

Lifestyles

Road warriors don't need pity

By DIANA GERBER

Allow me to introduce myself. I, ladies and gentlemen, am a COMMUTER. The same, ragged, dragged-through-the-mud name is shared by many of you, my comrades-in-cars in this "bedroom community" of Halton Hills. On behalf of us, I would like to set the record straight.

By non-commuters, "non-coms" as I like to call them, we travelling souls are regarded with disdain and even anger. On many occasions I have been criticized for my daily trek. My own husband, a dedicated non-com, has actually called me foolish - but only until I gave him my patented "watch it, or you'll be making dinner weekends, too" look. The non-coms claim we are of less than average intelligence for adding an extra two hours or so of driving to our already long work day. They claim we are stupid for putting our lives in peril.

Once and for all, you non-coms, it's really not that bad. We daily voyagers, crusaders by car, we road warriors want to tell you to stop pitying us, stop being so scornful.

I can't expect you non-coms to understand, but our time on the road is not really the stressful time it's made out to be. Au contraire, my friends. This solitary hour is a chance to sift through the day's activities, to sculpt our minds, to allow our thoughts to form.

Personally, this time has been invaluable to me. Were I not a commuter, I never would have come to the valuable realization that, aside from me, the world consists of suicidal and homicidal maniacs or similarly catatonic zombies. I am quite sure that all

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my comrades-in-cars would agree, because they, too, have had this time for reflection.

Also, I would like to clarify to you non-coms that commuting is not as dangerous a sport as you may believe. Hubby, dear, read closely, so you won't worry so much. First, how much danger can there be. Eighty-per-cent of all commuting is done at speeds under 40 km per hour. Not too much can happen at that rate. The rest of the time is where 'The Commute' gets sporting.

That's right, non-coms, it's a sport. Where else does the sense of competition make itself so readily evident? Where else are your reactive abilities more aptly tested, as when you are forced to decelerate from 100 km to 0 in less than 10 seconds? (May I remind you that this exercise must be competed without kissing the bumper which you have been drafting).

As we cross the finish line daily, making it to work or back home in one piece and usually within time, don't harp on us for taking refuge in this sport.

Revel with us. Praise us. Hey, non-coms, why not join us! The more the merrier. Why not become one of the many, the proud, 'The Commuters!!!'

Artisans sale

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