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## Where the District Teams Meet

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## **DIRECTORS' CORNER**

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### **It's November!**

A couple weeks ago, we set out for a camping trip out in Manitoba. Like many of you, one of our favorite areas of the province is the rugged eastern shores of Lake Superior. We were excited for this one last trip of the year, and despite towing the bikes in the interest of time, it was no less spectacular a drive. The lake was already restless and angry, the air, damp and cold, and that deep ominous grey of a November sky looming. The legend lives on from the Chippewa on down of the big lake they called *Gitche Gumee*.....did you read it or sing it? Hard not to think of that song, the legacy of the Edmund Fitzgerald. November 10, 1975, 29 souls. An unforgettable tribute from a Canadian icon to the men who sailed and perished on that ship that stormy night, and also somewhat representative of *all* the lives claimed by Lake Superior over time. It feels even more haunting this month.

Why camping in Manitoba LOL? Well it's the halfway point for meeting some relatives from BC travelling east, also bikes in tow. It was a drizzly, cold few days of camping but we still managed to deep fry a turkey and enjoy one heck of a Thanksgiving feast. Every time the sun finally poked through, we'd hop on the bikes and go exploring. Yeah, flat. Brown. But that part of our country has its own beauty, and we were happy to take in more scenery than we typically would see from the TransCanada. The girls explicitly told the boys, "No Gravel Roads" LOL. Roads and minor highways were beautifully smooth and a bit curvier than we expected, and you could just see forever. But the pavement ends. In a sudden, sharp, perfectly straight line. Bang, mud. For 20 kms until the next "highway" teased us with a stretch of pavement. The girls: "Well, no one said anything about mud." LOL

We hope everyone enjoyed many (sunny and warm!) last few rides and a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday filled with food, family, and fun. Now as the colder weather comes, and we move more indoors, it's time to start planning next year's adventures!

Dar & Bob

For more about the history of the Edmund Fitzgerald:

Ontario Parks Blog: <http://www.ontarioparks.com/parksblog/shipwrecks-of-lake-superior/>

For the music:

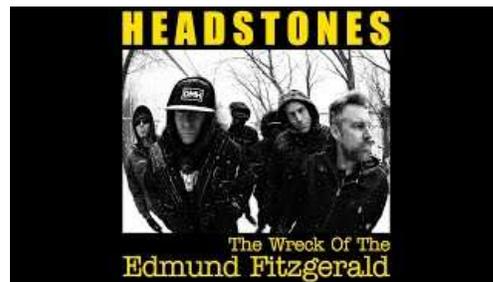
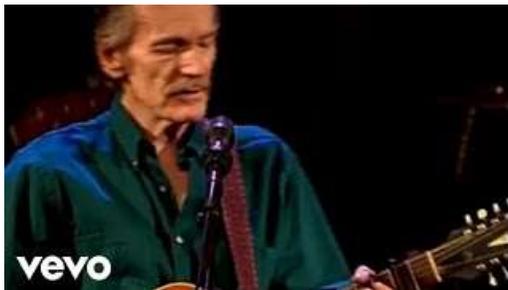
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Check out this rock version by the

Headstones: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y8LBkYjniTU>

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Preview YouTube video The Wreck of The Edmund Fitzgerald (Live In Reno)



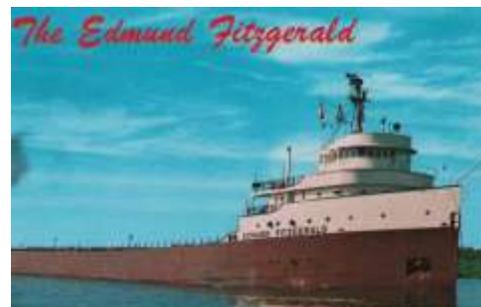
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## Chapter Y Moves Forward!



As many of you know, Gus Samaras had stepped down as CD a while ago with Susan Hawke, Treasurer, to follow. In these last few months it has been a struggle, and hope, to find other Members willing to take on those roles.



Happy news to share! This week via Zoom, Helen Young was sworn in as Chapter Director, followed by Jim Moore as new Treasurer.

On behalf of District and all Members of Chapter Y, thank you both for taking these on and for your positivity and enthusiasm for moving the Chapter forward into 2022! We also extend our thanks to Susan for helping everyone transition to their new positions.



Dar & Bob



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## **RIDER EDUCATION**

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### **How to winterize your Wing or motorcycle in 5 steps.**

With temperatures dropping soon, the dreaded garage season is almost here. To ensure that your bike starts up when the snow melts this coming spring, find here a condensed version of the *“How To Winterize Your Wing or any bike in 5 easy steps”*

#### **1-Fill up the bike and do not forget the “Fuel stabilizer”**

You do not need to drain your gas tank. Only fill up your tank and add the prescribed amount of fuel stabilizer. Any brand works very well up to 5 months or more. The Stabilizer will mix and run through the fuel system on your ride home. And when you get home, the engine will be warm, so you can then...

#### **2-Change your oil and check your fluids**

No explanation needed here: you'll have fresh oil and a new filter when you're ready to roll come springtime. And it goes without saying that if your coolant levels are low, add anti-freeze - not water. Once you're done, start the bike up again - this will circulate the oil through the engine and provide additional protection against corrosion. Now, there's some discussion about removing the spark plugs and squirting some oil down into the cylinders. We're going to say that if you're storing your bike for less than six months, this isn't a necessary step.

