



# Through The Windshield

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## British Car Show

Our museum's annual British Car Show gathering was held Sunday, July 17th, and as usual, it was probably over 100° Fahrenheit on our outdoor patio. You would have thought we were in the Sahara Desert, but in spite of the intense heat, all attendees and our volunteers and staff enjoyed the show very much. We gave guided tours of our museum to the participants and all of these people came away very impressed. Kim did a great job putting together a nice collection of door prizes, and three 3-volume soft-cover sets of our Bill Vance automotive history books were given away to three first prize winners. Mia did a good trade at the bar and our 50's Diner had steady food sales from early morning to late afternoon.

Next year, the British car owners voted to hold the car show in front of the EMS building so they can park among the oak trees. We did have a fair amount of shade this year with our trees in front of the museum and with three shade covers that were erected by the museum. Thanks to Jack Irving, Kim Brimner, Mickey Moulder, Mia Bergman, our Diner staff, other volunteers, and our summer students for making the show so successful.



Above and left:  
Photos from our recent  
British Car Show

## Meetings More than Just Business

Those of you who attended our July 13 General Membership meeting witnessed a first-hand account of life under the Nazis in Holland during WWII, when guest speaker William Holzel was just a teenaged boy. He provided interesting insights into history and even some humour. Mike Beale, Walter North and Dan Bouzide also added their thoughts. There were about 6 or 7 WWII Vets in the audience, along

with 1 Afghan vet. It was a touching evening indeed, followed by some lively spirits, along with coffee and doughnuts. We often have guest speakers at these gatherings, so do try to attend. It's also a good way to keep up with the latest happenings in our



Mr. William Holzel

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### AUGUST

**9th:** Board Meeting is cancelled this month

**10th:** General Meeting, 7:30 pm

**11th:** Cruise-In and Military Muster volunteer meeting

**12th-14th:** Military Muster

**18th, 25th:** Cruise-In

### SEPTEMBER

**4th:** Car Show

**13th:** Board Meeting, 7 pm

**14th:** General Meeting, 7:30 pm

**1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th:** Cruise-In

**24th-25th:** Fall Flea Market

**Military Muster volunteers still needed. Teens & adults. Please call 519-776-6909**



## Museum & Village News

The staff of the Bloomin' Gardener gave us many gorgeous potted flowers to add colour to the property. Our summer students have placed them all around the village and are watering them daily to keep them fresh all summer. **Please shop at the Bloomin' Gardener for your landscape needs.**

Our Military Muster is shaping up to be a great event. Thanks to Rob at General Gun for coming through for us on our supply of blank ammunition for our re-enactments. Mike Timoshyk has already gone out in the field with them to fire test shots. Kim has been multi-tasking and has been involved in endless meetings to get this show underway. Please plan to attend.

Solar panel rental update—No information forthcoming on when or if solar panel rental hookup will be approved by the province. We are currently being paid a modest retainer to keep our museum roof open for solar panel rentals.

Harry and Mickey met with Rosati Construction in early July to review drawings and plans for covering the courtyard roof, using aluminum roofing with greenhouse industry technology (motorized panels that open and close up the centre, no heat, a.c., same interlocking brick floor and utilizing two centre posts and only a few electrical outlets with no sprinkler system in the courtyard or throughout the museum). Now that we have drawings and an estimate of cost, we can now begin to fundraise towards this specific goal.

Ecopower's Brian Webber advised that

we have written approval to proceed with our LED lighting program within and outside our museum building. Hydro One Networks and Installations may begin changing over our lighting within the next 30 days. We have secured a line of credit. This project has a 2.5 year pay-back.

75 truckloads of the promised 500 plus loads of fill have already been delivered to the former Goat Lady's property. Coco Paving has not come back with their promise to deliver nearly 500 truckloads from the Hwy 3 widening project. We are waiting. We are almost complete in cutting a new road in from our entrance driveway to the former Goat Lady's property.

The Motorcycle Museum has made great progress. All construction is suspended now until the late fall, as the volunteers constructing the display are less available in the summer.

