

Our intrepid Editor discovers

# How to get from point A to point B... the hard way

by Bill Johnston  
Mention a Sunday drive to a member of the GT Motor Sport Club and you'll likely end up bouncing over every pothole in north Halton and a bit of Peel thrown in for good luck.

They're not what you would call your typical Sunday afternoon drivers. They actually enjoy sitting down after 70 miles of driving back roads, main roads, side roads, no roads, roads that look an awful lot like lakes and then laughingly tell you about getting lost.

After last Sunday you can take the word of this editor about some of the activities of the GT Motor Club. I was there, or at least my navigator Allan Ryall tells me I was. Go to cover a story, and nine times out of ten, you get involved. Go to cover a meeting, you end up the recording secretary. Go to a blood donor clinic you end up giving blood. Go to a car rally you end up rallying.

this neck of the woods. Some looked so rarely used you keep expecting to see a band of Indians come charging over the hill. I mean, getting from Georgetown to Acton should be a simple matter. But via Stewarttown? Limehouse? And a few other places? Huttonville? Churchville?

Like that washed out road which probably sees about five cars all year but last Sunday saw 10 cars slipping through, adding to a halt, making quick turnarounds and slipping back from wherever they had come from and wherever they were hoping to go to.

And if that wasn't difficult enough you only get a certain amount of time to do all that slipping, sliding, bouncing and bumping from A to B. Thirty seconds too late is bad; 30 seconds too fast and you're really in trouble, point-wise, because that means you've been going faster than the allotted 32.5 mph, or 25.5 mph, or 35.25 mph.

Georgetown. They give you sign directions that don't tell you to make a left turn but, instead tell you don't make a right turn and don't go straight ahead. What's left? Left!

But if GT's car rally did prove one thing it's that beginners' luck still holds true. Once everyone had managed to slip their way back to Cedarvale (we didn't lose a one) and all the penalty points were all added up the rookie team of Ryall and Johnston somehow had finished deadlocked in first place.

Which is pretty hard when you stuck for a minute behind the GO bus in downtown Georgetown and you're already late. And Young, Lawrence and Cree don't particularly believe in giving you normal, run-of-the-mill directions, like take Hwy. 7 from Acton to

Datsun were right on for three of the six checkpoints. However our TR6 was placed second with 41 penalty points. Mike and Brian Robinson were third just one point behind Lee Ursel and Glen Broomhead were fourth; Geof Walker and Tom Keder, fifth; Bill and Elaine Flett, sixth; Carol and Myron O'Byrne, seventh; Adrian Lathan and Carmen Draga, eighth; Rob and Jane Freeman, ninth and Allan Scott and Douglas Charlton were tenth.

The next event, by the way, on the GT Motor Sports Club's calendar is a slalom slated for April 4 at the south-east corner of the Zellers parking lot.

The Halton Regional Police will have a place to stay. Regional council has approved the signing of a lease with Paradise Investments Ltd. for the police department's present quarters on Mill Street in Georgetown.



LET'S SEE NOW? WHERE CAN WE SEND THEM?—Organizers of last Sunday's GT Motor Sport Club spring rally (from left) Neil Young, Hugh Cree and Steve Lawrence, go over the route prior to sending the rallyists on their merry way.

# Block Parents programme organizing

About 80 mothers who want to be reassured that their children can make it to and from school safely, attending a meeting of the Local Council of Women last Friday in the initial step to setting up a Block Parent Programme in Georgetown.

People who are accepted into the programme exhibit a sign in their window which tells a child that if he or she is in any difficulty, a haven where help can be received is at hand.

But it is not a "cookie stop", said Honey Cornfoot, president of the LCW, who chaired the meeting.

The Block Parent programme began in Canada about eight years ago in London after a nine-year-old boy on his way to school was abducted, sexually assaulted, murdered and found three and a half months later. Since then there are at least eight block parent programmes in Canada and new ones are forming all the time.

Application forms which were available at the meeting show that what is required is the birthplace and date of both spouses, the place of the spouse's occupation, telephone numbers and addresses as well as authorization for the police to investigate their files to see if any applicants have criminal records.

All applicants to become block parents are screened by the police.

Const. Keith Woods, safety officer of Halton Regional Police, attended the meeting to answer questions. He said that when the programme is on its feet he will be going into the schools to inform the children of the programme.

