



# Through The Windshield



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## IN THE NEWS

2012! It is difficult to believe that we are already beginning another year. It seems like 2011 was just yesterday! What a busy Fall Season we have had at CTMHV! We shared a delicious Pot Luck Dinner with our members and friends on December 10th, Mr. Marwood Andrews had another terrific auction on December 17th, we ate breakfast with Santa on the 18th, and rang in the New Year on December 31st. The Village received over 700 loads of fill from local construction companies, and the 1800 foot access road is now connected. We will be looking for some topping off stone or black top in the spring. The office staff is hard at work putting together the 2012 Activity Guide which we hope will be available in the next month or two. Staff is also looking at ways to increase our exposure in advertising through different types of media and social networks. January brings not only a New Year, but another fine auction by Marwood Andrews on the 21st and also the first of our annual Gun Shows on the 28th. Don't forget the annual membership dues are due and the Board Meeting is scheduled for January 10th while the General Meeting is on the 11th. Tickets are now available for our Valentine's Day Dinner on February 11th. Don't forget to bring your sweetheart out for a nice dinner and some romantic dancing. Happy New Year Everyone! Let's make 2012 the Year of the CTMHV!

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2012



Elections to the Board of Directors were held in November. Don Appleyard has been elected for the 2012 year. He replaces Sean White from the previous term. Don has been a member of the CTMHV since 1969 and he is a Life Member. Before being elected to the Board, Don could already be found at the CTMHV several times a week. Most often, you can find him in the Hi Ho office keeping track of our archives. The other members of the Board remain unchanged and include Harry Bergman, Mickey Moulder, Ted Brown, Jack Irving, Rick Laplante, Karl Melinz, Jim Moir & Dave Tanner. Harry Bergman retains his post as Chairman and Mickey Moulder continues to hold the Vice Chair and Secretary positions. Congratulations to Don, and a thank-you to all of the members of the Board for taking on this responsibility and keeping the spirit of CTMHV alive and growing.

## 2 OF THE WORST!

On December 19th, The Windsor Star ran an article that listed the top 100 worst cars. As the CTMHV currently displays numbers 3 and 72 on that list, they contacted Mickey Moulder for an interview and some photo opportunities. On December 20th, our 1957 BMW Isetta was featured in The Windsor Star with a follow-up to their original article. Our 1974/75 Bricklin came in at number 72. Topping off the list was the Pontiac Aztec. And where is Pontiac now?



Mickey poses in the BMW Isetta

## 2012

### January

10th Board Meeting

11th General Meeting

21st Marwood Auction

28th Gun Show

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



### February

4th Marwood Auction

7th Board Meeting

8th General Meeting

11th Valentine's Day Dinner

18th Marwood Auction





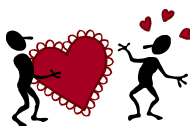
**Windsor Essex Community Foundation**



Ted Brown and Don Appleyard receive the grant

As reported in the December newsletter, Ted Brown and Don Appleyard represented the CTMHV at the Windsor Essex Community Foundation awards reception at the Ojibway Nature Center on November 28th. The CTMHV was awarded with a \$4500 grant. The grant will be used toward fixing the train station roof. Originally a grant was requested to replace both the Train Station and the Boarding House roofs. The Windsor Essex Community Foundation is an organization that was established in 1983 by three men who “embodied a spirit of philanthropy” and believed in the importance of building “healthy, safe, nurturing communities”. The WECF was initially focused on river-front developments, having invested millions in parkland projects. As a way to branch out their investments and reach a larger segment of the community, the WECF now supports education, arts, culture, heritage, environment, recreation, children, health, and human services through grants. “The Windsor Essex Community Foundation is building a better Windsor-Essex, now and for generations to come, by attracting and managing legacy funds, addressing community needs through grant making, and bringing community partners together.” (source: WECF website) “It is invigorating to fund so many vital community initiatives at a time when many organizations are facing financial difficulty,” states Chair of the Foundation Board, Susan Easterbrook in a recent edition of Shoreline News. “Our investment is making programs possible that will meet the physical, educational, emotional and cultural needs of our citizens, thus building a better Windsor-Essex for today and tomorrow.” Thank-you, Windsor Essex Community Foundation!

