

Surprise truck inspection nets unsafe vehicles

By: Harry Rudolfs

Halton Police Commercial Motor Vehicle Enforcement Unit (CMV) was out in force last Wednesday pulling unsafe trucks off the road at the Premier Outlet Mall on Steeles Ave.

Truck inspection officers set up shop in an east end parking lot while a couple of patrol

cars cruised the perimeter roping in trucks that looked “shabby” and might not pass a safety check.

“We obviously don’t have room to pull tractor trailers in here but we’re interested in everything else,” said Constable Jeff Sandifer, Dedicated Truck Inspection Officer with Halton Police’s Milton and Halton Hills

detachment.

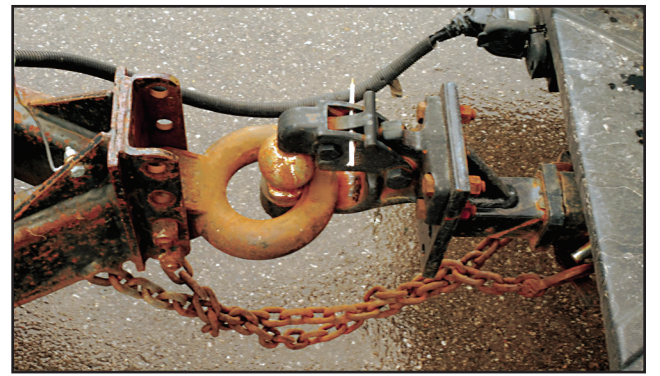
The officers were targeting light and medium trucks in particular, including pickups and trailers, vehicles that would usually fly under the radar at the weigh stations on the 401.

The jackpot was a contractor’s two-axle, wide-body trailer which failed on many levels—everything from

defective lights, to bald tires, to a missing wheel fastener, to a worn and deformed hitch ring that included a ballpoint pen refill holding the tongue latch in place.

“It’s the worst I’ve seen in a long time,” said Senior Regional Enforcement Officer Pat Martin, who pulled the plates in short order. In a few hours, regulatory officers had examined 14 vehicles and placed nine of them out of service. They also laid 31 charges and seized three plates. Most of the trucks were allowed to proceed after repairs were made.

Cons. Sandifer acknowledged that the 64 per cent failure rate was higher than the 38 to 40 per cent he usually gets. But he added this is not



FAIL: Ballpoint pen refill used to secure tongue latch.

a snap-shot of the overall truck population since these units were chosen because they might have problems. By comparison, a recent inspection in Norval put 10 out of 17 vehicles out-of-service.

Sandifer’s catchment area includes Acton and he expects to be back in town checking trucks in the near future. “Acton’s tough, because the only good place to conduct in-

spections is at the arena, and you have to get there early to set up a place so nobody parks there.”

Sandifer said the popular term “safety blitz” is not quite accurate since he’s often working alone. “Aside from our multi-jurisdictional inspections that we do in October at Mohawk Raceway, this is what I do everyday—it depends on how many officers I have to help me,” he said.

HILLSVIEW REPORT - ACTON

Did you know that now that the ice is out, you can roller blade or skate in the Acton Arena Monday to Friday from 11:15 a.m. to 1 p.m.? What a great way to get exercise.

Mary Walsma told me that she and her partner Walter Golden placed fourth out of nine teams when playing cribbage in the O.S.G.A. games in Milton.

The storm delayed the Spring Dinner and Dance to Monday, April 23. It was, never the less, a great success. I think we were all happy to shake off the winter blues. Spring seems a long time coming this year.

Thinking of spring, there is still time to sign up and purchase your ticket for the golf and lunch at Blue Springs on May 30. It’s always a fun day.

On May 1 at 1:30 p.m. there will be a Golden Umbrella Presentation. A

panel of local professionals will be here answering a wide range of questions, including: real estate, legal guidance, fitness, nutrition, in home care, organizing your belongings, or possibly moving to a full-service retirement home. As we get older we can all relate to wondering what our next step should be to help us move happily into the future.

Our Mother’s Day Lunch on May 12 is coming up quickly. We are busy with the planning. We not only have a delicious lunch, but you might win a lovely prize at the penny table or the lovely garden chairs, cushions, table and drinks set—a perfect gift for mother. You can also stock up on your summer reading from our large selection of books for sale or stock your freezer with baking to save you baking during

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the summer. If you are a member of the Centre, please try to donate baking or something required for the tea. The lists are at the reception desk.

While playing bid euchre on April 18, Joan Bateman and Shirley Hunter both had mooners.

Tickets are available at the door for the second in the Live Music Series at the Ballinafad Community Centre on Friday, April 27. This time it will feature “Pepper Shakers”—50’s, 60’s and 70’s music. The following one on Friday, May 11 is John Pebbles—Caribbean/Reggae.

There was no 50/50 winner this Friday so next week the amount to be won should be around \$180.

