

70th ANNIVERSARY



Welland County Motorcycle Club



50th Anniversary Reunion

History 1996 - 2016

1996

Well a good place to start would be with the 50th Anniversary weekend. A good time was had by all from what I can remember...

Friday evening we had a Wine Tour to a Niagara Falls Winery. After partaking in the free samples we headed back to the Clubhouse for a Wine and Cheese party. We continued to drink wine into the wee hours of the morning.

The next day was started with Breakfast at the Food Booth followed by our Nostalgia ride



Nostalgia Ride Chippewa Park Site of First Meeting



Another scene from the Nostalgia Ride

We had a bike display in the afternoon with everyone bringing out older motorcycles they had or still owned. The best display hands down went to Jimmy Orosz for the most motorcycles and a really awesome display.



Jimmy O's Motorcycle Display



Al Fair with two of his daughters and his former 1940 Indian Chief Restored by Chris Simmons the founder of Friday the 13th

Later in the afternoon we did a photo shoot from the bridge on the 140 with Don Tait as our photographer. Bob did a fantastic job and we were able to isolate 4 bikes at a time and make prints for the club member as we hope to do for our 70th Anniversary. Bob also took the grandstand picture.



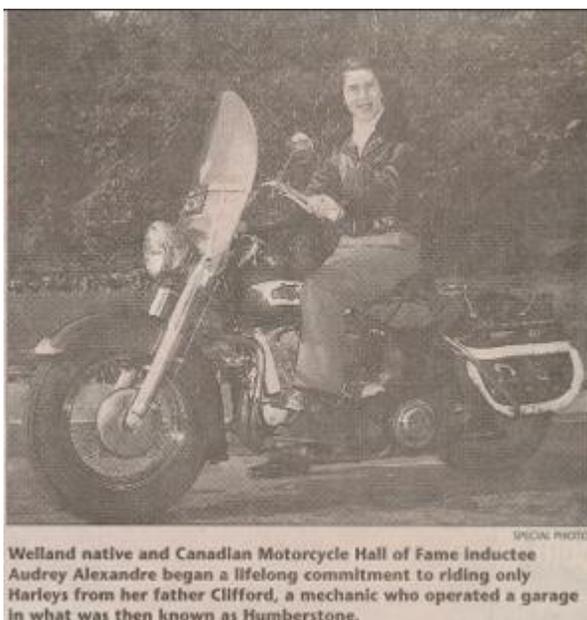
The ride was led by:
Chester Osten (left)
Audrey Alexander (right)



The same year the club celebrated our 50th Anniversary there was another Anniversary to be celebrated as well. Audrey Alexander was celebrating 50 years of continuously riding a Harley Davidson.



John Clare presenting Audrey with a letter from Harley Davidson



Welland native and Canadian Motorcycle Hall of Fame inductee Audrey Alexandre began a lifelong commitment to riding only Harleys from her father Clifford, a mechanic who operated a garage in what was then known as Humberstone.

As with most of the Anniversary weekends we have had in the past, a creative member (Jeffrey Orosz) had been put in charge of the Saturday evening special event``.

Jim Stokes was in charge at the 40th and he came up with a midnight spike drive that involved driving an 8`spike through an oak railroad tie at midnight after copious amounts of alcohol had been consumed while wearing goggles and a helmet from the 1920`s.

Jeffrey came up with a wheelbarrow race relay with a male and female paired up. There was a twist however the male participants had to dawn a dress before mounting the wheelbarrow and that is all we are going to say about that.



Al Fair about to meet the dirt with his niece Sue at the helm. Check out the tee shirt it has a giant nose on it donated by Mark DeRuyte I believe.