**Bring your sweetheart to our Valentines Day Dinner on February 11th. Cash Bar opens at 5:00 with dinner at 6:00 pm Entertainment will be provided. Call the office for details**



Don't miss our first Gun Show of 2012! Based on vendor feedback, we have made the Gun Show a one-day event on Saturday January 28th. As always, there is no charge for vendors. Set-up takes place either Friday January 27th in the afternoon, or Saturday morning beginning at 7:00 am. Our diner will be open at 7:45 am for breakfast. Please call in advance for vendor reservations. Door open at 9:00 am and close at 4:00 pm. Admission to the event is \$5.00 for those 12 and over. Under 12 is free.

**POTLUCK DINNER**



Above: Jackie and Dan McIntyre

There may have been some disappointment when Barb didn't end up dancing on the tables, but what a great time we all had at the Potluck Dinner! The food was delightful with everything from coleslaw to

turkey and fabulous desserts. Thank-you goes out to Dan McIntyre & Company (minus one) for providing our entertainment for the evening. According to Dan, we have Judy Clapper to thank for Dan's entertainment, as it was she who first let on that Dan could play the piano.

Prior to the event, Dan shared some memories of Pot Luck dinners past. He recalled being a new member back in 1983 when the annual Pot Luck dinner was held in the Church basement. It was there that Vi Miller and husband Herb, who would take out his guitar, led the group in singing Christmas carols. Back then the tradition was to always hold the Pot Luck dinner on the second Sunday in December in the afternoon. Many members had children and grandchildren who used to accompany them to the dinner. There weren't lists of who was coming and what they were bringing. Everyone just showed up. Everyone just brought what they brought. If there were 50 deserts and 1 turkey, then so be it. Harry would give a welcoming speech and Andrew Truan would say a beautiful grace. After dinner if all of the little children were good, Santa would stop by for a special visit. As members began getting older and fewer and fewer children now attend the Pot Luck dinner, it seemed to make more sense to hold it on a Saturday evening with entertainment.

Below: Spreading Christmas Cheer



This year, our attendance was down as many people had other commitments and some were even out of the county (who misses potluck for Mexico?) Thank-you to Bill & Lynda Thoman for leading the clean-up this year, and to the staff and Bev and everyone who brought something to share. Warm thanks goes to George Brooks for reading the poem for our centerpiece game.

**“I plan on living forever. So far so Good!”**

This was on a billboard in Tecumseh



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT CTMHV

- Kim Brimmer, Lisa Wacheski & Jack & Sue Irving spent a day counting everything in the Gift Shop for our accountants who needed the final tally for our Closing Inventory for 2011. Everything was counted, including the very last gumball. Who knew there were over a thousand pieces of Rock Candy! Barb Markham and Ryan Trombley were busy counting Diner inventory as well.
- Author Katherine Clark stopped by to give all of "her actors" a special Christmas Treat.
- The Museum had a very special visitor on Wednesday, December 7th. Alexander Buchan whose works of art have appeared at the Concours d' Elegance stopped by to bring Mickey Moulder a beautiful sculpture he had created. The sculpture is titled Beyond Expectations and tells the story of Henry Ford's 999. Mr. Ford's description compared his 100 mph drive in the 999 to the equivalent of going over Niagara Falls in a barrel. What a beautiful piece of art!
- We also had a visit from Chris Edwards, from Walkerville Press. He was here to gather together some pictures and to take a tour with Mickey Moulder. Chris has published a book which is now available in our Gift Shop for \$20.00 entitled Windsor Then. It is a collection of amazing historical pictures from the Windsor area.
- After spending an evening almost frozen in our pond, our Swan is gone for the winter. We are hoping when she returns in the Spring she'll be back with a new friend.
- On Thursday, December 22nd, the 2011 Raffle Car was moved from its temporary home in the front lobby to the wash bay to wait for its new owner to pick it up. The moving team of Jack Irving, Don Appleyard, Bob Caldwell and Ryan Trombley was assisted by the steering of Education Coordinator, Lisa Wacheski. What a workout! Not only was the Raffle Car moved, but in the process it was turned around in the front lobby, the 1946 Town & Country was moved in order to access the garage door, and the 1930 Model A Deluxe Roadster was placed in the front for display. What a job! Think of all of the times members have moved vehicles over the years with good old fashioned muscle power! Thank-you guys!
- Our Bookkeeper extraordinaire, Paula has been very busy these last few months not only preparing the year-end financials, but also writing grant requests for the CTMHV. In January, she is set to spearhead a Trillium Grant with hopes of saving our Village. Many of our buildings are suffering from severe problems. Our Ross Cabin is in great need of repair and has a hole in the roof as does our School House. The façade of the General Store needs repainting, more fill is needed for the low-lying areas in the Village and the road needs repaving, among many other things. Thank-you Paula!



