

# Thunder Bay car show set for weekend

By Dave Chmara

This weekend is an opportunity for Northwestern Ontario residents to view the newest cars on the market.

The Thunder Bay Auto Dealers Association will be hosting Auto Show '89 which will take place at

the Canadian Lakehead Exhibition Grounds on Feb. 24, 25, and 26.

The main focus of the show is to feature the 1989 models including new cars, stylings, and new engineering developments.

Manufacturers will be showing off everything from economy cars

to diesel transport trucks with prices ranging from \$7,500 to \$225,000.

The show is an ideal opportunity to view the new 1989 and 1990 models without the usual high pressure sales tactics. Manufacturers are using this show to give the pub-

lic an opportunity to view their new cars - not sell them.

Several manufacturers will be showing off special vehicles to spark consumer interest. GM will be displaying a concept car which is a uniquely designed and engineered automobile. It is believed that other manufacturers will be doing the same.

Some of the cars highlighted at the show will be the Chevrolet Corvette. Now offered with the ZR1 option, this car blows away most of the competition. The Nissan 240 SX will be another

show stopper as will be the Ford Thunderbird Super Coupe.

Show times are: 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Friday, Feb. 24, 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25, and 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 26.

Admission is free and attendance is expected to reach 25,000 from Thunder Bay and the surrounding region.

With spring comes the itch, by many car enthusiasts, to buy a new car and this is an excellent opportunity to view and compare those cars you may be considering.

## Letter to the Editor

# Overwhelming support by Ashley's fundraisers

Dear Editor:

The "Ashley to New Orleans" fund raising drive now draws to a close only ten short months after it began, with great hopes for the future. The Committee, and the Redgrift family would like to convey their most sincere and heartfelt Thanks to you, for having chosen to donate to this very special and worthy cause. Due to your tremendous response, we as a Committee far surpassed our original goal of \$10,000.00. Despite no funding from the Ministry of Health, the Muscular Dystrophy Association nor O.H.I.P., the total amount raised was in fact \$28,078.96.

In June, Ashley and her mother, accompanied and assisted by the Infant Child Development Program Worker, travelled to New Orleans. There, at the Louisiana State University Medical Centre, Ashley was fitted with the "Reciprocatory Gait Orthosis" (brace) and on June 9, 1988, Ashley took her first step; perhaps a small step for mankind, but indeed a big one for the Redgrift family. After two weeks of intense therapy, Ashley returned home to a new kind of lifestyle.

A specifically designed tricycle was purchased with the support of the brace and for the first time in her life, Ashley was able to ride a bike like the rest of the children in the neighborhood. Debbie and Ashley regularly attend "Mom and Me" to enable Ashley to play and learn social skills in the company of other children her age.

Ashley was re-assessed by Dr. Alan Young, a consultant for the Infant/Child Development Program, in September 1988. Her progress was found to be "incredible" with the gap closing fast between her and others her age. November 11 and 12th, a workshop on the brace was held in Thunder Bay at the George Jeffrey Children's Treatment Centre - Nick Righter, licensed Certified Orthotist, and Mrs. Kit Shanks, Registered Physical Therapist, travelled from the Louisiana State University Medical Centre, as guest speakers. The brace was explained and demonstrated, also a demonstration of the preparation, training and daily therapy that must accompany the Reciprocating Gait Orthosis, to some thirty occupa-

tional and physical therapists of the area. The Redgrifts from Nakina, the Foucaults from Capreol and the Iediucks from Dryden, co-organized and co-sponsored the workshop. The workshop also enabled the families to have their daughters' progress monitored by these professionals and the braces adjusted where needed.

December was also a big month for Ashley as not only did she go skating for the first time, but she also celebrated her third birthday. The George Jeffery Treatment Centre has now provided Ashley with a set of parallel bars, a necessity for Ashley's therapy to enable her to walk by herself. She also received from Easter Seals, a "star-car" giving her independence while maintaining mobility.

