



The first executive of the new Acton branch of the Red Cross which will be born next year with Henry Kroes at the helm.



Recipients of appreciation awards and volunteer crests, Akke Kroes, Alice Schreiber, Sandra Schreiber, Bert Vanderlaan, Sonya Kroes and Henry Kroes, were honored for their Red Cross work last Tuesday.

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Wanda the Witch sits in a crumpled heap at the rear of Superior Motors. Her tires are flat, her body bashed, her windshield covered with oil from her blown engine. She is a sorrowful sight.

Bob Leopardi doesn't seem too concerned. He knows she ends every racing season looking ready for burial, but a little winter surgery, a facelift, a body job and she'll be back on the track next spring raring to go.

Expensive hobby
Bob is owner-manager of Superior Motors and has been into late model stock car racing for many years.

It's an expensive hobby and Bob is wondering how much longer he can keep at it, as costs escalate.

"Money is getting tight this year—I didn't race as much," he says.

Four tires cost him \$490 and they only last two or three nights. He has \$14,000 invested in his '79 Camaro that doesn't look much like a Camaro after it's had a new engine, new racing shell body and been generally made much safer.

Every year Bob has to pop a new engine in and build a new body—these essentials only last one season after the punishment they're put through. But he's hooked. Cars and racing are in his blood.

His brother-in-law is his mechanic and used to be in racing himself.

Safety is the key to building any race car and Bob feels confident about Wanda. The Grand

National frame is supplemented with heavy interior tubing. The gas tank is sealed off. Netting covers the open windows to keep human body parts inside.

The car body is a light racing shell that serves to hold up the fancy paint job. The whole effect is of a long, low, wide-based vehicle that seems impossible to roll.

Bob says it is very stable and will only go belly up if it leaves the road for any reason (flying?) or runs up over a dead car.

Bob has hit a wall at 128 mph and been back racing in an hour—that's how safe Wanda is.

"Safety pays" he comments. "I don't know anybody who has been killed. I get bruised and bumped a little but in eight years, I've never been to hospital."

Sponsorship pays
Sponsors make the game possible. Bob usually reaps roughly \$3,000 a season from sponsors whose name appears painted on the car body. He travels all over Ontario and as far away as Nova Scotia and Ohio.

He's looking for sponsors this winter so he can do some warm weather racing in the States.

It's possible to win \$700-\$800 a night in prize money so the sport pays for itself if the driver is smart.

Drivers will run three or four times a night in three heats and elimination rounds. How long do races run?

"It depends on accidents" Bob chirps cheerfully.

Most of his races last around a half hour. Feature races often last 25 laps on tracks that measure one third to a half a mile. Some Flamboro races are 150 laps in length.

"It seems like you're out there forever—especially if you're out front."

An average of 22 cars start a race two or three abreast, faster cars starting behind and having to work their way up to the front.

Speeds hit 100 to 110 mph.

One of the bad moments Bob remembers was during one race when he shot out front and lost

the car in a corner. Spinning around he found himself facing 22 speeding cars barreling down the track—at HIM.

"I just put my hands over my face."

Fortunately all the cars missed him—or he wouldn't be doing this story.

Enthusiastic family

Bob's family are very involved with racing, too.

"If your wife isn't into it, forget it" says Bob.

Lynda Leopardi is very enthusiastic and Bob intends to start his 11-year-old son on go-carts next year.

Owning his own shop allows him time to spend working on the car. It takes four months in the winter to get it ready for spring racing. It also allows him to take off long weekends for travelling to races.

Bob finds his interest in racing has attracted a lot of young people to his repair shop.

Prior to opening his shop Bob worked in the garages of L & L Ford. He has lived in Acton for five years and says he loves the town.

In the meantime Wanda sits forlorn and forgotten in a corner. Her colorful yellow and black paint job dusty and dented.

"If you don't have a few dents I figure you're not racing" laughs Bob.

