

COMMENT

I came in through the bedroom window

By Ted Brown
tedbit@hotmail.com



A Ted Bit

This most recent holiday weekend was pretty much the same as those of the past years.

Saturday, Sunday and Monday, The Sidekick and I had breakfast on the verandah, and then decided our day's plans.

Saturday, we mowed the grass and prepared the flower beds and Sunday we went shopping for bedding plants, and planted the flowers.

So Monday was time for a special project.

For the past few years, I've mentioned that the rusty old television antenna tower bolted to the house should really come down. It's unsightly, poking up over the farmhouse, visible whenever someone pulls into the driveway.

It was erected in 1980, but since we acquired satellite TV in 2001, it was redundant.

It just had one purpose. It was a handy access to the roof, as I could climb up it like a ladder.

It also had a little weather station attached, but I figured I could re-install it elsewhere.

How do you intend to take it down? I inquired. The Sidekick: I don't want to have to call 911 if something happens.

I assured her it was a piece of cake, and explained how I'd place the skid steer loader against the tower to stabilize it, climb up the tower, remove the lag bolts attaching it to the fascia board, then climb back down the tower, and back up the skid steer, allowing the tower to be free, then push it over with the skid steer loader.

The Sidekick wasn't impressed or convinced.

She politely reminded me of the many pieces of cake from the past.

But by then I was up the tower, laying on the searing hot black shingles, unscrewing the lag bolts with a socket ratchet.

All four lags were out in minutes, and the swarm of hornets didn't even come close to me.

I stood up in the roof, and wiggled the now released tower. Geez, it was quite wobbly without those four lag bolts. In fact, it decided the laws of gravity would immediately kick into play.

In an almost perfect exercise of felling a tree like some professional lumberjack, over she went, crashing to the ground in the exact place I had intended it to land. Unfortunately, the little weather station lay beside it in a million pieces. (Okay, you win some, you lose some.)

In spite of the collateral damage of the weather station, I was feeling pretty cocky at that point, and with a slightly boastful attitude, I looked at The Sidekick and said: So how do you like them potatoes?

To which she said: That's just great. And now, one question: how are you going to get down off the roof?

Ah, yes, the original plan was to climb down the tower before it went over.

Our big extension ladder was hanging in the driving shed, but it's much too heavy for The Sidekick to move alone. She brought the step ladder out. Hmmm, only six feet high. It was a bit of a drop.

She said she was going to call for help, but I stopped her. I had visions of Halton Hills Fire Department landing in with lights and sirens.

Not gonna happen. I'd never hear the end of that one.

Suddenly, I had a plan.

Go upstairs and open the bedroom window, I said. I can get off the roof from there.

So I met her at the bedroom window, pulled out the screen, and in seconds, I came in through the bedroom window, not the bathroom window as in the Beatles song.

So the tower is gone, and the skyline around the house is much tidier.

But now if I want to check the roof, I guess I'm getting out the ladder.

Or, climbing out the bedroom window.

Dr. Caroline Teske & Associates - Optometrists

Eyes Focused on You

We set the standard for quality eye care and provide comprehensive eye examinations for your entire family.



99 Sinclair Avenue, Suite 310 Georgetown, ON | 905.702.1616
www.eyesfocusedonyou.com





GENESIS

WALK-IN & FAMILY CLINIC

Where good health begins

PAEDIATRICIAN

Now Available

OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK

221 Miller Dr., Georgetown
905-873-6776
www.GenesisHealthTeam.com



Opposite to Allison's Farm Market

Temporary Road Closure

haltonhills.ca

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE DUE TO EVENT

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, and Town of Halton Hills By-law 2008-0020 regarding the following temporary road closure for the purpose of the following community event:
Georgetown Farmers Market
Every Saturday beginning June 4th, 2016 until October 15th, 2016. 6:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. Main Street from James to Church Street (Main Street and Mill Street intersection will remain open).
Organized by: Georgetown B.I.A. If you require any additional information regarding this road closure, please contact the Recreation and Parks Department 905-873-2601 ext. 2269.



TOWN OF
HALTON HILLS
Working Together Working for You!