#### **3-Maintain a charge on your battery**

Experts recommend that you pick up a battery tender (12-volt Trigger charger) to be sure it keeps a constant appropriate charge over the winter. You can remove and store your battery in a clean, dry place. Personally, this is too much work because on the Wing you can lose all your electronic radio and GPS settings. What you can do is to connect the charger directly on the battery on the bike.

## 4-Protect your tires

You'll want to keep your tires in good shape; they can develop flat spots or even absorb moisture from your garage floor. Put your Wing on its center stand, not the kickstand. For bikes without a center stand, you can use front and rear motorcycle stands. If you don't have any of those, putting plywood or pieces of carpet under the tires can help prevent moisture damage. I personally use a piece of Styrofoam under the front wheel only.

## 5-Put it away clean

Giving your bike a thorough wash before garaging it will not only ensure that it looks good when you take it out next year, it'll help keep the finish from corroding. Make sure that you dry your bike thoroughly; once that's done, wax the painted surfaces and apply a light coat of WD-40 to any other metal surfaces. (Be careful not to get that WD-40 on your windshield or brake discs or pads.) This will help protect the bike from corrosion. If your bike has a chain drive, it's a good idea to clean, adjust, and lube the chain. If you don't have a good motorcycle cover for your bike, it's a good idea to invest in one.

**WARNING:** Do not start the bike over the winter. This will only cause moisture to form in the engine gas line and tank which can cause rust formation, according to the expert technician. And that's it. Nothing left to do now but wait until spring. And maybe curl up by the fireplace and read your WingWorld magazine.

*Ride Safe Always*

*Rouler toujours prudemment!*

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**2021 is the 100th  
Anniversary of the  
Remembrance Poppy**

Video, The Story and Anniversary of the  
Poppy: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3riQYKMenUA>

Remember those who served and sacrificed for freedom.

*In Flanders Fields*, By John McCrae; recited by Leonard  
Cohen <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cKoJvHcMLfc>

Two Minutes of Silence: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S4LFCf-nFoQ&t=38s>



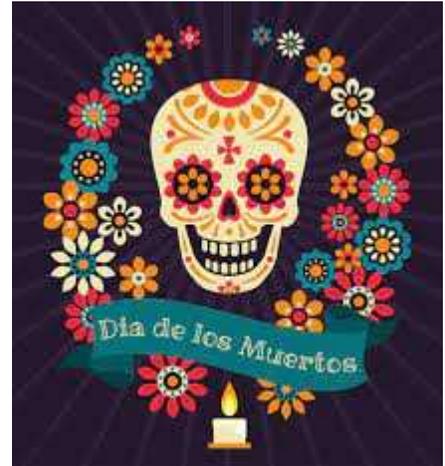


## DID YOU KNOW?

### **Feliz día de los Muertos!**

Day of the Dead (el Día de los Muertos)

Every year between Oct 31 and Nov 2, is a Mexican holiday where friends and family gather to show respect for and welcome back the souls of their deceased relatives. It's a blend of Indigenous Aztec customs and Catholicism, and though it is most often associated with Mexico, it is celebrated anywhere there is a South American, Latino, or Spanish culture.



There are some similarities with Hallowe'en celebrations, but it is not merely a Mexican version of it. During this time, it's believed there is no border between the spirit world and the real world. Believing the dead would be insulted by mourning, Dia de los Muertos celebrates the lives of the deceased, their souls awakening to return to feast, drink, dance, and play music with their loved ones. The living treat them as honored guests in their celebrations, leaving their favorite foods and other offerings for them in their homes and at gravesites. Candles and marigolds are part of the décor, and common symbols associated with the celebration are ornate, colorful skeletons and skulls.

#### More information and references:

History Channel: <https://www.history.com/topics/halloween/day-of-the-dead>

Wikipedia: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Day\\_of\\_the\\_Dead](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Day_of_the_Dead)

National Geographic: <https://www.nationalgeographic.org/media/dia-de-los-muertos/>

## A LITTLE FALL TRIVIA



### November Moon Names

Ever heard of a **Beaver Moon**? It's the name given to November's moon!

Why? According to the Farmer's Almanac, it's the time of year when beavers take shelter in their lodges after storing sufficient food for the long winter ahead. During the time of the fur trade in North America, it was also the season to trap beavers for their pelts.

There are Indigenous names for the November moon:

Tlingit (Pacific Northwest coast of Canada) - **Digging (or Scratching) Moon**; it evokes the image of animals foraging for nuts and shoots, and of bears digging their winter dens.



Dakota and Lakota (North-mid US and south Manitoba & Saskatchewan) - **Deer Rutting Moon**; it's the time when deer are seeking out mates.

Algonquin (Quebec) - **Whitefish Moon** for the spawning time for this fish.

Cree and Assiniboine (Northern US Plains and southern Canadian prairies) - **Frost Moon** and **Freezing Moon** by the Anishinaabe (primarily Ontario)—for good reason, winter is right around the corner!



Whatever you call your November moon, it will reach its peak on Friday, November 19, at 3:59 am EST



## Editor's Note



Be civil to all;  
sociable to many; familiar  
with few; friend to one;  
enemy to none.

**Benjamin Franklin**

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