



**Los Silverados  
To Make a Contribution and Enjoy the Ride  
Spring 2008**

I again apologize for not staying in contact with you on somewhat of a regular basis. Life gets in the way of doing things we enjoy and being old, I sometimes don't mind if it does. The usual purpose of this letter is to let you know what most of the agenda is for this year's activities and this note will hopefully do that as well.

There have been a couple of changes in the dynamics of how Los Silverados works as you will see by some of the new leaders. Jane and I have been carefully working ourselves out of the "point" positions so that we can work on our life's end game. So far we have been really lucky in finding some great folks to take charge of a few things.

If you attended the Motor Cycle Super Show in January, you would have seen that Terry Wray (#45) has taken the lead on this event. He made it happen from an admin. point of view and rode out the show as well. Of course, Art Benson (#175) did his normal super job of looking after the physical needs of the event. He and his staff set the booth up and take it down. Poof! It's magic! The Team of Steve Jacobson (#412), Carmen Swallow (#1081), Troy Woodworth (#535) and Les Smith (#715) were some of the guys that backed Terry up throughout the show. Rick Tobias (#3) was there too, but mostly in the back working on God knows what...Thanks to you folks as well as Bar Hodgson (#97) for a great show and opportunity to meet fellow Silverados that passed by.

Now into the future, you have probably heard from Stephanie McMahon (#1091) telling you about the coming events, but if you haven't, here goes:

**The World's Best Bike Blessing.** The Yonge Street Mission has, for a number of years now, hosted this great morning just to say "Thank You" to all Los Silverados. For some reason, it can be snowing a block away, but the sun is always shining on this event. All are invited – you don't have to ride a motorcycle. You can get you skate board blessed or your station wagon. Great food, great music and good people. What a way to start a Saturday! C'mon down! Saturday May 10, 2008. It is in the parking lot of the Double

Take used clothing store. North East side of Gerrard, just past Parliament. Call Stephanie if you need directions. Bring the kids too – it's a great, fun day.

Los Silverados 2nd Annual Poker Run is presented by Steve Jacobson on Sunday, June 8, 2008. Here is the outline of the day:

### **The 2nd Annual Silverado Poker Run**

This year's ride will be even better. This year's course has been designed by Harry Freedman (#360) Bike Course Designer Extraordinaire. If you missed last years Poker run you really missed a great ride. Despite threats of bad weather 35 bikes came out and enjoyed a pancake breakfast, 3 hours of riding around Lake Simcoe, and a BBQ dinner. This years ride will be even better. Lots of prizes and food as well as good friends. Special this year the top fund raiser will win a 32" LCED TV. So put Sunday June 8th in your calendar and come on out. If you don't ride you can help by donating a prize for the raffle table and/or volunteering at one of our stops. You can contact Steve at silveradosaj@gmail.com

Steve likes to be busy so he has organized another event that will really appeal to the smokers. If I hadn't quit about 15 years ago, I would be first in line. I can still smell and taste a good cigar.

### **The First Silverado Smoke on The Water**

If you and your friends enjoy a good cigar. come on out and be part of this great event. Monday July 7. You will receive 3 premium cigars from Perdomo Cigars, a sumptuous buffet dinner, and a 4 hour cruise around beautiful Toronto Harbor. All for just \$100.00 per person. This is going to be a great event. I might go just to smell the cigars! You should know the good news- all proceeds will go to the Yonge Street Mission Scholarship Fund. Attendance is limited to 175 people. You can call Steve Jacobson at 647 283 2762 to reserve your spot...

### **The Silverado Scramble is in new hands as well. The new date is July 18 –20.**

I was lucky enough to get both Matthias Benfey (#512) and Reg Meecham (#955) to take charge of this fun run: These guys have worked hard at arranging, organizing and developing this event.

**4th Annual Silverado Scramble – July 18, 19 and 20, 2008 - We seem to get** better every year and hopefully, we can continue on this course. This year we are going to Corning, New York. For those of you who have not been to Corning this is going to be a fabulous adventure. There are lots of things to see and do in this beautiful city. July 18th, we will have a picnic with the kids at Evergreen. Now, even if you aren't planning to ride with us **do not miss the BBQ kick-off** where we always have a great time and cost is only \$10.00. It starts at 5PM and will end no later than 6:30PM. Saturday, July 18th takes us again to Deeley Harley Davidson for a great breakfast at 8AM followed by our ride to Corning, N.Y. And, back by popular demand, is our stop along the way for lunch hosted by the world famous Gowanda Harley Davidson store. As always, Saturday night is the Banquet and you are on your way home on Sunday. Keep watching for updates as to what the team has planned for us this year. Call Reg Meecham to find out more - 905-337-5486. Cost is \$100 per person.

Last but not least

**The 11th Annual Los Silverados Golf Tournament** to be held on Tuesday September 23rd. This is a premier event for the non-existent organization and is great fun for all who attend. Get your foursome ready. The day will be superb (as always) – please contact Jane (#6) or Bob Graham (#2) at 905 265 0047 or Al (#207) or Elaine Smith at 905 844 4688 to reserve your foursome. . This year we are going back to the amazing Glencairn Golf Club. As you know we were there two years ago and everyone loved the unmistakable patina of prestige, heritage and quality. Please bring all your friends - they are welcome. It's a great tournament and it is an important fundraiser for the Mission.

I think this is all there is to know about the summer “happenings”. The only thing left if for you to sign up.

**Now for the editorial.....** I must say that I am completely overwhelmed by the level of contributions you have been making to YSM. Lately, I have watched as the incredibly rich folks like Oprah and Bill seem to have “gotten it”. I suspect however, that while those gifts and activities are amazing, just by their pure mass, I am still impressed by our little group and the good work that it does. You can see the fruits of your gifts and contributions anytime.

You can go and watch little folks graduate from the computer school and walk away with their own computer – free. You can help feed the youth at Evergreen (now 5 nights a week) and see some little guy eat 5 hamburgers because he hasn't had much to eat this week. You can have dinner with the older folks, as Roy Roe (#11) does and offer them encouragement to feel good and make it through another day. You can mentor a student and have a hands on effect in an important life. These are just some of the ways that Silverados interact with the Yonge Street Mission and I for one am impressed. Get involved, I promise that it won't hurt and you will really enjoy it. Call Stephanie 416-925-6069 ext. 227 if you want to be put in contact with people that cause these changes.

See You In The Wind,  
Bob Graham (#2)