



Bereaved Families of Ontario

Founded in 1978, under the auspices of the Hospital for Sick Children, Bereaved Families is a self-help organization staffed by bereaved persons. Specialists in the area of grief and bereavement from the professional community serve as a resource both in the development of on-going programmes and in the supervision and training of self-help group leaders.

This co-operation between lay and professionals has enabled Bereaved Families to better respond to the needs of the bereaved and has helped guarantee that the best support is provided.

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York Region An association of families who have lost a child through death. This message brought to you as a community service of The Economist & Sun/Tribune

Advertising Feature

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Sandy's Auto Service realizes that your automobile expense is most often the second largest yearly outlay of capital other than your home. That's why it is committed to providing the highest level of automotive service in a relaxed, trusting atmosphere. "We are not your average garage or stereotypical mechanic," says Sandy, an ASE (Automotive Service Excellence) Certified Technician who is affectionately known as The Doctor.



Sandy knows that striving for automotive excellence requires a sincere passion and commitment. "Our passion is automobiles and our commitment is to our customers and friends," he says.

Sandy's Auto Service offers the highest calibre service on your automobile. Guaranteed workmanship and warranties are above and beyond most. Fair pricing and the use of high quality parts are the normal business practices. Fully licensed and updated in all fields (computers, anti-lock systems and diagnostics), the certified technicians at Sandy's use the latest high tech diagnostic equipment to repair your vehicle.

Sandy's Auto Service is Markham's first accredited Drive Clean emission test and repair facility. All tests are by appointment for your convenience, and you can be in and out in 20-30 minutes. It is also an Ontario Motor Vehicle Inspection station and can certify vehicles on site.

At Sandy's Auto Service, the man you speak to about repairs is the man who performs the repairs. "I'll tell you whether your vehicle does or doesn't need fixing, or if you need to take it to a dealership for warranty work," says Sandy, a 37-year veteran in the automotive business.

Sandy always takes the time to explain any repairs or maintenance work that is being performed, and is happy to answer any questions. Sandy also shows customers any

defective parts and explains why they need to be replaced. Customers appreciate this personalized service and attention to detail which has earned the company a loyal clientele over the years.

"I'll ask you before I go ahead with any work," he says. "Honesty, fairness and respect for the customer is the foundation of our business."

Sandy's Auto Service also offers a NO INTEREST, NO PAYMENTS FOR 90 DAYS, O.A.C. policy, and for major repairs, will provide a new car for added convenience.

If you want to stay cool behind the wheel this summer, Sandy's Auto Service is offering a special Air Conditioning Service for only \$59.95, which includes a complete purge and recharge (parts extra).

Call Sandy's Auto Service today to arrange an appointment. They're open Monday to Friday (8A.M. - 6P.M.); closed Saturday and Sunday for family time. Watch for Sandy's regular weekly specials in the Focus on Business section.

Sandy's Auto Service is located at 176 Bullock Drive, Unit 8, in Markham. They can be reached at (905) 294-3868.

Check out many more specials at www.toronto.com/sandysautoserv.

Other collectors found on Internet

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In the world of nature, Joe Bell firmly believes there's a song in every bird. Soon after the Markham resident retired, he took up wood carving. It wasn't long before Bell realized he had a fondness for songbirds.

Today, 40 carved birds live in his home. Each is unique and the talent has landed him a job.

While wintering in Florida, he teaches woodworking to a class of 25. Of course, songbirds are on the curriculum.



STAFF PHOTO/ROB ALARY

Sports memorabilia is collected by many, but Newmarket's Donald Fraser gives it a whole new meaning.

He has filled his basement with autographed pictures of hockey and baseball players, along with hockey sticks, baseball bats, sports sweaters, antique hockey equipment and more than 500 pucks.

"I have more than 30,000 hockey and baseball cards in my collection as well as over 4,000 autographs of sports personalities on trading cards, photos, sticks, baseballs and sweaters," Fraser reported.

From the widely collected to the fascinatingly unusual, it's safe to say few Canadians share Carolina Barclay's interest.

The Aurora woman collects fruit and vegetable stickers — and she's not alone.

"Through the Internet, I have found other collectors in the U.S., while a fruit and vegetable sticker newsletter is published in California," said Barclay.

Collecting these stickers has advantages.

"They don't take up a lot of room," she noted. "It's an interesting hobby. It's inexpensive and it makes people laugh."

Kathryn Wakely-Clare will never forget when she turned into a collector.

It was on her honeymoon in the early 1970s when she and her husband were backpacking through Europe.

"I found egg cups were small enough to carry in my backpack so I picked one up from each country. I brought them home and then when friends travelled they brought me more," said Wakely-Clare.

The Markham teacher now has more

Adam Bonsky (above) collects Hot Wheels and his kids know they're not to be touched.

than 125 egg cups from around the world, including such countries as Russia, Australia, China and Spain.

When Jeannette McGill closes her eyes, she sees spots. The 26-year-old doesn't have a vision problem. But she does have a fixation on 101 Dalmatians; a 20-year love affair with the spunky, fictional, black-and-white dogs.

"I saw the movie (the first version of 101 Dalmatians) when I was six years old and I was hooked," she said.

The Walt Disney characters occupy a lot of space in McGill's world.

Her Dalmatians number in the hundreds and can be found on plates, wall paper, bowls, a lunch box, a purse, a sleeping bag, picture frames, lamps, Kleenex box, diaper bag, piggy bank and a cake pan.

As well, the Newmarket resident has porcelain figures and stacks of Dalmatian books and puzzles. "My family thinks I'm insane," she said.

Insane might not be the description for Adam Bonsky. But his children know he's different: he's the only dad in the neighbourhood with more than 1,000 toy cars in the house.

Bonsky collects Hot Wheels and his kids know they're not to be touched.

The Hot Wheels craze is continent-wide and has exploded since the onset of the Internet, Bonsky reports.

"I've met lots of people through the collectibles. It's a great hobby."

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