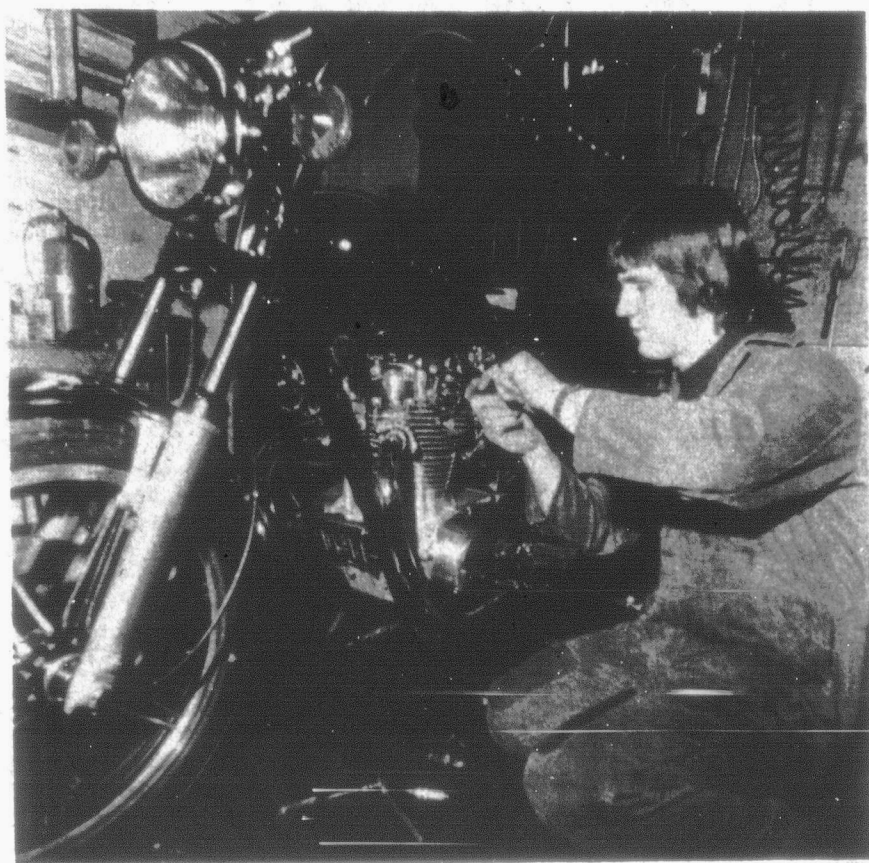


# car care

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Walter Giessler of Cycle Centre works on Yamaha

## Getting that bike ready for summer

By GODFREY BOOTH  
One of the surest and nicest signs of spring is the reappearance of motorcycles.

However, before your investment is put back on the road a few hours of after-storage servicing can save mechanical grief and expensive repair bills.

When your machine sees sunlight again make sure all of its lubricants are fresh. That includes the engine, transmission and primary chain case oils. Be careful with the new breed of shaft-drive bikes. They usually take heavy gear lubricant in their final drives. It's a pretty good idea to change your oil filter, too.

All moving parts such as

cables, linkages and even the throttle spiral should be serviced with their proper lubricants.

Tires are crucial to a motorcycle. A blowout can lead to a fatal wipeout. Make sure your tires are in good shape and inflated to the proper pressure.

If your battery wasn't charged during the winter do it now. Make sure all electrical parts are working.

If you know the engine is out of tune take it to your dealer for a tune-up. Remember, improper carburation and timing can cause valve and piston problems — and they are very expensive to fix.

It's good insurance to take a wrench to all the

nuts and bolts. It's annoying to see your luggage rack bouncing along beside you at 100 kilometers an hour.

Check the brakes, too. NEXT WEEK: Buying a first motorcycle.

Godfrey Booth is a Mississauga Times photographer who has been actively involved with motorcycles for 12 years and currently owns four bikes, including three antiques.

## A spring tuneup can prevent trouble

By HERB ONDER  
Ontario Motor League

A car that's just survived a rough winter of freezing temperatures, had starting, severe weather, potholes, salt and all the factors that go hand in hand with winter driving, deserves some attention. An engine in desperate need of a tune-up is no picnic. Besides, it's wasting expensive gasoline.

To insure that outing plans aren't spoiled at the last minute, the Ontario Motor League urges motorists to have the following items checked to

help promote trouble-free spring and summer driving.

- Have the engine tuned, including a check of points, plugs, condenser, timing, carburetor and ignition wires.

- check battery for proper levels and charge. Have any accumulated corrosion cleaned from terminals.

- drain and flush radiator, if necessary, replacing with proper coolant mixture.

- change oil filter and oil, replacing with proper grade summer weight or a

multi-grade oil.

- remove snow tires. At the same time, have tires, which are being mounted, rotated, including spare, to promote tread life.

- have wheels balanced and aligned.

- examine front end, steering mechanism, shock absorbers, springs and transmission.

- adjust brakes. Check drums and lining for excessive wear and check fluid in master brake cylinder.

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