



## THE TMA NEWS

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### Editorial Comment

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Hi fellow TMA members,

Here is the 2008 Spring / Summer issue of the TMA newsletter. It has been a good winter, for snowmobilers that is, too long for most others. Well spring is now here and more bikes are appearing on the roads every day. I just put mine on the road yesterday.

If you have articles/pictures to publish in the next issue of the newsletter or on the Web Page you can give them to me at one of the rides or events, for our Fall issue. Classified Ads for the Web can be sent anytime. Please forward me your comments, or news information that you may have. This can be given to me on a Club event or emailed to me at [lynnenns@mts.net](mailto:lynnenns@mts.net).

Check out the TMA web site at <http://www.mts.net/~lynnenns/tma.htm> or call the ride line at 338-7689. Remember keep the rubber side down,

Lynn

### President's Message

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On Thursday the 25<sup>th</sup> of March I was driving from an appointment and saw my first motorcycle ( no- it was not a cruiser or a Goldwing-someone on a Harley)- out on the road for 2008- and the thought came to me- that the season is fast approaching for us to once again be on the roads as a the Touring Motorcycle Association. All winter long we talk about the rides of the past year and what we are planning for the next, and I don't know of any other group of people that seem to talk so much about the weather!

We have a great group of individuals that all share the common love for motorcycle riding and being with other that share our passion. Part of the responsibility of this sharing is ensuring that the Touring Motorcycle Association continues to be a strong and viable entity over the coming years. The present Executive of the Association will be finished with their two year mandate this April. I would ask all of the membership to seriously consider taking on one of the Executive positions for the coming two year period. We have some dedicated individuals that are the backbone of the organization- and they have graciously volunteered their time over the

past years and continue to do so into the future. But any organization requires new ideas, active participation of the membership, and a willingness to step up to the requirements that the organization demands of them. We need members to become more than just riders, or casual participants in events, we need volunteers for the Manitoba Marathon, the Weekend ride to the Viking in Gimli, and the Gimli Motorcycle races in Sept. We also need volunteers to step forward and let their names stand for the Executive positions at the April Annual meeting.

Two years has gone by so very quickly, and I sometimes wonder if another person could have taken on the role of President of the Association in 2006 and done things better? We established a Gary Whitehead Memorial fund for which the Childrens' Hospital is so very grateful- with significant donations the past two years. We certainly had fun- and lots of laughs- and the trip to Montana last year with Andre, Mel, Lance and Diane will always be a cherished memory!

I feel that my experience as President was worthwhile, enjoyable, and sometimes taxing in time and effort. But the friendships, the trips, and the socialization have certainly made up for any moments of doubt.

Thanks to the present Executive for all of their support and knowledge on how the organization runs- Bruce, Bubba, Lois, Mike, Lynn, and Eldon- and also JP. As well, Andre was always there to help with suggestions and to remind me of things left undone. Some of these people will take on new roles in the coming year- and they will have all of the support that I can give to them.- give them your support as well!

My best wishes to you all for great riding in 2008!

Allan

## Hot off the Press of the Minister of Doodads

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See me at the Spring meeting for details. Also don't forget all the regular TMA Doodads are ready for your order.

Eldon

## PARADE COORDINATOR NEWS

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Formal club Parade Events for 2008 are:

Sun, 15 Jun 08 – Manitoba Marathon

Sat/Sun, 23/24 Aug 08 – MS Biking to the Viking

Sun, 7 Sep 08 – Gimli Motorcycle Races

Please keep these dates free and come out to support your club by working these events. We need a minimum of 20 motorcycles to properly support the Marathon and MS events. Keep in mind that all participants in the Gimli Motorcycle Races help raise money for the Gary Whitehead Memorial Fund.

Other events that the club is not officially supporting, but which members should keep in mind from an individual participation basis are the MS Pembina Valley Challenge – May 31/June 1, 2008, the Cancer Care Ride – June 8, 2008, and the MS Cruising Manitoba – June 22, 2008.

Keep the shiny side up.

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## MESSAGE FROM THE RIDE CAPTAIN

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Club rides start up on May 6<sup>nd</sup>, Also come out to the Spring meeting and let us know your ideas. Ride safe.

Paul (Bubba)

## MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER

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Hi Everyone:

As you know spring is a little slow getting started (so hurry up spring!!!) and like all of you I'm looking forward to riding again. The finances are looking good going into the new season, were in the black again (boy am I ever good!!!). Looking forward to seeing you all on the road.

PS: went for a short ride on thursday..

Bruce.