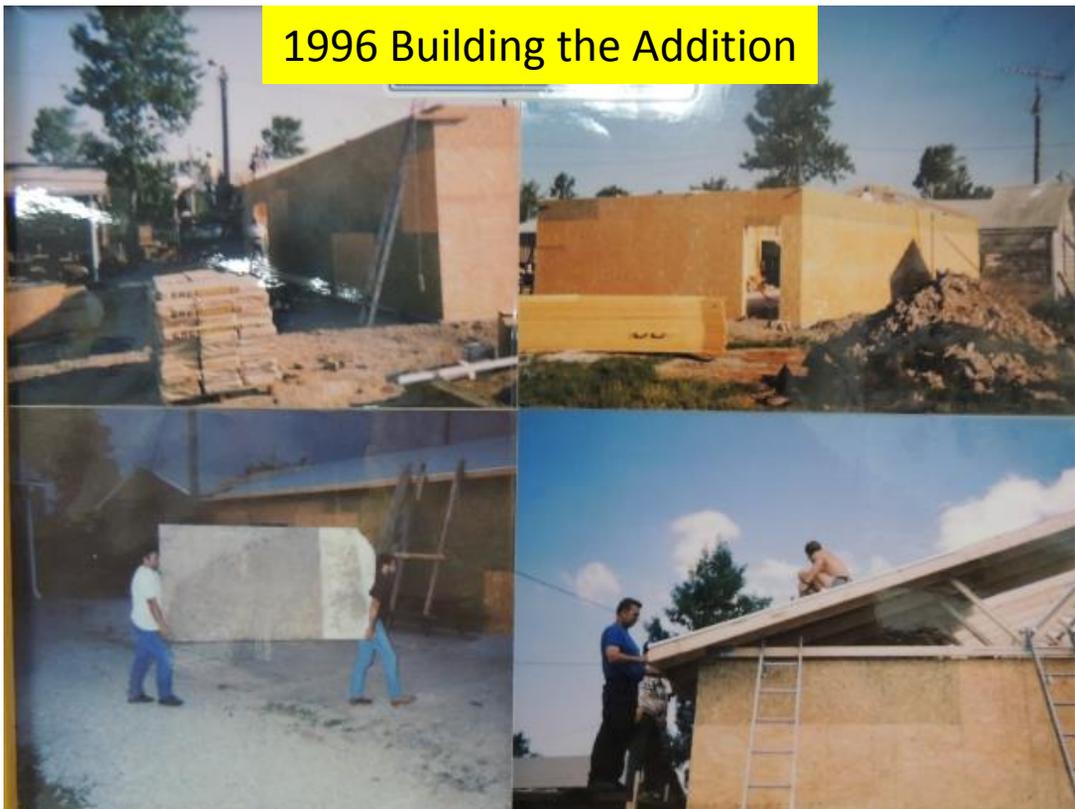
Rene Landry taking his turn. I think he has the stabilizer thing figured out.



1996 was also a very big year for the club in the construction department. The club started construction of the 4th addition to the clubhouse.



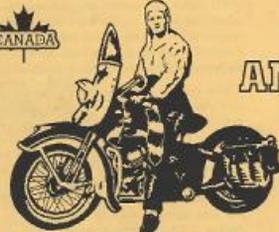
John Vukanics (President) holding the shovel. John has his arm around George Bosak who headed up the construction.



Scans from Hub of the Club

HUB of the CLUB
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Owner/Operator of The Niagara Motorcycle Raceway




ANNIVERSARY 50TH



1946 to 1996

Watch for a New Graphical Internet Web Site for WC.M.C coming this Winter!
ULR: <http://mergetel.com/~turnbull/wcmc.htm>

