



Clutch Chatter

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President's Message

August Run -August 12th

Mike and Diane Muir hosted this run, starting at the Omeemee Car wash. There was a good turn out .The run went to the driving range at Blue Heron Golf Club on Lansdowne, (where everyone prepared for the game at Doug's) and then had a picnic lunch at Ennismore Park. They also visited Whetung Gift Shop and Galloway Art Gallery.



Practising hard to win at the Fowler's

Fowler's Corn Roast - August 26th 2007

There was good turn out for the Fowler's Annual Golf Tournament and Corn Roast. The winner of the Men's trophy was Randy Couture, and the lady's trophy went to Marg Inglis. Thanks once again Helen, Doug and their family for sponsoring this enjoyable event for the Car Club.



Doug, a good host as always

Overnight Run to Collingwood

Thirteen cars left Lindsay on the run on Saturday 8th September to head to Collingwood. We picked up- the Weekes TR6 on Highway 12, with a short stop for an alternator change (no comments Ken). We were joined at the motel by latecomers, Sandy and Bill Heron and their little dog. The weather was cool in the mornings, but by lunch everyone had their tops down (just soft-tops Ken). The route was very well-planned, with interesting stops at the Restoration Guild, where we saw some fantastic restorations in progress, then through Holland landing to Creemore, to once more try out the ales at the brewery, followed by lunch in the park. The winners of the travel quiz were as usual Jim and Bonnie, and Russ and Linda. (more accusations of quiz fixing!) Many of us went to the Blue Mountain village to test more beer, then back to the hotel for snacks and socializing followed by dinner at Mary's restaurant.

Sunday morning saw us meet at the General Store for Breakfast, followed by a run led by members of the GBBC which took us on roads with scenic views of the Blue Mountains, ending at for a great lunch. Then home. A great weekend and many thanks to Ann and Don for planning the trip, and to Ann for great keeping everyone organized and informed throughout the weekend.



Ladies at Blue Mountain Village



Serious business at Brewery! 0



Lunch time stop for Bangers and Mash!

Upcoming events -

Fall Colour Tour - September 30th

The Fall Colour Tour is on September 30th. We will meet at Flynn's Corner at 9:30 AM. (junction of highways 36 and 507). We will be visiting several artists and craftspeople participating in the Haliburton County Studio Tour. Lunch will be at Halimar Lodge on Kashagawigamog Lake. Lunch includes soup of the day with a side salad and delicious warm bread, a choice of three entrees (Feta Frittata - an oven baked crustless quiche with fresh peppers, onion, tomato and feta, Grilled Chicken with mango salsa, Vegetarian Pasta tossed in a light tomato cream sauce topped with toasted pine nuts and goat cheese). Dessert (apple pie or creme caramel) and coffee/tea are included at a cost of \$20.00 per person including taxes and tip. Please confirm to

Bonnie Hancock by September 21st. (705 793-2915 or jim.hancock@sympatico.ca)

**Annual General Meeting November 4th
- Hosts Pat Goode and Steve Zahorec**

Inside Track

There are 3 remaining races left in the F1 season, my money is on Fernando Alonso to repeat as champion even though Mclaran is in turmoil at the moment.

Sunday was a sad day for motor racing with the passing of Colin Mcrae in a helicopter accident.

Colin was world Rally Champion in 1995 and 5 time British rally champion.

He started on motorcycles winning 2 titles at the age of 14, prompting world champion Valentino Rossi to dedicate his win at the Portuguese GP on Sunday to Colin.

Tech Tip.

This isn't really a tech tip, more a consumer tip.

With our dollar at near parity with the US dollar make sure to shop around, some things to do with British cars I buy out of province, the savings can be worth it..

TIRES.

, Save big in the USA, the "Tire Rack" online is the cheapest I have found. They will ship anywhere. Second is "PEP BOYS" almost everywhere in the US and "BIG BOB'S" in Detroit are almost half what you pay in Ontario.

OIL.

Go to any motorcycle shop in the US and save on oil, Harley Davidson dealers sell 20/50 synthetic for 45% less than here. I run this in my Triumph and it lasts all season.(Bob Deshane's article Clutch Chatter)

CLEANING PRODUCTS.

S100 engine cleaner, \$8.00 a bottle in the US, \$ 17.99 here.

E-BAY.

What would I do without it, probably the greatest way of saving money ever invented, worldwide shopping and price comparison. However, NEVER get it sent to Ontario the government will make you bend over and pay, I have a US address I use. Some clubs are getting PO boxes and doing monthly runs now.

I recently bought a car dolly, in Ontario this model sells for \$ 1275.00 in Buffalo NY \$675.00.

When prices here will reflect our dollar value I do not know, but don't hold your breath.

The Final Word