Harry Bergman hands over the keys to Mrs. Waugh

The annual Car Raffle to benefit the Children's Education Program was held on December 18th. This year the car was a 1969 Ford Thunderbird. The winning ticket was drawn by Santa himself, Ted Brown. The 2011 Car Raffle winners were Mr. & Mrs. Waugh of Amherstburg with lucky ticket #1148. Mr. Waugh says he has a double car garage just perfect enough to fit his new ride.



Santa draws the winning ticket, Santa helps Harry to read out the winner's name and Harry calls Mr. Waugh

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## Breakfast With Santa

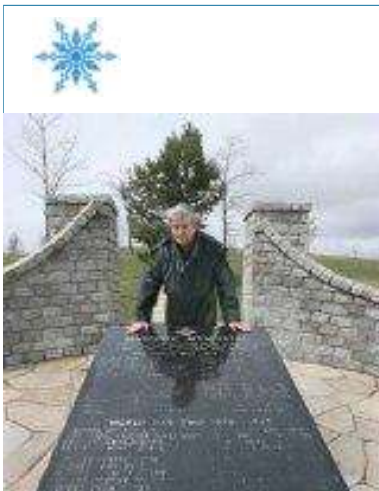
What a great turnout we had for our 2011 Breakfast with Santa! There was definitely a larger crowd than last year. The buffet prepared by Barb was delicious as usual. Thank-you to all of our elves, Mia, Phyllis, Debbie and Sue for all of your help. A Great Big Thank-You to Santa, Mr. Ted Brown for being the “real” Santa Claus. It is because of wonderful people like Mr. Brown that we can keep the magic of Christmas alive for our children. Ryan Trombley entertained the children at our craft table and all of the children were able to take home some crafts to hang on their Christmas trees. Thank-you to Dan MacIntyre for taking some wonderful pictures for us so that we have some great memories to share. We made some great sales in our Gift Shop from those finishing up their holiday shopping, looking for that unique last minute gift. Lisa and Mickey were able to find a radio, and thanks to station 100.3 FM, some Christmas music to add a little more Christmas Spirit to our event.



*Santa watches children play with toy cars, Dan’s granddaughter tells Santa what she wants for Christmas, the Craft table with Ryan, Jim & Gloria Moir hope they’ve been good this year, Mickey and Lisa find some Christmas tunes, Frank & Mary Hawkes with Victoria Billingsley, the Watson’s strike a pose and little Mya shows Ryan her Santa in a chimney craft.*



## MASONS’ WAR MEMORIAL COMING TO CTMHV?



*Picture taken from The Windsor Star in April 2008 when the monument suffered severe damage by vandals*

Gord Henderson recently wrote an article in The Windsor Star declaring it a “dismal commentary on a city when it cannot protect memorials to its war dead”. He was referring to the Mason’s War Memorial currently on display at Malden Park. The Memorial represents Masons from the Windsor area whose lives were lost while serving their county in the First and Second World Wars. Over the years, the black granite stone’s story is gradually fading as it is scratched and grinded away by vandals. Back in April of 2008, The Windsor Star featured an article in which the author reported that there are several Masonic monuments similar to the one at Malden Park, but this was the largest Mason memorial of its kind in Canada. At that time, the Windsor District Deputy Grand Master, Geoff Perry commented that here in Canada, the memorial is “smashed and destroyed” while in the Netherlands, “Dutch children actually tend to the graves of Canadian soldiers”. In order to restore and preserve it, the eleven year old monument, may soon be making its way to the CTMHV. The ideal spot would be a safe and secure site next to the new King Edward Heritage Lodge building located in the heart of our Heritage Village. The memorial would be a welcome addition to our Historical collection. Many visitors would have a chance to view it and to appreciate the sacrifice of twenty-six young men.





