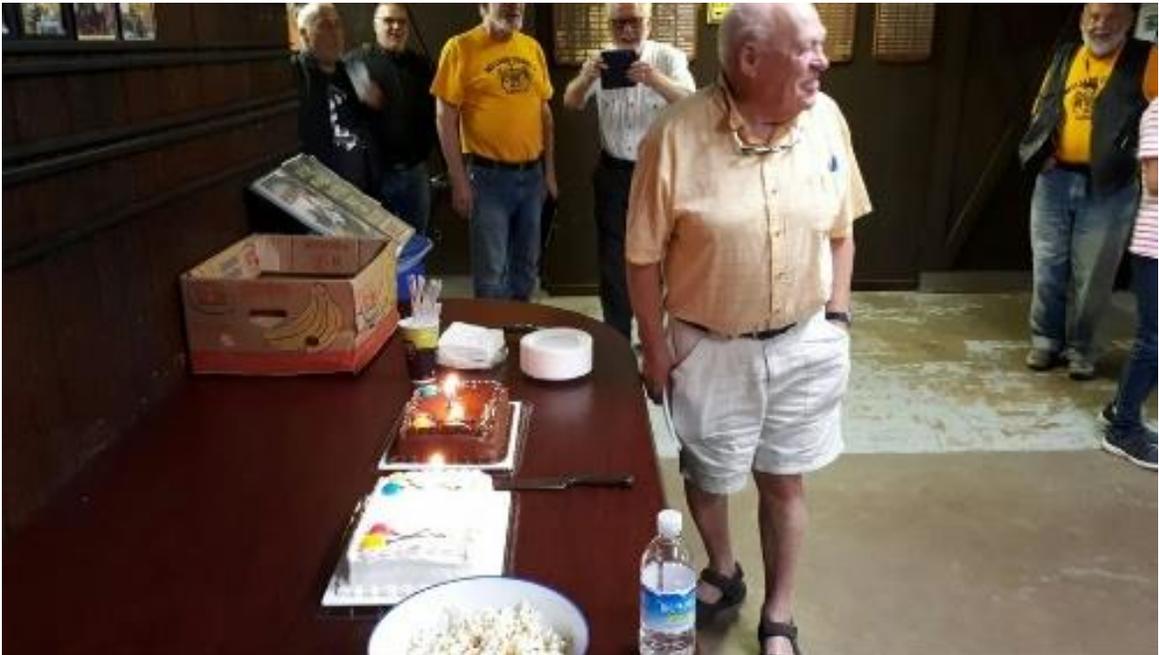


All Boxed and ready to be stored. Archie is heading up the Wine and Cheese Party on the Friday night of the 75th Anniversary. It is a tradition started at the 40th Anniversary

WCMC 75th Anniversary Floral Display



The city of Welland has several locations in the city where they do Floral Displays to commemorate milestones for community partners. The Floral Display was initiated by Don McCormack and Brian Armstrong. They went to see the Mayor three years earlier and they fast tracked an application for us and it happened.



Celebrating Bob Tait's 91st Birthday July 21st with a cake at the Clubhouse. Bob has quite a long history with the Welland County Motorcycle Club. Bob joined the club in the early days with his two brothers Don and Doug and brought the Club their first National Title winning the Road Race at Troius-Rivieres, Quebec on his 1953 500 Triumph Tiger. Meetings were held at the Tait Farm in the fifties.

75th Anniversary

Sarah and Shelley Gamm

Sarah and Shelley Gamm are honorary members who have been volunteering at Welland County's events since they were 12 years old. This is their 25th season of volunteering at the races..

They were born into a family of motorcyclists. Their uncles Greg and Ron are both lifetime members of the club. Their mother Karen Gamm met their dad Rick Coutu (also a lifetime member) at the motorcycle club in the 90's. It was Karen's involvement in the races that led Sarah and Shelley to also become involved.



In 1995, they got their first dirt bike - a 1983 Honda XR 100. They rode it at the Robin Hood quarry and participated in many of Welland County's Field days in the last 90's and early 2000's.

Sarah and Shelley started volunteering at the races in 1996, starting out running paperwork and race line ups. They then started assisting in registering people for pit access and rider entry. They also assist with lap scoring and heats/finals set up whenever needed.



In the early 2000's, they started unofficially assisting on the start line of the race track, assisting with the starting procedures. In 2008, they became referees with the Canadian Motorcycle Association; Sarah had also since become a referee with Flat Track Canada. For the last few years, Sarah can be seen on the starting line for all of Welland's racing, with Shelley assisting.

The girls have also volunteered at many club events over the years, some of which are no longer being held. The spring and fall Trials were an annual event that the whole

Gamm family attended at the Robin Hood Quarry. The girls spectated when they were younger

and checked sections the last 4-5 years that the event was held. At Mud Runs in the early 2000's, Sarah and Shelley were at the Buckner Rd checkpoint for the hundreds of ATV and motorcycles that enjoyed that event. For several years, they assisted with registration and the final checkpoint for the annual Poki-Barbi-Dan. Once they got their own motorcycles, they participated; both won the Bill O'Sullivan Memorial Award for best overall hand their 1st year



participating (in 2015 and 2017).

The girls have attended and participated in the annual Trap Shot. They also attend any club rides that they can, including the Poki-Barbi-Dan, Lime Runs, the World Championship Hare and Hound and the Fallen Member's Ride. Since 2011, Sarah and Shelley have also organized the Club's annual awards banquet in the fall.

In 2013, Sarah bought her 1st bike: a 1986 Radian. The following year, she sold it and bought a 2007 Honda Shadow Spirit. In 2016, Shelley bought her 1st bike: a 2003 Honda Shadow Spirit. In true twin fashion, they have matching bikes with matching twin license plates (TWN A and TWN B)





In 2001, they received their first non-member Appreciation Award. In _____, Sarah and Shelley were voted as Honourary Members for their continued volunteer work at the club. In 2015, they received the Karen Gamm Memorial award. This award was created in memory of their mother who passed away in 2010 and is given to a non-member each year for outstanding volunteer work at the club.

WCMC DECEASED MEMBERS

I AM NOT THERE

Do not stand at my grave and weep

I am not there, I do not sleep

I am a thousand winds that blow

I am the diamond glints on snow

I am the sunlight on ripened grain

I am the gentle autumn rain.

When you awaken in the morning's hush

I am the swift uplifting rush of quiet birds in circled flight

I am the soft stars that shine at night

Do not stand at my grave and cry:

I am not there. I did not die.

Name	Date of Death	Cemetery
Ken Allison	1966	Unknown
Peter Liptrott	October 25, 1971	Victoria Lawn Cemetery, St. Catherines
Steve Kormos	June 3, 1976	Woodlawn Cemetery, Welland
Robert (Bob) Harpwood	August 23, 1979	Woodlawn Cemetery, Welland
Bill O'Sullivan	1981	Zion Cemetery, Wainfleet
Harry Miller	1984	Unknown
Pete Schuringa	January 3, 1984	
Trevor Howard	1984	Unknown
Gerald Hough Jr.	1987	Pleasantview Memorial Gardens, Fonthill
Doug Browes	September 13, 1988	Mount Lawn Cemetery, Whitby
Rick Gage	January 2, 1989	Holy Cross Cemetery, Welland
Paul Travis	1991	White Chapel Memorial Gardens, Ancaster
Eugene "Farmer" Twerdohlib	February 8, 1998	Oakwood Cemetery, Wainfleet
Terry "Newf" White	May 8, 1998	Unknown
Cliff Hood	October 26, 1998	Unknown
Lorne Schrum	2000	Unknown
Noel Burland	2003	Unknown
George Miller	2004	Unknown

Name	Date of Death	Cemetery
Tony Paparoni	2006	
Fred Secord	2006	Lundy's Lane Cemetery, Niagara Falls
Larry Gazley	2007	
Jack Lightfoot	2010	Unknown
Chester Osten	2011	Doan's Ridge Cemetery, Cook's Mills
Rudy Gondocs	2011	Oakwood Cemetery, Wainfleet
Percy (Curly) Barwell	August 9, 2011	Unknown
Ray Charette	June 3, 2013	St. Joseph's Cemetery, Port Colborne
Jack Doan	December 20, 2013	
Audrey Alexander	July 9, 2014	Pleasantview Memorial Gardens, Fonthill
Jim Putman	May 28, 2016	Unknown
Jim Cseh	December 17, 2017	Pleasantview Memorial Gardens, Fonthill
Don Tait	October 17, 2018	Fonthill Cemetery, Fonthill
Henry (Hank) MacAulay	April 24, 2019	
Bernie Saxon	April 7, 2020	Unknown
Rob Rainville	May 12, 2020	
Jim Bodner Jr.	October 7, 2020	
Bob Wetmore	May 17, 2021	Unknown
Stan Bradbury	June 3, 2021	Unknown

WCMC 75th Anniversary Pre 1996 Collection

Wasaga's lost history

Sparks brothers' remarkable wins
Sand races on par with Daytona

ALLAN JOHNSON
SPECIAL TO THE STAR

One of the great joys in writing these articles for the *Star* about vintage Canadian motorcycling articles is the feedback I receive from readers.

After my Feb. 18 article on the 1935 Wasaga Beach races, *Wheels* published Geoff Collin's letter and picture showing one of his motorcycles, a BSA ridden by J. Rostron, which competed on the beach in that long-ago race.

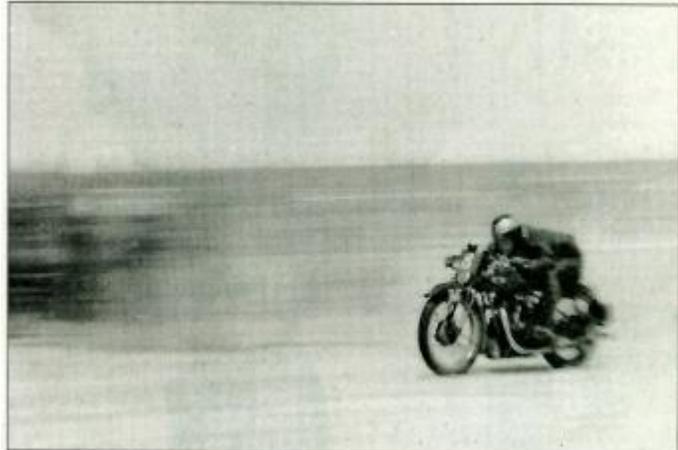
After a search through the historical material I have on those races, I was able to find a picture of Rostron on the very same BSA in the 1936 race, and pass it on to Geoff.

Similarly, a request came from the family of Les North, pictured on his Harley-Davidson at full speed along the beach, for a



Bryan Sparks rounds a turn on his 500cc Vincent in the 1937 Trophy race at Wasaga Beach. He was timed at 88.9 m.p.h. (143 km/h).

on the streets of Belleville the same year, completing 117 laps cent home in second place, behind Robinson again, while Bob



J. Rostron hurtles by at 86.7 m.p.h. (140 km/h) at Wasaga Beach on his 500cc BSA in May 1936.

Wasaga Beach was a favourite Place for the club to go

Always a fun-loving club, the Skyhawks seldom left their wives or girl friends at home, and since water-proof suits or crash helmets were unavailable in those days, many ingenious forms of dress emerged – with the most popular supplier being the war surplus store.



WAR SURPLUS - HELMETS

Vic Svob	Eddie Winger	Fred Steinhoff	Janet Harpwood	George Harpwood	Nick Petroff
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The Tait Farm



Bob Tait I believe

Dave Horsley and Bill Edgar leaving for Venezuela Jan. 3, 1968

DAVE HORSLEY + BILL EDGAR LEAVING FOR
VENEZUELA JAN. 3/68





DESTINATION VENEZUELA — Two young Niagara Falls men, Dave Horsley (right) and Bill Edgar are shown at the port of La Gauria in Venezuela, after an adventurous motorcycle trip which actually began from Washington, D.C.



