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What's New ?

- Joint venture to a picnic at the
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Next Month's (July) Guest Speaker ?

- Larry Todd (lawyer) talking about
the "Canadian Constitution"
and the "Charter of Rights".

Meeting Highlights

- President Stewart opened the meeting by introducing the guest speaker, Mr. Brian Simpson, who spoke about his involvement in the road racing aspect of cycling and how he turned his love of cycling into a mission to raise funds for Childhood Cancer Causes.
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- In 2004 Brian traveled to Texas to participate in the "Ride for Roses" a major fund raising event organized by Lance Armstrong, the only 7 time winner of the prestigious "Tour de France" bicycle race. While cycling has yet to become a North American passion the "Tour" has a viewing audience of more than 11 million, including the many thousands that crowd the roadsides during the race. In 2008 Brian participated with 48 other riders in the "Sears National Kids Cancer Ride" to raise money for the 17 Pediatric Oncology Centres across Canada. The riders completed the 7600 km ride in only 19 days. Brian personally raised more than \$35,000 for the cause. In August, 2010 he will be participating in his 6th "Tour for Kids" which raises money for the 3 children's cancer camps, in Ontario – Camp Trillium, Camp Quality and Camp Oochigeas.
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- While haven't yet made it into a "Tour" team Brian visited Belgium, in 2007, to watch a stage of the "Tour" and while there visited France and actually climbed two of the most famous mountain stages in the "Tour" – Alpe d'Huez and Mont Ventoux.
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- Brian explained in some detail how the 8 day "Tour de France" worked. The famous "yellow" jersey is worn by the overall leader of the race based on elapsed time. The "Green" jersey worn by the sprinter amassing the greatest number of sprint points and the "Polka Dot" jersey by the racer with the most mountain stage climb points. Recently, race officials have introduced a "White" jersey which is worn by the leading rider who is under 25 years of age. Apparently, a couple of years ago the "Tour" was won by a rider wearing the "White" jersey.
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- Brian spoke of past cycling greats and profiled those to watch for in this year's race which starts on July 3rd. He discussed race tactics especially the art of 'drafting' and the equipment used by the racers. In responding to questions about equipment failure he explained that each rider has several identical, custom built bikes . If the problem is a wheel it can be readily replaced but if the damage is more serious he selects another bike and pedals on.
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- Brian is the proud owner of one of the bikes built for Lance Armstrong and was pleased to bring it to the meeting and explain its many features to the Club members who were certainly impressed with its \$15,000 price tag.
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- Brian was thanked by Club member, Art Truax, who presented him with a small token of the Club's appreciation.

Meeting Highlights Cont'd



Guest speaker Brian Simpson pictured above with his \$15000 bike.



Club member Art Truax presenting Brian with a token of the club's appreciation

- Following the coffee break, President Stewart, introduced the most recent member. Dr. Ed Chan. He noted that Ed was being sponsored by Bruce Faulkner who, unfortunately, was vacationing in Russia. He noted that we had three other new members, Paul Terrill, Bill Moores and Calvin Yake who were not able to attend.
- Dave McClelland introduced his guest, Stan Hill, who received a welcoming round of applause.
- President Stewart spoke about Club communications and the sometimes difficult task of getting all members fully informed of events. He spoke of the matter of Management Committee decisions and how best to advise the membership. He indicated that he would try giving members a brief verbal report at the monthly meeting and would follow up with a detailed written report. Some of the items he touched on were a report on the recent "Spring Fling", a Club "Refund Policy" and a proposal to raise revenue through an advertising proposal.
- He also mentioned the Club's recent visit with The Men's Probus Club of Newmarket and some ideas that he picked up and would like to introduce to our meeting format. One was the singing of Canada's National Anthem at the start of each meeting. He would also like to see our Club acquire and display a Past Presidents Plaque, or shield. He supported a more formal introduction of new members but noted that we were already moving in that direction. He was not particularly impressed with the idea of holding a monthly 50/50 draw and thought that the Club could survive without this type of fund raising.
- In conclusion President Stewart advised that the guest speaker for the July 13th meeting would be lawyer, Larry Todd. Larry lives in Oakwood but practices corporate law with a large Toronto law firm. Larry will address the "Canadian Constitution" and the "Charter of Rights".
- He also advised that the guest speaker for the August 10th meeting will be Donald Rumball. Mr. Rumball is a journalist of some note and a member of the Newmarket Probus Club. He will speak on the "demise of the newsprint industry" and its implications for the general public. Currently, we can expect Mr. Rumball to be accompanied by 7 other members of the Newmarket Club who will visit with us, have lunch, and then would like to play a round of golf at one of Lindsay's fine golf courses.
- President Stewart indicated he would have more on this matter at a later date.
- The last item of business, President Stewart adjourning the meeting.

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