



# Through The Windshield

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## HVSO COMING EVENTS

### April

- 12-18 Raffle Car at Devonshire Mall **(Volunteer's needed)**
- 13 Board Meeting, 7:00pm
- 14 General Board Meeting, 7:30pm, Guest Speaker Mike Beale will present the WWII Battle of Dieppe
- 24 Auction, 9:30
- 24+25 Village Clean Up, 10-4pm **(Volunteer's needed)**
- 26-May 2 Raffle Car at Kingsville Zehrs, **(Volunteer's needed)**

### May

- 1+2 Village Clean Up, **Rain date only**
- 8 Murder Mystery, 6:00pm to 10:00pm
- 11 Boarding Meeting, 7:00pm
- 12 General Board Meeting, 7:30pm
- 12 Masonic Ribbon Cutting, 10:00am
- 13 First Cruise-In, 5:00pm
- 22 Auction, 9:30

### June

- 1-4 Water Fest Week **(Volunteer's needed)**
- 8 Board Meeting, 7:00pm
- 9 General Meeting, 7:30pm
- 11-12 Relay for Life
- 13 Car Show **(Volunteer's needed)**
- 19-20 Flea Market **(Volunteer's needed)**

### Cruise-Ins



**Every Thursday night**  
**May 13th**  
**Starting 5:00 pm**

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### GET WELL WISHES

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**Don and Marg. Appleyard**

**Ted Brown**



**March 13<sup>th</sup> Pasta Benefit at the Museum**

The turn out for our pasta benefit was pretty good. It had peaks and valleys during the day from noon to about 5:00pm then picked up considerably. The weather was windy, cold and raining all day. We had to bring out about 6 more tables in Salon D during the evening as more people kept arriving. The pasta was great, the musical entertainment was well received and we made about \$1400 net profit. Unfortunately our 50's Diner dish washer seized up and our profit went towards refurbishing this industrial strength unit.

The super volunteers who were honored for their decades of volunteer service to the museum were Jack and Sue Irving, Ted Brown, Don and Marg Appleyard, Dan and Jackie McIntyre. Each couple and Ted received a very handsome plaque to mark the occasion. Congratulations once again to all of them.



**WANTED:**

Ontario Veteran license plates. Contact: Bill Thoman  
519-734-6551 or  
wthoman@cogeco.ca

**Reminder**

Our Museum website has listed nearly 50 vehicles for sale in the last year and 25% have been sold. Please reference this site when looking to buy or sell a vehicle.

Please check our website for our list of 2010 events and also well as the area off site events for 2010.

## A Real Hero From Hollywood Of Old

Stewart's life off-screen was as interesting and demanding as his career in films. While he was building his reputation as an actor, the rest of the world was about to go to war. German occupation in numerous countries in the early part of 1940 led Congress on September 16, 1940 to pass the Selective Service Bill, "the draft", this bill called for 900,000 men between the ages of 20 and 36 to be drafted each year. Stewart's draft number was 310. When his number was called and he appeared at Draft Board No. 245 in West Los Angeles in February 1941, the 6'3" Stewart weighed only 138 pounds, 5 pounds under the acceptable weight level. He was turned down. Stewart wanted to fly and serve his country but by May of 1941 he would have been too old to get into flight school. He went home ate everything he could that was fattening and went back and enlisted in the Army Air Corps, he passed the physical with an ounce to spare. While others tried to avoid the draft, he actually wanted to serve in the military. Later he would actually campaign to see combat. Jimmy was already a licensed pilot. Interested in aviation as a child, he had taken his first flight while still in Indiana from one of the barnstorming pilots that used to travel the Midwest. As a successful actor in 1935 Jimmy was able to afford flying lessons. He received his pilot's license in 1935 and bought his first airplane. In 1938 he gained his commercial pilot's license. He often flew cross country to visit his parents in Pennsylvania, navigating by the railroad tracks. In the military, he was to make extensive use of his pilot's training. In March 1941 at age 32, he reported for duty as Private James Stewart at Fort McArthur and was assigned to the Army Air Corps at Moffett Field. To comply with the regulations of the Air Corps proficiency board, Stewart required additional 100 flying hours and bought them at a nearby field, at this own expense. He then took and passed a very stiff proficiency board examination. In January 1942 Stewart was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant. He was then sent to Mather Field in California as a twin engine instructor; this included both the B-17 and B-24. Much to his dismay, Stewart stayed stateside for almost two years, until commanding officers finally yielded to his request to be sent overseas. In November 1943, now a Captain and Operations Officer for the 703rd Squadron, 445th Bombardment Group of the Eight Air Force, he arrived in Tibenham, England. In March of 1944 he was transferred to the 453rd Bombardment Group at Old Buckenham. While stateside, Stewart flew B-17's (The Flying Fortress). In England he flew B-24's (The Liberator) and did so for the remaining years of the war. Stewart's war record included 20 dangerous combat missions as command pilot, wing commander or squadron commander. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross with two Oak Leaf Clusters, The Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, and the French Croix de Guerre with Palm. At the end of the war he had risen to the rank of Colonel. After the war he remained with the US Air Force Reserves and was promoted to Brigadier General in 1959. His tuxedo and dress blues with all the medals are on display at The Jimmy Stewart Museum. He retired from the Air Force in 1968 (mandatory retirement age) and received the Distinguished Service Medal.