The weather person was in full cooperation with the Club on the weekend of August 9 - 11. The weekend started with a scenic ride to Vincor Winery. The wine tour was laid out and led by Ron Turnbull and we didn't even need a gas stop. Great job Ron. Upon arriving back at the clubhouse we were met by Jim Ewart playing all the hits until the last person was ready to drop or his stereo system blew up. Thanks Jim for an enjoyable evening and we still need to find out what happened to your stereo. Morning brought a few headaches, however after a tasty breakfast prepared by René and Crew everyone was ready for the nostalgia Road Run. This was a ride to the locations of all the old haunts NOTE I said locations because most of all the old haunts are gone. Wes Pierce laid out this run and did the route sheets. Many many thanks to Wes, I know doing the mileage sheets is a lot of work. The day went on to include several photo opportunities with a group shot being held at the grandstands at 4:00 p.m., followed by a shot riding down Town Line Tunnel Road. Thanks to Don Tait for volunteering his expertise as a photographer. Upon arriving back at the clubhouse, René set the bikes up in a 50 and Willie flew over and took some aerial photographs. Thanks to René and Willie. This was a lot of work and took a lot of organization. This set the stage for the highlight of the weekend. The roast beef dinner, prepared by Jeff and his crew. This was an all day job getting the fire started and cooking. Jeff and the crew had to give up a lot to do this and we appreciate it, thanks. After dinner we presented a letter to Audrey Alexandre from Willy G. Davidson of Harley Davidson congratulating her on 50 years of riding a Harley. The Motormaid's also had some nice gifts for Audrey which I am sure made a night that Audrey will not soon forget. Following the festivities we had a Live Band, called Good Question, play until the Special Races started at midnight. Jeffrey Orosz ran this event so you know it had an evil twist. The object was to dress the men up in a dress (Crash did not want to take his off after the race) and the girls in coveralls and race in a wheelbarrow to the pylon and back. It was a lot of fun and I believe the Gamm brothers and respective partners dominated this event. Sunday morning brought more headaches and terrific breakfast from Tom and his crew. We wrapped up the weekend and said our good-byes to the guests and old friends. Thanks to everyone who came out and made this weekend a great success.

by Al Fair

2nd Annual Ten Thousand Dollar 600cc North American Challenge Race

EXPERT

- 1) 72 TODD WINSITT Lockport, NY
- 2) 90 Les Washbon Coatesville, Pa
- 3) 29 Perry Phillips Stoney Creek, Ont
- 4) 67 Scott Sehl Sombra, Ont
- 5) 41 Todd Sharpless Stoney Creek, Ont
- 6) 11 John Parker Macedon, NY
- 7) 50 Garth Bastian St Catharines, Ont
- 8) 15 Chris Evans Dunham, Ont
- 9) 22 Claude Racine Ste. Madeleine, Qp
- 10) 20 Ronald Beavais Elba, NY
- 11) 88 Jeremy Thompson Farnington, NY
- 12) 44 Chris Hart

DASH for CASH

- 1) 12 Philip Libhart Maytown, Pa
- 2) 65 Dave Pirt Sarnia, Ont
- 3) 8 Bill Newkirk
- 4) 82 Marco Morello NY
- 5) 39 Bob Sobering Ancaster, Ont

INTERMEDIATE

- 1) 39 Ken Shafer Holcomb, NY
- 2) 22 Patrick Racine Dunham, Qp
- 3) 52 Jeff Berdan Wyoming, Ont
- 4) 34 David Wass
- 5) 49 Bill Harrett Hamilton, Ont
- 6) 43 Chad Heideman Lyndonville, NY
- 7) 23 Francois Dumas Quebec
- 8) 50 Doug Caswell Holley, NY
- 9) 98 Graham Hill Peterborough, Ont
- 10) 711 Harry Vanderveen Roslin, Ont
- 11) 13 Philip Winer Grimsby, Ont
- 12) 27 Hank Rosloski Welland, Ont

NOVICE

- 1) 20 Rob Rainville Welland, Ont
- 2) 95 Jeff Seguin Welland, Ont
- 3) 50 James Fisk Lyndonville, NY
- 4) 34 Jason Spearin Medina, NY
- 5) 43 Dave Taylor Sarnia, Ont
- 6) 28 Sam Donnelly
- 7) 5 Martin Wingate Richmond Hill, Ont
- 8) 54 Joshua Edwards Lyndonville, NY
- 9) 29 Steve Metcalfe Sarnia, Ont

ATV PRO



Along with the Outstanding Show that the 600's, ATV's and The Live Band put on we also had a special appearance by Al Fair. Al got his old Indian board tracker out on the Dirt Track during the half time to show everyone the way things use to be in honor of our 50th Anniversary. All in all an excellent night of racing with over 60 racers from North Eastern United States and Eastern Canada.

