

# L'il Red Rocket rides again

Last Friday night was a bit traumatic for me. I had trouble with the L'il Red Rocket.

For those who don't know, the L'il Red Rocket is my baby, my toy, my one and only little indulgence that I keep on the road, pulling her out from under her wraps on April 20 every spring, and then packing her back under the winter blanket on the same day in October.

We've been together more than a decade, and I've enjoyed her all those years as I go out on a few road trips.

I do realize that my car is getting a wee bit long in the tooth—the odometer has racked up close to a quarter of a million kilometres.

But I show her the respect she's earned over those years and drive with a certain amount of restraint so I don't over-tax her.

And last Friday night I had a bit of a scare.

The Sidekick and I went out for a tour, just a simple Friday night jaunt to see what the rest of the world beyond Limehouse was doing.

I pulled up to a busy highway, all set to make a left turn. My car, a five-speed, suddenly started to lurch ahead, out into the oncoming traffic.

"What are you doing?" said The Sidekick with a certain amount of attitude in her voice. "You tryin' to get us killed?"

"Ah, it's not me," I said, quickly assessing the situation. "It seems the clutch won't disengage."

I made a quick right turn and headed down the highway. Again I tried, but when I pushed the clutch pedal down it wouldn't stop the car. I figured the linkage had broken.

Thankfully, I was only a few kilometres from home, and was able to make some right hand turns and get home without having to stop.

Only once did I have to hit the brakes at an intersection, and in doing so, killed the motor. But incredibly, I let it coast back a bit, put the transmission in first gear, and turned the key it started, and we got moving again.

Living in the country where there's little or no traffic was certainly a bonus, and I got the L'il Red

Ted Brown



Rocket home safe and sound.

I got The Sidekick home as well. The only injury she suffered was her heart was permanently lodged in her throat.

Now the biggest irony (and annoyance) of this ordeal was the fact that when the clutch linkage gave out, the width of the highway was all that separated me from my service garage, and more importantly, my mechanic. But there was just too much traffic to get across to the other side.

Monday morning I called my garage, arranged a tow and then sat back, waiting for the news.

When you're dealing with a car that's traveled as far as mine has, it's always a bit disconcerting to hear what the bottom line of the repair will be. I'd already figured it was something to do with the hydraulic clutch, but I still worried about how big the repair bill might be.

A call from Carl, my service advisor, on Tuesday afternoon set my mind at rest.

"Ted, it's the little flex line between the clutch master and the slave, and it costs about 40 bucks," Carl said, "We don't know how much trouble it will be to replace it, but the labour shouldn't be too bad."

I've come to learn that 'shouldn't be too bad' translates to mean it's under \$300. Guess that's the price we pay for driving, not walking.

So the L'il Red Rocket rides again, and should be around to share a few more road trips.

And with a little luck, The Sidekick's heart will be able to handle a few more road trips as well.

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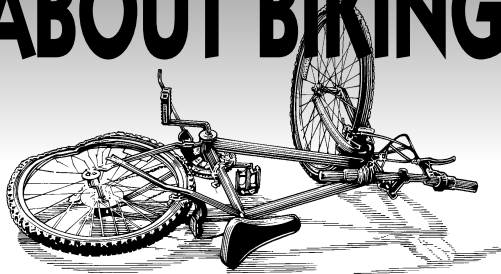
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