## Funny Driving Quotes

Never drive faster than your Guardian Angel can fly.

Drive carefully! Remember, it's not only a car that can be recalled by it's maker.

Some days you're a bug, some days you're a windshield.

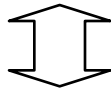
A careful driver is one who honks his horn when he goes through a red light.

Never lend your car to anyone to whom you have given birth.

You know, somebody actually complimented me on my driving today. They left a little note on the windshield; it said 'Parking Fine.'

# CLUB NEWS IN BRIEF

Please don't forget to help support one of two Murder Mysteries on May 8th. If you are interested in playing a character, helping in the boarding house serving food or collecting money at the gate, please just email Kim or call the museum. The event runs from 6pm to 10:00pm and it's really a lot of fun.



**Murder Mystery**  
May 8th, 2010 & October 30th, 2010  
6-10pm

Bring your team of Super Sleuths!  
Investigate the who,  
the why and the where.

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## VOLUNTEER'S NEEDED



Please help sell raffle tickets either at the mall in Windsor (Devonshire) or at Zehrs in Kingsville. Kim has a schedule just give her a call

## Water Fest Week, June 1st to 4th 9:00 - 2:30pm

I will be searching for help this week. I roughly have 1000 students a day from various schools here through out the village. To earn money for us, we sell to the student's lots and lots of candy. I sell candy in the General Store, portable popcorn wagon and Gift Shop. I need help in those areas along with bus parking (arrival and departure), couple of runners each day, MC for each day as well. If anyone is interested, call Kim at the village, I will have a schedule ready for signing.

## \*\*\*\*\*VILLAGE SPRING CLEAN UP\*\*\*\*\*

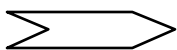
April 24 and 25 (Sat. and Sun.) will be our spring clean up of the village. We need everyone's help to put the village back in order for the season. Leaves need to be raked, building's air out and cleaned, flower beds weeded, boarding house cleaned etc. Please bring a rake and a pair of working gloves, lunch will be provided and the hours are from 10am to 4pm. Please call me (Kim) and let me know if you are available to help. The rain date weekend will be May 1 and 2, same time. I will keep a schedule pinned up in our office's to sign.

Thanks in advance, Kim

## Geographic Facts

- . More than half the coastline of the entire United States is located in Alaska
- . The Amazon rain forest provides 20 per cent of the world's oxygen supply
- . The Amazon River pushes so much water into the Atlantic Ocean, that more than 100 miles at sea off the mouth of the river, one can dip fresh water out of the ocean. The volume of water in the Amazon River is greater than the next 8 largest rivers in the world "combined" and 3 times the flow of all rivers in The United States
- . 90 per cent of the world's ice covers Antarctica. This ice represents 70 per cent of all the fresh water in the world is nearly twice the size of the contiguous United States and is essentially a desert. The annual Antarctic precipitation is about 2 inches. Although covered with ice, it is the driest place on earth with an absolute humidity less than that of the Gobi Desert. Oh ya, except for a small peninsula jutting north towards South America, 98% of the ice in Antarctica is thickening and growing not melting. The earth's temperature goes through a 30 to 40 year natural cycle of global cooling and warming heavily influenced by the cooling and warming of the oceans
- . Canada has more lakes than the rest of the world combined (Canada is an Indian word meaning "Big Village")
- . Next to Warsaw, Chicago has the largest Polish population of any other city in the world
- . Woodward Ave in Detroit carries the designation M-1 so named because it was the first paved road in the U.S.
- . Damascus Syria was flourishing 2,000 years before Rome was founded in 753 BC, making it the most continuously inhabited city on earth.
- . Istanbul Turkey is the only city in the world to be situated on two continents
- Los Angeles' full name is El Pueblo De Nuestra Senora la Reina de Los Angeles de Porciuncula and can be abbreviated to L.A.
- . The term "The Big Apple" was coined by touring Jazz musicians of the 1930's who used the slang expression "apple" for any town or city, therefore to play New York City was to play the big time or "The Big Apple"
- . There are more Irish in New York City than in Dublin Ireland, more Italians in New York than in Rome and more Jews in New York than in Tel Aviv
- . The first city to reach a population of one million people was Rome Italy in 133 BC. There is a city called Rome on every continent
- . Siberia contains 25 per cent of the world's forests
- . The driest place on earth is in the valleys of the Antarctic near Ross Island. There has been no rainfall for over 2 million years.
- . The deepest hole ever drilled by humans was the Kola Superdeep Borehole in Russia. It reached a depth of 12,261 meters or 40,226 feet or 7.26 miles. It was drilled for scientific research
- . The interstate highway system requires than one mile in every five be straight to accommodate airstrips in times of war or other emergencies

