



EDMONTON TOY RUN ASSOCIATION

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NEWSLETTER

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Santa's Mailbag

Hello Everyone and welcome to February!!!

With 50ish days until the start of the riding season, the excitement and anticipation is building!! I know we are all excited to hit the open road after a very long winter! Spring really can't come soon enough!

It is never too early to start planning for the 2025 riding season. 2025 is shaping up to be a great year for motorcyclists in our area, with a spring/summer full of rides and events of all kinds and great weather!!! Sunny skies and 25 degrees every day-sounds good to me!

Definitely my wish to Santa this year 🧑🏻‍🎅 🏍️

If you know of any great rides and events that you are participating in, please send them to us so we can add them to our lineup of events!! Check out what we have planned already!!

<https://edmontontoyrun.org/event-calendar-1>

We are kicking off the 2025 season with the YEG Motorcycle Show, April 10-13th-at the EXPO center, but the real fun begins April 12th as we launch the official start to the riding season with some awesome giveaways and a little concert!!!!

What are we giving away...??? Well, we are giving away \$10,000 towards your dream motorcycle, and if you haven't purchased a ticket, **do it now**. There is also a second prize for two tickets to see the Edmonton Oilers, two tickets to the Edmonton Elks, two tickets to the Edmonton Stingers, and two tickets to the Edmonton Riverhawks, and finally a third prize of a \$500 Motorcycle Gear Package.

<https://edmontontoyrun.org/raffles>

For our little concert on April 12th, CANADA'S FAVOURITE ROCK N' ROLL SALUTE, **BC/DC** is coming to Blackjacks!!!

There are tribute bands, and then there's BC/DC... the ultimate tribute to the rockers from down under AC/DC.

Come get thunderstruck with us on Saturday April 12th for the best AC/DC tribute band this country has to offer. In between the music and stints on the dancefloor, check out the silent auction, and yes there will be a few surprises!!

You're going to want to be here for this!

Remember purchasing tickets helps fund the Edmonton Toy Run and its programs. Santas Anonymous, Edmonton Toy Run Bursary, Fort Saskatchewan MultiCultural Society, Old Strathcona Youth Society, Strathcona Christmas Bureau, and The Shield Annual Christmas Dinner.

Get your tickets today!

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Don't forget to check us out on Facebook and IG as everyday we are posting something unusual but fun!!! Be sure to like and share.

Thank you for being an Edmonton Toy Run Member; we appreciate your support! We look forward to seeing you on April 12th!

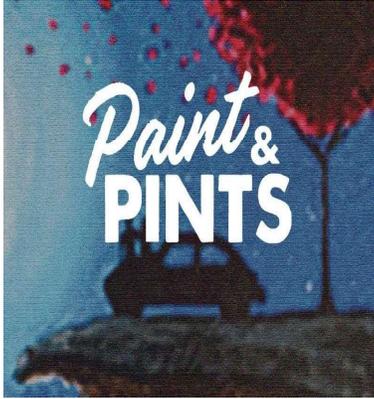
In the next issue of **Santa's Mailbag**, prepping your motorcycle for spring riding, and another BIG announcement!!!

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Jay Padilla

Planning Committee Chair

Upcoming Events by Edmonton Toy Run



March 7th - 7pm
Paint & Pint Night @
Blackjacks. Join the
Edmonton Toy Run for
a fun night of
socializing with fellow
Toy Run Members.
You do not have to
paint to join us! For
those that would like to
participate in the
painting portion there
will be a \$30/per person

charge that will go to cover all the painting supplies and the instructor. We ask that you **RSVP by the 20th of February**, letting us know how many will be coming and who will be joining in the painting portion. Payment and RSVP can be sent to Edmontontoyrun@gmail.com

April 12th - BC/DC Fundraiser @ Blackjacks

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

May 27th - Bike Night @ Blackjacks

July 22nd - Bike Night @ Blackjacks

August 16, 2025 - 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, 2025 - 42nd Annual Edmonton Toy Run.

Check out our web page for more events!

<https://edmontontoyrun.org/event-calendar-1>

RAFFLE

AC/DC TRIBUTE SHOW

LIVE AUCTION - 50/50 - SILENT AUCTION

SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 2025

DRAW DATE FOR THE \$10,000 MOTORCYCLE CREDIT TOWARDS YOUR DREAM BIKE

JAMES H. BROWN
ENTURY LAWYERS

DOORS: 6PM
SHOW: 8PM

TICKET
\$35

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There are tribute bands, and then there's BCDC... the ultimate tribute to the rockers from down under AC/DC.

Come get thunderstruck with the folks from the Edmonton Toy Run on Saturday April 12th for the best AC/DC tribute band this country has to offer. In between the music and stunts on the dance floor, check out the silent auction, grab some 50/50 tickets, and get ready to bid during the live auction.

This will also be your last chance to get in on the action to win the \$10,000 motorcycle credit toward the bike of your dreams.

You're going to want to be here for this!

Date: **Saturday, April 12th, 2025**

Doors: 6PM Show: 8PM

Tickets: \$35

18+ Event

No Refunds or Reservations

Featured Rider(s)

Terrance Rowland-Dow's Cross Country Motorcycle Adventure: Summer 2024

Many of you may already know or have seen Terrance at many of our Edmonton Toy Run events or at one of the other charitable organizations that he and his wife Danielle support. Terrance is an avid rider, committed Edmonton Toy Run member and a guy you can always count on to roll up his sleeves and help those in need. Beyond being a riding enthusiast, Terrance has a spirit for adventure, seeking to challenge himself with what he can do and where his love for motorcycles can take him. Well, this past summer, this adventurous, can-do spirit paved the way for Terrance and Danielle to plan and bring to life a motorcycle trip, across Canada-coast to coast!