The year 1989 has also gotten off to a very exciting start for Ashley. Debbie, an avid supporter of many charities, came across an information booth on the "Children's Wish Foundation", at Intercity while in Thunder Bay last fall. The Foundation, based in Pickering is funded through corporate and individual donations. Their function is to make a wish come true for terminally ill children throughout Canada. In 1988, they gave 400 children their wishes. Ashley's wish was to see Mickey Mouse and on February 10th, 1989 her wish was granted. Ashley and her family have been given an all expense paid trip for seven days to Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida and will be going this spring.

September 1989 will be another big step for Ashley as she begins Junior Kindergarten. Already the enthusiasm builds as the wheels are set in motion for special equipment and funding is being accessed for a special aide for Ashley. All in all, it has been a very special ten months in the Redgrift family and in Ashley's life. The extensive therapy program is beginning to pay off. Ashley is considerably stronger and

the progress is ongoing. As she continues to build up the muscle, she builds a part of her future and each day holds a new promise of what can be accomplished.

As was specified in the beginning, any surplus funds would remain in the Ashley to New Orleans account for future medical and/or orthopedic needs as deemed necessary by the Committee. The committee is directly responsible for the funds, a responsibility I assure you that is not taken lightly by any member.

Throughout the past ten months, you have touched our hearts with your generosity, a generosity which has made you a part of a little girl's dream, becoming a reality. You will be remembered in our hearts.

May God bless you and yours for having helped us reach our goal.

The following is a statement of receipts and disbursements for the period March 18, 1988 to December 31, 1988.

Donations	\$22,680.67
Fundraising	\$ 5,021.81
Interest	\$ 376.48
Total Revenue	\$28,078.96

New Orleans Flight & Accommodation \$3,152.43  
K. Shanks, Physical Therapist \$752.96

Dr. R. Douglas - Chief Orthotist \$4,949

J A Preston - Bicycle \$525.50

U.S. Draft Exchange & Charges \$93.99

Thunder Bay Conference on Medical Procedures & Special Brace & Accommodation \$1,000

Total Disbursements \$10,473.88

Net Surplus, On Hand Dec. 1988 \$17,605.08

Thank you  
Dorene Boulanger  
Chairperson

# Crime Stoppers

## Crime of the Week # 8

During May of last year, four district tourist outfitters fell prey to a major theft of 12 outboard motors. All the stolen motors were being stored at the Colimar Lodge located in Jellicoe, along Highway 11 northeast of Nipigon.

It is likely that at least 2 persons were responsible for this theft as some of the motors were heavy. The 12 motors were no doubt loaded into the back of a truck before being taken away. Two of the motors have since been recovered in Winnipeg, Manitoba. It is believed the others are still in the area and being used by individuals.

Eleven of the motors were stashed in a hidden area near the business while the other motor was in a locked storage shed that was broken into.

The three makes of outboards involved are Evinrude, Johnson and Mariner, all of which are identifiable.