Above: Dave Horsley and Bill Edgar in Venezuela

Left: Dave Horsley showing how not to go over the top of the Hill at the Kitchener Hillclimb

Pictures from Don Tait



Pictures from Bob Tait



Chester Osten sneaking into the races at Daytona early Fifties





Early Club Banquet



Bob's Trophies

More pictures from Bob Tait



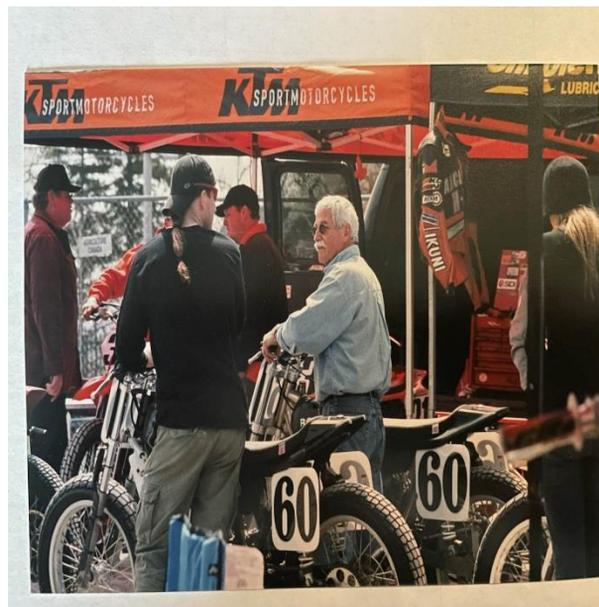
Racing on the Beach



Bob's Yamaha



Jimmy O decides to get off the bike before going over the top



Ryan Rainville with his Dad Ritz in the pits at the race



½ Mile race at the Welland Fairgrounds 1985



Club Trophy Case



In 1985 they had a Raft Race down the Niagara River to Chippewa. Crash, Jamie Schooly, Al Fair, Jeff and Bonnie Dulaj and a couple other members built a raft and entered the race that year. We had so much FUN we almost went over the Falls!

75th Anniversary

WCMC 75th Anniversary 1998

1998 Board Of Directors

Wes Pierce (President)

Tom Blanchard, Cliff Rashleigh, Jeff Dulaj, Henry McCualy
Chester Osten, Jim Bodner Jr., Brian Williams, Ron Putman



Flyer from the 1998 Poki-Bari-Dan

20th ANNUAL

POKI-BARBI-DAN

Saturday, April 25, 1998
Hosted once again by the
Welland County Motorcycle Club

603 Netherby Rd., RR#4, Welland, Ontario, L3B 5N7
 Clubhouse Phone (905) 734-7058 -- Wednesdays after 8:00pm or Event Day

Sanctioned by The Canadian Motorcycle Association

<p>POKI - Poker Run BARBI - Steak BBQ DAN - Dance</p> <p>Awards</p> <p>Registration</p> <p>Scoring</p> <p>Steak BBQ</p> <p>Awards</p> <p>Dance</p> <p>Camping Price</p>	<p>Through Scenic Niagara Peninsula Choice Steak, Salad, Buns, Etc. In our Newly Expanded Club House, to the Best Music in Town</p> <p>Win Awards for Best Score Overall, Best Buddy, Largest Club in Attendance, Longest Distance Traveled, and others...</p> <p>10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Run begins when you've registered.</p> <p>4:00 p.m. - Cut off at 5:30 p.m. sharp 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. No BBQ after 7 After the BBQ 8:00 p.m. - 1:30 a.m.</p> <p>Flush Toilets & Showers on Grounds \$14 in Advance / \$8 for just the ride (at the door tickets will be \$19 for BBQ & Ride / \$8 for just the ride) On Ground Camping - FREE</p>	 <p>Welland County M.C.</p> <p>Sanctioned by the </p> 
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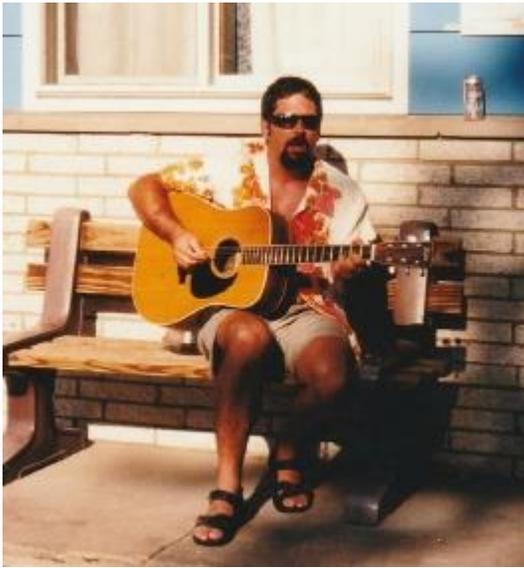
A couple other long running events are the club fishing trip and the skeet shoot. The Fishing Trip was started by Barry Wells and Moe Gagnon in 1981 in Dwight just outside of Huntsville. The first year fishing rods, boats (the Hunky Dori I believe) were brought however we found that we were just too busy to get any fishing done so that was that last year anyone brought fishing gear. The trip has gone on to be a weekend of riding, cooking, special events, Shuffleboard burnouts (check with Jimmy O for clarification on this one), Stoppies over the handlebars (check with Jeffrey O for clarification on that one), mmm are we seeing a pattern here and just good clean fun like stealing a train (check with Greg Gamm on that one).



A couple shots of the boys relaxing at Diane's Poolside Motel. Cy (Frank Getin), Jimmy Cseh, Jim Krusell, Jimmy O blocking ?



Jack Doan leather vest back to the wall...



Left: Jamie Schooley
Entertaining us on the
1998 Fishing Trip



Right: Skeet Shoot “Another
Suzuki Bites the Dust or
should we say Bullet”



The Skeet Shoot was started by Barry Wells at his cottage for a few years. Wayne Goodbarn was a member of the Hamilton Gun Club and it moved there after we were visited by NRPD at the beach. We all rode up to Hamilton on a Sunday morning with shotguns strapped to the bikes, had breakfast at the gun club and then shot 100 rounds. I believe Wayne hit 98. This one was at Billy Hamilton’s house in Wainfleet. Greg Gam hosted it and we did one at the club without guns. We burned Rene’s Yamaha.

Pictures:
While we
were
waiting for
the food we
had to find
something
to do so
Billy got out
the ladder
and we zip
lined across
the pond.



Boy will be Boys

The Welland County MC Club Inc
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BLUE BALLS
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(FARMER'S FORMER)
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Flyer for the Barry Wells Blue Balls Brunch

From November 25 General Meeting Minutes:

Guest: Al Dunn (6th Meeting)

Report on the Barry Wells Blue Balls Run:
51 People Wet and Cold

A cool Aerial Shot of the Club Grounds

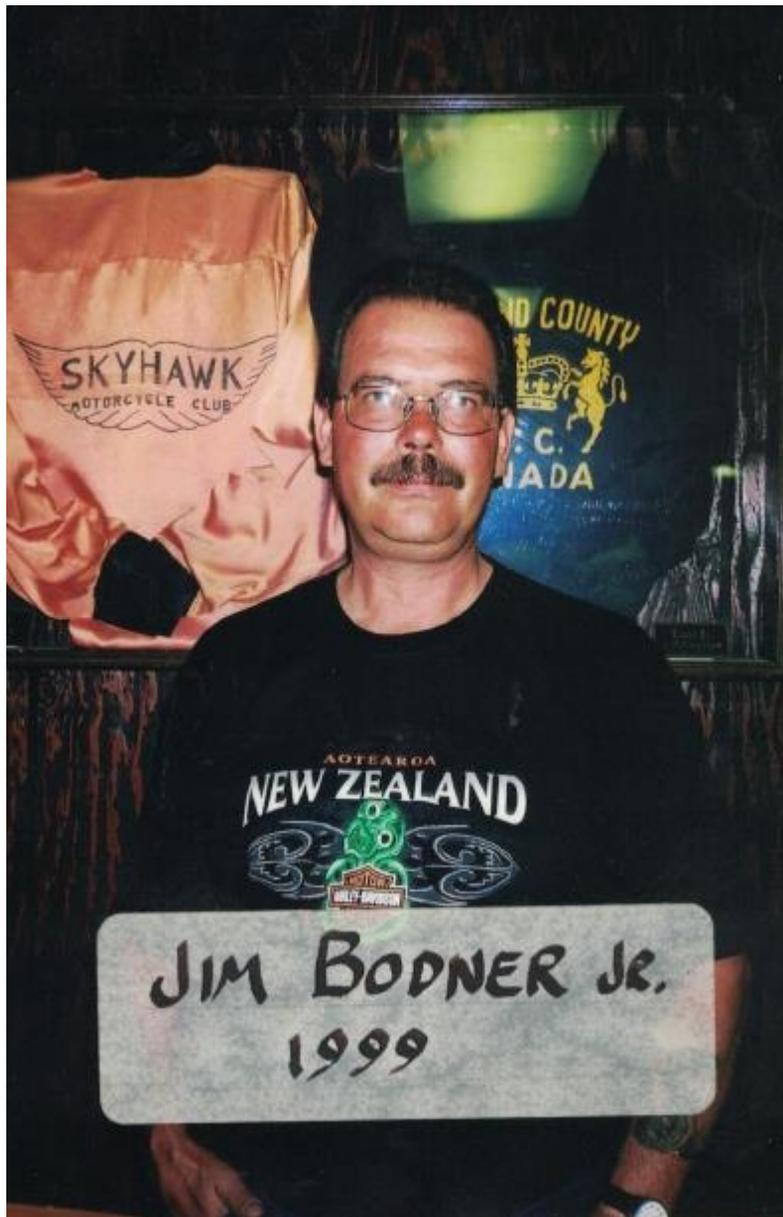


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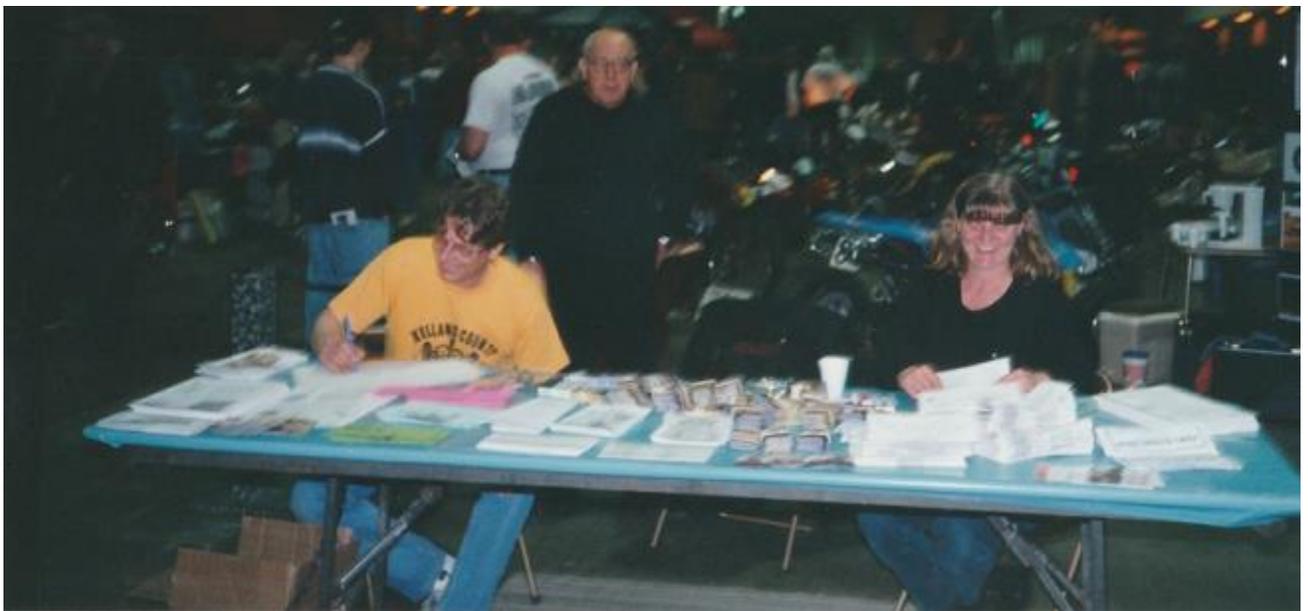
1999 Board of Directors

Jim Bodner Jr. (President)

George Bozak, Chester Osten, Jack Doan, Rene Landry,
Randy Doan, Ron Putman, Archie Hardie,
Tom Blanchard, Jamie Schooley



1999 starts off as usual with a trip to the Toronto Bike Show however Al Fair could not attend the set-up so Rene Landry took his Indian to put on display. As it turned out this was the year that Indian Motorcycle had started up production after being out of production for 46 years. When the people from Indian Motorcycle saw him unloading the Board Track Racer they swarmed him asking all kinds of question if which Rene had all the answers because he was always helping Al at the shows. Turns out that Speedvision decided to do an interview with him as well. My brother-in-law called me a few months later and told me about the interview he saw on TV with a guy who had a bike just like mine. I guessed Al missed his 5 minutes of fame.



