

Fewer drunk drivers but more 12-hour suspensions

By Frances Niblock

While the number of drunk drivers charged in Halton police R.I.D.E. spot checks is down dramatically from last year – two offenders compared with seven in 2005 – the number of people who received 12-hour licence suspensions jumped just as dramatically to 54, compared with 34 in 2005.

"People still need to be more responsible. People still need to be more aware of drinking and driving because car accidents are the number one non-natural cause of death in young people, and the public needs to smarten themselves and be more aware," Acting Sergeant Nick McConnell, head of the R.I.D.E. program at the Regional Traffic Unit, said on Friday, noting they stopped 13,790 fewer cars this year than two years ago,

yet found almost the same number of licence suspensions. (The fewer stops is a result of tighter police budgets.)

"The fact that we got fewer impaired is a hopeful sign, but the fact that we got 54 people who qualified for a 12-hour suspension indicates to me that there are still people out there that don't get the message."

At R.I.D.E. (Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere) spot checks since December 1, Halton police stopped 27,359 vehicles, 764 less than the previous year.

Along with the two impaired drivers and 54 licence suspensions, police issued 211 Highway Traffic Act tickets, and nine "other" charges, which include drug and liquor offences.

Non-drinking motorists passed through spot checks in seconds, but a driver who

showed obvious signs of impairment would be arrested, and a driver who admits to drinking or denies it, but shows a sign of impairment – glassy eyes or the odour of alcohol – would be asked to blow into a roadside screening device that is calibrated to give three results.

A legal pass under the Canadian Criminal Code is between 0 and 50-milligrams of alcohol in 100-millilitres of blood, although the legal limit is 80-milligrams.

Anyone with a graduated G1 or G2 licence must test

at 0 or face a charge under the Provincial Offences Act, and be issued with a 12-hour licence suspension under the Highway Traffic Act.

The machine gives a numerical result from 0 to 50mg., and blows a warning from 50mg. to 80mg. which results in a 12-hour suspension.

A fail leads to an arrest and a charge of operating a motor vehicle with over 80mg. of alcohol in 100-ml. of blood, and possibly with impaired driving.

A second breath test is

done with an *Intoxilizer* at the nearest police station to provide an exact numerical reading.

The penalty if convicted of refusing to provide a breath sample is the same as a conviction for impaired driving – an immediate 90-day licence suspension, fines and possible jail time.

It's estimated an impaired conviction could cost a driver more than \$10,000 in lawyer fees, fines and insurance costs. Insurance rates could jump 300 per cent

over six years following an impaired conviction.

McConnell could not say where in Halton the spot checks that nabbed the two drivers charged were located and it could take a week to break the R.I.D.E. statistics down by district to determine what happened in the Acton area.

At press time, details of alcohol-related offences, if any, laid by officers on regular patrol in District One (including Acton) during the holidays were not available.

THREE GOOD REASONS WHY you SHOULD start the NEW YEAR reading THE BIBLE daily & systematically



Reason No. 1

"That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive. . ." (Ephesians 4:14)

Reason No. 2

"... TO KNOW THE MYSTERIES OF THE KINGDOM" (Luke 8:10) "Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and FEW THERE BE THAT FIND IT." (Matthew 7:14)

Reason No. 3

To know and understand "... THE MYSTERY OF INIQUITY" (2 Thess. 2:7) - the false religious system that would arise from an early "falling away" from New Testament teaching. It would gain enormous influence through the centuries, resulting ultimately, in "ALL NATIONS DECEIVED" (Rev. 18:25)

The systematic daily reading of the Scriptures can not only enlighten us to "the mysteries of the Kingdom," but it can also open our eyes to the counterfeit system - "the mystery of iniquity."

