



EDMONTON TOY RUN ASSOCIATION

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NEWSLETTER

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Santa's Mailbag

Hello Everyone!!!

Wow what an amazing start to the 2025 motorcycle season. It was great to see so many of you at the YEG motorcycle show, and again at the incredibly successful BC/DC concert where we raised a pile of cash for the Edmonton Toy Run. Congrats to our 50/50 winners, and of course congrats to Ryan, who won the \$10,000 James H Brown dream bike raffle!!!

We are starting to see more and more motorcycles on the road, remember take it easy. It is very easy to twist the throttle, but remember, there are consequences to speeding, and or breaking the rules of the road.

Traffic violations can result in both monetary fines and demerit points on a driver's record. These penalties are part of the province's effort to promote safe driving and reduce collisions on the road.

Traffic fines vary based on the offence and apply equally to motorcyclists and drivers of other vehicles.

However, motorcyclists have additional safety and equipment regulations, and violations can result in specific penalties. Here are some of the most common fines in Alberta.

Common Traffic Fines (All Vehicles)

Speeding Fines and Demerit Points:

- Speeding 1-15 km/h over the limit: Fine ranges from \$81 to \$126, and you receive 2 demerit points.
- Speeding 16-30 km/h over the limit: Fine ranges from \$163 to \$991, and you receive 3 demerit points.
- Speeding 31-50 km/h over the limit: Fine ranges from \$163 to \$991, and you receive 4 demerit points.
- Speeding 51 km/h or more over the limit: Fine could be up to \$2,300, may include a mandatory court appearance, and you receive 6 demerit points. This can also lead to license suspension.

- Distracted Driving: \$300 fine plus 3 demerit points
- Running a Red Light: \$405 fine
- Driving Without Insurance: \$2,875 fine minimum
- Careless driving 6 demerit points
- Failing to remain at the scene of a collision 7 demerit points.

Motorcyclists must follow both general traffic laws and motorcycle-specific rules.

Here are some common infractions unique to motorcycle riders:

Infraction, Fine, Demerit Points

- Operating without a Class 6 license *\$310 *0 demerits
- Failure to wear an approved helmet *\$162 *0 demerits
- Passenger without helmet *\$162 *0 demerits
- Carrying passenger without proper footpegs/seating *\$162 *0 demerits
- Stunting (e.g., wheelies, standing on seat) *\$567 *3 demerits
- *Excessive noise (modified exhaust systems)* *\$115-\$250 * 0 Demerits
- No visible license plate or improper display *\$162 *0 demerits

When it comes to demerit points, they are tracked by Alberta's Ministry of Transportation:

When a fully Licensed driver hits 15 points, license suspension.

When a GDL driver hits 8 points, license suspension.

Motorcyclists face greater risk on the road, so it's vital to comply with traffic laws, and safety regulations. Wearing proper gear, obeying speed limits, and ensuring your motorcycle is in legal condition can protect both you, and your wallet.

Don't forget to check out our events page. We have lots going on this year, including Friday Night Bike

Nights at the A&W 11135 – 149 th Street, where all Edmonton Toy Run members will receive 50% off food every Friday evening at Cruisin the Dub. We have your membership cards, good for the season, and a free Teen Burger combo for you on Either May 16th or May 23rd . Thank you for being an Edmonton Toy

Run Member, we appreciate your support, and we look forward to seeing you at the upcoming events.

Always remember to enjoy the ride!!

Jay Padilla

Planning Committee Chair

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WestJet Trip For Two - A Word from our 2024 Raffle Winner - Reuben Kane

Last year during the Edmonton Toy Run's event, my name was drawn for WestJet's Gift Of Flight for Two. My girlfriend Christina Kilbride and myself chose to go to Costa Rica for a two week vacation. This was my first trip outside Canada with my first passport, which she helped me acquire for the trip.