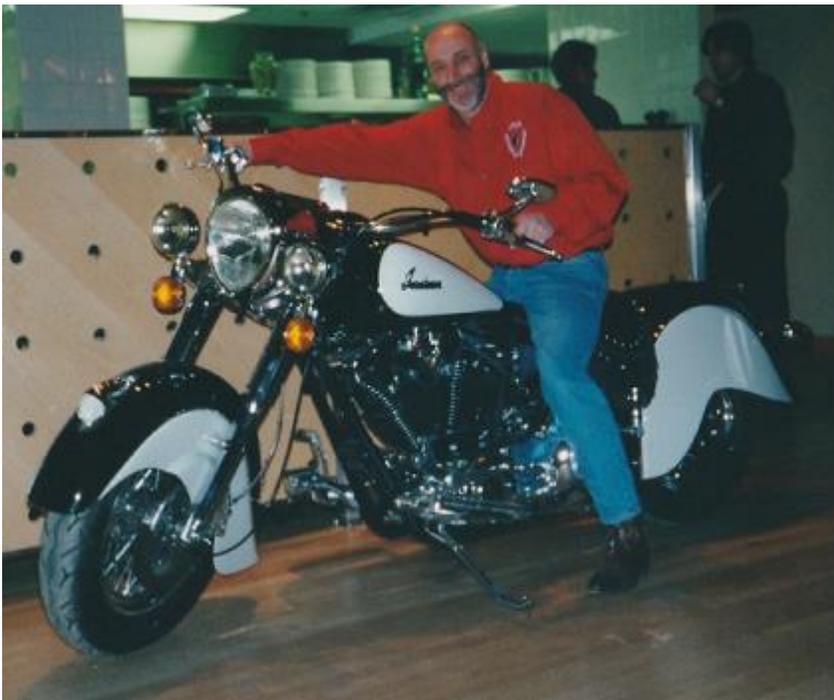
Jack Doan (rear) Rene Landry (left) and Gloria Lawson (right)
Handing out info at the bike show



Dirt tracker on loan to
the club for the show



A very rare Indian 8 Valve Board Track Racer also at the show



Al Fair sitting on a brand new 1999 Indian Chief
"Some day I am going to get me one of these"
Picture taken at the Indian Open House

Another bike show that we used to do was the Syracuse Swap meet. It was always the second week in February. Usually Crash, Rene Landry and Al fair would attend this event. It was run by a guy named Frank Westfall who could only be described as an interesting character. He owned a shop called Middle Earth Leathers in Syracuse N.Y.



The Shooter Bar was always present at most WCMC events

DIRT TRACK RACING

EVERY SATURDAY NIGHT

June 12 - July 31

Presented by: The Welland County Motorcycle Club Inc.
Owner & Operators of the World Renown, Fast Action

NIAGARA MOTORCYCLE RACEWAY



1999 Race Schedule

June 12	Season Opener
June 19	All Classes
June 26	All Classes
July 3	All Classes
July 10	All Classes
July 17	Dirt Track National
July 24	Speedway National
July 31	600cc Challenge

All Classes:
Dirt Track
250cc & 600cc Nov/Int/Exp

Youth Classes
65cc & 85cc -- 50cc Chain Driven
50cc Shaft Driven -- 50cc P.W.Cup

Speedway
Division 1 -- Division 2

A.T.V.
Novice/Pro Stock/Pro Modified

Vintage Dirt Track
(4 riders needed to run any class)

Gates Open: 4:30pm
Practice at : 6:00pm
Race Starts: 7:30pm

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July 15th are to be
picked up at the gate.

*Camp over and stay for the...
Huntington's Poker Run/Ride
August 1, 1999 -- \$7.50/person*

Rene Landry's family was touched by Huntington's Disease so as a way of fighting back he has been involved with Fund raising for many years, This year they did a Motorcycle Raffle.

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When not working for the City of Port Colborne or volunteering with the Huntington's Society, Rene Landry loves to ride motorcycles.

photo special to The Standard by News Image

This easy rider helps fight 'a cruel disease'

15 MINUTES WITH Rene Landry

Who: Rene Landry, drainage superintendent and engineering assistant for the City of Port Colborne and volunteer for almost 20 years with the Niagara chapter of the Huntington's Society of Canada.

Age: 51.

Family: Divorced. Two daughters Tamara, 21, and Angele, 19.

Background: Born and raised in Welland, Landry now lives in Port Colborne. He has worked for the city since 1975 and is now focusing primarily on the maintenance and repair of open channel rural drainage ditches. Earlier

in his career he worked for a private surveying and engineering firm.

When did you become involved with the Huntington's Society and why? "I became actively involved with the chapter around 1980. My ex-wife is at risk from the disease. Her father died of it so she may potentially have the gene."

What is Huntington's disease? "A fatal hereditary brain disorder. Symptoms usually appear in the late 30s, involving jerking, slurred speech, mental and emotional difficulties and it leads to total incapacitation and death. People can go on with it for 15 to 25 years before it finally kills them."

Is there any cure or control? "They've made great progress in

Please see Landry page A4

Landry

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research since I started working with them, but there's no cure or control yet. At the time I started getting involved in 1980, they barely knew what Huntington's disease was. Since then, they've isolated the gene, but they don't know quite what reacts with it."

What kind of research is being done? "There are tests being done on mice (cross-breeding of genes) that cause a 10 per cent delay in the onset of symptoms and a 20 per cent increase in life span. There are also preliminary medications being used on human volunteers."

What are some of your biggest accomplishments with the society? "I've always felt that I haven't done anything huge on my own. I've just been involved in a very active chapter. I'm an avid motorcyclist and I have initiated two fundraising drives. It's a nice ride for people to go on and proceeds from registrations and what-not all go to the Huntington's Society."

Is there anything else you would rather do in your spare time? "Well, I'd rather be riding my bike. But I enjoy the work I do with the society. It's not something I devote my entire social life to, but I try to stay as involved as I can."

What is the most challenging part of your work with the society? "Trying to find ways of educating people about the disease and its impact. The disease itself directly affects one in 10,000 people but there are one in 1,000 people who either have it, or are at risk of having it or are caring for someone who has it. It's a very cruel disease that affects a lot of people."

Tell us about motorcycling: "I've been doing that for about 30 years or so. I do a lot of riding. I like to take tours. I'm planning a three-week ride to the East Coast this summer."

What type of bike do you own? "A Yamaha Maxim 1100. I had a Honda 750 Super Sport and before that I had a 250 BSA. It was the first bike I ever owned. I've never owned a Harley Davidson. I'd love to and I'm sure I will one day."

How many miles have you put on your motorcycles? "In general I average about 8,000-10,000 kilometres a season. You could probably say easily a quarter of a million kilometres."

Who was your favourite character in Easy Rider and why? "I think (Peter) Fonda and I think it was an attitude thing I guess. He always came across as being kind of relaxed and enjoying himself and a big part of motorcycle riding for me is just the sheer enjoyment of it."

If you were a motorcycle, what kind of motorcycle would you be and why? "A Triumph SE Sprint or a Ducati, because they're fast, lean and mean. I'm not that way, but that's what I would be if I were a bike."

Do you have any words of advice for people facing Huntington's? "I believe that it will be defeated and I believe that whatever I do has a direct impact on it. I feel very much that I have contributed."

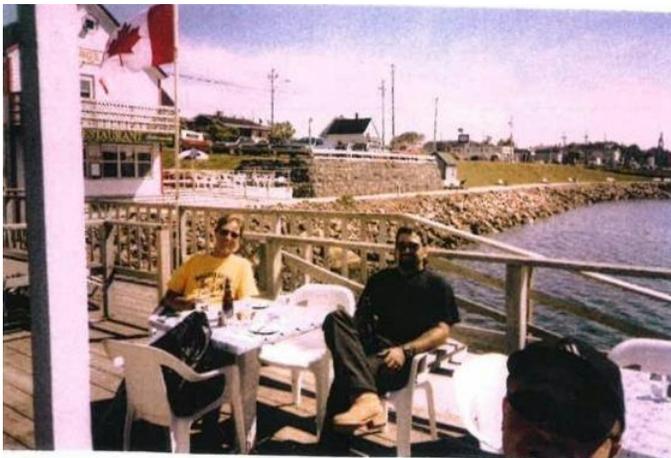
A story about Jamie and Rene (to the tune of "A little ditty about Jack and Diane")

Motorcycle trip to the Maritimes by Jamie Schooley and Rene Landry, June 26 to July 18, 1999. Jamie on his almost new 1998 Kawasaki Concours and Rene on his 1984 Yamaha XJ1100L (Maxim). To keep the story short, there will be few descriptions of the scenery. Even superlatives will not do justice to the scenery; if you have been there, you will know; if not, words won't help. Spent first night in Montreal with Jamie's cousins, second night in Quebec City at one of my cousins. (Ain't family wonderful!!) The next day we headed east along the St. Lawrence River to the Gaspesie.

Motorcycle trips can often generate little sayings, insider jokes between travellers. Whenever we would stop to check a map, a very straight-faced Jamie would ask me if we were lost. My response was always "Never lost, Jamie; sometimes a little confused but never lost." To which he would ask, "when will you stop being confused?" My answer was usually, "in a few minutes, as soon as I finish looking at this map." Another of Jamie's poker face questions was, "which way are we going?" "East", I would reply. "How far?", he would ask. "Until we hit the ocean", I would say. "Then what?", he would ask. "Then we will turn left or right", I'd answer. Then we would laugh, get on our bikes and ride on.

We rode right around the Gaspé Peninsula in the next few days, to Miguasha and took the ferry across the Restigouche River to Dalhousie, New Brunswick. My partner, Suzanne, is from Dalhousie and she told me that 1999 was the last year that the ferry operated. The ferry was seasonal and it shut down once the Trans Canada Highway was completed to Campbellton.

From Dalhousie, we pushed south to Cape Tormentine and the Confederation Bridge to PEI. Camped at West Cavendish Beach, overlooking the Gulf of St. Lawrence. Next day, we headed to Wood Islands and the ferry to Caribou, Nova Scotia; then on to Baddeck, on Cape Breton. In Baddeck, we went to the Yellow Cello, a nice bar that was owned by a cousin of Dale and Wayne MacDonald and Diane O'Sullivan, the wife of fellow Club member Mike O'Sullivan. The Yellow Cello closed at midnight and Baddeck went to sleep, and this was on Canada Day! Nice town but not overly exciting.