Next spring Wanda will be shiny and blooming again.

"We may not be the fastest but we're the prettiest car on the track" and Bob Leopardi gives Wanda an affectionate pat.



Bob Leopardi

Hydro rates up

Residents of Halton Hills will be paying more for hydro following an announcement by Ontario Hydro of an average 9.4 per cent increase in the cost of power to municipalities.

Graham Farnell, manager of Halton Hills Hydro, says some of the increase will definitely be passed along to the public, but the hydro commission haven't yet had a chance to assess how much. At present the cost of power is 80 per cent of Halton Hills Hydro's expenditure, so the entire increase couldn't possibly be absorbed by the local commission, Farnell said.

Ontario Hydro chairman Hugh Macaulay said the bulk power rate will be in-

creased by 9.3 per cent to Ontario's 324 municipal utilities, 9.6 per cent to about 100 large direct industrial customers and 9.9 per cent to Hydro's rural distribution system. The rates to these three customer groups vary according to their demands, energy usage and supply conditions.

"The rate increase is designed to help offset increasing costs in the supply of power, estimated at an extra \$305 million in 1981." Total cost of running the system is estimated at \$2.6 billion next year," Macaulay said.

Of total \$305 million increase about 45 per cent is due to fuel and related costs. The bulk of the fuel cost will be for additional coal-fired

generation and the higher cost of coal.

Increased sales next year are expected to cover \$79 million leaving \$226 million to be recovered through rate increases.

Ontario Hydro acts basically as a wholesaler of electrical power to retail distributors such as Halton Hills Hydro. "How the increase will affect the average consumer's electric bill will depend on local municipal utilities, whose rates are set according to individual demand, energy use and supply conditions," Macaulay said.

Customers covered by the Hydro's rural distribution unit can expect an 11.2 per cent increase to cover the 9.9 bulk power increase and additional rural distribution costs.

School site needs rezoning

Halton Hills has been asked to change the zoning for the new separate school site.

Monday Halton Hills general committee received a staff memo noting the Halton Separate School Board has applied for a zoning amendment for Lot 28, Concession 2, Esquesing.

The school site on Mill Street West needs to be rezoned from rural to residential, which was a condition of the Land Division Committee granting the severances for the school site.



Alice Schreiber presents an award to Brad Cripps of the Acton Optimists for their help with blood donor clinics.

Actonians honored for Red Cross

Acton Red Cross volunteers were honored last Tuesday night at an awards ceremony.

Following are the award winners:

- Citations
Royal Canadian Legion Branch 197, Optimist Club, Beth-El Christian Reformed Church, Appreciation Awards
Alice Schreiber, Akke Kroes, Bert Vanderlaan, Henry Kroes.
Volunteer Crests
Sonya Kroes, Sandra Schreiber.
Volunteer Plus
Lorraine Kingmill, Winnie Splinter, Diane Gibson, Pauline Gordon, Heenie Vandam, Ann Venema, J. Barclay-Smith, Gergette Aubel, Mary DeLiaan, Alice Kroes, Cory Voe, Dorothy Kukken, Vera Inglis, Jean Jackson, Geraldine Lewis, Eileen McFadden, Garry McFadden, Hubby Lausten, Jena Lausten, John Bailey, Bruce Hayward, Ken Chappel.

50th donation—Henry Kroes, A. Patterson. 54th donation—Mrs. N. Thornhill.

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McCain 24 oz. frozen super crisps or patties .79

McNair 250 g pkg. walnut pieces \$1.59 SAVE 30¢

Weston 24 oz. loaf thin sliced or regular white sandwich bread 2/1.29

Dietrich pkg. of 12 scone rolls .79

Weston pkg. of 6 lemon or raspberry butterhorns .89

Secret deodorant sc. or unsc. roll on 7.5 ml. 2.29

Secret deodorant sc. or unsc. solid 50 g. 2.29

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