Our first week was spent at a quaint little duplex called The Turtle House in Potrero. The other side of the duplex was empty, so it was like we had a small house to ourselves. We spent a lot of time here just enjoying the peace and tranquility that comes with a gated community just outside of a small town. We spent casual mornings having breakfast and venturing out to town for different things at local stores. We ended up renting a small electric three wheeled scooter to get us around a little easier and extend the range of our freedom in this new country we were experiencing. We picked a different beach to go to each afternoon to sun ourselves and enjoy the ocean. I had never been to an ocean before, so it was quite an experience for me. In the evenings at our little Turtle House the neighbourhood stray cats would come out for cuddles and handouts of food. There were also lots of iguanas and geckos around, so it was cool to see them. We were both a little sad to leave here because it was such a cool little place to stay.

Our last week in Costa Rica was spent at a condominium complex in a larger town called Coco about an hour and a half north of Potrero. Here we rented a little bigger scooter that was gas powered and was a little better for carrying the two of us plus some groceries too.

Our first day in Coco was spent travelling 2 hours north by bus to Rincon de la Vieja Volcano in a National Park, Northwest of Liberia Costa Rica. Here we had lunch at the mountain hacienda before heading up a hiking path to the hot springs where we had a mud bath and sat in the natural hot springs for the afternoon. Our bus trip back brought us just up to dusk for the end of the first day.

The rest of the week here was just becoming accustomed to living in a small town in another country. Most days were spent on our little scooter riding to different beaches in the area. We even managed to meet some friends of Christina's family for lunch and some Canadian riding friends that happened to be down in Costa Rica the same time as we were.

Our last day in Costa Rica was spent riding our little scooter about an hour north west of Coco to another National Park where we saw White Faced Monkeys in a protected bay and beach area.

That concluded our vacation with WestJet and we flew home the next day. All in all it was a great experience for this Canadian Boy and his Girl. ❤️



Who will be our next winner?

WESTJET

Get your tickets for the **WestJet Gift of Flight** raffle in support of the Edmonton Toy Run.

Tickets are only \$20 each and you could win

ONE ROUND TRIP FLIGHT FOR TWO GUESTS
to any regularly scheduled and marketed WestJet destination.

Tickets are available at any of our events or through the website: <https://edmontontoyrun.org/raffles>

AGLC licence #728222

Draw date: September 21st, 2025

Where will your travels take you?

Upcoming Events by Edmonton Toy Run

May 20th - Co-Host Bike Night @ Blackjacks with OBB

May 27th - Bike Night @ Blackjacks

July 22nd - Bike Night @ Blackjacks

August 16 - 2nd Annual Poker Run at Six Pack Saloon.

This year, bike games will be added to the fun.

August 19th - Co-Host Bike Night @ Blackjacks with OBB

September 16th - Bike Night @ Blackjacks

September 21st - 42nd Annual Edmonton Toy Run.

Check out our web page for even more events!

<https://edmontontoyrun.org/event-calendar->

Featured Rider(s)

As we usher in a beautiful start to spring here in Edmonton and surrounding area, I know you are all, as we are, so excited for all things riding! When we came together as an executive, with the Edmonton Toy Run (ETR), we all agreed that who better to feature than a long time rider, friend and supporter of the ETR than Reuben! Reuben is well known in the bike community to many as a generous and committed supporter of charity rides, being warm hearted and welcoming.. but I bet we will all learn something new about Reuben and riding with this month's spotlight!

Reuben, can you tell us what inspired you to start riding a motorcycle and how long have you been riding?

I've been riding some sort of two or three wheeled machine since I was about 8 years old. My first bike was an old Honda C90 from the mid '60's. Lots of dirt bikes and snowmobiles in my teens while living at home. I spent most of my 20's not riding and more interested in driving and working hot rod cars. My sister and I decided we could start riding street bikes as something fun to do together, so I bought my first street bike the year I turned 36 in 2009. It was a 2003 Triumph Speedmaster 790cc, I still have it today.

Do you have a favorite make/model of bike? And why?