Terrance with the generous spirit that embodies him agreed to share his cross-country riding experience with me, so that all our Edmonton Toy Run members could share in his story and perhaps find their own inspiration to set out on an adventure like this, one that can truly be life-changing!

Terrance, what inspired you to drive across Canada on your motorcycle?

"I've always wanted to do an east coast trip.. so when the idea came up to hit ECIC in Cape Breton and then WCIC in Kimberly, BC, 3 weeks later, I saw an opportunity to do a coast to coast ride twice-

almost 18000 kms!! And jump in both oceans in the same month...bucket list trip!!"



Which was your favourite place you visited and why?

"It's hard to say what my favorite place was because a lot of it was absolutely amazing.. hwy 3 in BC for the riding.. Cabot trail for views.. but I would have to say PEI was my favorite.. such a beautiful place.. it felt homey if you know what I mean.. all small mom and pop businesses, no big corporations.. the people were the nicest I've ever met.. the lobster rolls were like nothing on this planet.. and that confederation bridge is an engineering marvel and incredible to ride across.. especially on a motorcycle.."



Did anything surprise you about travelling that distance on a motorcycle?

"The human body is an amazing thing.. lol.. and the diversity of our beautiful country.. in a car you're kinda distracted with your passenger or radio or food or drink...but on a motorcycle you have yourself and the world in front of you.. the different landscapes.. the shitty Quebec roads lol.. the mountains.. the wildlife.. you have no choice but to pay attention to everything.."

Terrance, did you and Danielle follow a route and schedule you had planned and if not why?

"There was no schedule really.. We gave ourselves enough time to make sure we were out east in time for ECIC.. and time to tour around the whole east coast with enough time to make it back to WCIC.. everything was on the fly.. motels booked each day.. food picked wherever we ended up.. honestly I don't think it would have been as amazing if we had a schedule.. and route was picked each morning according to which way was the coolest with a few detours to see different things.. like detouring to see the Bay of Fundy or detouring to hit that 3a up to the Kootenay ferry and the glass house etc"



What was your favourite part of riding a motorcycle to the places you visited and what were things you maybe didn't enjoy as much?

“Travel is completely incredible on a motorcycle.. it's amazing.. the only thing I didn't enjoy was the tornadoes touching down in the distance when we rode through Regina on the first day.. scary as hell.. and the extreme weather differences.. from the pouring rain and barely seeing the road.. to the 37-degree Celsius heat.. there's no escaping it on a motorcycle..”



Did the places you visited remind you of anywhere else?

“No, not really...except the highlands of the Cabot Trail reminded me of the AB/BC mountain roads except instead of lakes and mountain views you had an endless ocean view.. highly recommend the Cabot trail on a motorcycle..”

We know you love good food Terrence, what was the most memorable meal of the trip and where did you have that meal?

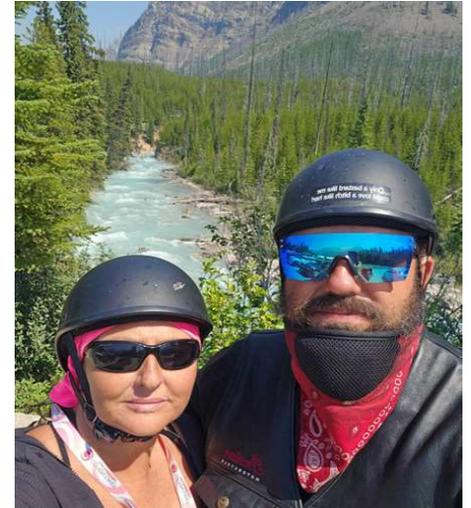
“This is a tough question.. all the lobster rolls were my favorite.. but I would have to say there was a restaurant in Sydney, Nova Scotia called Governors pub.. they had these lobster wontons that were not of this world .. After my first order I had 4 more orders.. 5 orders, they were that good.. and a little fishing village in PEI there was a little chip stand shack that had incredible food and ice cream and definitely one of the best lobster rolls..”



What was the highlight of the trip for you and Danielle?

“Another tough question.. so many amazing things.. but the highlight

of the trip was riding the country on a motorcycle with my wife, Danielle.. sometimes on her own bike and some of it holding me on the back of mine.. and after 38 long days on a motorcycle... reaching the Pacific Ocean and jumping in it (during a storm by the way) to complete my goal of both oceans in a month!!”



Terrence, to end us off, what piece of advice would you share with someone who might be considering a cross-country journey themselves?

“My advice would be...If you can, don't limit yourself or schedule anything.. just go for it and enjoy every minute of it.. wherever you end up is where you're supposed to be..”



Well put, Friend! A huge thank you to Terrence and Danielle Rowland-Dow for sharing this epic motorcycle adventure and reminding us to enjoy the ride...and the ice cream!!

2025 Bursary

The Edmonton Toy Run has been making a difference in the lives of children in the Edmonton area since 1984. In 2024, the Edmonton Toy Run created a new and sustainable way to give back and enrich the lives of our community members by creating a Bursary, consisting of a cash award of up to \$1,000.00, per successful applicant.

If you or someone you know may benefit from this bursary please visit our website <https://edmontontoyrun.org/bursary-1> for more information and to apply for the 2025-26 bursary.

Sponsorship

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

We would like to thank all our sponsors for the 2024 season. 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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