Enjoying a Cold One in P.E.I.



Roadside Dinner in Brasd'or
Nova Scotia.
Great Chicken

July 2, we left Baddeck to do the Bras d'Or Lakes scenic tour and work our way to a campground and a trailer of a friend in St. Catharines that we had arranged to use.

We rode the Cabot Trail in segments over a few days. Interesting area, Acadians along the coast, Scots in the Highlands. We went to Meat Cove, about 30 kms off the Cabot Trail. Meat Cove is on the northernmost point of Cape Breton, where the Gulf of St. Lawrence meets the Atlantic Ocean. Very windy, we used bungee cords to attach tent to our bikes so that it wouldn't get blown into the Atlantic Ocean while empty. Spent half of the next day just watching whales go by.

Left Meat Cove late morning, picked up the Cabot Trail and cruised towards the trailer. Took the Englishtown ferry to cross St. Ann's Harbour, fare was \$1.75, woohoo! Narrow crossing so it is a cable that pulls the ferry back and forth, pretty cool.

Next day, went for a swim in Bras d'Or Lake, salt water lake, water cool, crisp but not uncomfortably so. Rode to North Sidney to take the ferry to Argentia, Newfoundland, the John and Clara Smallwood. Guess who it was named after. Fare was \$139.00 - \$61 for the bike, \$55 adult, \$20 dormitory sleeper, \$3 tax. Wonder what it is now?

Met 8 people from Ontario in the bar, one of whom was a singer She did a great job belting out "Mercedes Benz" by Janis Joplin and Jamie finished the song with a verse about having a Kawasaki and riding the Cabot Trail. We partied until the bar closed; then went down and got more beer from one guy's truck and partied some more. Jamie and I had rented a dormitory sleeper because we thought that after a week or more on the road it would be nice to "party-for-8-hours-and-sleep-for-6" or "party-for-6-hours-and-sleep-for-8"; but it turned out to be a "party for-12-hours-and-sleep-for-3".

Somebody stole the pillow off Jamie's bunk, along with the bag of grass which he had left under the pillow. It was a ship's pillow so they replaced it, but no such luck with the grass.



Bikes tied down on the Ferry to Argentia Newfoundland



Party Time on the Ferry



Mt. Washington N.H. 75th Anniversary

Next day was overcast, cold and threatening rain. We were tired and slightly hungover so decided to head straight to St. John's rather than ride the Avalon Peninsula as originally planned. The weather improved, sunnier and warmer, occasional light showers so we made side trips to Bay's Bull and Petty Harbour and the sun was shining by the time we rolled into St. John's; where I met a leprechaun, or at least the Newfoundland version. A little wizened man who bummed a smoke off me and started telling stories. He spoke so fast and with an Irish brogue that I only understood about 12 words - Brian Mulroney, 20 million dollars, banjo, fifteen hundred dollars and a few others. Jamie seemed to understand him however, I think the leprechaun told him about always wanting to own a motorcycle. Jamie told me that during the entire conversation, I had a bewildered look on my face; probably similar to the one he so often had when we were in Quebec.

From the Delta Hotel, we rode to Cape Spear, the easternmost point of North America. From there, to Fort Amherst, then Signal Hill, back to the Delta and a stroll down the hill to George Street, the partyingest street in Canada. Went to O'Reilly's Irish Pub where the daughter of a friend worked. Lindsay was a singer-songwriter who had moved to Newfoundland to join a band and do music. She had left the band but was taking singing and music lessons and learning to play the guitar.

The bar had an open mic contest going so I signed Jamie up. Did not take a lot of convincing to get him on stage. The guy who organized the contest, John, lent Jamie his guitar and Jamie sang and played "Moon Dance" by Van Morrison, a patron saint of Ireland and by extension, of Newfoundland and "How Sweet It Is" by James Taylor. We know how much of an entertainer Jamie is, so he was a great hit with the crowd. He took second place in the contest; lost to a very attractive young lady with an very good voice who sang a couple of Irish songs. I did not think that she was better than Jamie but that might have been bias on my part; and perhaps the Irish judge was biased as well. Regardless, it was a great, fun time. John spent his time between introducing the competitors at the bar with Jamie and I. He said that Newfoundland is not a place, it's an attitude; I think that is very true.

Next day, left for Grand Falls-Windsor, through Terra Nova National Park to Gander. Rugged country, referred to as the "bleaks and barrens", and gas stations are far apart on the Trans Canada Highway. Hotel staff said that the place to go in Grand Falls-Windsor was Wayne's World for the best wings in Newfoundland. PARTY TIME!! EXCELLENT!! We cabbed there and had a good night, a good time, wings weren't bad.

Next day, on the road to Corner Brook, we went through Gros Morne National Park and stopped at the Tablelands to look at the mountains there. The mountains are of a rock that is found only there in all of North America; pushed out from below Earth's crust by continental drift. A rusty color and so sterile that very little grows on it; and that only on the lower portion where the slope is gentler. What does grow is a type of moss only found in the Arctic and small, stunted evergreen shrubs. Upper reaches very steep and rugged, sharp ridges and rock faces thrusting out all over. Pockets of snow at the peaks, feeding small creeks with waterfalls.

From Corner Brook, we headed to Port-Aux-Basques and the ferry to Nova Scotia. Rode along the south shore of Humber Arm to Frenchman's Cove. Did not want to be late for the ferry so we did not go to the end of the road at Lark Harbour and Bottle Cove; so, we did not get to see Blow Me Down Mountain. Back to the Trans-Canada and onwards to the ferry.

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Nice ride from Corner Brook along the lower slopes of the Long Range Mountains and along the shore of the Gulf of St. Lawrence. When the winds come from the south-east, they are funnelled through the Long Range Mountains and come out through a narrow opening in the mountain range in the area of Tompkins. They can exceed 200 kms/hour and have blown trains off the tracks and flipped tractor trailers. About 500 metres of the Trans-Canada is closed in the area when that happens. Six hours on the ferry, then the ride to the trailer at Big Bras d'Or, a long day.

Next day, met Dale MacDonald at the Englishtown ferry and went up to his uncle's house in Tarbet, on the Cabot Trail, where we were to spend the night. From there, we went to Dale's cousin's place, Clay Carmichael, for lobster, oysters, games and music. Clay's hobby is building fiddles. Some of his instruments were used by the Barra McNeil's, a big band in the Maritimes.

From Tarbet, took Cabot Trail to Hwy 105, the Trans-Canada, through Baddeck and across the Canso Causeway to Hwy 104, also the Trans-Canada, around Truro and the 102 to Halifax. The next day we went to bike dealership in Dartmouth to replace front tire of Jamie's bike. Got directions to go through Bedford and Sackville and picked up Hwy 101. Alternated between the 101 and the 1 along the Bay of Fundy and the Atlantic Ocean to Yarmouth for an overnight stay at Jamie's cousin's place in Tusket, on Lake Vaughan, a man-made lake, the reservoir for a power generating station. Took ferry to Bar Harbour (Bah Habbah), Maine. The Cat, travels at 50 mph, powered by four 9500 hp diesel engines, 2 hrs 45 minutes to make the crossing. Headed south to Belfast, then west to Augusta for the night. The bar at the Augusta Inn Hotel specialized in tequilas. Jamie ordered two shots of their very best tequila; server told him that, before she poured them, he should know that they are \$99 a shot. We settled for a considerably cheaper brand.

Nice, easy ride through Maine the next day, south and west on secondary highways with lots of sightseeing stops to the Timberland camping area in Shelburne, New Hampshire for the night. Next day, detoured to Mt. Washington and rode to the summit, 8 miles of road, 6,288 ft above sea level, highest point in New Hampshire. The "This Bike Climbed Mt. Washington" sticker in the club house was donated by Jamie. Continued through the White Mountains in New Hampshire into Vermont and through the Green Mountains to Gordon Landing, for a ferry across Lake Champlain to Plattsburgh, NY, where we spent the night.

July 16th - Route 3 through the Adirondacks towards Watertown and Interstate 81, then north to border crossing at Ivy Lea, Ontario. From there, 401 West to Napanee where we said our goodbyes. Jamie continued west to Whitby and I headed north on Hwy 41 to a friend's cottage outside of Northbrook .

Next day, rode to meet a friend and an overnight stay in Fenelon Falls. July 18 - headed home to Port Colborne.

7,710 kms total. Even during the rainy and cold periods it never stopped being an adventurous, exciting, joyful journey. As the great Gord Downey put it: looking for a place to howl and making stops along the way.

Rene Landry

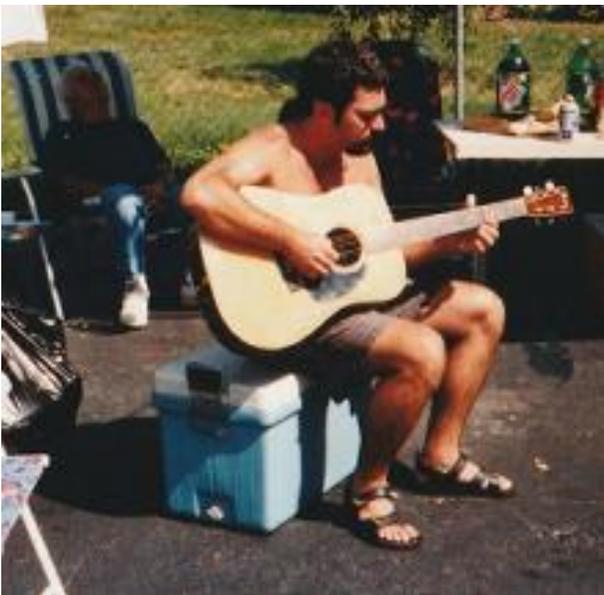
Excerpts from Meeting Minutes

April 29, 1999

Guests: Jack Wilson, Mark Weschkoski and Lary Pascal

New and Old Business:

- May 1st Toy run Port Dalhousie
- HOG Run May 2nd
- Swap Meet Fort Erie May 2nd
- Fishing Trip need money Pay Up
- Jim Ewart donated a plaque to the club
- Greg Gamm Stag May 15th
- Archie mailed club status to the region for office surplus
- New lawn mower for tractor
- Rene had the Region clean corners
- May 16th Show and Shine in Port Dalousie
- Huntington Ride Registration 10 – 11:15 \$5.00
- Poki-Barbi-Dan Good Ride Thanks to Ron and Randy 123 Riders and 98 Passengers John Vukanics thanked helpers, Bar was good, Mike Jones thanks to all who helped him
- Rick Coutu won the Jimmy O knife and the Poker Run
- St Kits Labour Spiel on May Day Celebration
- Scooter Weekend May 21 They would like some help. Gate \$10 per hour one at a time
- Blessing of the Bikes had a turnout of 500 bikes