Crime Stoppers will pay up to \$1,000.00, this week, for informa-

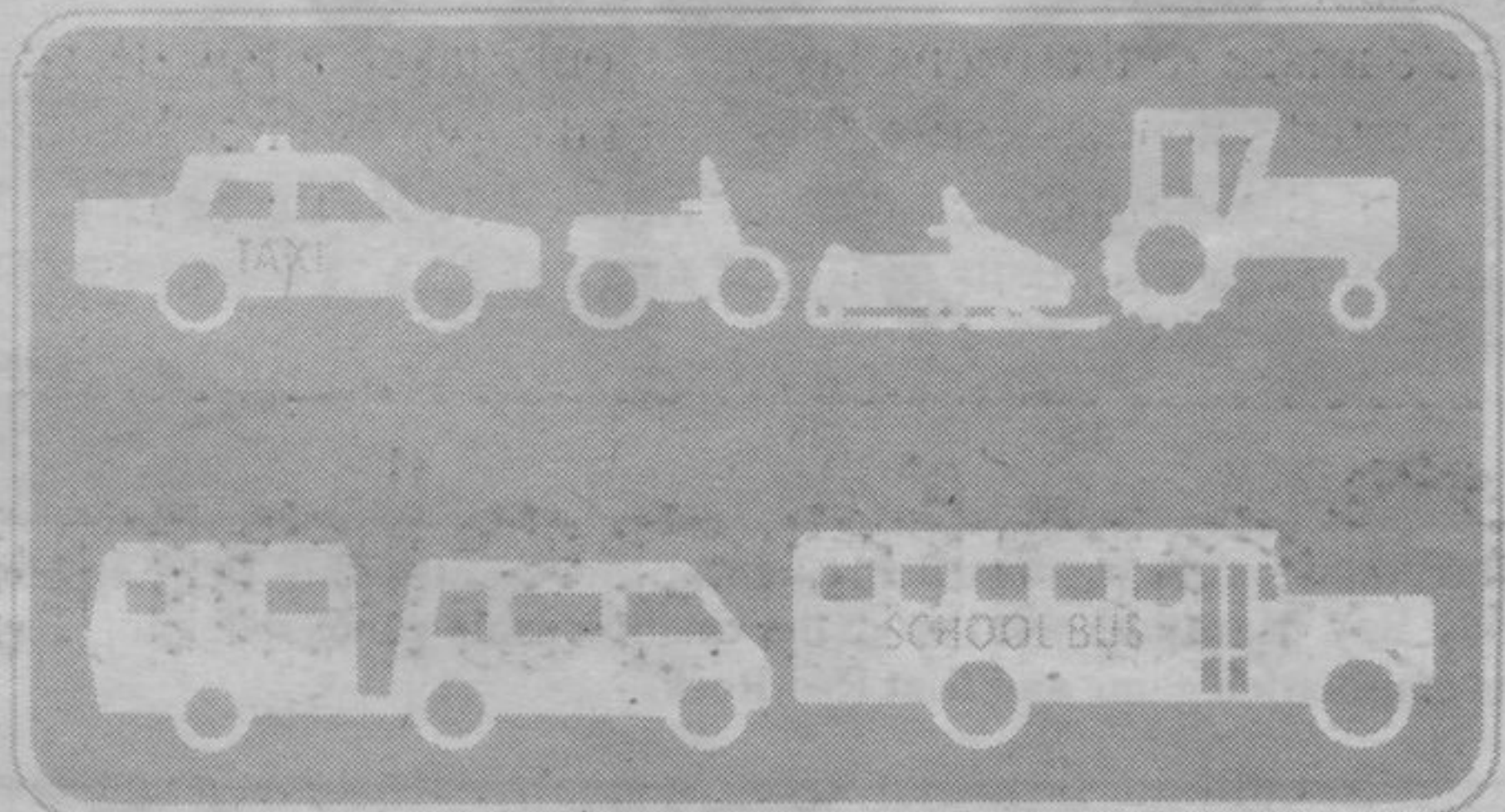
tion that leads to the arrest of the person(s) responsible for this crime. Call Crime Stoppers at 623-TIPS, that's 623-8477, or long distance, Toll Free, at 1-800-465-6844, if you have any information regarding this crime.

"You do not have to say who you are." Crime stoppers also pays cash for information on any unsolved crimes.

The Crime Stopper reward fund is raised through tax-deductible donations from citizens and businesses. Cheques may be sent to Thunder Bay Crime Stoppers Inc. 425 E. Donald Street, Thunder Bay P7E 5V1.

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## COMMERCIAL, PUBLIC AND PERSONAL-OTHER AUTO INSURANCE



## PUBLIC HEARING

The Auto Board will commence a Public Hearing beginning February 27, 1989 to consider Auto Insurance Rates for Commercial, Public and Personal-Other Vehicles to be effective in 1989.

Independent consultants will release their proposal for these rates on February 20, 1989. Copies will be available.

**The Board is not bound by this proposal. Public participation in the hearings is essential. You have the right to be heard.**

For further information call:  
Toronto: 222-AUTO  
Toll free: 1-800-668-0128



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