



EDMONTON TOY RUN ASSOCIATION

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NEWSLETTER

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Santa's Mailbag

Hello Everyone!!!

With the riding season in full swing, I am getting a lot of questions about used motorcycles- what's a good buy, how to know if the bike is safe and roadworthy, etc.

Buying a used motorcycle can be a great way to save money, but it comes with some risk if you're not careful. Whether you're buying from a private seller or dealership, it's essential to inspect the bike thoroughly, check the paperwork, and understand its maintenance history. All these factors help you know if it's a good idea to invest in the bike!

Here are some things to look for: This checklist will help you avoid unwanted surprises and ensure you're getting a solid ride.

- General Condition: Cleanliness- A clean bike shows pride of ownership.
- Bodywork: Look for dents, cracks, or scratches—especially on tanks and fairings.
- Rust/Corrosion: Check frame, bolts, chain, and exhaust.
- Leaks: Look underneath the bike and around seals for oil or coolant leaks.
- Tires & Wheels: Tread Depth- Tires should have at least 2-3 mm of tread.
- Age of Tires. Check the DOT date; tires older than 5 years should be replaced.
- Wheels: Inspect for dents, cracks, or wobbling.
- Controls & Cables: Throttle & Clutch, should move smoothly and snap back.
- Brakes: Squeeze levers—should feel firm, not spongy.
- Cables: Check for fraying, rust, or stiffness.
- Electrical System. Battery. Look for corrosion on terminals, test voltage if possible.
- Lights: Test all lights, headlight, brake light, signals.
- Horn & Display: Ensure everything on the dash works.

- Engine & Transmission: Startup. Cold start should be smooth and without odd noises.
- Idle & Rev. Listen for knocking, ticking, or backfires.
- Clutch/Gears: Test ride to ensure smooth shifting. Check to confirm 5 or 6 speeds.
- Suspension & Brakes: Forks and shocks. No leaks or bottoming out.
- Brakes. Pads should have material left; rotors shouldn't be grooved.
- Paperwork & History: Ownership Title/Registration. VIN should match the frame and documents. Service Records. Look for regular oil changes and scheduled maintenance.
- Accident History: Ask directly and inspect for repainting or mismatched parts. Also, a good idea is to take the vin number to a registry and check accident and lien history.
- Extras & Modifications: Aftermarket Parts. Understand what's stock and what's modified.
- OEM Parts Included. Check if original parts come with the bike.
- Accessories: Any added luggage, guards, windshields, etc.
- Bring a friend who is familiar with that brand, get the VIN number and call your local dealer to see when warranty expires, or if there are any recalls on the motorcycle.
- If you can test ride it, do it. If it doesn't feel right, walk away.

Once the sale is complete, always remember to enjoy the ride!!

Jay Padilla

Planning Committee Chair

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 16, 2025



Upcoming Events by Edmonton Toy Run

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->

Dad Joke!

Dad: What is the difference between a piano, a tuna, and a pot of glue?

Me: I don't know.

Dad: You can tuna piano, but you can't piano a tuna.

Me: What about the pot of glue?

Dad: I knew you would get stuck on that!

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

Featured Rider(s)/Business

Every month, we try to feature a rider or business within the community. Do you know of an individual either in the biking or car world, or a business you would like to see featured? Would you like to be featured in our next newsletter? Why not send an email to us at Edmontontoyrun@gmail.com

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>

The 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 let us know by sending an email to us at: Edmontontoyrun@gmail.com



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?

Father's Day Word Scramble

DIRECTIONS: Unscramble the letters to form the names of ten different words to describe Dad. Then unscramble the shaded letters to answer the riddle.

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What do you call a monkey who is just like his father?

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A Blast From The Past

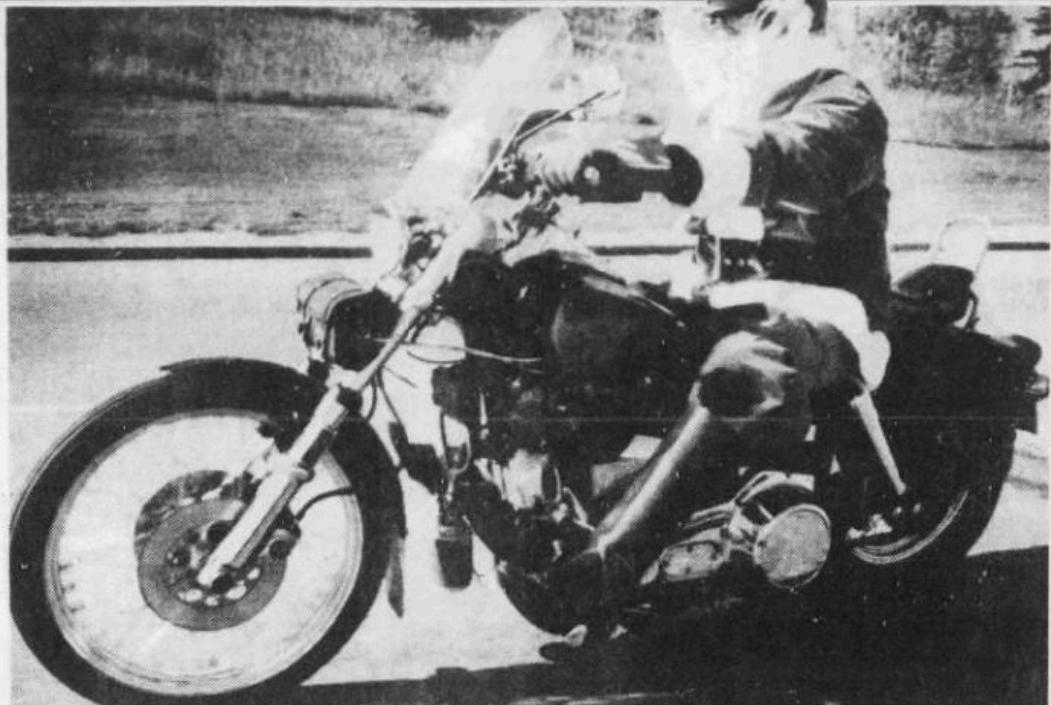
Edmonton Journal - Monday, September 30, 1985

Santa on run for toys

Santa Claus hopped on his Harley Davidson Sunday and led more than 400 bikers through Edmonton for "Toy Run '85" to collect gifts for Santas Anonymous.

The Westmount Shopping Centre parking lot was jammed with leather-clad bikers. Many had strapped enormous stuffed toys to their motorbikes, before the 1:30 p.m. start of the parade.

Jan Steenson, who helped organize the second running of the annual event, estimated more than 400 bikes showed up — a big increase over the 250 bikes involved in last year's toy run.



PICTURE: Mike Pinder

Santa Claus rides a motorcycle to collect gifts for Santas Anonymous
... more than 400 bikes joined the parade

After being warned by Santa, played by Graham Easton, to keep their helmets on during the run to Capilano Shopping Centre, the group rumbled off toward 118th Avenue.

Escorted by police, the bikers rolled along a route which took them through downtown on Jasper Avenue before crossing the North Saskatchewan River on the Capilano Freeway.

At Capilano Shopping Centre, the group deposited stuffed animals, games and puzzles in a two-metre-high pile and then applauded police for their assistance.

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