- 1) 84 Jim Goertz Niag-on-l-Lake, Ont
- 2) 117 Steve Boone Mooretown
- 3) 32 Carter Hodgins
- 4) 121 Dave Davies
- 5) 41 Shawn Langis Oil City
- 6) 45 Darin Verhart
- 7) 21 Leo Verhart
- 8) 1 David Little

1997

1997 starts off with a trip to the International World of Motorcycles Show in January. The club did this show for many years with help from many club members to set up tear down and man the booth all weekend.



Al Fair and Rene Landry at the January Bike Show

WELLAND COUNTY MOTORCYCLE CLUB
1997 CALENDAR

Niagara Motorcycle Raceway
LES WASHBON
1996 NMR POINTS CHAMP

AMERICAN MOTOR HARLEY-DAVIDSON CYCLES

HARLEY-DAVIDSON

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1998

Two of our long running events.

Flyer from the 1998 Poki-Bari-Dan

20th ANNUAL

POKI-BARBI-DAN

Saturday, April 25, 1998

Hosted once again by the

Welland County Motorcycle Club

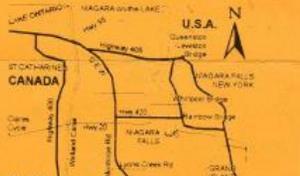
603 Netherby Rd., RR#4, Welland, Ontario, L3B 6N7
Clubhouse Phone (905) 734-7058 -- Wednesdays after 8:00pm or Event Day

Sanctioned by The Canadian Motorcycle Association

<p>POKI - Poker Run BARBI - Steak BBQ DAN - Dance</p> <p>Awards</p> <p>Registration</p> <p>Scoring</p> <p>Steak BBQ</p> <p>Awards</p> <p>Dance</p> <p>Camping</p> <p>Price</p>	<p>Through Scenic Niagara Peninsula Choice Steak, Salad, Buns, Etc. In our Newly Expanded Club House, to the Best Music in Town Win Awards for Best Score Overall, Best Buddy, Largest Club in Attendance, Longest Distance Traveled, and others...</p> <p>10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Run begins when you've registered. 4:00 p.m. - Cut off at 5:30 p.m. sharp 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. No BBQ after 7 After the BBQ 8:00 p.m. - 1:30 a.m.</p> <p>Flush Toilets & Showers on Grounds \$14 in Advance / \$8 for just the ride (at the door tickets will be \$19 for BBQ & Ride / \$8 for just the ride) On Ground Camping - FREE</p>
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The Welland County MC Club Inc
- ANNUAL -

BARRY'S
BLUE BALLS
BRUNCH "To"
BE-BOB'S-
(FARMER'S FORMER)
SUN - NOV. 15/98
LEAVE CLUB 1045
\$5.95/BUFFET
WESLEY PIERCE 835-2754-INFO

Flyer for the Barry Wells Blue Balls Brunch

A couple other long running events are the club fishing trip and the skeet shoot. The Fishing Trip was started by Barry Wells and Moe Gagnon in 1981 in Dwight just outside of Huntsville. The first year fishing rods, boats (the Hunky Dori I believe) were brought however we found that we were just too busy to get any fishing done so that was that last year anyone brought fishing gear. The trip has gone on to be a weekend of riding, cooking, special events, 9Shuffleboard burnout (checkwith Jimmy O for clarification on this one), Stoppies over the handlebars (check with Jeffrey O for clarification on that one), mmm are we seeing a pattern here, and just good clean fun like stealing a train (check with Greg Gamm on that one).