## From the Education Desk

December isn't a very popular month for school programs. Unlike the pioneers who were accustomed to the cold, we have all been spoiled with the invention of the furnace. However, we did have one brave school group who ventured out for a combination grade 2 & 3 program. Though it was raining the children were all in great spirits and proclaimed their trip to be the "best field trip ever!" It is amazing how warm 36 little bodies all crammed into the School house can be! Thank-you to Ryan Trombley for sticking it out with me and learning how to square dance with Barb's 5 minute diner tutorial. Luckily one of the teachers is a previous part-time employee here at the CTMHV and she helped out with making candles. Please consider becoming a volunteer for the school program this year. It is a wonderful program that benefits hundreds of children. A big Thank-you goes out to Roger , Bob and Doug for setting the fires for us in the mornings and keeping us all cozy this year. I would also like to thank Doug for building our grade 2s some easy to use wooden looms which definitely make for a more enjoyable, hands-on traditional activity.

Doug Ives has been helping to try and secure a bicycle for our 2012 school program raffle. If anyone has any ideas to help us acquire a generic bike for girls or boys aged 7-9, please let us know. A tax receipt would be provided for the value of the donation. *Lisa*

### GOOD-BYE TO BOB & WENDY

After 6 years of loyal dedication, Bob & Wendy Caldwell have decided the time has come to retire. For real. Well, at least for Wendy. December 31st was officially Wendy's last day of work here at CTMHV. Bob will be sticking around for a few weeks in January and who knows, maybe he will decide to stay on part-time. Though Bob had tried twice before to hand in the keys, Harry simply went back and told Bob he just couldn't go. So, Bob and Wendy stayed. Another time, Bob had a job lined up at a local gas station. But Harry wouldn't hear of it and he went down and told the proprietor that Bob was staying with CTMHV. And Bob did. Apart from a handful of diehard volunteers, Bob & Wendy were the heart of CTMHV. It was the little things listed nowhere in their job descriptions that set them apart from "ordinary" caretakers. How many caretakers put aside their ghostly fears and pack and unpack artifacts from old, cold, squeaky haunted buildings? What about making sure the school groups have everything they need, including delivering a pot of hot tea for story time? Or coming in on a day off to set up for a wedding, or open for a rental? It was the little things that sometimes went unnoticed but that made all the difference. Well, we would just like to say that everything Bob & Wendy did was greatly appreciated and they will be missed even more. Beginning in 2012 our new caretaker will be Doug Coussens. Doug has been volunteering at the museum this past year and already knows many of the ins and outs of the CTMHV. We welcome Doug in his new position and wish him all the best. Thank-you Bob & Wendy!

### CTMHV is Saddlin' up for the Rock Rodeo

Mickey Moulder has done a beautiful job of redesigning one of our display cabinets in the front lobby. The cabinet is filled with some wonderful Western pieces to promote the Rodeo which will be held here the long weekend in May. Stop by and take a look at some of these treasures.



### New Year's Eve Party



Welcome 2012! At time of publication, we had not yet celebrated the arrival of 2012. Please look for a follow-up story to the night's events in our February newsletter. The doors were set to open at 5:30 pm to a cash bar being tended by our Bartender-extraordinaire, Mia Bergman. The entertainment was to be provided by DJ Chuck Reynold's and the dinner was set to be a five course meal complete with salad, buns, pasta, mashed potatoes, chicken, roast beef, vegetables and dessert. Ticket sales were at 100 people. Cost of tickets was \$30.00 per person.

