



## THE TMA NEWS

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### Editorial Comment

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Hi fellow TMA members,

Here is the 2009 Fall /Winter issue of the TMA newsletter.

It has been a cool summer, but a nice September. Hopefully we get a few more nice fall days before the bikes go into storage.

If you have articles/pictures to publish in the next issue of the newsletter or on the Web Page you can email them to me, for our next 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

### MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

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This position is currently vacant. We will be having elections in spring. Give some thought over the winter to whom you would like to nominate. Self-nominations are welcome.

Your Executive

### MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER OF DOODADS

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Our doodad inventory is pretty much gone except for 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary pins (makes a great Christmas gift!!)

So I am looking at putting together another order, I will have the order forms available at the Sunday breakfasts or you can just phone me. I can get t-shirts, hats, even crests.

If you have any suggestions or desires, feel free to drop me a line.

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## MESSAGE FROM THE MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR

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The TMA finished the year with a total of 39 members comprising 37 Regular members and 2 Lifetime members. Numbers are down slightly from previous years, so recruit, recruit, recruit if you have the chance. Keep the shiny side up.

Mike Culley

## PARADE COORDINATOR NEWS

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I would like to thank everyone who gave of their time to insure that in 2009 the Breast Cancer Pledge Ride, Manitoba Marathon and the MS Gimli Bikeathon were safe and successful.

I appreciate that as motorcyclists, we sometime have a slightly "evil" appearance to the balance of the community. That opinion is quickly dispelled when we provide services to the community. This is true whether the police believe it or not. Give some guys uniforms and they think they are G-D or worse the Gestapo. I have, as I am sure you all have, received thanks from many people who really appreciate our being there and helping to insure the safety of the people who:

- participate in these events
- raise funds in support of the research to end these terrible afflictions

I tell them that we enjoy our sport and would be please to assist their worthwhile cause again in the future. The pat on the back that I receive is totally due to your efforts and I thank you again for participating in these events.

This year our role in patrolling the Manitoba Marathon was changed and far fewer riders were required. Some of us felt that we no longer served a valued function. This is not true. Our role may have changed, fewer riders will be needed in future, but the service we do provide and will again, is needed is to provide service of an emergency nature, in a very rapid

manner (More fun for us going thru barricades and around crowds).

I look forward to your continued support.

Elliott

## MESSAGE FROM THE RIDE CAPTAINS

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This position is currently vacant. We will be having elections in spring. Give some thought over the winter to whom you would like to nominate. Self-nominations are welcome.

Also be sure to check the ride line for winter events.

Your Executive

## MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER

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Hi:

Bad news summers over!! O well on to new and exciting adventures for the winter - not!!. My holidays were a little shorter than I'd hoped but had a good season overall and looking forward to next year.

A quick update of our financial statement:  
(estimates only until the AGM)

Money in the bank:	\$831.00
Money from 50/50:	\$227.00
Total	\$1058.00

Expenses form windup: \$454.00

Total amount in Account: \$604.00

See you all at breakfast

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/%7Eepvteye/wing.html>

(Gold wing Home page)

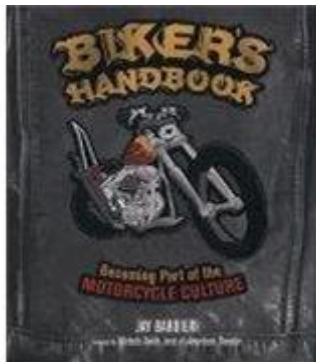
## Classified

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This space is open to members. Just send in before next newsletter.

## Book Review

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### **Biker's Handbook: Becoming Part of the Motorcycle Culture**

This book, by someone who knows motorcycles as few do, provides a road map to biker culture for anyone new to the experience. Jay Barbieri begins with a brief history of motorcycles, and draws on his twenty-five years of riding experience for examples of what works and

doesn't in this heady world. With hundreds of motorcycle trips under his belt, there is not a mistake Barbieri hasn't made or a situation he hasn't encountered. By sharing the sometimes comical outcomes, he gives the new biker a nearly risk-free way to become more comfortable, credible, and knowledgeable about joining a truly American community.

- **Price \$13.57**

## New Product Showcase

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**RAINCO  
AT®  
ADVANCED  
WATER  
REPELLENT  
COATING**



**Summary:** Applied to a motorcycle visor, Raincoat repels water. After a helmet visor is treated, the water will bead into tiny drops and roll off. When riding a motorcycle, the air moving over the helmet quickly evacuates the water droplets from the visor.



### **Conclusion**

Raincoat definitely works to repel most water from polycarbonate motorcycle helmet visors and other plastic visors and goggles. The effect

is very noticeable when riding in the rain, where the water simply beads up and rolls off the visor, greatly assisted by air moving over the visor.