Favourite make would be Triumph. I just love unique bikes, which is why I fell in love with a Triumph's Parallel Twin Engine and the sound of it. It's just music to my heart and soul.



My Friend Sheldon and I both have Triumph Speedmasters.

What do you consider your biggest riding achievement?

Biggest riding achievement for me I would say, is just supporting all my favourite charities that are helpful to the riding community and the community in general. Cancer Rides, Memorial Rides and Toy Runs are by far my favourite!



On my first street bike going on the Edmonton Toy Run.

Have you done a long-distance trip on your bike and if yes, where did you go?

I've done a few long distance trips in my time riding. BC bike trips here and there are always fun and memorable because of the scenery. But the most memorable long distance trip I did was riding solo to Carman, Manitoba to see my Grandmother. There's something about travelling alone and riding at your own pace that's so peaceful and soulful. You can ride as long as you want or stop as many times as you want, whenever and wherever you want. On the return trip home I pushed hard to make my destination and rode 1100 km from sun up to sun down. That's personally my most memorable trip and I'm yet to break my own distance record.



Stopped at The Ruby Cafe in Rouleau, Saskatchewan where they filmed Corner Gas TV Sitcom.

Reuben, what advice would you give to someone who is considering taking up riding?

Ironic question actually, because just this past week at work a guy touched on this very subject and I told him the same thing that I tell everyone who asks about riding or wants to for the first time...

“Take A Riding Safety Course! They Can Teach Even A Seasoned Rider Things They Didn’t Or Wouldn’t Know.”

My sister and I took a riding course together when we first started riding street bikes and it was of great benefit to both of us.

How do you manage the risks associated with riding a bike?

Accept them... but first and foremost, and I can’t stress this enough is... pay attention to your surroundings and your position in traffic. Always pay attention to where the next threat to your safety might be coming from. You are the one that’s in control of your bike and it’s your responsibility to make sure you (and your passenger) aren’t in a position where you can’t be seen, or that might be dangerous.

How has riding changed other areas of your life?

Patience I guess. I mean, I think I had patience before, but riding has taught me that being patient and observing things can often lead to better judgement of any subject or situation at hand.

What do you love most about riding?

People... and I’m not much of a people person when it comes to crowds, but the people you meet riding are some of the most down to earth and memorable people I have ever met in my life. I’ve made some really great friendships from and while riding.

Do you have a favourite memory?

I don’t think I could pin it down to just one memory, but I do have three simple words... Six Pak Saloon... All of the memorable people that create the good memories I have experienced are there.



From Left to Right Darcey Salyn, Richard Urban and Myself. Just hanging out with my Buds at Six Pak Saloon.

If you could ride anywhere in the world, where would that be and why?

If I had a choice to ride anywhere, it would be somewhere warm year round, so I could ride all the time. Maybe closer to some mountains and backcountry, so I could have my choice of street riding or off road, backcountry dirt bike riding.

Share a fun fact about yourself that not everyone might know.



I still have a VCR & VHS Tapes... hahaha

~Thank you Reuben for sharing your love of riding, special memories and words of wisdom with our Edmonton Toy Run members! We look forward to many more rides together and

memories made with Reuben! Make sure to say hi to Reuben on and off the road this summer 😊

Bursary

Did you know the Edmonton Toy Run has a bursary available for those applying to any post-secondary education?

Applications are now being accepted. Click on the link below for more information and to access the 2025 Bursary Package.

<https://edmontontoyrun.org/bursary-1>

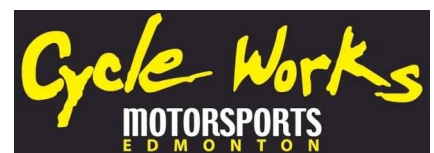
Application deadline is August 30th, 2025.

Sponsorship

Every year our sponsors play a big part in what we do by donating to a great cause.

If you would like to become a sponsor or know of a business or individual that would like to become a sponsor please email us at: Edmontontoyrun@gmail.com

Below are some of our bigger sponsors that have helped out this past year.



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