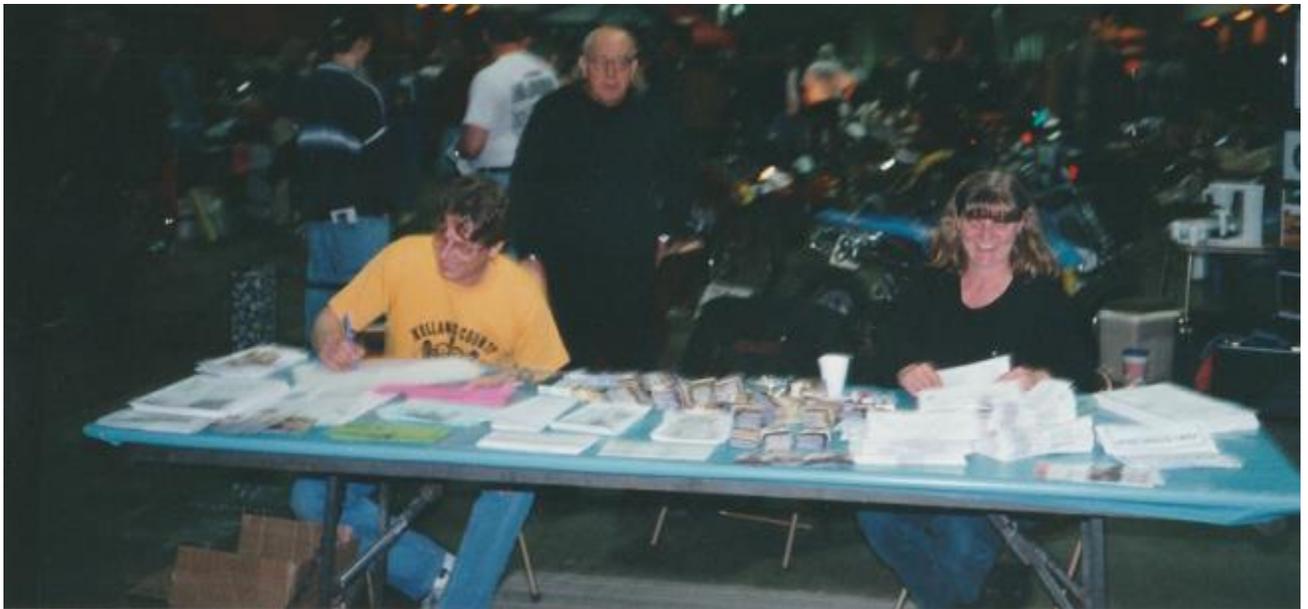
A couple shots of the boys relaxing at Diane's Poolside Motel. Cy (Frank Getin), Jimmy Cseh, Jim Krusell, Jimmy O blocking ?



Jack Doan leather vest back to the wall...

1999

1999 starts off as usual with a trip to the Toronto Bike Show however Al Fair could not attend the set-up so Rene Landry took his Indian to put on display. As it turned out this was the year that Indian Motorcycle had started up production after being out of production for 46 years. When the people from Indian Motorcycle saw him unloading the Board Track Racer they swarmed him asking all kinds of question if which Rene had all the answers because he was always helping Al at the shows. Turns out that Speedvision decided to do an interview with him as well. My brother-in-law called me a few months later and told me about the interview he saw on TV with a guy who had a bike just like mine. I guessed I missed my 5 minutes of fame.



Jack Doan (rear) Rene Landry (left) and Gloria Lawson (right)
Handing out info at the bike show



Dirt tracker on loan to
the club for the show



Jamie Schooley practicing up to entertain us until the wee hours of the morning.

