



EDMONTON TOY RUN ASSOCIATION

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NEWSLETTER

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Santa's Mailbag

Hello Everyone!!!

We are getting so close to the start of the 2025 Motorcycle season, and we are thrilled to kick it off at the YEG Motorcycle Show April 10th -13th at the Expo Center. The Edmonton Toy Run is the official 50/50 at the show, and if you are going, please stop by and see us there.

We are also giving away the \$10,000 Dream Bike Raffle giveaway on April 12th at our little BC/DC concert at Blackjacks Roadhouse. Tickets are now sold out for the BC/DC show, but I hear Santa has a few extra if you need. Tickets for the raffle are still available, so get your tickets today! It would be so amazing to give the \$10,000 to one of the Edmonton Toy Run Members!! <https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/edmontontoyrun>

I know several of you have been out on the roads already, congrats... I am super jealous!! Some things to remember, The roads are crap..... The last time I saw this much sand anywhere I was on a beach in Mexico....Watch for sand and dark spots as they are probably ice.... Back brake is your friend.

Remember it is essential to make sure your motorcycle is in top shape before you ride. Be sure to follow the suggestions below.

Charge your motorcycle battery. If your motorcycle battery is stored separately, recharge it fully.

Make sure the battery connections are tight and free of corrosion.

If you have a FOB, now is the time to change your FOB battery.

Check your tire pressure!!! Tires tend to lose pressure over the winter, and with the price of tires, please take care of yours. No burnouts..... well maybe a few. Adjust tire pressure as per manufacturer's recommendations.

Assess the tread depth for adequate grip, look for cracks or replace tires if they are worn.

Check fluid levels. If you have a liquid cooled motorcycle, ensure the coolant is at the correct level and isn't old or contaminated. Inspect the brake fluid and replace it if necessary. Check your oil levels and replace as per manufacturer's recommendations. Check brake pads for wear and replace if they're thin.

Wash and inspect your motorcycle. While cleaning, inspect cables, throttle, brake and clutch

levers, panels, tires, chains or belts, lines and hoses, saddlebags and trunks. Check and test all the lights. Headlight, brake light, turn signals, and hazard lights. Replace any burnt-out bulbs and clean those lenses for maximum visibility. Inspect and look for any signs of rust or corrosion, especially on the frame and chrome parts.

If you see cracks or anything that does not look right, contact your dealer for advice and help.

Finally, check your gear. Helmets, jackets, gloves seem to shrink every winter, well I know mine do... Ensure you have properly fitted gear, correct size gear makes riding so much more enjoyable.

2025 is going to be a great riding season!!! So many events are being planned, and I cannot wait to see you all out there!! If you are hosting or going to an event, please let us know, we can post on our events page!!!

Be safe and remember to always enjoy the ride!!!!

Jay Padilla

Planning Committee Chair

www.edmontontoyrun.org

Upcoming Events by Edmonton Toy Run



BC/DC

SOLD OUT

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

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DOORS: 6PM SHOW: 8PM	TICKET \$35	BLACKJACKS ROADHOUSE
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TICKETS: BLACKJACKSROADHOUSE.COM

BC/DC: Canada's Favourite Rock "N" Roll Salute to AC/DC is coming to Blackjacks!!!

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

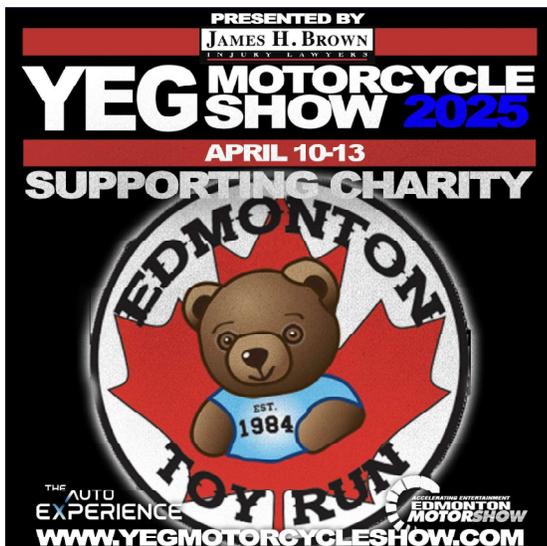
Tickets: \$35

18+ Event

No Refunds or Reservations

It is rumored that there are a few extra tickets left!