### THANK-YOU, VOLUNTEERS OF 2011

In the past year, there were several members and volunteers who always seemed to be at CTMHV putting in their time and often their heart. Every year we tally the volunteer hours for our annual statistics and this year was no exception. Leading the pack with 455 recorded hours was Ted Summerfield. How do we say thank-you for all that you have done? In total for 2011, we had 1817.40 recorded volunteer hours given to CTMHV. There are many members and volunteers who forget to sign their hours in the book. In fact, there are probably 1000s of hours not written down. Based on the number of events and projects we might even estimate as many as 20,000 volunteer hours could have been given in 2011. Without volunteers, there would be no CTMHV. Our events, maintenance, and school programs depend on volunteer hours to operate. Members are required to contribute 20 hours as part of their annual membership contribution. Thank-you to everyone who replies to our e-mails and phone calls when we are looking for help with events.

### WHERE DID THEY ALL COME FROM?

2011 brought thousands of visitors to the CTMHV. Many came from different parts of Ontario from cities like Thunder Bay, Petawawa, Bracebridge, Staples Whitby, Kincardine, Sarnia, Guelph, Stratford, Owen Sound, Niagara Falls, Manitoulin Island and Huntsville. We had guests from almost every province in Canada including Manitoba, Alberta, British Columbia, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland, Saskatchewan, New Labrador, Quebec, Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick. Others came from the United States including visitors from Alabama, Minnesota, North & South Carolina, Nebraska, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Washington, Florida, California, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Wyoming. Visitors from Croatia, Japan, Spain, Columbia, Italy, South Africa, Germany, Finland, Australia, New Zealand, England, Holland, Uganda, the Netherlands, Mexico, Sri Lanka, China, France, Scotland, Poland and Ireland traveled a far distance to come and tour our Museum and Village. Despite all of these visitors, the CTMHV still seems to be a hidden gem. We are currently looking at ways to increase our numbers of visitors so that we can share this wonderful place with many more people. After all, the CTMHV is the place "where history is waiting to be discovered". Our visitors had some wonderful things to say about our tour guides, the Diner, the Museum and the Village. Some of the comments in our Visitors Book were: "wonderful place thanks", "beautiful weekend", "coolest little place", "a gem", "we'll be back", "been here 100xs will be 100xs more", "110%", "wonderful took me right back in time", "visited last year, couldn't wait" and "unknown treasure". We look forward to many more visitors in 2012.

### Famous January Birthdays

- 1-Betsy Ross 1752
- 4-Louis Braille 1809
- 6-Joan of Arc 1412
- 8-Elvis Presley 1935
- 9-Richard Nixon 1913
- 12-John Hancock 1737
- 14-Benedict Arnold 1741
- 14-Hal Roach 1892
- 15-Martin Luther King 1929
- 17-Benjamin Franklin 1706
- 17-Muhamed Ali 1942
- 18-Daniel Webster 1782
- 19-Robert E. Lee 1807
- 19-Edgar Allen Poe 1809
- 21-Stonewall Jackson 1824
- 25-Robert Boyle 1627
- 26-Douglas MacArthur 1880
- 27-Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart 1756
- 27-Lewis Carroll 1832
- 30-Franklin Delano Roosevelt 1882
- 31-Jackie Robinson 1919

### Famous January Deaths

- Jan. 22nd: Queen Victoria died after 64 years as queen 1901
- Jan. 24th: Winston Churchill died 1965
- Jan 25th: Al Capone died 1947
- Jan.28th: King Henry VIII died 1547

### Historic Events in January

- Jan. 1st: Ellis Island opened in 1892
- Jan. 10th: The world's first underground railway service opened in London 1863
- Jan. 24th: 1st Boy Scout Troop in England 1908
- 29th: Jane Austin published Pride and Prejudice 1820
- 29th: Victoria Cross founded in Britain 1856
- 30th: Adolf Hitler was appointed Chancellor of Germany 1933
- 31st: German troops surrendered at Stalingrad 1943



## Humor submitted by our members



On a very hot Saturday afternoon, Ab was working in the Barber Shop at the Village. He got a craving for some ice cream. So he headed up to the diner. By the time he got there, he was beat! He went into the diner and with great difficulty he got up on a stool at the front window. The young waitress came over and asked him what he would like. He said I think I would like a banana split. She replied "ok" and started away. She turned back and said "crushed nuts?" to which Ab replied "no, arthritis".