We are currently negotiating with rodeo organizers to begin exploring HVSO hosting a full scale rodeo and country music event in the spring of 2012. Stay tuned. Over a two day period, the show could draw upwards of 8,000 people.

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**The Military Muster begins August 12th!**



**Plan on It!  
2011 Military Muster, August 12, 13 and 14.**

*Featuring:*

Battle re-enactments

Food

Veterans to meet and greet

Military Vehicles

Special guest artist, Kaziah Hancock

Helicopter rides

Pancake Breakfasts

Kids' Obstacle Course

## Museum & Village News

Our Boarding House eating area is getting a bit of a makeover, thanks to the efforts of Doug and Bob. They have spent the better part of the hottest days of July power washing the Boarding House, replacing screens and repainting the wood a deep barn red. We're very grateful for the improvement.

Tourism is up, up, up. Despite the July heat, we have had many tours this month. Our guides are kept busy all day every day, except, of course, when it's raining. The museum continues to be a fascination to

all, and the village always pleases. Our guides have also been getting rave reviews on their tours. Many visitors have commented on how knowledgeable they all are, and two have written kind letters to us via e-mail. (See page 8 for comments)

Our summer students have also been painting the people mover and the barber shop floor. They've been scraping excess wax from the candle-making area, and generally, have been helping us do anything and everything. We really have a great team.



**Top:**  
A battle re-enactment from last year's Muster.

**Above:**  
Veterans from last year's Military Muster, posing in Salon C.

**Photos courtesy of Dan McIntyre.**

## The Muster Returns!

Well, it's that time again folks...Our Southern Ontario Military Muster (SOMM) show will soon be here. Many of you have received requests to volunteer at this huge show. Kim says we need over 100 volunteers this year to successfully run the event. Please help. We don't want to wear out our current volunteers and staff.

Mike Timoshyk and his team of dedicated, creative and hard working re-enactors,

organizers, sponsors, supporters, heavy equipment haulers, blank cartridge makers, musicians, parking lot creators, helicopter pilots, customs agents, entertainers, bartenders, cooks, vendors, authors, T-shirt makers, Veteran's Affairs people, veterans, portrait artists and a host of other period military vehicle owners, mechanics and trench diggers, etc., are putting together what they believe may be the (continued on page 5)

## New Addition to our Summer Staff

We extend a warm welcome to Jacqueline Foott, our newest summer staff member. Jacqueline is a recent graduate of Cardinal Carter High School, and has plans to attend Ryerson University to study architecture in the fall.

While here, she will be giving tours of the village and museum, and will be helping out with the gift shop and any other of the many tasks that pop up daily.

Jacqueline loves to draw, and is also a recreational and competitive figure skater who plans on joining the team at Ryerson.

She's been doing a fine job here at CTMHV, and we wish her a happy summer with us.



*On August 13th and 14th, there will be historical table-top wargaming showcasing the Napoleonic wars (15mm and 25mm); WWII in skirmish types of games (squad action) and larger actions; air wars of both WW's, Zulus, and French-Indian wars, to name a few.*

## Johnson Outboards...A Little History



**Pictured above: A rare 1922 Johnson outboard motor, one of only 1,000 made.**

Johnson outboard motors made their public debut at the New York Boat show in Jan., 1922. It is unlikely that the Johnson brothers: Lou, Harry, Clarence and their brother-in-law, Warren Conover, had any idea of the impact their little outboard would have on the world of boating.

The Johnson brothers were cut from the same cloth as many of the great American engineers of the early part of the 20th century. From relatively humble beginnings, in Terre Haute, Indiana, the Johnson's outboard would not look very grand on their resumes when compared to building the first American monoplane, aircraft engines and record-setting inboard speedboat engines, yet outboards would be their most lasting achievement.

The small 2hp outboard sold in 1922 had its roots in failure. After their aircraft and engine factory was destroyed in a storm, the brothers focused their efforts on a small 2 cylinder air-cooled motor that they adapted to be used as a helper engine on a bicycle. These Johnson Motor Wheels sold well for several years, but the economics of scale with which Henry Ford and others could produce automobiles rapidly eroded the market—after all, who would buy a motorized bicycle for the same cost as an automobile?