Central to the whole programme is the 10" by 10" white sign with red day glo lettering which is put in a window facing the street. If the block parent is out for a period of time, the sign is removed until the parent returns.

The signs, issued by the Canada Safety Council of Ottawa, are given to the block parents only after they have been successfully screened by police and must be returned if the block parents move away. The signs are to be displayed

in such a way that they won't be stolen.

During the meeting, Honey Cornfoot told the audience that evaluating the effectiveness of the programme would be difficult but that if only 20 children over a period of two years used it, the organizers could be proud.

After the meeting the women dispersed into groups representing various school areas to see what could be done about organizing their block parent programme.

Mrs. Cornfoot said she had been enthusiastic about the programme when she attended Harrison, Kennedy, Park, Holy Cross and St. Francis of Assisi schools. It is hoped that at least three pilot programmes can begin after the mid-winter break, she said.

Principals at the schools will prepare notices and set dates for meetings to get the programme underway, she said.

## Artisans receive Wintario grant

The Credit Valley Artisans have received a \$317 grant from the ministry of culture and recreation to aid in buying table looms and potters' kick wheels for the organization's Cedarvale cottage.

However, president of the Artisans, Honey Cornfoot noted that the grant, raised through the Wintario lottery, covers only one-third of the overall cost of the equipment and that they are now organizing further fundraising projects for the remainder.

High on their list of projects is an Art in the Park program to be held in conjunction with this summer's Pioneer Days in Georgetown. The artisans are planning a number of activities to take place on Saturday, June 26 in Cedarvale Park.



A PRIZEWINNER. Pauline Marland of Limehouse took first prize with this arrangement of daffodils and shamrocks at the St. Patrick's Day meeting of the Georgetown Horticultural Society.

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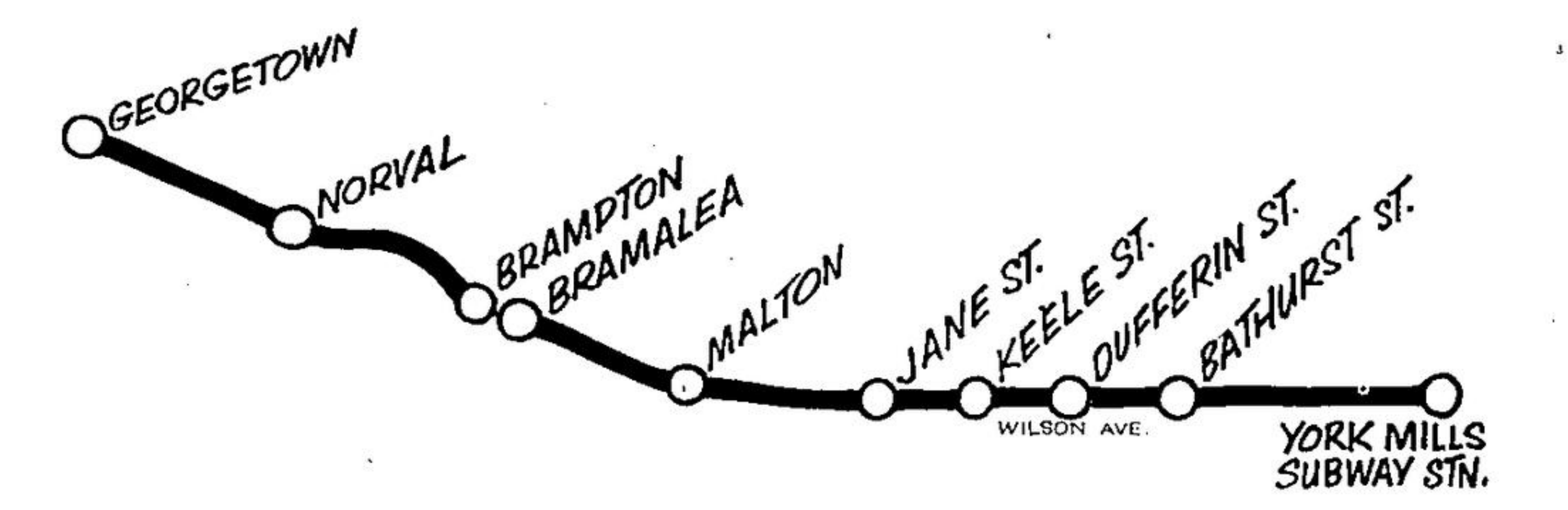
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