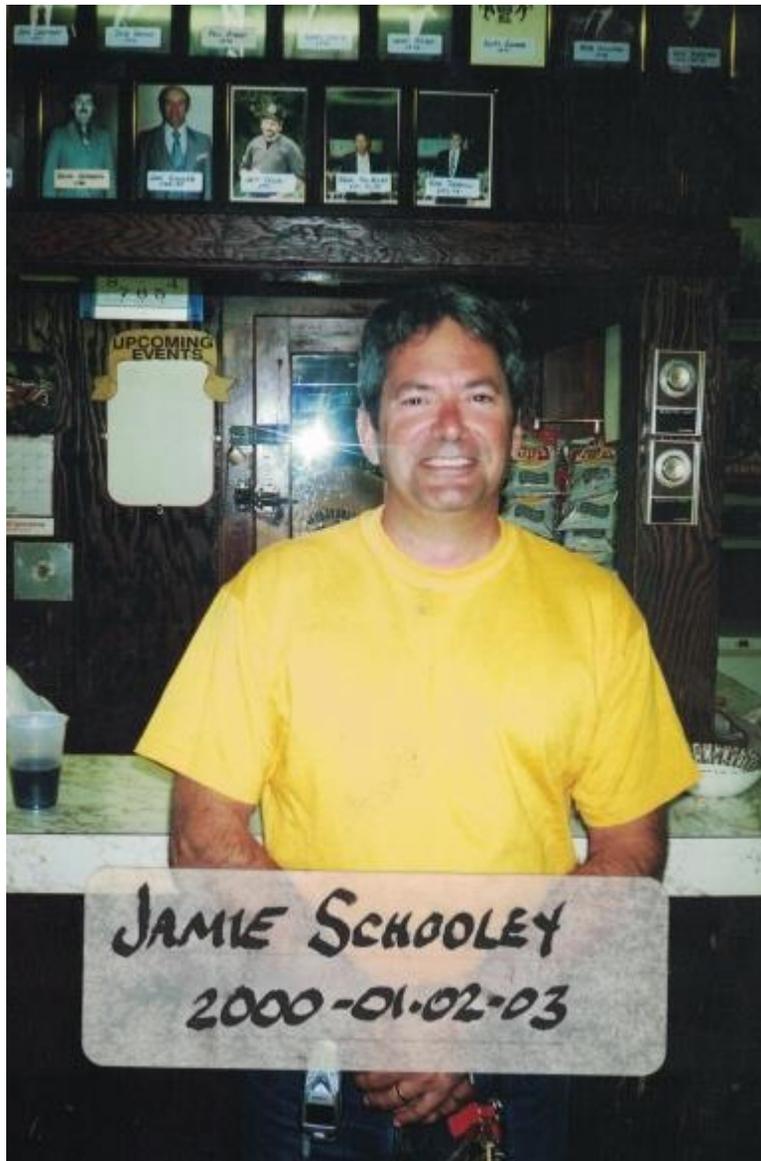
Jamie Schooley practicing up to entertain us until the wee hours of the morning at a Fishing Trip.

WCMC 75th Anniversary 2000

2000 Board of Directors

Jamie Schooley (President)

Chester Osten, Randy Doan, Gary Eisler, Jack Doan,
John Dmytrow, Shawn Weasner, Archie Hardie,
Wes Pierce, Rick Vincelette



Reflection from Jamie:

When I think about my life with Welland County, I can only smile and reflect on what an incredibly wonderful experience that this great organization has provided me with. I think about the people, all the wonderful, like minded men and women who have given of themselves to cultivate our rich history in promoting and facilitating motorcycling as a sport and as a culture.

I remember getting up early on Saturday morning, all wound up for the races that night. As race coordinator I would be thinking about all the plans and people needed to be there on race day and race night; looking at the weather reports, thinking about the potential problems, I would literally be gagging trying to hold down my breakfast from the excitement and terror. Arriving at the track around 10 am, there were already people hard at work: Beaver on track maintenance and grooming; Chester wiring up new speakers from the ones that were blown the previous week from our iconic Announcer Wes Pierce screaming "Speeeeeeedwaaaayyy!". My first task, head up to the tower, turn on the power and load the Beach Boys CD into the player to start race day with all the right sounds to remind us what a great night was ahead and what excellent work we were doing to make it all happen. Then I would pull out the case of walkie talkies, all labeled and frequency coordinated for the different track jobs, to check they all had batteries and hand them out....good communication was important and that was one of the many organizational works by Crash who knew like no other, what was needed on race day. The entire time, racers rolling in with their trailers, families and pit support and my heart rate would bump up a notch feeling like here we go, this is going to be awesome.

Line ups at registration with Sarah and Shelley Gamm providing an organized and efficient response to questions, problems and complaints from racers champing at the bit to get started; Rene putting logic to the mystery of Race Programming; Jack Doan pit gate enforcer ...if you knew Jack, he didn't take shit from anyone (and that's what we needed); Randy Doan and Greg Gamm in staging: over the megaphone last call for 250 expert, "get your asses out here"! "jamie, did you hear how those guys are talking in staging?" reply "please don't bother them, they do an excellent job" At the gate, John Vukanics and Ritz Rainville always providing a report on the demographics and attendance; George Bozak always with an assistant on parking, The Food Booth Crew, the Bar Crew, Security, Clean up, Grass Cutting, Bean Counting, Marketing and Promotion, the Board, Race Planning....such a collaborative effort always ending with avid discussion at the following Wednesday Night Club Meeting, with accolades and pride in another successful race night. Truly, my eyes well up just thinking about it, I can just smell the methanol and dirt . All I have is gratitude for having had the opportunity to be a small part of it.

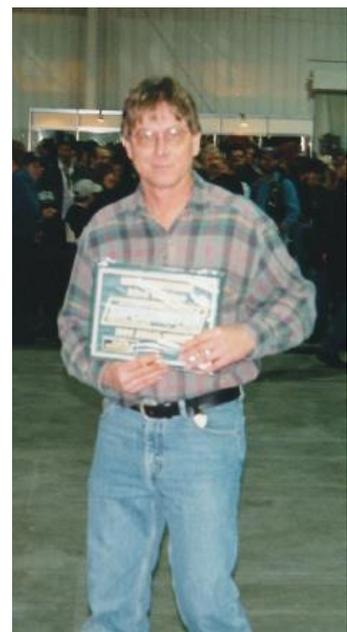
The year 2000 starts off with everyone being afraid the world (at least the electronic world) was going to end. Computers were going to crash etc. etc. As it turned out the only headaches January first morning were self induced and the computers were just fine.



Another year another Super Show



The Club brings home two Max Awards



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Ride the Lake 2000



The "Ride the Lake" run was a two day event put on by Jack Doan. We met at Husnik's in Port Colborne for breakfast and rode the north shore of lake Erie and stayed somewhere around Port Stanley and back home the next day.

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MILLENNIUM
2000
BANQUET

*The Welland County
 Motorcycle Club
 Presents*

The 2000 Annual Fall Banquet & Awards Night
SATURDAY NOV. 4, 2000

Symposium 5:30pm - Dinner 6:45pm
 Cabbage Rolls, Sausage & Chicken Dinner
 (all you can eat)

***Advance Tickets* \$25.00**
 (Until Sept. 1, 2000)

**After Sept. 1 / 00 \$28.00 per
 ticket**

**Dancing to High Quality
 Live Music
 with "The SNAGS"
 9:00pm - 1:00am**

 **Croatian Hall
 6 Broadway
 Welland**

Another of our long running events is our Annual Club Banquet held on the first Saturday in November.



President Jamie Schooley presenting Mike Jones with the Blue Balls Award. This award is presented to the first member to ride out to a club meeting in the New Year.

Club members Gary Markowski, Al Dunn and Jeff Dulaj shaved their heads to raise money and toys to brighten Christmas. Hey Gary was that sort of cheating... Awesome Job guys



MOTORCYCLE CLUB MEMBERS HELP TO BRIGHTEN CHRISTMAS

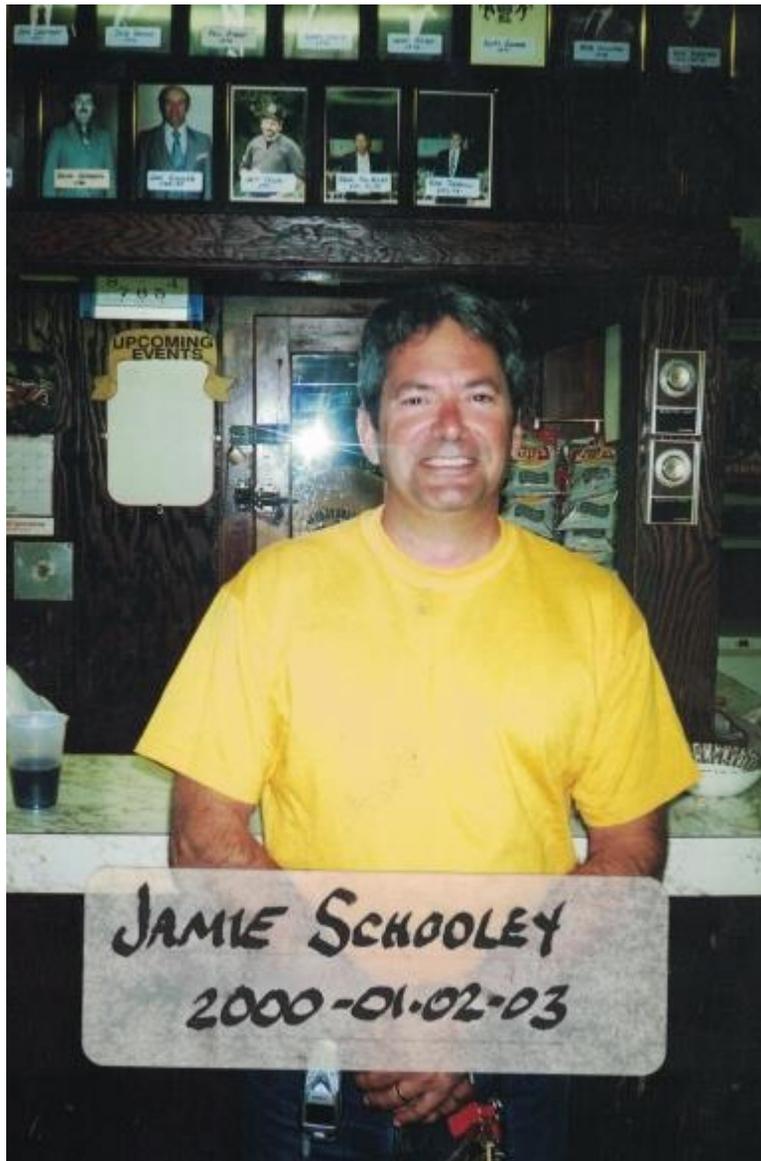
Community Christmas Toys chairwoman Stella Blanchard was presented an assortment of toys and cash from Welland County Motorcycle Club members including, from left, Gary Markowski, Al Dunn and Jeff Dulaj. The proceeds were collected during a club toy run and ATV run and a fundraiser in which three club members shaved their heads. TRIBUNE PHOTO KEVIN ANDRUE

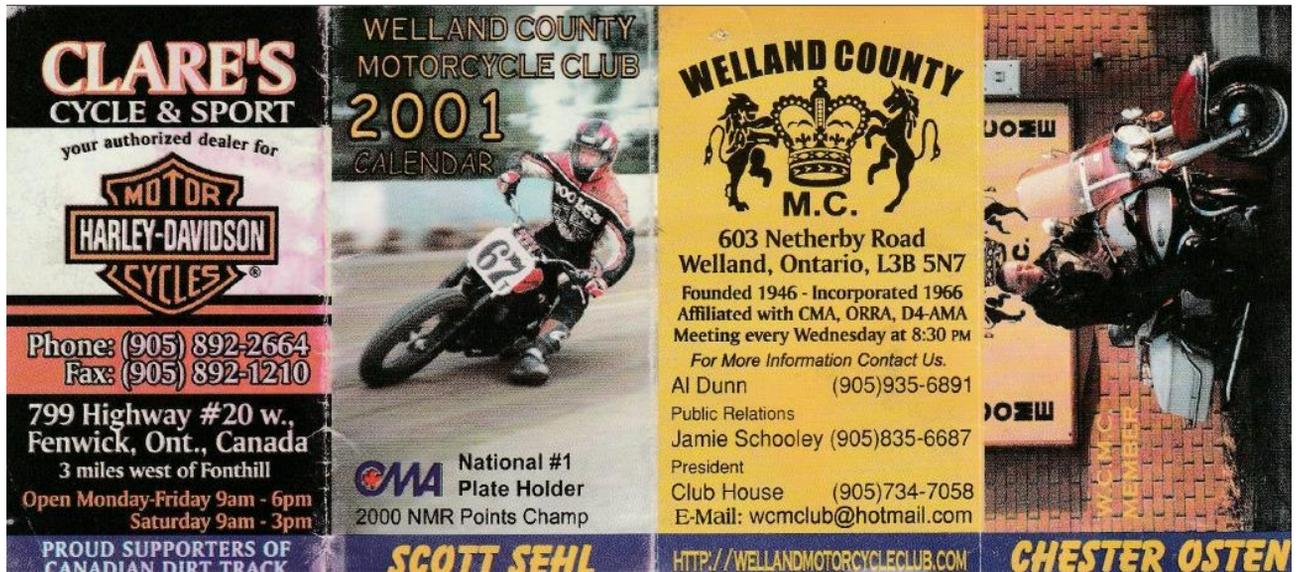
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Gary Eisler, Jeff Dulaj, Al Fair, Randy Doan, Ray Fournier,
Ron Putman, Rick Coutu, Chester Osten, Rick Vincelette





The 2001 Event card. The multi section foldout event card was an idea that Al Fair came up with as a result of doing many bike shows over the years. He noticed that a lot of our full size flyers and other organization's flyers ended up in the next garbage can down the line because people were too lazy or pre-occupied to fold them up and put them in their pockets. He thought if it was already folded, packed with all the information for the entire season of events and would easily fit in their pocket it would not be discarded. The hope was it would eventually make it into their wallets so they would have it to refer to all season. It seemed to work as observation found that there were very few tossed out and eventually people would ask for them or even take a handful to pass on to their friends.

