

Motorcyclists prompt parking complaints in Campbellville

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Each spring and summer brings motorcycle enthusiasts out in droves to Campbellville.

In fact, the village is listed on a few Web sites as one of the top motorcycle routes in Ontario — where riders stop to enjoy food and camaraderie.

Many savour a meal at Trac's Food Emporium (formerly the Ice House Restaurant) and the parking lot is filled with their machines.

That has prompted complaints from some local business operators.

The merchants, who wished to remain anonymous, have concerns over the noise from the exhausts of the motorcycles and

the parking difficulties they incur during business hours.

Finding a parking spot in the primarily commercial area on the weekend during the summer months can prove to be a difficult task.

"When I pull in to park before I start work, I cannot find a place because there are so many motorcycles and cyclists," said one shopkeeper.

"These motorcyclists are extremely nice people and have always been polite when they come in but there are so many of them at one time, it makes parking very hard."

The motorcyclists are members of a pleasure riding group and shouldn't be confused with outlaw bikers like the Hell's Angels.

"The bikers are a good group of guys," said Noreen Glendinning, owner of Trac's. "They are my best customers and do not cause any trouble. The noise from their bikes is inevitable, they are motorcycles."

But nearby store owners wonder if there's another place that could be used for parking to alleviate some of the congestion in the area.

Halton Regional Police say the motorcycles are parked on private property and the property owners aren't complaining, therefore the issue doesn't warrant police involvement.

"The motorcyclists are welcome in Campbellville," said one shopkeeper. "We just wish there was a solution for the parking."

Campbellville getting ready to celebrate its 90th birthday

Lots of stuff happening for both young and old

Campbellville is preparing to celebrate its 90th birthday this weekend with a host of activities for young and old.

Activities, which are sponsored by the Campbellville and Area Business Association, will begin Friday night.

A dinner, plus a live and silent auction, will be held at St. David's Presbyterian Church on Guelph Line, south of Hwy. 401.

The auction viewing will begin at 6 p.m., with a beef barbecue dinner at 7 p.m.

Tickets for the dinner cost \$35 and are available by calling (905) 854-9800.

Saturday will feature an all-day birthday celebration.

From 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. there will be a giant garage sale and free face painting for the kids.

Then from 7 to 10 p.m. Campbellville's Birthday Street Dance will be held along Crawford Crescent, featuring local artists.

At 7:30 p.m., 'The Great Gerrard' will perform magic tricks, and at 8 p.m., June Scott will give some line dancing instruction for the whole family.

Cake cutting Sunday

Sunday will feature live music and an official cake cutting at 2 p.m. with Bill Stokes, honorary mayor of Campbellville. A group of Campbellville's past honorary mayors, along with the Brookville School Choir, will assist in the festivities.

The Mexican Dancers will strut their stuff at 2:15 p.m. and the Milton Cloggers plus Snigs the Clown will take the stage at 3 p.m.

Throughout the weekend, visitors are invited to drop into Campbellville's unique shops and boutiques.

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