



# Through The Windshield

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## IN THE NEWS

November has flown by and we are approaching the Holiday Season very quickly. We rounded out October with our Murder Mystery and Gun Show and jumped into November with a few school groups, two auctions, Board of Directors' Elections, and our Salute to Superstars Show on November 19th. December brings our Potluck Dinner, another fine auction by Marwood Andrews, our annual Breakfast with Santa, Car Raffle Party. The buildings have been shut off, and we are closed for the season to Village tours. Our museum remains open to visitors Wednesday through Sunday. Santa's Elves are all busy making preparations for the big day. December always reminds us all of how important our family and friends are. It is a time for making and recalling wonderful memories. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a truly Happy New Year.

**NOTICE: THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING ON DECEMBER 14TH IS CANCELLED. THE NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS ON WEDNESDAY JANUARY 11, 2012.**



## December

- 10th Potluck Dinner
- 17th Marwood Andrews Auction
- 18th Breakfast With Santa
- 18th Car Raffle Draw
- 31st New Year's Eve Party

## January

2012

- 10th Board Meeting
- 11th General Meeting
- 28th Gun Show

**Reminder: Membership Dues are due January 1st 2012**

### Windsor Essex Community Foundation Grant

We received some good news in November! The Windsor Essex Community Foundation has awarded the Canadian Transportation Museum & Heritage Village a \$4500.00 grant. The grant will be used for roof restorations in the Village. This is quite a nice early Christmas present. The grant was awarded on November 28th at the Ojibway Nature Center. Don Appleyard and Ted Brown accepted the award on behalf of the CTMHV.



### CN Railroaders in the Community Program Grant

Special Thanks goes out to Jack Irving and Bill Lumley who both submitted grant requests through the Retired Employee Volunteer Grant Program from the CN Railroaders in the Community. CN has graciously granted The CTMHV two \$500.00 donations. The Grants are part of a program that honour retired CN employees who have volunteered at least 40 hours in a given calendar year. "CN is extremely proud of our retired employees who volunteer in our communities."





## OH WHAT A NIGHT!

### SALUTE TO THE SUPERSTARS!



November 19th was the night to be at The Canadian Transportation Museum & Heritage Village! It all started with a cash bar open at 5:00 pm followed by a spectacular dinner prepared by our terrific staff and dedicated volunteers. The entertainment began at 8:00 pm and didn't stop until 10:00 pm. Gary MacDonald wowed us with impersonations of Elvis Presley, Dean Martin and old blue eyes himself, Frank Sinatra. Special mention goes out to Deb Brown and Jennifer Jackson who added to the festivities by “gyrating and dancing” about with Elvis which had the whole place in stitches. Very well done!

Tickets were sold out a week before and we were having to turn down many more requests. Between the tickets sales of 220 people, the 50/50 draw, and the silent auction, we can definitely say this show was a tremendous success! And.....no rain!

Special thanks go out to all of our behind the scenes and front-line teams who worked on putting this event together and making it all run so smoothly. Thank-you to all of you who helped by washing dishes, folding napkins, shopping, setting up tables and chairs, barbecuing, bar-tending, preparing, cooking and serving food, donating door prizes, cleaning, making flyers and phone calls and all of the other tasks that “somebody” had to do.

The evening was both fun and lucrative for the CTMHV. Who could ask for more eh?



## TWEET, TWEET, ISN'T THIS SWEET?

Don't miss out on a chance to win a piece of automotive history! The Ford Thunderbird is a North American icon. It first debuted at the Detroit Auto Show in 1954 as a concept car intended to compete with the sporty Chevrolet Corvette. It could have been a “Whizzer”, or one of 5000 or so other suggestions, but then what's in a name? Apparently a lot. Thunderbird it was meant to be. Created as a luxury car, T-birds were first ready for sale in 1955 and available only as convertibles. There were 10 generations of the birds. The classic Thunderbirds are sometimes referred to as ‘Little Birds’ as they were only two-seaters. They were followed by ‘Squarebirds’, as the 2nd more luxurious generation emerged

from production. ‘Bullet Birds’ entered the scene in 1961 with a new sleek style and the impression of a rocket ship. 1964-1966 formed the timeframe for the 4th generation known as ‘Flair Birds’ or ‘Jet Birds’. Our beautiful Raffle Car happens to be a 5th generation ‘Glamor Bird’. Although ours is a two-door, Thunderbirds were now available with 4 doors to distinguish from the Mustang as an even more luxurious automobile. 1972 launched the ‘Big Bird’ 6th generation, followed by the 7th, 8th, and 9th generations which became smaller and more fuel efficient. A 30th Anniversary model was offered in 1985. The 10th generation brought the Super Coupe in 1989 and little changed in terms of style until September 4th 1997, when the last bird flew the coop.