MotoSolutions claims that Raincoat can also help keep the visor clean because water drops that may contain dust or dirt don't stick to the visor. It doesn't seem to have any effect on bugs sticking to the visor initially, but it does seem easier to clean the visor afterwards. I use lukewarm tap water to clean the visor by simply rub the water on the visor with my fingers.

I think the product might even be worth trying on the windshield on one of those stuck in the rain trips. Keeping a couple of packets under the seat to have on hand in case of rain could be well worth it.



## MOTORCYCLE HUMOUR

**Self-Assessment Test: Who are you, anyway? What kind of motorcyclist are you? Take this easy test and find out!**

1) When you ride by a cop, do you expect:

- a) A return of your friendly wave
- b) A day in traffic school
- c) A high-speed chase

2) Proper riding attire is:

- a) Aerostich suit
- b) Torn red, white, and blue racing leathers
- c) Oakley blades

3) Do you pass other vehicles:

- a) Only when legal
  - b) Only when safe
  - c) By forcing them off the road
- 4) What was the first modification to your bike?

- a) Premium tires
- b) A loud exhaust
- c) A neon paint job

5. A helmet should be:

- a) DOT or SNELL approved
- b) Replaced after a crash
- c) Bungied to the back of the bike

6. Riding in groups can be advantageous because:

- a) It makes you more visible to other motorists
- b) There is always help when someone crashes
- c) There is always someone to race

7. A pre-ride inspection consists primarily of:

- a) Checking the operation of the controls and the condition of the brakes
- b) Checking the tires and footpegs to see how far over you're getting
- c) Checking your hair in the mirror

8. When sitting at a stoplight you should:

- a) Keep your hands on the controls and scan your mirrors
- b) Try to anticipate the green light
- c) Rev the engine to attract attention

9. What motorcycling skill do you most value?

- a) Counter steering
- b) Hanging off
- c) Burnouts

Analysis of answers:

If you answered (a) to most questions, you are the consummate gentleman biker. Regardless of the marque you ride, you are consistently kind to children, animals, and other living creatures. You contribute generously to charity, and attend the annual Policeman's Ball without fail. You ride to work in a three-piece suit, protected by your Aerostich riding gear.

If you answered (b) to most questions, you are an avid rider who truly feels the need for speed. You are keenly concerned with trying to identify new riding techniques that will put you at the front of the pack, and enjoy practicing late braking, late apexing, and late nights with equal enthusiasm.

If you answered (c) to most questions, you are more than likely the quintessential squid. Uninsurable, and loved only by yourself and Mom, not even a sledgehammer could knock sense into your thick skull.

### **2009 Americade Rally Pups on Parade**

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Laughlin isn't the only spring rally out there.

Americade is the awesomest gathering of Gold Wings, trikes, and pet-carrying motorcycle enthusiasts in the universe. Getting to see a dog in a leather vest and goggles ride shotgun on a Harley-PRICELESS!

This happy pup is Tippy. Hard at work here helping the American Cruisers Motorcycle Club raise money for Gilda's Club Capital Region New York ([www.gccrny.org](http://www.gccrny.org)). For a donation you could get your picture taken with one of the AMA's cutest members.



Beyond the pups, Americade is one of the world's largest multi-brand touring rallies, taking place every June in Lake George, NY. Plenty of vendors, rides and fleets of demo bikes make it a must visit stop. According to Americade founder Bill Dutcher, attendance was virtually the same as last year-even in a down economy. Next year's Americade will be June 7-12, 2010. You can get more information at rally's website, [www.tourexpo.com](http://www.tourexpo.com).

### **Honda Celebrates 50 Years in the USA**

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It was on June 12, 1959, when American Honda opened their headquarters on Pico Blvd, in Los Angeles, less than two miles from Cruiser's current headquarters. Honda is thought of primarily as a Japanese motorcycle and automaker, but their roots in the USA are deep, as the first Japanese company to build bikes and cars here in the US, as well as export cars back to Japan. Although primarily an automaker today-motorcycle manufacturing was shifted back to Japan a few years ago-Honda will always be a passionate motorcycle manufacturer at their core.



**Here's a few moto-centric dates in Honda's American history provided by the company:**

- . 1959 Honda arrives in America and sells 1700 Super Cub, Benly and Dream motorcycles.
- . 1962 Honda launches long-running "You meet the nicest people on a Honda" campaign, to remake the post Wild Ones motorcyclist image.
- . 1963 Crosses 800 dealer threshold
- . 1968 Sells one millionth motorcycle
- . 1969 Starts selling cars in US. Honda motorcycles start to drop to the background.
- . 1975 Establishes American R&D department, and releases GL1100 GoldWing long-distance touring bike.
- . 1979 begins manufacturing motorcycles in Marysville, OH.
- . 2007 Releases first motorcycle airbag system for GoldWing.