Welland County Motorcycle Club

Netherby Road / Townline Tunnel Road

Welland County Motorcycle Club

14 Mile Dirt Track

Registration Booth

Club House

Pavilion

Tower

Food Booth

Washrooms

West Stands

East Stands

Pit Area

Camp Grounds

Parking Lot

Netherby Road

Motorcycle Parking

Niagara Motorcycle Raceway

RACES START - 7:30PM

Races*

June 16, 23, 30

July 7, 14, 21, 28

August 4

**Following classes open to riders*

50cc Shaft & Chain Drive Youth

85cc & 85cc Youth

125cc Novice

250cc Novice

250cc Intermediate/Expert

600cc Novice

600cc Intermediate

600cc Expert

Division 1 & 2 Speedway

ATV Unlimited

Welland County Motorcycle Club Inc.

2001 EVENTS

April 28: Poki-Barbi-Dan

May 12: Spring Mud Run

May 27: Huntington Awareness Ride To Lakeside Sho'n Shine

July 15: Willy's Lime Run

Aug. 5: Ride The Lake

Aug. 12: Memorial Ride

Aug. 19: Huntington Disease Ride

Sept. 1: Help A Child Smile

Sept. 9: Trials

Sept. 16: Hare & Hound

Sept. 30: Autumnal Equinox Ride

Oct. 6: Fall Toy Run

Oct. 20: Dirt, Mud or Dust Run

Nov. 3: Annual Banquet & Awards

Lake Ontario

Niagara on the Lake

USA

CANADA

Lewiston

St. Catharines

Niagara Falls

N.F.N.

Grand Island

Welland County Motorcycle Club

Fort Erie

Port Colborne

Buffalo

Lake Erie



Karen Gamm at Friday the 13th April 2001

Karen was a great supporter of the club. She was always around helping out. Her daughters Sarah and Shelly followed in her footsteps and have been very valuable contributors to the club.

One time we were doing a bike show and had a room supplied by the club. Karen, Vern, Crash and Al Fair were sharing the room. As soon as we opened the door Karen jumped up on one of the beds and proceeded to jump back and forth from one bed to the other. We asked her what the heck she was doing and she said she always wanted to do that but her mother would never let her.

Later that night after we returned from the Bike show and we were having a few drinks in the room and had the radio on a little loud. We had a knock on the door and it was the Manager asking us to turn the music down. We said sure and 5 minutes later the volume went back up. Another knock on the door an hour or so later it was the Manager again so we turned the radio down for 5 minutes or so. About another hour later we get another knock on the door (by now it is 2 a.m.) and guess what! It was the Manager with a Police officer. This time we turned the music off and promised to be good (at least in our room). We decided to visit the group next door because when we turned the music off we could hear that they were still up having fun. We knocked on their door (it was the guys from Racers Edge in Milton) and they invited us in and things got a little loud and oh oh a knock on the door. Karen and Al immediately thought if they see us in this room we are getting kicked out for sure so we squeezed in behind the door while the guys smoothed things over. We decided it was time to settle down as we would have a long day working the show.



The Al Fair Affair (dubbed by Randy Doan) Friday the 13th Erie Beach Hotel



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Parking Lot after the Mud Run



The mud run was the brainchild of Jeff Dulaj. He enlisted the help of Ron Gamm, Greg Gamm and Kent Hartin to help put it together. The first year there were 50 people and it grew to 500 after the fourth year. The event died off as a result of it becoming too hard to obtain permission to ride from all the governing bodies. It was laid out each year by Greg and Ron with help from a few non club members.



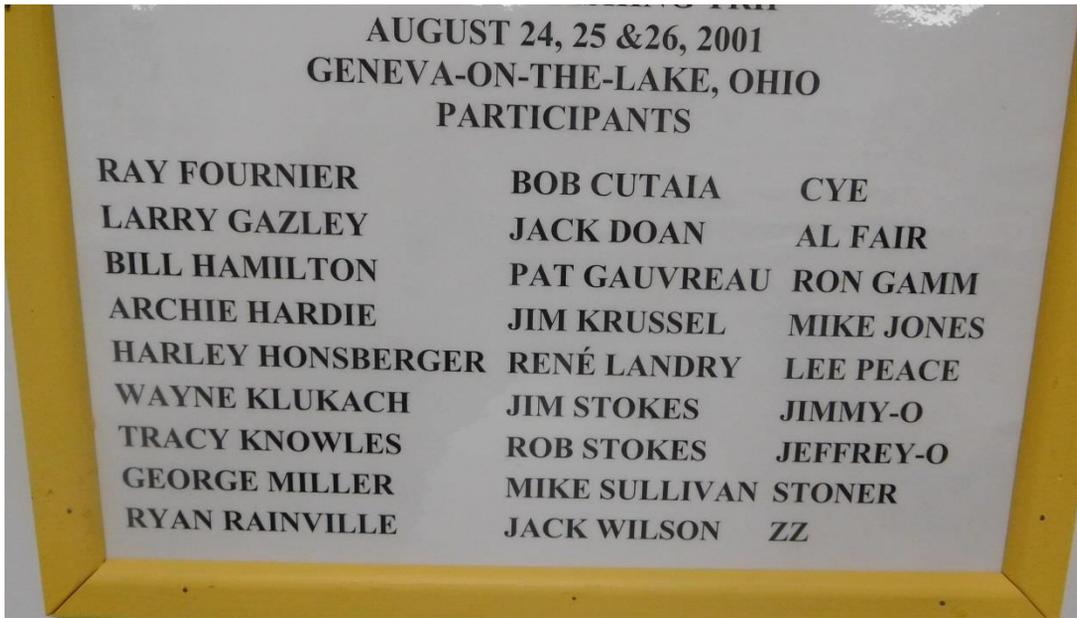


Now you can see why it was called "The Mud Run"



A Club Patch

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Participants of the 2001 Fishing Trip

Most of the usual suspects with the addition of a few friends from outside the club.

From Meeting minutes: August 29, 2001

Report on Rides and Events:

Field Meet: Small turnout but a good time. Thanks to Jeff and Bonnie Dulaj

Fishing Trip: Great Time in Geneva on the Lak Ohio



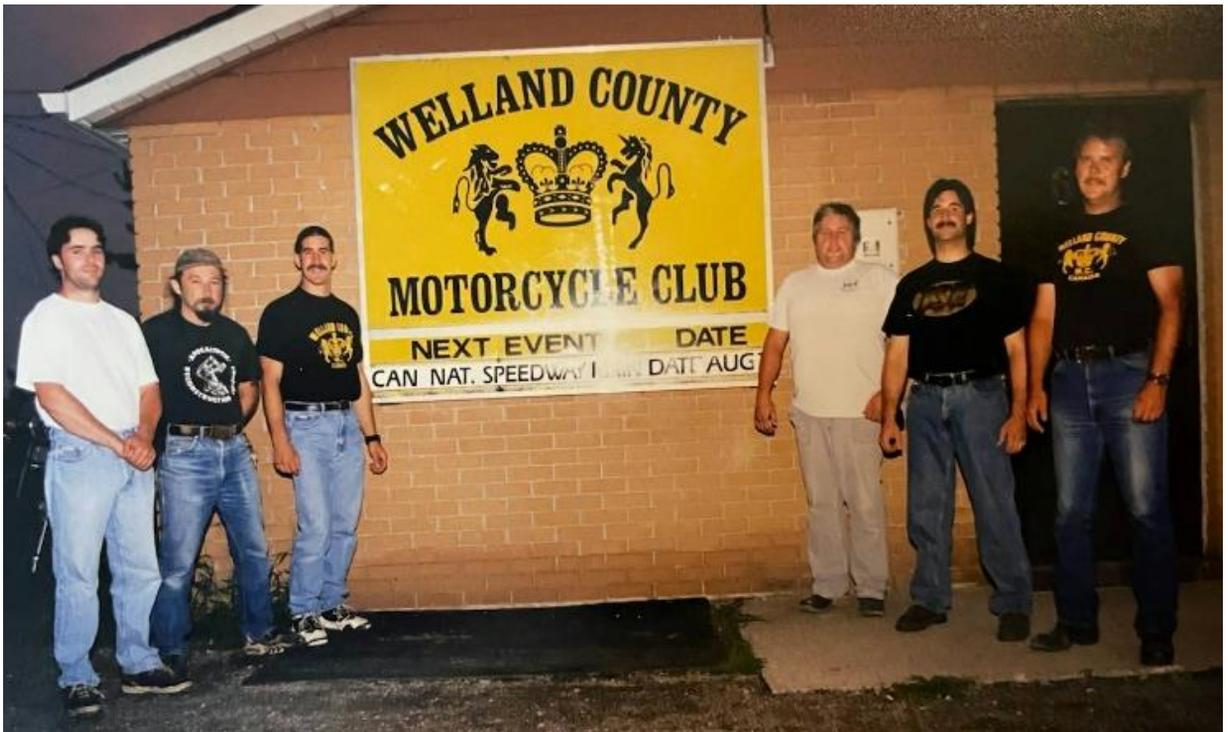
Al Fair on his new Yamaha R6

The End of an ERA.
 Al Fair had to sell his Indian Board Track Racer. He swapped bikes with Ryan Rainville for the day. Ryan took his girlfriend out for the day on Al's Harley FLH and Al got to try out Ryan's R6. Al went right to the Yamaha Dealer and bought one while he was riding Ryan's to make himself feel better about selling the Indian. The R6 was faster...