# SMILE



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Dear Dad,

\$chool i\$ really great. I am making lot\$ of friend\$ and \$tudying very hard. With all my \$tuff, I \$imply can't think of anything I need, \$o if you would like, you can ju\$t \$end me a card, a\$ I would love to hear from you.

Love, Your \$on.

## ASTRONOMY REPORT 31

W. North January 15, 2010

### Sun Spot Activity

- 1) Sun spot activity has been observed for centuries by many societies. These dark sun spots on the surface of the Sun can be observed visually, with a suitable filter to prevent blindness, which also makes the dark spots more visible on the surface of the Sun. These sun spots are regions of very high solar activity spitting out streams of high energy radiation in every direction including towards earth.
- 2) These high energy particles always interfere to some degree with communications and several years ago caused a major blackout in power distribution systems in Quebec and Ontario.
- 3) This sun spot activity usually happens in cycles of 11 years, 22, 87, 210 and 1500 years where the number of observed sun spot goes from a minimum to a maximum plus or minus several months of the expected cycle.
- 4) In the Journal of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada, (which started about 1895) the December 2009 issue, it was reported by Kim Hay that "we find the Sun very nearly at its quietest time in many centuries". It is further observed that it is more than 2 years past its normal cycle time.
- 5) Earth is continuously bombarded by cosmic radiations, alpha, gamma, x-rays etc from sources within our galaxy like black holes, supernova explosions, collapsing stars etc. It is speculated that this high energy radiation could modify an individual DNA causing a mutation and a change of life form in a simple bacteria all the way up to a human. We are protected to some degree by our atmosphere, the ozone layer, and clouds and also by sun spot activity.
- 6) Climate change has been observed to coincide with sun spot activity.
- 7) During low sun spot activity, Cosmic radiation of electrically charged particles entering our atmosphere, attract water molecules forming clouds and since clouds can reflect as much as 60% of our solar radiation, the climate can cool. If snow and ice forms then this reflects solar radiation better than the oceans, further cooling the earth.
- 8) During high sun spot activity, the solar radiation being much closer than the distant cosmos, blasts away this cosmic radiation and hence fewer clouds form, resulting in a warming trend on earth.
- 9) Back in 2000, Ian Plimer, "Heaven and Earth the Missing Science", noted that astronomers were predicting low sun spot activity, resulting in a slow temperature decrease 2012 to 2015 reaching a minimum at 2040 and a possible deep freeze by 2055 to 2060.
- 10) One thing is certain, energy from the Sun is not constant, if climate is not cooling then it must be warming. Contrary to Al Gore and David Suzuki, the science is never done.