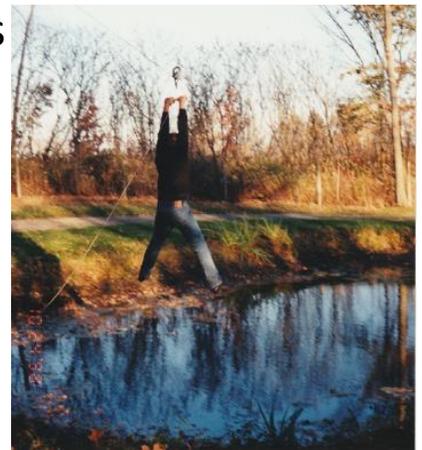
The Skeet Shoot was originally started by Wayne Goodbarne and held at the Hamilton Gun Club. We met as a group and headed out on our bikes with shotgun bungie corded on and rode from Port Colborne to Hamilton. Fortunately no one was pulled over as I doubt we could have explained that one. Barry Wells took over hosting the event when he lived on the lake in the early eighties. It moved to Bill Hamilton's place in Wainfleet where the added attraction was to shoot a Suzuki motorcycle at the end of the competition.



This poor Suzuki meets it's maker.

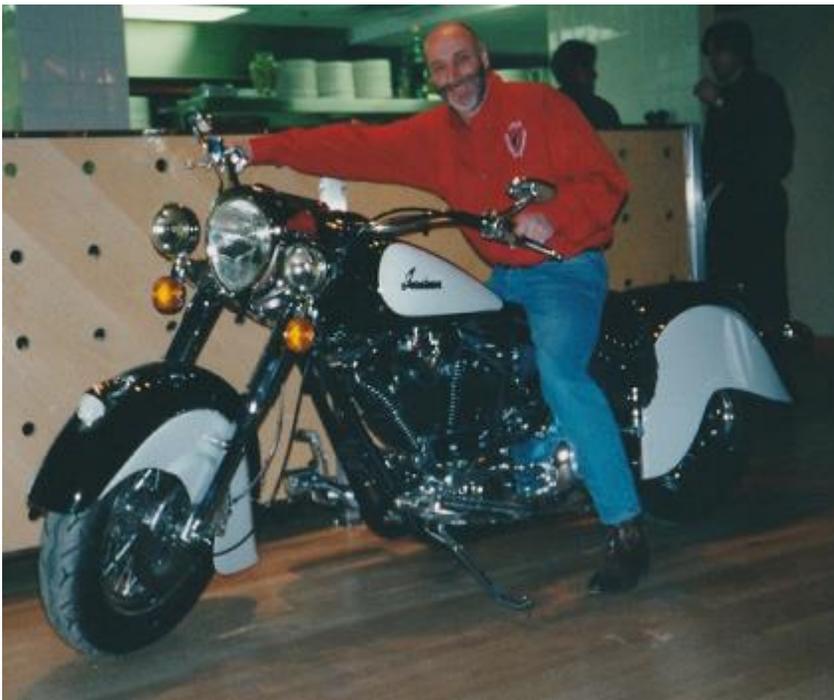


After the guns were put away and the alcohol came out it seemed like a good idea to go Zip Lining.





A very rare Indian 8 Valve Board Track Racer also at the show



Al Fair sitting on a brand new 1999 Indian Chief
"Some day I am going to get me one of these"
Picture taken at the Indian Open House

Another bike show that we used to do was the Syracuse Swap meet. It was always the second week in February. Usually Crash, Rene Landry and Al fair would attend this event.