However, in 2002, the bird came back to the nest and captured Motor Trend's Car of the Year Award yet again! Unfortunately, sales were never strong and production lasted only until 2005. Thunderbirds are famous! John F. Kennedy rode in a T-Bird during his inaugural parade. Elvis owned a 1961 Thunderbird. The TV series Highlander starred a 4th generation Bird. Thelma & Louise cruised around in a 1966 model. We have a 1956 in our Car Museum owned by Larry Renaud. Don't miss your chance to win a 1969 Thunderbird. Tickets are \$10 each or 3/\$20.00. The Draw takes place December 18th at 12:00 pm.

*See pictures on page 3.*

**POT LUCK DINNER**

December 10th will be our annual Pot Luck dinner for volunteers and members. Please RSVP and let us know what goodies you will be bringing to share.



**BREAKFAST WITH SANTA**

Don't forget to come out to CTMHV on Sunday December 18th for breakfast with your family and a chance for the little ones to see the one and only, Santa Claus. (aka Mr. Brown). We will be serving a buffet style breakfast beginning at 8:00 am going until 2:00 pm. Bring your cameras, Santa will be arriving at 10:00 am. There will be craft activities for the children as well.

**NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY**

Get ready to party away 2011! Tickets are still available for our annual New Year's Eve Party. What better way to begin 2012 than with Chuck Reynolds and all of your friends. Tickets are \$30.00 each. Cash bar opens at 5:00pm. Five course dinner served at 6:30. The attire will be "dressy-casual". Call for reservations.

**WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT CTMHV**



Ryan, our Flagman

The Concession access road has been receiving loads of fill almost daily. The access road will be raised two feet for better drainage and will be two lanes wide.

A 1986 Lincoln has been donated to the museum and is now available for sale.

1986 Lincoln



The Board of Directors has decided to put our 1964 Chevy Impala SS Convertible up for sale

We are still looking for leaders to take over as organizers of the annual Flea Markets. The Craft Show will be folded into the Flea Market as well. Please contact the office if you are interested in taking on this role.

The Gun Show and Murder Mystery in October brought in close to \$5000.00.

The Rodeo has been confirmed to be taking place here at CTMHV on May 18 through the 20th 2012.



We are still accepting donations for our Illuminate the Village campaign. If you are able to make a donation, please contact the office.



Pictured Below from left to right, the 2011 CTMHV Raffle Car ( 1969 Ford Thunderbird), side and rear profiles, then rear and side profiles of the 1956 Ford Thunderbird on Display in Salon C owned by Larry Renaud.



**MURDER MYSTERY**



**THE BUTLER DID IT!**

Really, the Butler did kill Captain Zacheus Butler. As it turned out, Andrew Porter, the Butler, played by our own Ryan Trombley, was indeed the murderer at our Fall Murder Mystery. Written by Katherine Clark, Ryan's character was in fact Ivy Butler's (*played by Mary Ann Perry*) long lost (*and presumed dead*) twin brother. Ryan had planned on running if he found out he was the murderer, but it seems he changed his mind and is handling the status previously belonging to Mr. Joe Lucas (2 years running) just fine. Guilty as charged! Not knowing if you are the murderer certainly puts a spin on a murder mystery! The actors are given limited information on which to base their characters. Who knew Barb (*Monique the maid*) and Ab (*Absolom the Station Master*) actually snuck away and got married! And what about Ryan (*our murderer*) and MaryAnn (*Ivy the Chemist daughter*) being lovers and siblings? Oh the gossip! Once all of the ballots were tallied, it seems most of our detectives thought that Ivy committed the crime. The votes were as follows: Ivy-80, Monique-63, Andrew -61, Ab & Martha-22, Anais-20, Belladonna-18, Bettina-17, Samuel-14, Benjamin & Bart-12, Marigold-9. Our three winners were Jessica Ko, Gina Pelan, and Brandi Cleroux. What a great night!

Photos provided courtesy of Melanie Denis



**Gun & Hunting Show**



Charles Dickens?  
A Christmas Carol  
published  
December 17, 1843

The CTMHV wishes to thank all of our vendors and volunteers for supporting our Gun Show on October 29 & 30th. Although our attendance was down 30% from our first Gun Show we received many inquiries and booked all available vendor space prior to October 29th. The vendors had some unique articles for sale and the displays were very informative. There will be some changes implemented for the next Fall Gun & Hunting Show. We will move the date of the show back to the weekend after Remembrance Day, make it a one-day event and there will be more focus on advertising. Vendors will be required to provide a small deposit to reserve their space which will be returned at the completion of the show. We are always looking for ways to improve our events and look forward to several shows of this type lined up for 2012. The first show will be on January 28th. We will have more information available in our next newsletter.