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Ryan Rainville with his R6



L-R ? Crash, Ryan Rainville, Randy Doan, Rob Rainvile and Jim Goertz

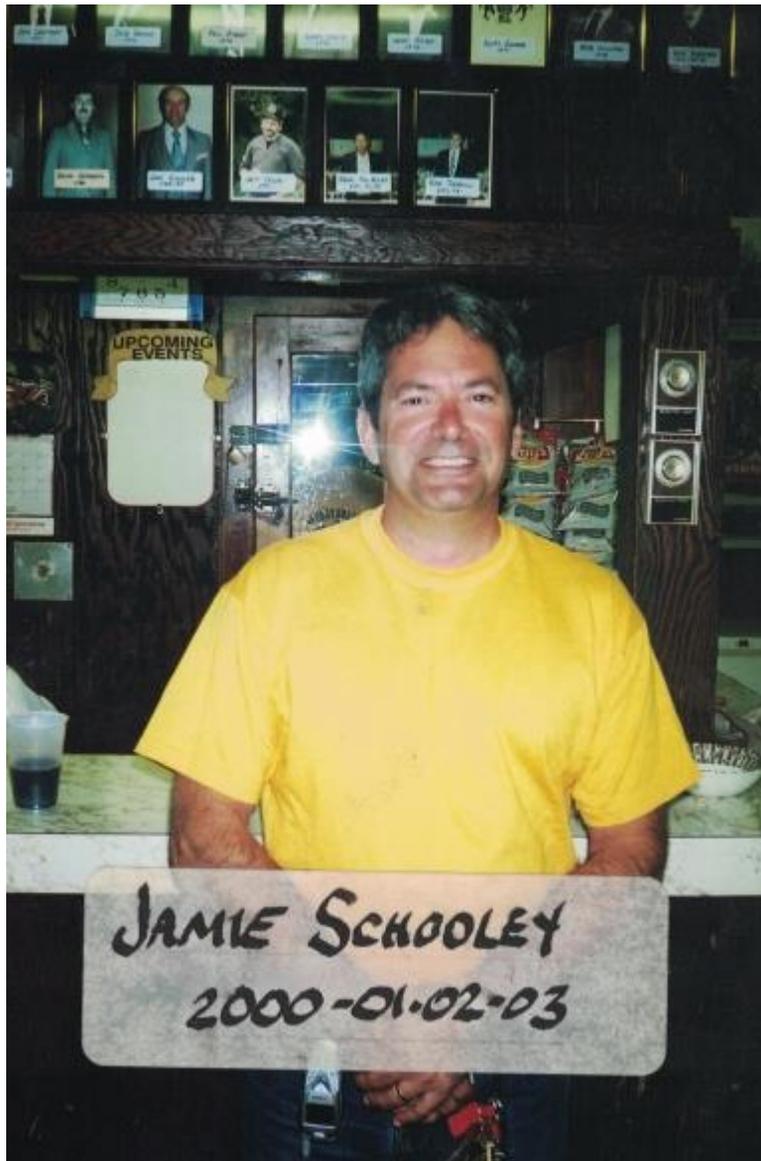
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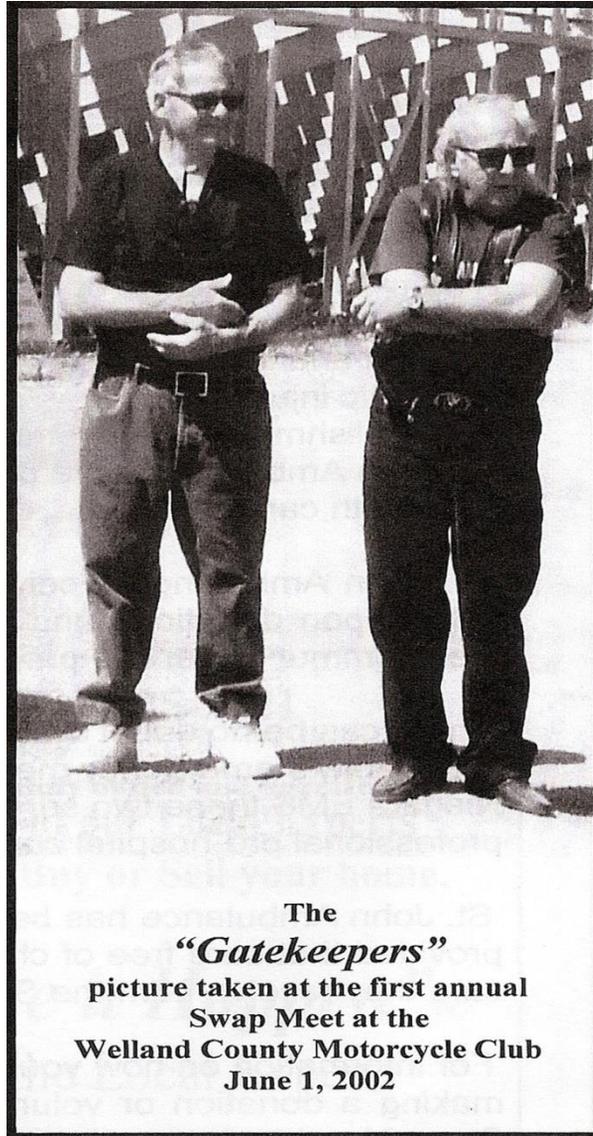
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Jack Doan and Tony Paparoni at the Swap Meet

From June 1st, 2002, WCMC first swap meet with Jack Doan and Tony Paparoni .



2002 Poki-Barbi_Dan

The Poki-Barbi-Dan is always our first ride of the season. It is a great event. This is Al Fair and his friend, Stan White (who he sold his 1985 Tourglide to) pictured at one of the stops. This stop was at Arizona's a motorcycle friendly bar on Meritville Highway. It was host to many Bike Nights as well as a stop for many motorcycle Poker Runs.

May, 1 2002 Meeting Minutes

Events and rides:

Poki-Barbi-Dan: 183 Riders and 83 Buddies. 317 for Dinner.

Southern Cruisers was the largest club in attendance.

Mike Jones thanked all the workers, steaks were great.

Crash headed up a large clean up of scrap metal in the last two weeks

Unfinished Business:

Beer Fridge tickets for sale.

Mud Run approved and ready to go Looking for a count of riders May 11th

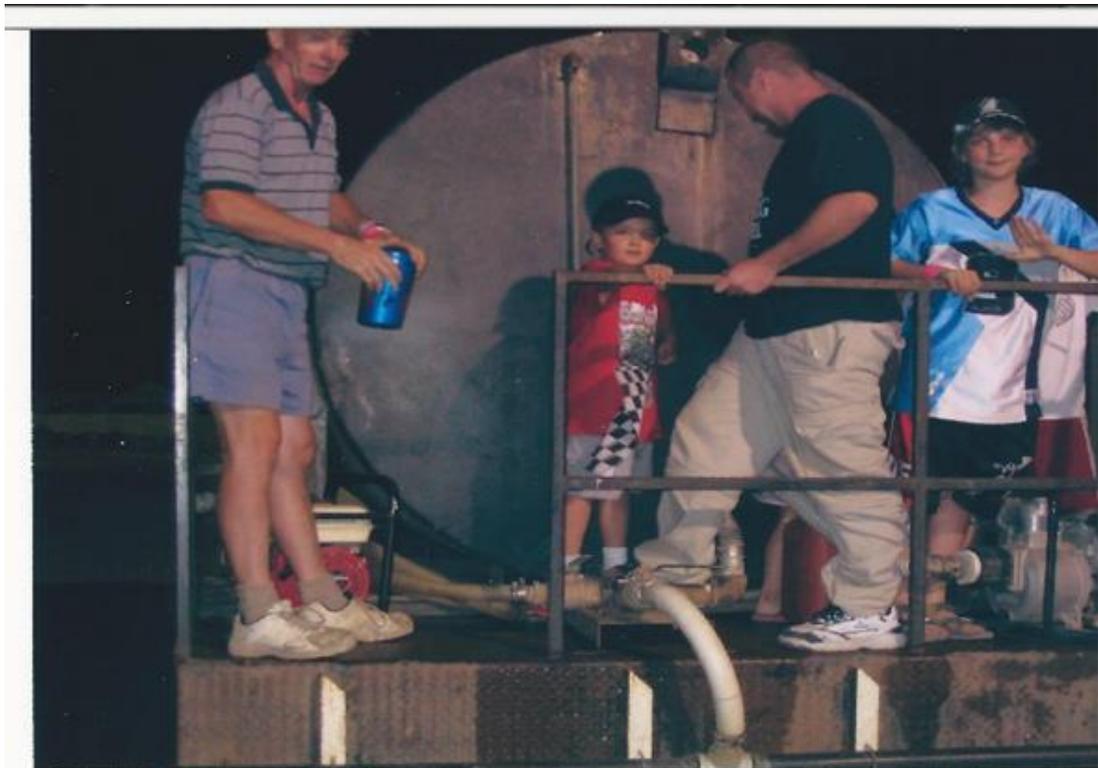
Scooter Weekend deposit received, everything is a go looking for Security.

Fishing Trip. Slight increase this year looking for \$50 deposit

Fort Erie Swap Meet this weekend.



Len Dillon Driving the New Grader



Len Dillon pictured here with his grandchildren helping him on the water truck. Len did track prep for many years and here he is hard at work. Len started doing track prep back around 1977 as a result of the track being inconsistent on a regular basis. Len has worked on track prep off and on since then and was out there helping July 3, 2021 the day before writing this. Len is a very dedicated member and racer.

Kinzua Dam Trip led by Ron Turnbull



Ron put on a weekend ride to the Kinzua Dam in Pennsylvania. The ride was attended by quite a few club members and a few non club members. I will attempt to name them but may miss someone, sorry in advance. Ron Turnbull, Jack Doan, Randy Doan, Hanna Doan (3 generations of Doans on this ride) Ray Fournier, Larry and Anna Gazley, Al Fair, Brenda Beck, Gary Markowski and Brenda Bob, Jim Paisley, Rene Landry, Jack ? (from the Vintage Club). We stayed at the Eagle Rock Motel in Tionesta P.A. The train bridge in this picture blew down in a Tornado.





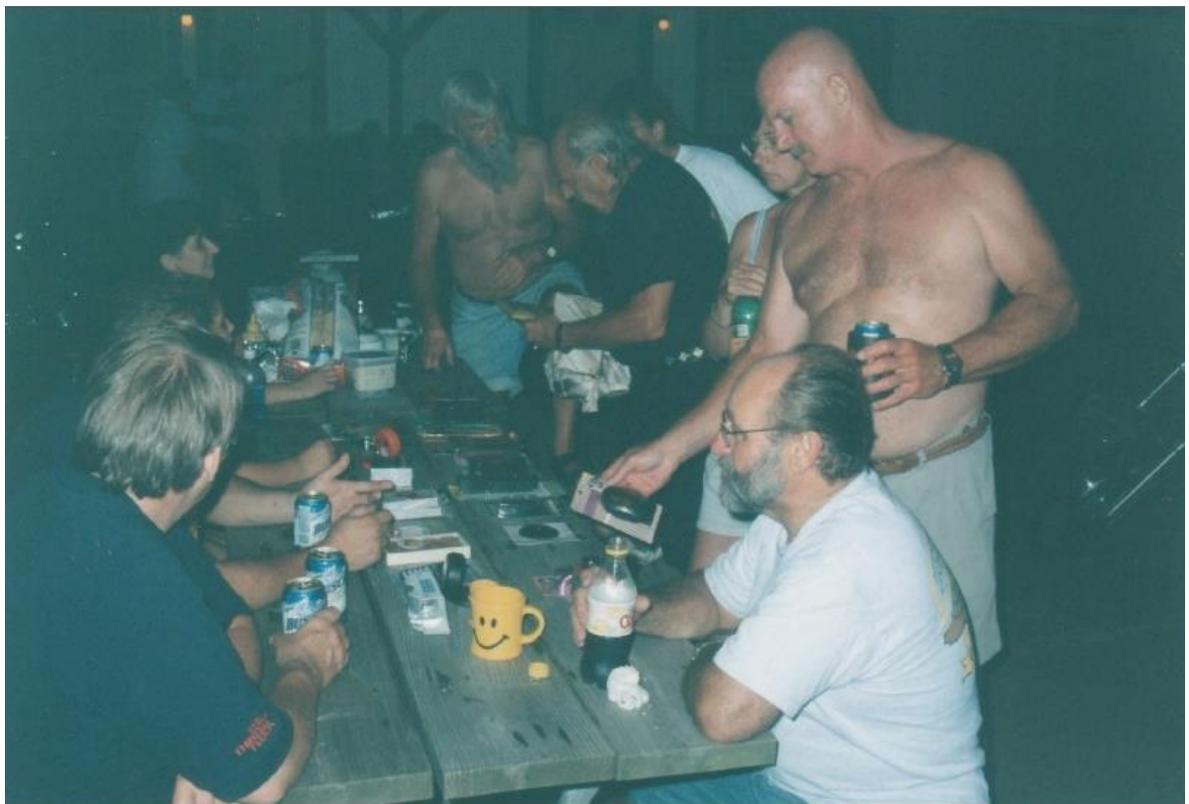
Larry and Anna Gazley



Stopping at Bob's to make sure we did not die of thirst



Sausage on the Barbi at the Eagle Rock Motel



Late night Fun at the Eagle Rock Motel

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Starting the Fishing Trip with Breakfast at Wayne Klukach's house



Saturday Afternoon Ride



One of the many Beer Breaks on the Saturday afternoon ride



Al Fair Tending Bar at the Pavilion Bar.
Does anyone recognize his customers?