The Shooter Bar was always present at most WCMC events

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June 19	All Classes
June 26	All Classes
July 3	All Classes
July 10	All Classes
July 17	Dirt Track National
July 24	Speedway National
July 31	600cc Challenge

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65cc & 85cc -- 50cc Chain Driven
50cc Shaft Driven -- 50cc P.W.Cup
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Practice at : 6:00pm
Race Starts: 7:30pm



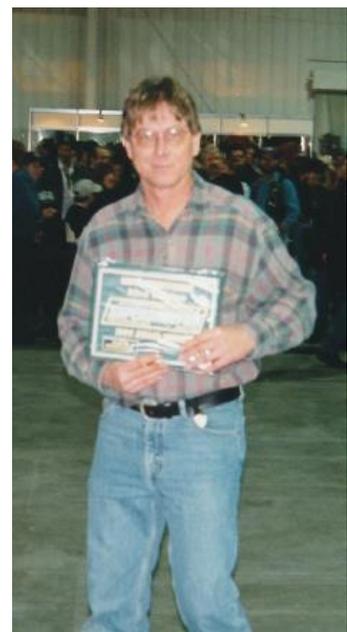
Camp over and stay for the...
Huntington's Poker Run/Ride
August 1, 1999 -- \$7.50/person

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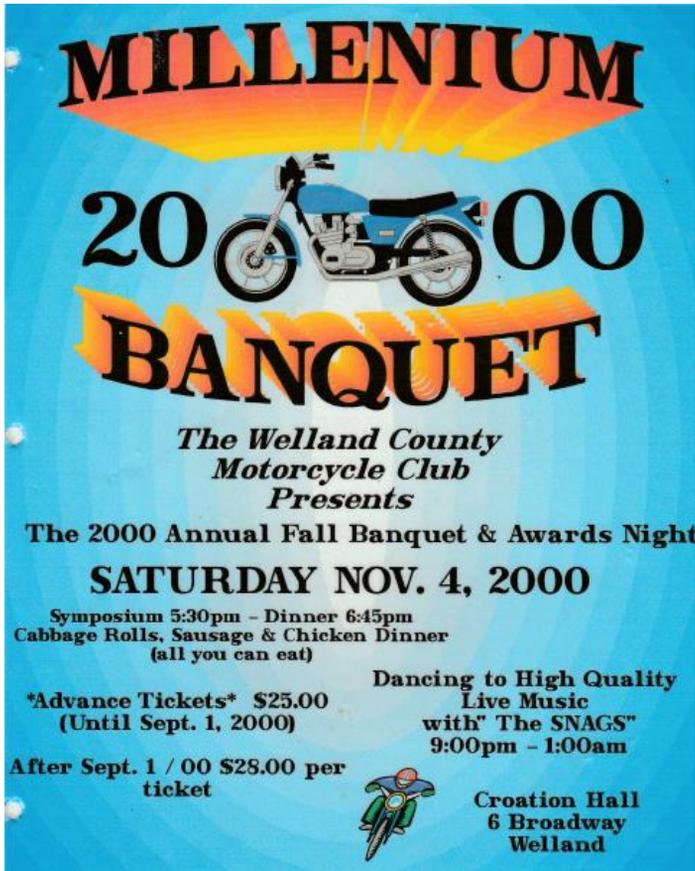
The year 2000 starts off with everyone being afraid the world (at least the electronic world) was going to end. Computers were going to crash etc. etc. As it turned out the only headaches January first morning were self induced and the computers were just fine.



Another year another Super Show



The Club brings home two Max Awards



Another of our long running events is our Annual Club Banquet held on the first Saturday in November.

Club members Gary Markowski, Al Dunn and Jeff Dulaj shaved their heads to raise money and toys to brighten Christmas. Hey Gary was that sort of cheating... Awesome Job guys



MOTORCYCLE CLUB MEMBERS HELP TO BRIGHTEN CHRISTMAS
 Community Christmas Toys chairwoman Stella Blanchard was presented an assortment of toys and cash from Welland County Motorcycle Club members including, from left, Gary Markowski, Al Dunn and Jeff Dulaj. The proceeds were collected during a club toy run and ATV run and a fundraiser in which three club members shaved their heads. (TRIBUNE PHOTO KEVIN ANGE)