## From the Education Desk

We had a total of 159 students visit for our school programs in November and a total of 1974 students came in 2011! I would like to take this opportunity to thank the following volunteers for their help this past fall, Walter North, Bob Arsenault, Dan McIntyre, Wendy Rocheleau, Susan Young and Jim McTavish. I couldn't have done it without you! I wish you all a very Happy Holiday Season. We already have a few bookings for April, May and June and could always use more volunteers. Please call or email if you would like to join our team.

The Car Raffle Draw is set to take place on December 18th with the proceeds benefiting the Children's Education Program. Thank-you to everyone who purchased a ticket in support, and good luck to all of you! This year there will not be an accompanying draw for a children's bicycle as we have had in the past years. Unfortunately, we were unsuccessful in acquiring a donation in 2011. The children's bicycle draw is an added benefit to our school program as all children who visit with their schools are given a complimentary ballot to enter the draw. This month I will be looking into securing a possible donation for the 2012 year.

Here's a story a retired teacher visiting the Village shared with me during a recent tour. Apparently, back in the 1950's when some one-room school houses were still being used, students were very clever when it came to entertaining their fellow classmates. Next time you are in the school house, check out the seats on some of the desks. They lift up. One boy in the teacher's class stood up in the middle of a lesson and refused to sit back down when asked by the teacher. Again, she instructed him in a much sterner voice to sit down. With a pout on his face, the boy slammed his body down onto the chair, at which point a series of sounds like shooting bullets rang out accompanied by a little bit of smoke. The boy had planted fire crackers under the seat of his desk chair and had anticipated the teacher's reaction much to the delight of the other children.

HAVE A GREAT HOLIDAY SEASON! Lisa



### **This is just in case you didn't know...** *-submitted by one of our very own members*

Q: Why is someone who is feeling great 'on cloud nine'?

A: Types of clouds are numbered according to the altitudes they attain with nine being the highest cloud. If someone is said to be on cloud nine, that person is floating well above worldly cares.

Q: In golf, where did the term 'caddie' come from?

A: When Mary, Queen of Scots went to France as a young girl, Louis, King of France, learned that she loved the Scots' game 'golf'. So he had the first course outside of Scotland built for her enjoyment. To make sure she was properly chaperoned (and guarded) while she played, Louis hired cadets from a military school to accompany her. Mary liked this a lot and when she returned to Scotland (not a very good idea in the long run), she took the practice with her. In French, the word cadet is pronounced 'ca-day' and the Scots changed it into 'caddie'.

Q: Why do people clink their glass before drinking a toast?

A: It used to be common for someone to try to kill an enemy by offering him a poisoned drink. To prove to a guest that a drink was safe, it became customary for a guest to pour a small amount of his drink into the glass of the host. Both men would drink it simultaneously. When a guest trusted his host, he would only touch or clink the host's glass with his own.

Q: Why are people in the public eye said to be 'in the limelight'?

A: Invented in 1825, the limelight was used in lighthouses and theatres by burning a cylinder of lime which produced a brilliant light. In the theatre, a performer 'in the limelight' was the centre of attention.



**So there! Now you know!**

## A WELCOME ADDITION

We welcome back our (427 version) 1999 Factory Five Edition of a 1966 Shelby Cobra owned by Mickey Moulder. Although the vehicle was previously on display in the Museum, it had gone home to visit for a while. It is now sitting pretty in Salon C next to our recently returned 1992 Dodge Viper (*which had been cruising the countryside with Greg Brimmer*). Carroll Shelby “launched a whole new breed of machine” when he asked AC Cars to build him a car modified to accept a V8 engine back in 1961. At a time when people were becoming more interested in European sports cars and races, Carroll Shelby knew what it took to be the best. Shelby needed an



Mickey Moulder's Shelby Cobra  
at the CTMHV

engine to go with his modified car. Chevrolet wasn't interested in creating competition for its Corvette, but Ford was. The car they created together was 500 pounds lighter than the Corvette and incredibly quick. In 1963, a Cobra raced “against a field of Corvettes, Jaguars, Porches and Maseratis, and won!” It is reported that the Cobra was responsible for the implementation of National Speed Limits in the UK. Apparently going 186 mph (299 kmph) was a bit too fast for the motorway.

Ford and Shelby stopped importing cars from England in 1967 because the Cobras were not as popular with the general public. AC Cars eventually sold their name and rights to Auto Kraft (*a Cobra parts reseller and replica car manufacturer*). A settlement reached sometime after 1982 acknowledged that Carroll Shelby was the sole person allowed to call his car a Cobra as manufacturer of record of all the 1960 models in the US. Nonetheless, production of the MK IV continued from 1987.

Bill Cosby (*a close friend of Carroll Shelby*) was given a non-competition 427 roadster but he returned it because he had issues keeping it under control. It was then shipped to a dealer who in turn sold it to a Mr. Tony Maxey. Mr. Maxey also found the car too difficult to handle, lost control and found himself off of a cliff and into the Pacific Ocean.