April 10-13 - Edmonton Bike Show. Be sure to drop by our booth and get your ticket(s) for a chance to win \$10,000 towards a dream bike. Tickets are only \$20!



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YEG MOTORCYCLE SHOW 2025

APRIL 10-13

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EDMONTON MOTORSHOW

WWW.YEGMOTORCYCLESHOW.COM

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>

Featured Rider(s)

Greg's Spotlight: April 2025 Edmonton Toy Run Newsletter

For the April edition of our newsletter, we were fortunate to have the opportunity to interview Greg, founding member of the Edmonton Grom Gaggle riding group! We wanted to know more about this group of riders who typically ride little bikes and seem to have a heck of a good time doing it! At the Edmonton Toy Run we want all members riding on 2, 3 or 4 wheels to join us in riding together and building a community where we can all have a great time supporting our charity events, member rides and just getting to know fellow bike, trike and car enthusiasts 😊



Take it away Greg:

As a long-standing rider, tell us about what drew you to the Grom group and your story behind the early days:

My wife, Sarah and I started following the @photogromer on YouTube. We fell in love with the culture and idea of minibikes. She was on a ninja 250 to start and decided the Grom life was for us. I bought a pair the next month.

What is your favourite Grom group memory?

Turning south on highway 93 from Jasper and looking in our mirrors seeing 50 Groms thinking OMG what have we created. The Jasper trips have been the best so far.

Tell us about how you have seen the group grow over time and where can you see it going?

Through regular rides and core group commitment we have seen year over year growth. I truly do believe that minibikes are the gateway into the motorcycle community.

What's your most memorable bike trip/event so far and why?

Our Mountain trips. There is nothing more memorable than the mountains and Minibikes.

What about the Grom group is unique from other riders' groups?

We welcome everyone. There are no egos on a minibike, because truly, how can you have an ego on a minibike?

Would you ever ride a different type of bike and if so which one and why?

I have owned 45 different bikes over the years. I have a Pokémon mentality. I think that I gotta ride 'em all.

What do you like to do when you're not riding?

Thankfully, my lovely wife also enjoys riding but when we are in off season, I enjoy spending time with her and our pups.

Tell us a "fun fact" about Greg

I am a nationally certified indoor volleyball referee and have just attained my international certification for Para volley with goals of one day attending the Paralympics.

Is there anything else you'd like to share that I may not have thought of here!!

My Wife, Sarah and I along with friends Anna and Denny also run the Moto Social for the Edmonton Area. Everyone is welcome, Bike or No Bike, Check us out on social media!!



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.

2024 Bursary Recipient



Sairyn H - The Edmonton Toy Run Bursary has helped me so much in my

endeavours as a first year nursing student. It's universally known that post-secondary is expensive, from tuition to the eraser on the tip of your pencil, everything has a price. What people don't tell you about is the unexpected costs such as simulations, study resources, certifications, and additional books. Having \$1000 dedicated to school was such a blessing and I'm incredibly grateful that I had the opportunity to apply, let alone be selected for this bursary. Not only did this money save me the financial stress of debt due to unexpected expenses, but it gave me a new sense of responsibility and dedication to the Edmonton Toy Run as I'm so thankful that this wonderful group of people believed in me. With a purpose that is so heartwarming, I'm eager to show my support and get behind the Edmonton Toy Run to pay their generosity forward in any way I can. A great organization of great people that I hope I make proud!

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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<https://edmontontoyrun.org/memberships>

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Links to Edmonton Toy Run:



What type of motorcycle does Santa Claus ride? **Answer:** A Holly Davidson!

What do you call a motorcycle that tells jokes? **Answer:** A Yamahaha-ha!

What type of motorcycle does a pirate ride? **Answer:** A Jolly Roger Rocket!