**Top 10 Moto Museums**

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Trying to go for a theme while you're planning your road trip next season? Here's one: Think about hitting up these shrines to two-wheel culture along the way.



**AMA Motorcycle Hall Of Fame Museum  
Pickerington, Ohio**

As you'd guess, the Motorcycle Hall of Fame Museum is all about the history of motorcycling. Opening this summer is an exhibit honoring motorcycle designer Arlen Ness. [motorcyclemuseum.org](http://motorcyclemuseum.org)

**The Solvang Vintage Motorcycle Museum  
Solvang, California**

This hidden gem near Santa Barbara shelters a nice assortment of vintage and rare bikes. The broad collection offers something for everyone, but the emphasis is really on racing motorcycles. [motosolvang.com](http://motosolvang.com) or 805.686.9522

**The Rocky Mountain Motorcycle Museum  
Colorado Springs, Colorado**

The Rocky Mountain Motorcycle Museum and Hall of Fame houses more than 70 restored vintage and antique Indians, Harley-Davidsons, Excelsiors, Hondas and Triumphs. 719.487.8005



**Wheels Through Time  
Maggie Valley, North Carolina**

A must-have experience if you're anywhere on the central East Coast. Dale Walksler's shrine to vintage transportation includes more than 250

rare antique motorcycles exhibited in fascinating period displays.  
wheelsthroughtime.com

**Kersting's Cycle Center  
North Judson, Indiana**

The cigar-store Indian that greets you outside the main entrance of Jim Kersting's collection is a clue that you're in America's heartland.  
kerstingscycle.com 574.896.3172



**Barber Vintage Motorsports Museum  
Birmingham, Alabama**

George Barber wanted to preserve motorcycle history in the United States, but his focus was on rigs that actually run. barbermuseum.org  
205.699.7275

**The Shop  
Ventura, California**

If you're into American bikes, The Shop's your place. The joint stocks Indian, Harley-Davidson, Crocker and Henderson Motorcycle parts. cycleshop.com



**National Motorcycle Museum  
Anamosa, Iowa**

You'll roll through acres of undulating cornfields to get to this extensive collection of vintage motorcycles, photographs, posters, postcards and all manner of motorcycle memorabilia (plus a cool stash of antique toys).  
nationalmcmuseum.com



**Owls Head Transportation Museum  
Owl's Head, Maine**

It has an extraordinary collection of cars, motorcycles, bikes and planes, displayed in a hangarlike building at the edge of the Knox County Airport. ohtm.org



**Harley-Davidson Museum  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin**

The H-D Museum will "celebrate the rich history of the Company, the passion of its riders, the stories of the employees and much more see more details at h-d.com.

# TMA Photo Gallery

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**Windup Picnic Site**



**What a feast!**



**Party Time.**



**No-one knew what he was doing, but it looks important.**



**A meeting of the minds.**



**Now that's a lunch bag!**

## Show Planner

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Jan15-17 2010	Toronto Motorcycle Show	International Center
Jan 8-10 2010	Calgary Bike show	Calgary Roundup Center Stampede Park
Jan 15- 17 2010	Edmonton Bike Show	Northlands Agricom
Jan 21- 24 2010	Vancouver Bike Show	Tradex Exhibition Center, Abbotsford
Feb 5-7 2010	Cycle World International Motorcycle Show	Minneapolis Convention Center Minneapolis, MN

**RIDE LINE:** 204-338-7689

**-SCHEDULED TIME FOR ALL  
BREAKFASTS IS 10:00AM**

## TMA Winter Schedule

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**Nov 1 Park Place - 233 Regent Ave  
Nov. 15 Paladin - 588 Des Meurons**

**Dec. 6 Garbonzo's - Pembina  
Dec. 12 Xmas Cheer Board Hamper Delivery  
Dec. 20 Johnnies – 382 Marion**

**Jan. 3 Cookatoos - 1069 Sargent Ave  
Jan. 9 Bingo Bowl – Windsor Park Lanes  
Jan. 17 Park Place - 233 Regent**

**Feb. 7 Garbonzo's - Pembina  
Feb 20 Midwinter Blues Party- TBD  
Feb. 21 Jefferies - 1420 Henderson Hwy**

**Mar. 7 Johnnies - 382 Marion  
Mar.21 Cookatoos -1069 Sargent Ave**

**Apr. 4 Paladin - 588 Des Meurons  
Apr. 18 Jefferies - 1420 Henderson Hwy  
Apr. 27 Annual General Meet - Marion Hotel**

**Please note:-**It is important to check the ride line a couple of days before a Sunday breakfast to ensure that the location has not changed. It is unlikely that this will happen but due to circumstances beyond our control, it is a possibility.