The headquarters of this false system is located on seven hills or "mountains" (Rev. 17:9) and is described thusly - "MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS and ABOMINATIONS of the EARTH" (Rev. 17:3)

Her influence has been so universal that "the inhabitants of the earth have been made DRUNK" (Rev. 17:2). What are the age-old, universally believed doctrines that have caused mankind to become spiritually inebriated? We list below the chief ingredients of this intoxicating brew of religious fables:

Fable No. 1

The Platonic delusion of "THE IMMORTALITY OF THE SOUL" and the associated notions of sky-kingdom rewards and hell-fire punishments. The Bible teaches - "The soul that sinneth it shall DIE." (Ezekiel 18:4)

Fable No. 2

The blasphemous doctrine of "THE TRINITY" - not found in the Model Prayer - "Our Father which art in heaven" (Luke 11:2), nor in the subsequent "Apostles' Creed" (circa 120), BUT FIRST SURFACED SOME 200 YEARS LATER IN THE NICENE CREED!

Fable No. 3

The Zoroastrian myth of a "SUPER-NATURAL DEVIL" and his host of Demons. ("Satan the Devil" is the equivalent of the Greek God Pluto - King of the Underworld).

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Yahshua the Messiah, now at the right hand of the Father, will return at the appointed time to restore the Kingdom and Throne of David (Acts 2:30; Luke 1:30-33; Isa. 9:6; Jer. 33:15).

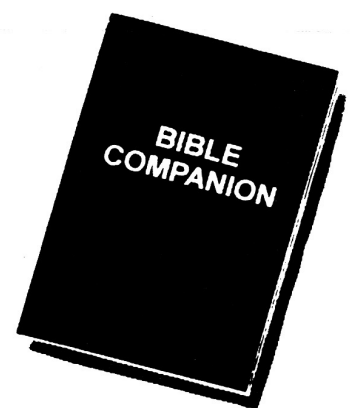
His Advent will synchronize with the final solution of the vexatious "controversy of Zion (Jerusalem)" (Isa. 34:8).

He will rule the world in righteousness for a thousand golden years - "For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of YAHWEH, as the waters cover the sea" (Isa. 11:9).

The Politics of the Millennial Age "Behold, a King shall reign in righteousness, and princes shall rule in judgment. . . he that overcometh. . . to him will I give power over the nations. . . to sit with Me in my throne. . . he that hath an ear, let him hear. . ." (Isa. 32:1; Rev. 2:26; 3:21,22)

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BRANCH No. 197 LEGION NEWS By James Hayes P.R.O.

Comrades,

I was unable to attend last Monday's general meeting, I was sick. I guess I was not alone judging by the reported attendance.

Last week in my report on Levee day, I omitted to mention the work being done behind the scene in the kitchen by 1st Vice President John Wagg, my apologies, John.

Membership Chair Kathleen Bevan has submitted a mini-report for those who are still without their 2007 membership cards.

Dominion Command has sorted out most of their computer problems and cards have begun to arrive at the Branch. There is still a problem with the integrity of their database. In many cases, their records show a card was issued when in fact it was not. If you paid your dues before Dec 31, 2006 and you have not received your card, and it is not behind the bar, please leave a note for me and I will order a replacement card.

Calling all euchre players! There is a Progressive

Euchre Tournament scheduled for Sunday, Jan. 21 at the Legion. The admittance fee of \$5 includes your entry, refreshments at half time, and of course, prizes. Games start at 1p.m. Please sign up at the bar. Your early registration is important to the caterers; do it today.

SPORTS.


The fun day curling takes place this Saturday at the Acton Curling Club. You should have registered before now if you wished to take part.

Bowling, the Branch had seven teams entered last Saturday in the Zone playdowns, and we have two teams going on to District.

Seniors: Wayne Briggs, Al Gardener, Jim Cooney, Carl Fisker, and Shorty & Annamarie Lowin.

Regular: John Wagg, Bob Turkosz, John Ahearne, Wayne Deforest, Jerry Wiscomb, and Dave Thompson. We wish them well.

Yours in comradeship,
Jim Hayes, Branch P.R.O.



NOTICE ANNUAL MEETING

ACTON AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
Annual Meeting to be held on Saturday, January 20th, 2007 at Knox Presbyterian Church Hall, Acton commencing at 10:00 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Financial Statements for 2006 and for the election of Officers and Directors.