Lunch on Friday, May 4 will be pork tenderloin, potatoes and vegetables plus dessert tea and coffee followed by Bingo at 1:15 p.m.

Parmiter who sold \$1,000 worth of tickets for the “Leave the Streets Behind Campaign”. Thank you, Sean. You helped us achieve our goal.

To make the day a success, we depended on a lot of volunteers. Frank asked me to make sure I thanked the whole team on his behalf. Special thanks to Frank. Your dedication to this cause means that we have raised the sum of \$17,860 for a most deserving campaign.

Next Thursday, May 3 we will hold the annual Candlelight Walk to the Cenotaph. Everybody will meet no later than 6:30 p.m. at either St. Alban’s parking lot or the GO station parking lot where candles can be obtained. The walk will commence at 6:50 p.m. with Veterans and Children leading each group, followed by Scouts, Guides, and Cadets. Non veteran Legion members and LAX will bring up the rear.

LEGION NEWS

By: David Maloney P.R.O. ~ Branch 197



Last Saturday, April 21, we welcomed a whole bunch of special guests to our Legion. Johnny Bowers widow, Nancy, escorted by Don Joyce, brought along some former NHL Hockey players, including Dick Duff, Peter Conacher, Dean Prentice, and others from their association. Local Federal MP Michael Chong, former NHL Referee Bryan Lewis and, Jim Morrison and his wife were also in attendance. We were honoured to have The Ontario Legion President Sharon McKeown visit us along with District Commander Jack Porter, District chairperson Pat Perry, and Zone Commander Ola McNutt. We thank them all for making the trip to Acton for the “Leave the Streets Behind” Grand Draw. The Branch

must thank the Ladies Auxiliary for the wonderful lunch they provided. The winners of the draw are: Jason Whiteley won the Johnny Bower sweater. Keith Porty the Dick Duff sweater. Sean—no last name, but we have his phone number—won the Johnny Bower Goalie Stick.

MP Michael Chong presented Greg Ferguson with a special certificate from the Ontario Government recognizing him for the 2017 spring cleanup of the Highway of Heroes Adoption Team. He was also awarded a special certificate for the same work, that Chong brought from MPP Ted Arnott, who could not be there in person. Congratulation, Greg. You made us proud.

Peggy Graham presented a special certificate to Sean

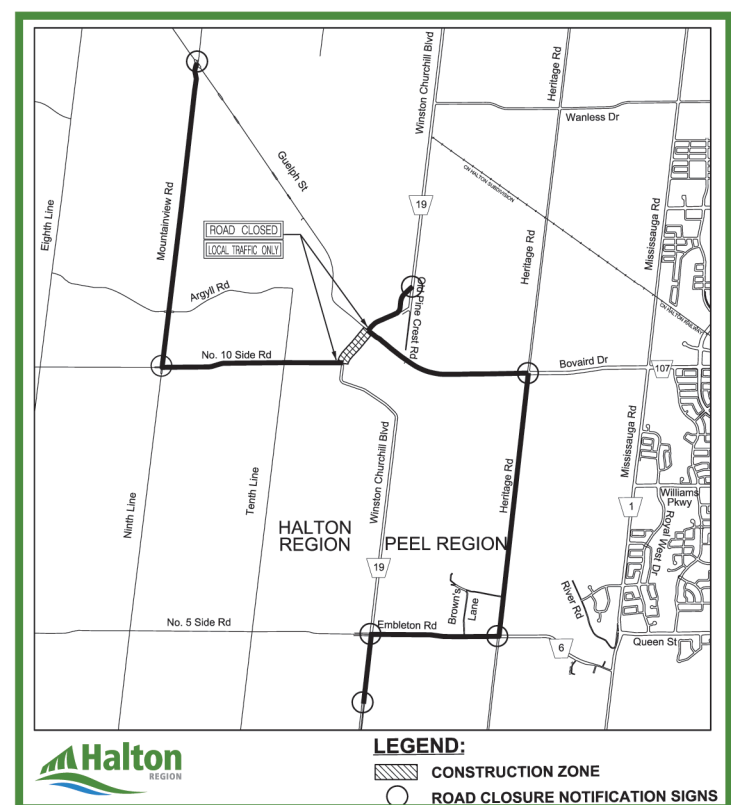


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NOTICE OF ROAD CLOSURE

WINSTON CHURCHILL BOULEVARD IMPROVEMENTS THROUGH NORVAL 10 SIDEROAD TO NORTH OF NOBLE STREET TOWN OF HALTON HILLS



Due to ongoing road and water infrastructure works, Winston Churchill Boulevard will be closed from 10 Sideroad to Guelph Street with access to local traffic only.

This is a Halton/Peel joint project. The purpose of this project is to improve traffic flow, reduce congestion and renew aging infrastructure.

Start of road closure:
End of road closure:
Project number
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