

# The quintessential cone for a hot day

by Pam Douglas

On a hot and steamy August afternoon, ice cream, not variety, is the spice of life to me. But in our ice cream parlors you'll be lucky enough to find both.

Searching out the perfect ice cream cone was not an easy job. I found 11 area stores that still scoop ice cream. Sampling each was the easy part. It was getting on the scale afterwards that hurt.

Ice cream connoisseurs like myself no doubt already know the verdict of such a search. On a hot day ice cream, any ice cream, is greatly appreciated, but two cones in particular came closest to my dreams of the perfect tall, cool one.

Village Ice Cream Parlor on Embleton Rd. in Huttonville is one of a dying breed of old-style ice cream parlors, and proof in itself that change is not necessarily always for the better.

Village served up the creamiest ice cream around and they didn't skimp on the scoop. A single costs .95 cents, a double, \$1.35, and a flavor of the month is featured at .75 cents for a single. They have 16 flavors to choose from, so you're bound to find one you like. It was the closest thing to perfection I've come across in a long time. The atmosphere is that of an old-fashioned ice cream parlor.

The store also offers home-made baked goods like buttermilk.

Running a close second, Ed's In-N-Out on Acton's Main St. serves up an .80 cent "small" cone and a \$1.50 "large" cone. The small scoop alone was big enough to pass for an extra-large. Ed's only has eight flavors, but the Swiss Mocha was smooth and rich.

Baskin-Robbins in Georgetown and Cooley's Ice Cream Parlor in Hornby offered the largest selection. Baskin-Robbins boasts 31 flavors and they give you a medium-sized scoop on a sugar cone for .90 cents. A double scoop is \$1.50 and a triple, \$1.80. Royal Class Chocolate, Pink Bubblegum and Strawberry Cheesecake are some of the more exotic flavors you can buy there. Anyone who orders vanilla in Baskin-Robbins is obviously not in control of all his faculties.

Cooley's offers 36 flavors and an ice cream parlor atmosphere to boot. Their .85 cent single scoop is very large, although a little icy.

The budget-conscious ice cream lover doesn't have to sacrifice quality at Scoops in Glen Williams. This quaint little parlor has 24 flavors and a small scoop, which isn't a bad size, costs .50 cents, the cheapest ice cream around.

Terra Cotta General Store serves up a huge scoop for .80 cents, but their selection is limited to Butterscotch Ripple, Chocolate, Vanilla and Strawberry, Maple Nut and Pralines and Cream cost \$1.

The Apple Factory at the corner of Highway 7 and Mississauga Rd., Dairy Queen in Georgetown, Georgetown's Main Mart, and Beckers in Acton and Georgetown (on Delrex Blvd.) are all sources of delicious ice-cold refresher.

So don't just sit around and complain about the heat. Do something about it—drown your sorrows in an ice cream cone.



There's nothing like nice cold ice cream cone. Pam Douglas of Acton enjoys his favorite flavor on a hot summer night.

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