Butch the Owner of the bar keeping an eye on Al



One of the features of the Fishing Trip has always been the sausage BBQ on Friday night. The boys are always hungry and tired after that loooong 3 hour ride that takes anywhere from 8 to 10 hours in reality. It is nice to roll in and have a sausage handed to you hot off the grill. Not sure who the chef is in the picture.

Friday the 13th September 2002

This was a special Friday the 13th in that a few of us itched in and rented a cottage right behind the Erie Beach Hotel which is the home of the infamous Al Fair Affair. It has yet to be determined why but things were a little more exciting this year. Read On



The Ride up along Lake Erie



The Crew at the Cottage

Front Lawn of the Erie Beach Hotel



Al Fair discovered that if Rene Landry helped him roll down the hill it made him dizzy and it felt really good so Rene helped him roll down the hill several times on the way to dinner.



Al coming back up the hill (the fun part) to do it all over again. There may have been alcohol involved.



The end result was another wonderful Al Fair Affair

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If Stan Bradbury was dubbed the Father of Canadian Speedway then his lovely wife Dorothy would have to be the mother of speedway. The first time Len Dillon (pictured with Dorothy) borrowed Stan's back up Jap speedway bike to try it out he beat Stan and Dorothy was not very happy. Since then they became life long friends. Dorothy passed away in 2002 and was missed by all.



Len Dillon accepting the Stan Bradbury Trophy presented by Stan Bradbury at the Canadian Speedway Association Banquet in 2002. Stan taught many speedway riders the art of riding a speedway bike. I had a conversation with Rob Vrbanac and he told me if you want to ride a speedway bike you better forget everything you know about riding a motorcycle. Turn right to go left open the throttle to slow down and you got it.



2002 Club Banquet Club Trophy Recipients



Racer Trophy Recipients

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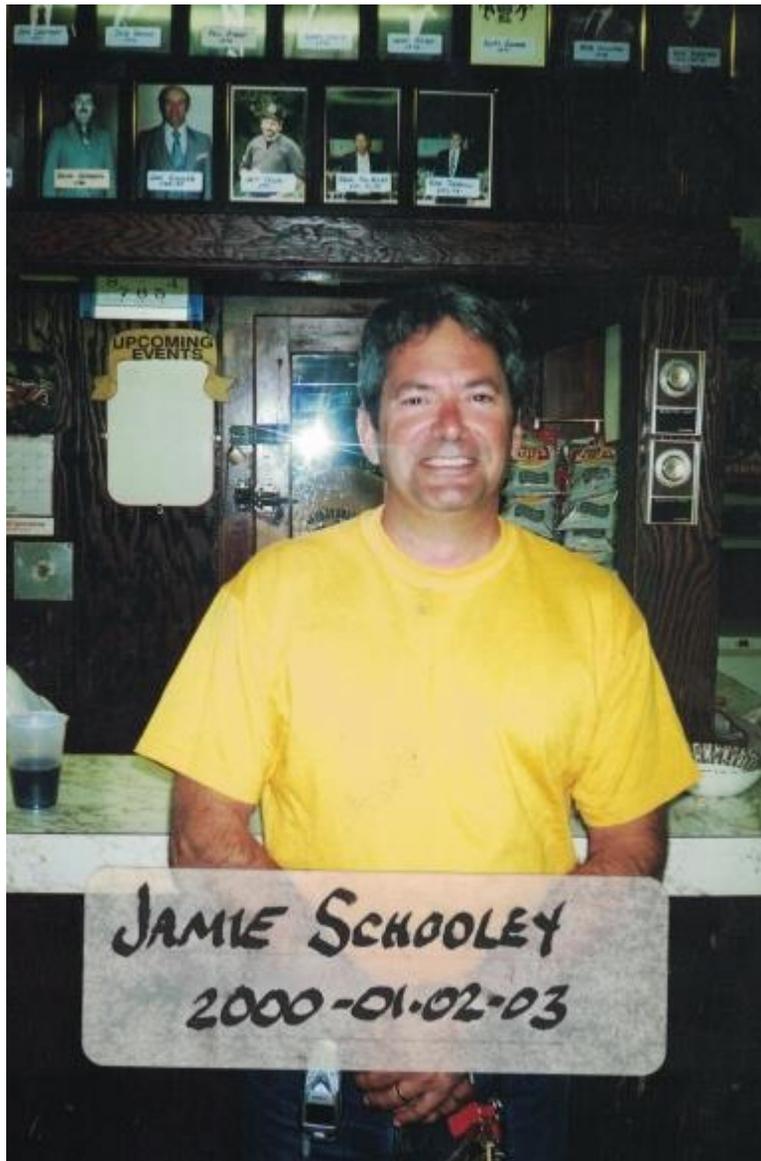
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JOHN PARKER



RAYMOND MCCLELLAND



JEFF OROSZ



KYLE LEGAULT



JEREMY HIGGINS



DONALD TAYLOR



MIKE LABELLE



KRISTINA DULAJ

Races Start - 7:30pm
 June 14: All Classes
 June 21: All Classes
 June 28: All Classes
 July 5: All Classes
 July 12: All Classes
 July 19: NMR Dirt Track
 Championship;
 July 26: NMR Speedway
 Championship;
 Aug. 2: All Classes
 Grand Finale



JOHN KEHOE



FRED LEGAULT



JOHN MCPHERSON



PHIL LITTLE



JIM GOERTZ

AND MORE...

2003 EVENTS



ANDY HARRIS

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 May 10: Spring Mud Run
 May 24: Huntington Ride For A Cure
 Poker Run With Lakeside
 Sho'n Shine Weekend Rally
 May 24 & 25
 May 31: Swap Meet
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JEFF HALL



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A Poster made up to show all of our Events for 2003

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Spring Mud Run 2003



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Spring Mud Run 2003



Ron Gamm and Kent Hartin Organizers



In 2003 Gary Labelle took Al Dunn on the back for the Mud run

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WCMC Annual Corn Roast 2003



Karen Gamm, Donna Gam, Greg Gamm, Ron Gamm and Annette

The History of the Corn Roast by Gary Markowski

Rudy Gondocs ran the Corn Roast for many years. Around 2005 Gary Markowski started helping Rudy, then about 2008 Rudy wanted to retire. He was awarded a huge "Corn Roast Trophy" for his many years of service. Rudy passed away in 2011.

Gary Markowski took over the job with the help of Jim Scott, Pat Maddalena, Joe Montovani and Don McCormack. If any helpers were missed we apologize and many thanks to all the other club members that help husk the corn.

Gary believes that every Club Member and their Families have made this event one of their favorite nights year after year.

This has been a wonderful event thanks to Bryanne Farms on Foss Rd. growing the wonderful corn for many years that has always brought a smile on everyone's face.

Harley Davidson 100th Anniversary



Al Fair had quite a fascination with Harley Davidson. He bought his first one in 1986 (a 1985 FLT). In 1998 Al went to the 95th Anniversary. Archie Hardie was working in West Bend and staying at hotel in West Bend that had Fantasy Suites (that is a story for another time). Archie happened to be back home visiting so he said I could stay in his room. I think he still felt guilty about locking me out of my van at the Poki-Barbi-Dan a few years earlier NOT. I had such a good time that I booked my motel room 5 years in advance for the 100th Anniversary to make sure I would get a room. Brenda Beck and myself head for Milwaukee in early September fully loaded and we were staying in a motel?

Al Fair and Brenda Beck at the Harley Factory (Engine Plant) in Milwaukee



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Al and Brenda at a different Harley Plant. We did all the tours. We bought so much stuff that Darlene pictured below shipped a load home for us paid for by Harley because it would not fit in the trailer. It was the only thing I ever got free from Harley.

Brenda pictured here with her Birthday Cake and Darlene. Darlene was the Director of the Harley Davidson Rider Training Program formerly the Manager of Training for Harley Davidson. That was how Al met her.



Al liked the Anniversary Logo so much he brought it home with him. He also figured with that on his back he would not have to buy any more Harley Tee shirts but that did not pan out.



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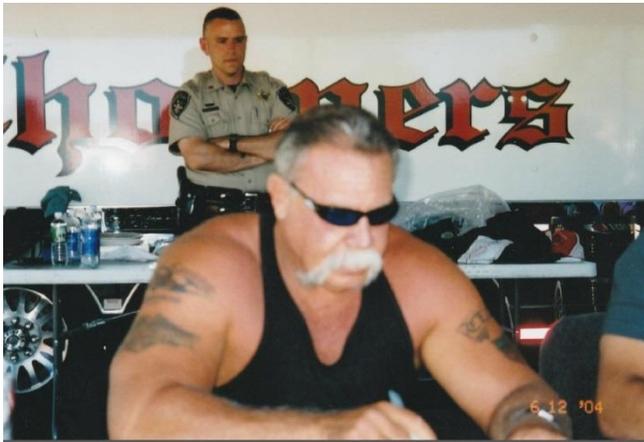


Jack Doan was our Bartender for many years. Jimmy O with his sense of Humour posted the Cracker Jack box behind the bar because Jack was a Cracker Jack Bartender.



Jack Doan hard at Work

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Americade 2004 Orange County Choppers Booth



Saturday Night at the Races



Jumpin Jeff Orosz (front) John Keho



Christie Dulaj

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The 23rd Annual Fishing Trip was a special event. We did not know it yet but on our Saturday afternoon ride we discovered a gem of a Bar called the Oasis Bar. It was owned by a very special lady who purchased it with her husband in the Forties and had run it continuously with him until he passed away and then continued to run it on her own with the help of friends and family. It became a regular stop for the next few years on the Fishing Trip until it closed. Kay was 88 years old the first time we rolled into her bar. She was not used to having that many customers show up at the same time and had to go wake up her sister from her nap before she could start serving us. She also announced that no one could buy a beer for their friend because it would be too confusing so each guy ordered and Kaye and her sister rang in each beer separately until we were all served and then it started all over for our second beer. I think was a really a ploy to keep us from drinking too much.





Kaye behind the bar with Rick Coutu ordering a beer



Archie Hardie (front) Al Fair shooting a video (rear)



Back at Dianne's Poolside Motel getting ready to go to Dinner



Jamie Schooley and Al Fair singing Born to be Wild at the Pavilion. Pretty sure Al's mike was turned off

Al Fair's 50th Birthday Party December 2004



Moe Gagnon Wes Pierce



Rick Coutu and Karen Gamm

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L to R Dag (John Soles, Wes Pierce, Archie Hardie, Jim Ewart



Joko Gagnon and Rene Landry

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