### Christmas Jokes for the young and the young at heart.



What goes ho-ho whoosh, ho-ho whoosh?

Who hides in the bakery at Christmas?

How long should an elf's legs be?

How did the snowman get to school?

Which Christmas presents do parents like best?

What is the best present in the world?

Why are turkeys wiser than chickens?

How does a snowman lose weight?

What goes "oh, oh, oh"?

What did one snowman say to the other snowman?

What often falls at the North Pole but never gets hurt?

What do you call an old snowman?

What's white and goes up?

What do you have in December that you don't have in any other month?

What do you sing at a snowman's birthday party?

What do you call Santa Claus when he doesn't move?

*(Answers on back page of newsletter)*

### HOW TO START A FIGHT

One year, I decided to buy my mother-in-law a cemetery plot as a Christmas gift....The next year, I didn't buy her a gift. When she asked me why, I replied, "Well, you still haven't used the gift I bought you last year!". **And that's how the fight started!**

My wife sat down next to me as I was flipping channels. She asked, "What's on TV?" I said "Dust". **And then the fight started.**

My husband and I were sitting at a table at his High School Reunion, and he kept staring at a drunken woman swigging her drink as she sat alone at a nearby table. I asked him, "Do you know her?" "Yes", he sighed, "she's my old girlfriend. I understand she took to drinking right after we split up those many year ago, and I hear she hasn't been sober since." "My God!" I said. "Who would think a person could go on celebrating that long?" **And then the fight started.**

My wife was hinting about what she wanted for our upcoming anniversary. She said "I want something shiny that goes from 0 to 150 in about 3 seconds." I bought her a bathroom scale. **And then the fight started.**

When our lawnmower broke and wouldn't run, my wife kept hinting to me that I should get it fixed. But, somehow I always had something else to take care of first, the shed, the boat, making beer. Always something more important to me. Finally she thought of a clever way to make her point. When I arrived home one day, I found her seated in the tall grass, busily snipping away with a tiny pair of sewing scissors. I watched silently for a short time and then went into the house. I was gone only a minute, and when I came out again I handed her a toothbrush. I said, "When you finish cutting the grass, you might as well sweep the driveway." **The doctors say I will walk again, but I will always have a limp.**

### Traditions



The day celebrated as New Year's Day in modern America was not always January 1. The celebration of the New Year is the oldest of all holidays. It was first observed in ancient Babylon about 4000 years ago. The tradition of using a baby to signify the new year began in Greece around 600 BC. It was their tradition at that time to celebrate their god of wine, Dionysus, by parading a baby in a basket, representing the annual rebirth of that god as the spirit of fertility. Traditionally, it was thought that one could affect the luck they would have throughout the coming year by what they did or ate on the first day of the year. It was once believed that the first visitor on New Year's Day would bring either good luck or bad luck the rest of the year. It was particularly lucky if that visitor happened to be a tall dark-haired man. In our family, we always remember to open the back door and let the old year out and then to open the front door to let the New Year in. We also make sure that the first person who comes to visit on New Year's Day brings a gift (preferably a coin or two) to ensure a prosperous year. Other traditions included eating specific foods, toasting the new year, and kissing at the stroke of midnight.

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# Happy New Year!



## 2012 HVSO Board of Directors

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	Rick Laplante
	Karl Melinz
	Jim Moir
	Dave Tanner
	Don Appleyard

## Answers to Christmas Jokes

1. Santa Claus caught in a revolving door
2. A mince spy
3. Just long enough to reach the floor
4. On his icicle
5. Silent Night
6. A broken drum, you can't beat it!
7. Ever heard of Kentucky Fried Turkey?
8. He waits for the weather to get warmer
9. Santa walking backwards
10. Can you smell carrots?
11. Snow
12. Water
13. A confused snowflake
14. The Letter D
15. Freeze a jolly good fellow
16. Santa Pause

Note: for those of you who received a print edition of the December Through The Windshield, our story on page 1 about the Windsor Community Foundation Grant left out Ted Brown who also represented the CTMHV at the Ojibway ceremony. Thank-you to Ted and Don for representing us.