## You're Electricity Bills Will Rise

We spoke with Essex Power on March 17<sup>th</sup> and asked them if our electricity rates will be increasing in the near future. Their answer is summarized below:

- . current residential rates are about 6 to 7 cents per kilowatt hour (kWh)
- . smart meters are being installed and the system should kick in within the next year
- . the kWh electricity rate will change with smart meters as follows:
  - 7:00am to 11:00am peak rate charge will go from 6 to 7 cents per kWh to 9 cents
  - 5:00pm to 9:00pm peak rate charge same as above
  - 11:00am to 5:00pm mid peak rate becomes 8 cents kWh
  - 9:00pm to 7:00am rate changes to 4 cents kWh
- . commercial enterprises like our museum are not planned to have smart meters since we do not have the option of doing most of our business from 9:00pm to 7:00am.
- . the provincial government is currently entering in to 20 year contracts to buy solar energy from rural land owners at 80 cents kWh. A South Korean firm Samsung was recently awarded a 25 year wind turbine energy contract at a guaranteed 80 cents a kWh rate. Just how the government plans to sell this energy to us for 4 to 9 cents per kWh remains a mystery. Perhaps the plan is make traditionally sourced energy so unaffordable that each household will be driven into creating their solar energy. We are not sure of this but for now our museum rates are not scheduled to rise.

## HOW WE APPROACH AGING

Do you realize that the only times in our lives when we like to get older is when we are kids? If you are less than 10 years old, you're so excited about aging that you think in fractions. "How old are you?" "I'm four and a half!"

You're never thirty-six and a half. You're four and a half, going on five! That's the key. You get into your teens and now they can't hold you back. You jump to the next number or even a few ahead. "How old are you?" "I'm gonna be 16!" You could be 13, but hey you're gonna be 16!

And then the greatest day of your life.... you become 21. Even the words sound like a ceremony... YOU BECOME 21..... YEAS!

But then you turn 30. Ooooooh, what happened there? Makes you sound like "bad" milk. He TURNED. We had to throw him out. There's no fun now. You're just a sour dumpling. What's wrong? What's changed?

You BECOME 21, you TURN 30, then you're PUSHING 40.

Whoa! Put on the brakes, it's all slipping away. Before you know it, you REACH 50... and your dreams are gone.

But wait!! You MAKE it to 60! You didn't think you would!

So you BECOME 21, TURN 30, PUSH 40, REACH 50, and MAKE it to 60.

You've built up so much speed that you HIT 70! After that it's a day-by-day thing. You HIT Wednesday! You get into your 80's and every day is a complete cycle; you HIT lunch; you TURN 4:30; you REACH bedtime.

And it doesn't end there. Into the 90's you start going backwards. "I was JUST 92." Then a strange thing happens. If you make it over 100, you become a little kid again. "I'm 100 and a half !"

May we all make it to 100 and a half!!

## HOW TO STAY YOUNG

- . Keep only cheerful friends. The grouches pull you down.
- . Keep learning. Learn more about the computer, crafts, gardening, whatever. Never let the brain idle. An idle mind is the devil's workshop. And the devil's name is Alzheimer's.
- . Continue working and if you cannot work, volunteer. Volunteering enriches one's life in countless ways and allows continued engagement with people and processes.
- . Enjoy the simple things.

**BY: George Carlin**

There was this boy in high school that was what you would consider a nerd. Anyway he had his own lab in the basement of his home and one night he came up and said "Dad look what I made." So he poured a flask of fluid into a pot of soil and instantly grass started to grow. Of course his dad was really impressed with this and asked his son if he can create something to make his life more passionate. His son thought for a minute and said that if he did then dad would have to buy him a convertible. Dad agreed.

The next night the son came out of the basement and gave his dad a vial. The next morning his father came to him and told him that he had something to show him. They went to the front yard and the boy saw a cherry red Ferrari. The son looked at his dad and said "I only asked for a convertible."

The dad replied "the convertible is in the garage. The Ferrari is from your mother."



## *From the Education Desk*

Those big yellow buses have begun to lumber into our parking lot, depositing loads of wiggling children to us, eager for their pioneer day at the village. You can't help but smile when they look up at you in anticipation of what's to come. I'm happy to see more and more schools opting to show up in costume too! Even the teachers are taking advantage of the opportunity to dress like folks from days of old. Yes, we are off to a great start!

We've hit a little bump in the road with the development of our new grade 6 program. As I mentioned before, the Ontario Ministry of Education has altered the curriculum to include flight. There was talk of this being a temporary change, so we've had to put the brakes on our plans while we waited for word from the Ministry on whether flight would likely remain a subject of study. It seems it is, so we are ready to proceed with the development of our program. There is a tremendous amount of work to be done before we'll be ready to host grade 6 students, and you'll be informed as the project unfolds.

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ONLY TURNED FOR A  
SECOND, ANYONE SEEN  
OR HAVE A SPARE  
MOTOR FOR A  
1926 CHRYSLER MODEL  
50?  
Ha-Ha!