## Web sites – FYI

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<http://www.mts.net/~lynnenns/tma.htm>

(Our TMA website)

<http://www.wildwoodsports.com/>

(Wildwood Motor sports)

<http://manitoba.northernstarsrider.ca/>

(Star Riders)

[www.canadianbiker.com/homepage2.html](http://www.canadianbiker.com/homepage2.html)

(Canadian Biker Magazine)

<http://www.gl1800.org/> (new Gold Wing Site)

<http://www.venturerider.org/> (Yamaha Venture site)

<http://www.wingworldmag.com/>

(Gold wing Magazine)

<http://home.hiwaay.net/%7Epvteye/wing.html>

(Gold wing Home page)

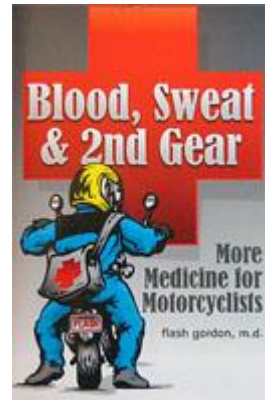
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Please email them in to be placed on web site. [lynnenns@mts.net](mailto:lynnenns@mts.net)

## Book Review

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by flash gordon, m.d.

ISBN: 978-1-884313-63-9

Dimensions (inches): 6 x 9 (15.2 x 22.9 cm)

Publisher: [Whitehorse Press](#), 2007

224 pages, B&W sketches and illustrations

First things first: Yep, that's his real name, and it's spelled correctly.

flash gordon, m.d., also known as "Doc flash" has been curing patients and kicking around online since before many of our readers were born, I dare say.

Blood, Sweat & 2nd Gear isn't my idea of a book to read before dousing the light on the nightstand, but it's packed with clear and useful information that's very easy to read and understand -- and all of it is related to motorcycling.

Chapters have titles like "Injuries Caused by Accidents" and "Potential Troubles on the Road" and there's more tips on long-distance travel, the emotional impact of riding and

fitness. Anyone contemplating a motorcycle adventure or multi-day trip would be well-served to study some of Doc's tips, and maybe even carry a copy on board.

But overall, I think "Blood, Sweat & 2nd Gear" is a useful addition to a serious motorcyclist's library, and I do think that many of the tips and tricks can help riders become more comfortable and hopefully have a longer-lasting motorcycle riding career.

## New Product Showcase

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### [Garmin Zumo 450 Motorcycle Navigator](#)

Garmin Zumo 450 Motorcycle Navigator. Garmin International is pleased to announce a new addition to the zumo family, zumo 450. Designed exclusively for motorcyclists. Zumo 450 comes preloaded with highly detailed City Navigator NT Maps, containing detailed road maps throughout the entire United States, Canada, and Puerto Rico. Map data for zumo 450 is provided by NAVTEQ, the world leader in premium quality mapping

Motorcycle Navigator, Preloaded with Highly Detailed City Navigator NT Maps, Bright Sunlight Readable UV Resistant Touch Screen Display, 6 Million Points of Interest Such as Gas Stations Restaurants, Rugged Waterproof Design, Garmin Lock Anti Theft Feature.



## MOTORCYCLE HUMOUR

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### GREAT MOTORCYCLE QUOTES AND WISDOM

Four wheels move the body. Two wheels move the soul.

Most motorcycle problems are caused by the nut that connects the handlebars to the saddle.

Life may begin at 30, but it doesn't get real interesting until about 110 mph!

You start the game of life with a full pot o' luck and an empty pot o' experience. The object is to fill the pot of experience before you empty the pot of luck.

If you wait, all that happens is that you get older.

Midnight bugs taste best.

Saddlebags can never hold everything you want, but they CAN hold everything you need.

Never try to race an old geezer, he may have one more gear than you.

It takes more love to share the saddle than it does to share the bed.

The only good view of a thunderstorm is in your rearview mirror.

Never be afraid to slow down.

Don't ride so late into the night that you sleep through the sunrise.

Sometimes it takes a whole tankful of fuel before you can think straight.

Riding faster than everyone else only guarantees you'll ride alone.

Never hesitate to ride past the last street light at the edge of town.

Never do less than forty miles before breakfast.

If you don't ride in the rain, you don't ride.

A bike on the road is worth two in the shed.

Respect the person who has seen the dark side of motorcycling and lived.

A good mechanic will let you watch without charging you for it.

Sometimes the fastest way to get there is to stop for the night.

Always back your bike into the curb, and sit where you can see it.

Work to ride & ride to work.

Whatever it is, it's better in the wind.

Two-lane blacktop isn't a highway - it's an attitude.

When you look down the road, it seems to never end - but you better believe it does.

Winter is Nature's way of telling you to polish.

Keep your bike in good repair: Motorcycle boots are NOT comfortable for walking.

People are like Motorcycles: each is

customized a bit differently.

Sometimes, the best communication happens when you're on separate bikes.

Good coffee should be indistinguishable from 50 weight motor oil.

The best alarm clock is sunshine on chrome.

The twisties - not the superslabs - separate the riders from the squids.

When you're riding lead, don't spit.

A friend is someone who'll get out of bed at 2 am to drive his pickup to the middle of nowhere to get you when you're broken down.

Catching a yellow jacket in your shirt @ 70 mph can double your vocabulary.

If you want to get somewhere before sundown, you can't stop at every tavern.

There's something ugly about a NEW bike on a trailer.

Don't lead the pack if you don't know where you're going.

Practice wrenching on your own bike.

