



Daycare visitors

The Easter Bunny (Arlene Cairns) and Balman (Mike Buckley) paid a visit to the Moore Place Daycare Centre in Georgetown Wednesday as part of the centre's open house and one of the lucky children to meet the two famous characters was

three-year-old Ryan Smith from Belfountain. Ryan is one of 23 children that attend the daycare centre. The open house was held to give parents a chance to tour the centre and interact with the children in a variety of activities. (Herald photo)

Bikers to invade Fenelon Falls

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TORONTO - About 9,000 motorcycle riders from across Ontario plan to converge on Fenelon Falls in June - but there's little reason for locals to worry.

The bikers aren't re-enacting a scene from hoodlum movies such as Marlon Brando's *The Wild One*.

Instead, the trip to Fenelon Falls is part of the 1991 Ride For Sight fundraiser, an event aimed at raising money for eye research. Motorcycle riders obtain sponsors who support the trip from the home community to Fenelon Township, near Lindsay.

This year's event is scheduled for the June 8 weekend.

Georgetown participants wishing to ride with a group are asked to meet at the Racer's Edge in Milton at 2 p.m. on June 7 or at 8 a.m. on June 8.

Ontario ride for Sight

organizers hope to raise more than \$600,000 this year. More than \$500,000 was raised in Ontario last year, with nearly \$1 million raised nationally through similar rides in each province.

Jim Bentley, one of the original organizers of the Ride, said the trip was the brain child of some riders who met at York University in Toronto. They wanted to stage an event that would improve bikers' profiles.

"We wanted to do something to show people it's not all Hell's Angels and bad people," Bentley said during an interview at the International Motorcycle Show in Mississauga.

The event has ballooned since then, Bentley said. More than \$4.5 million has been raised towards eye research while the image of bikers has improved in the process.

"Most people have heard of Ride For Sight," Bentley said. The Ontario Ride For Sight has

taken bikers to different locations throughout the province. This year, the weekend's activities at the Fenelon Township fairgrounds include a dance and a motorcycle marketplace.

Participants can camp at the site or rent hotel space.

Bentley said more than 90 per cent of the money raised goes to research. Bikers' clubs hold activities throughout the year to raise money to cover their own costs, he said.

The Ride For Sight money goes to the Retinitis Pigmentosa Eye Research Foundation. Retinitis Pigmentosa is the name of a disease that can cause blindness.

Although bikers have a good time during the fundraising weekend, organizers say there are few incidents of troubles. Most bikers' groups tend to police their own members.

"We haven't really had much (trouble) to speak of," Bentley said.

P.O.W.E.R. meeting

The next P.O.W.E.R. (Protect Our Water and Environmental Resources) meeting will be held this coming Wednesday at 8 p.m. at Limehouse School.



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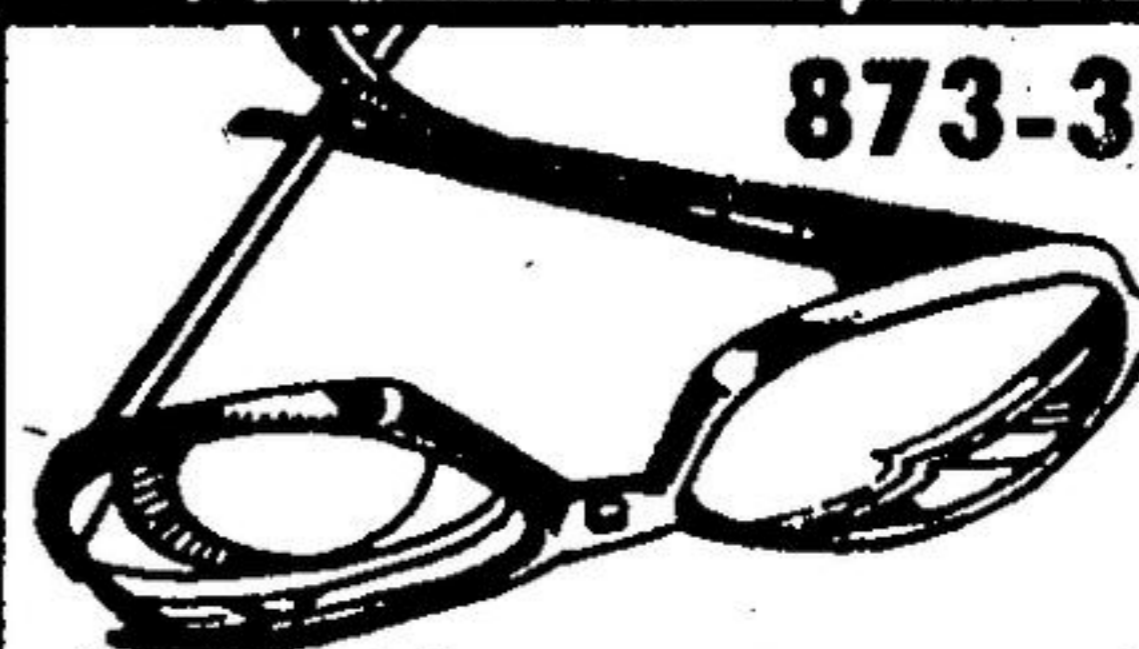
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