Shelby's original model CSX3015 was auctioned January 22, 2007 for \$5 million + commission (*2.8 million pounds*). In 2011, at an RM Auction in Scottsdale Arizona, a 427 powered street Cobra sold for \$643,500.00 It was one of just a little over 300 street specified Cobras ever built.

## What happened in December?



**December 1st:** Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat on the bus in 1955

**December 2nd:** First successful artificial heart transplant in 1982 (Barney Clark)

**December 5th:** Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart died at 35 in 1791

**December 15th:** The Movie Gone with the Wind premiered in 1939

**December 17th:** Orville and Wilbur Wright have their first successful manned-power flight near Kitty Hawk North Carolina in 1903

**December 24th:** The Treaty of Ghent was signed ending the War of 1812, in 1814

**December 27th** Howdy Doody made its TV debut on NBC in 1947

**December 31st:** Thomas Edison gave his first public demonstration of the incandescent lamp in 1879

## 1855 First reputed game of Ice Hockey played by soldiers of the Royal Canadian Rifles on Lake Ontario



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We still have tickets available for New Year's Eve!



**Good Old Fashioned Humor****submitted by our members*****Oh the Royals.....***

*(My apologies to Wendy and the British Monarchy, the following is intended to bring a chuckle to somebody's day)*

It was just a regular day in the office, when someone stopped by to tell me this joke. Thought I would share it with you. I have altered some of the words for publication.

Prince Charles was sitting at the breakfast table with Camilla when he announced he was going to take up walking in the mornings after his meal. She said "Go ahead, but I won't be joining you, that's not for me".

His walk took him past a "lady of the morning" who was standing in a doorway. She said 50 pounds! The Prince took a few steps, looked back over his shoulder and said, 5 pounds. This conversation went on day after day.

One morning Camilla decided to join Charles on his daily walk. As they came to the doorway, the "lady of the morning" said to Charles, "Just look what you got yourself for 5 pounds!

***In the Headlines.....what were they thinking?***

Something Went Wrong in Jet Crash, Expert Says

Police Begin Campaign to Run Down Jaywalkers

Panda Mating Fails; Veterinarian Takes Over

Miners Refuse to Work after Death

Juvenile Court to Try Shooting Defendant

War Dims Hope for Peace

If Strike Isn't Settled Quickly, It May Last Awhile

Cold Wave Linked to Temperatures

Enfield (London) Couple Slain; Police Suspect Homicide

Red Tape Holds Up New Bridges

Man Struck By Lightning: Faces Battery Charge

New Study of Obesity Looks for Larger Test Group

Astronaut Takes Blame for Gas in Spacecraft

Kids Make Nutritious Snacks

Local High School Dropouts Cut in Half

Hospitals are Sued by 7 Foot Doctors

Typhoon rips Through Cemetery; Hundreds Dead

**DECEMBER 25TH EVENTS** \*336 AD Roman Bishops record Christ was Born in Bethlehem, \*800 AD Coronation of Charlemagne, Roman Emperor, \*1000 AD Kingdom of Hungary was formed, \*1066 AD William the Conqueror Crowned King of England, \*1642 AD Sir Isaac Newton was born, \*1758 AD Halley's Comet first confirmed, \*1776 AD Washington Crossed the Delaware, \*1914 Christmas Truce on the Western Front WWI, \*1991 Mikail Gorbachev resigns as president of the Soviet Union, forever changing the world.

***Traditions***

Here in Canada, we celebrate December 26th as Boxing Day. The Canada Labour Code makes Boxing Day an optional holiday, but here in Ontario Boxing Day is a paid statutory holiday. The idea of Boxing Day most likely came from the United Kingdom, where December 26th is known as a Bank Holiday, or from Europe where December 26th is considered the Second Day of Christmas. Boxing Day has no relation to the sport of boxing, however, several countries hold public sporting events on December 26th. Whatever the reason for declaring the holiday, it is most likely that the traditional celebration of Boxing Day stems from the practice of the wealthy rewarding their servants with a day off and a box containing bonuses of money, gifts and/or food. The practice originated in England where the wealthy required the services of their servants to ensure that their own Christmas festivities ran smoothly on December 25th. December 26th seemed the best day to give to their servants in time off. Trades people were also given 'boxes' by their employers in reward for good service throughout the year. This is similar to Christmas bonuses which some of us may remember having received in the past. Many employers were known for giving out Christmas turkeys or hams to their employees. The 'box' in Boxing Day also refers to collection boxes for the poor. Churches were said to leave out metal collection boxes for the poor on the Feast of St. Stephen (which is December 26th) A Christmas box was also the name given to a gift at Christmas.

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# Merry Christmas!

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**Know what this is? Where is it  
located on our premises?**



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