Everyone crashes. Some get back on. Some don't. Some can't.

Don't argue with an 18-wheeler.

Never be ashamed to unlearn an old habit.

A good long ride can clear your mind, restore your faith, and use up a lot of fuel.

If you can't get it going with bungee cords and electrician's tape, it's serious.

If you ride like there's no tomorrow, there won't be.

Bikes parked out front mean good chicken-fried steak inside.

Gray-haired riders don't get that way from pure luck.

There are drunk riders. There are old riders. There are NO old, drunk riders.

Thin leather looks good in the bar, but it won't save your butt from "road rash" if you go down.

The best modifications cannot be seen from the outside.

Always replace the cheapest parts first.

You can forget what you do for a living when your knees are in the breeze.

Patience is the ability to keep your motor idling.

Only a Biker knows why a dog sticks his head out of a car window.

Keep the paint up, and the rubber down!

There are two types of people in this world, people who ride motorcycles and people who wish they could ride motorcycles.

Never ride faster than your guardian angel can fly.

"It is good to have an end to journey towards; but it is the journey that matters in the end."

Ride as if your life depended on it !!!

## Tour Destinations

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### Monument Valley



**The Classic Road Picture.**

**Monument Valley** provides perhaps the most enduring and definitive images of the American West. The isolated red mesas and buttes surrounded by empty, sandy desert have been filmed and photographed countless times over the years for movies, adverts and holiday brochures. Because of this, the area may seem quite familiar, even on a first visit, but it is soon evident that the natural colors really are as bright and deep as those in all the pictures. The valley is not a valley in the conventional sense, but rather a wide flat, sometimes desolate landscape, interrupted by the crumbling formations rising hundreds of feet into the air, the last remnants of the sandstone layers that once covered the entire region.

**Approach:** There is only one main road through Monument Valley, US 163, which links Kayenta, AZ with US 191 in Utah. The stretch approaching the AZ/UT border from the north gives the most famous image of the valley, and possibly of the whole Southwest - a long straight empty road leads across flat desert towards the 1,000 foot high stark red cliffs on the horizon, curving away just in front.

# TMA Photo Gallery

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**A close encounter of the 2 wheeled kind.  
Devils Tower.**



**Elaine & Elliott on the road in Arizona.**



**Bruce says " I think that's my bike.**



**Elaine & Elliott stop to inspect a different  
iron horse.**

# Rally Planner

Jun 02- Jun 07 2008	Americade	Lake George, NY, USA
Jul 03- Jul 06 2008	Wing Ding 30	Greenville, SC, USA
July 04 July 05 2008	Russell Ride Inn "Star Riders"	Russell, Mb
Aug04- Aug 10 2008	Sturgis Motorcycle Rally	Sturgis, SD, USA
Feb 27- Mar 08 2009	Daytona Bike Week	Daytona Beach, FL, USA

## Calendar of TMA Events

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- May 6 Niverville - Leaving from Richmond West – Pembina
- May 13 Ste. Anne – Leaving from Richmond West – Pembina
- May 20 Steinbach – Leaving from Richmond West – Pembina
- May 27 Morris – Leaving from Richmond West – Pembina
- May 31 Gary Whitehead Memorial Run to Kenora – Phone ride line for Details.**
- June 3 Stonewall – Leaving from Rivertree – North Main
- June 10 Winnipeg Beach – Leaving from Rivertree – North Main
- June 15 Manitoba Marathon - Phone ride line for details.**
- June 17 Beausejour – Leaving from Rivertree – North Main
- June 22 Pine Falls - Phone ride line for details.**
- June 24 Gimli – Leaving from Rivertree – North Main

- July 1 Steinbach – Leaving from Richmond West – Pembina
- July 8 Portage La Prairie – Leaving from Richmond West – Pembina Hwy
- July 15 Ste. Anne – Leaving from Richmond West – Pembina
- July 20 Peace Gardens – Phone ride line for details**
- July 22 Morris - Leaving from Richmond West – Pembina
- July 29 Niverville - Leaving from Richmond West – Pembina
- August 5 Gimli - Leaving from Rivertree – North Main
- August 12 Stonewall – Leaving from Rivertree – North Main
- August 17 Kenora – Phone ride line for details**
- August 19 Winnipeg Beach – Leaving from Rivertree – North Main
- August 23-24 Biking to the Viking - Phone ride line for details.**
- August 26 Oak Bank – Leaving from Rivertree – North Main
- Sept 2 Portage La Prairie – Leaving from Richmond West – Pembina Hwy
- Sept 7 Gimli Motorcycle Races - Phone ride line for details.**
- Sept 9 Ste. Anne – Leaving from Richmond West – Pembina
- Sept 13 Interlake Loop (Lundar & Hnausa)– Phone ride line for details**
- Sept 16 Steinbach – Leaving from Richmond West – Pembina
- Sept 23 Morris - Leaving from Richmond West – Pembina
- Sept 30 Niverville - Leaving from Richmond West – Pembina
- Oct 4 Windup Party – **More details later in the season.**