

Motocross controversy...

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The booze parties the residents are talking about are drug and booze parties and should be labelled as such, Murray claimed. These same parties dump rocks on the Sixth Line. Murray pointed out the track is located in the heart of the Golden Horseshoe and contends there is no more suitable location for it. "It was never agricultural land. You could not grow enough wheat on that land to pay for one tire of the tractor."

Murray also said the hot air balloon disturbed his animals more than the motocross bikes.

Doberthien pointed out to council that his bikers have never blocked off the Sixth Line the way a group of Scouts had done the previous weekend for the Gilwell Reunion. He also said it is hard to control the beer drinking, but after the first race signs were posted that anyone drinking would be asked to leave the property.

As for injuries, Doberthien claimed, the bike riders were second only to world class soccer players in conditioning and while ambulances are necessary at the site for each race, a hockey game produces more injuries.

"I am one of the selfish individuals who would like to protect my family and investment," Armstrong said in his rebuttal. "I am one who sits and suffers through this noise. These are not bees."

He admitted when the wind is blowing from the south, he is not bothered by the noise.

Motocyclist Rick Day, from urban Milton, defended the track. He said it not a money making proposition. He noted the area has needed something like this for some time.

Milton Clerk Administration Roy Main reminded councillors when the situation first arose, staff felt it was in violation of the by-law. He would not divulge the results of their legal opinion in case the matter went to court.

Councillor Jim Watson pointed out no

matter what course of action they decided to take, they are going to end up in court, except if they do nothing, and then they are headed for the "graveyard".

In proposing the track be prohibited, Councillor Johnson noted he has never heard so many compliments to one man's character. "The man (Mansell Nellis) walks on hallowed ground in North Halton."

Councillor Rose Harrison opted for regulations. She warned the other council members of what would happen if the matter went to court.

Councillor Blanch Hinton wondered what would happen if Nellis took the matter to court and won, could the town then have any way of controlling the operation.

Johnson pointed out Nellis was asked to stop the operation by staff and did not, because of his legal opinions of the bylaw.

Doberthien said suggestions that the organizers were going to move away "rankles" him. He pointed out he has been in the area for 30 years and Nellis' grandfather lived in the area.

He suggested council not be impressed by numbers (of the attending opponents). Armstrong noted the property owners would not be satisfied with regulations, he contended it does not end the problem, merely controls it.

Armstrong told the council if the matter went to court, and the town lost, the neighbors would take their lumps. But they would have known the council did all they could for them.

Council decided to enforce the existing by-law but the matter was to be discussed further in-camera at the regular council meeting Monday evening.

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trailed by the local businessmen and the Halton Hills councillors in the eighth and final spot.

Teams had to do a variety of events, including a zany relay race.

Overall, the fair was a great success, Mrs. Alton observed. Hall exhibits had a tremendous turn-out with the most from domestic science, and the poultry barn was filled to capacity.

Friday's attendance was down compared to last year, Mrs. Alton revealed, but because exact figures won't be in for a while, it is not known exactly how many it is down. The rain is blamed for this, she said. Fair organizers felt with the Arabian show being cancelled and the heavy horse pull being rescheduled, some people did not bother to come out. Saturday attendance is thought to be up over 1982, even though the day was not as bright as last year.

Halton Regional Police report no incidents in the Spot in the Park or elsewhere in the fairgrounds.

There were very few complaints, Mrs. Alton said. There was one problem however of a man who came from Hamilton to attend the Old Time Fiddlers' contest. This was cancelled this year and he did not find out until after he paid his way into the fair. Apparently an out-of-town newspaper had advertised the contest as being in Acton. The man was refunded his money.

Inside and out, the fair was enjoyed by all. The rain may have dampened the ground and rides, but it sure didn't dampen any spirits.

Misses animal, hits ditch

David Allan, of Lot 22, Con. 4 Eramosa Township, has found it is very expensive to swerve to miss animals. Allan caused \$4,000 damage to his pick-up truck doing just that.

According to Guelph OPP he was south-bound on Con. 5 when he swerved. He lost control and went into the north ditch, police say. Allan suffered minor injuries.

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