Typical of the determination of Americans at the time, Lou Johnson was able to adapt some of the Motor Wheel's engine to a new purpose; an outboard motor. Six pre-production motors are believed to have been produced; full-fledged production began with serial number 507. There

can be no doubt that the Johnsons hit a home run when sales for their little \$140 outboard topped 3,324 units their first year.

The Johnson's little outboard was such a tremendous success because in addition to being lighter in weight, the Johnson Waterbug or Light Twin incorporated many features that we take for granted today but were revolutionary in 1922. A key component was the reliable flywheel magneto from the Quick Action Magneto Co. of South Bend IN—later to become part of the Johnson company. Many outboards in 1922 used battery ignition and some still had large gear driven magnetos like the ones used on cars and tractors. The Johnson's Quick Action Magneto was small, compact and among the most reliable ever constructed. This magneto proved so good that the majority are still working 85 years later!

Other better features included: an easier to use and more reliable carburetor, a simple piston water pump, and secure screw-type transom clamps, tilt motor capability for shallow water and beaching, and the ability to swivel the motor enough to do a complete 360° turn. (The Johnsons did not invent this idea, rather, they popularized it.)

The success of the Johnson brand right from the start set the pace for decades to come. Even after becoming part of Outboard Marine & Manufacturing Corp., Johnson was still the one with the firsts: first with remote fuel tanks, first with full gearshift, first manufacturer to make 1 million outboards and more!



**Above: Clarence Johnson, left, being congratulated on the production of the 1,000,000th Johnson outboard motor. Nov. 6, 1952**

## Military Muster

largest period military show of its kind in all of Canada. Last year, our show turned out to be the largest in Ontario. Now with the show running over a three day period instead of just two days, we expect upwards of 6,000 to 8,000 attendees and participants and perhaps more. Parking is a big issue, but we have been cutting a new road in on the north side leading to the Goat Lady's former property, which should open up a whole new area for parking.

Kaziah Hancock, a famous portrait artist

from Utah, will be here painting one of our fallen heroes from Afghanistan and will present it to the soldier's family. (See Kaziah's interview with Barbara Walters on YouTube.)

This year will bring war gaming on four simultaneous 4x8 ft. boards on Salon C in our museum. There will be more vendors, more re-enactors, more military hardware and vehicles. More everything than in 2010.

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**Above:** Kaziah Hancock, the founder of Project Compassion. We are all very excited to feature this talented artist at our 2011 Military Muster.

## Car Shows in the Area

**Aug. 5-6:** Old Autos Bothwell, ON. Giant Car Show\Swap Meet. 1-800-461-3457 for more details.

**Aug. 5:** Comber Car Show, 4-6 pm: Show is 6-9 pm. [www.comberfair.on.ca](http://www.comberfair.on.ca). Open to pre-1989, maximum: 2 people per vehicle.

**Aug. 7:** Sunday A&W Dougall Ave., Windsor, 4-6 pm [www.aw.ca](http://www.aw.ca). A Neil Diamond Tribute is scheduled. If the show is cancelled due to weather, it will be re-scheduled.

**Aug. 13:** WAMBO Wallaceburg Car Show on Saturday, Boat Show on Sunday. [www.kent/wambo](http://www.kent/wambo)

**Aug. 12-14:** Military Muster, Heritage Village. [www.militarymuster.org](http://www.militarymuster.org)

**Aug. 16-20:** Back to the Bricks Flint City Car Show. [www.backtothebricks.org](http://www.backtothebricks.org)

**Aug. 17:** Dan Kane Chev Dream Car Cruise Warm-Up Car Show, 4-8 pm. Info: Mark or Scott 519-969-6000, ext. 289

**Aug. 20:** Woodward Dream Cruise. [www.woodwarddreamcruise.com](http://www.woodwarddreamcruise.com)

**Aug. 20-21:** MoparFest, New Hamburg, ON. [www.moparfest.com](http://www.moparfest.com)

**Aug. 21:** Leamington Tomato Festival Car show. Car admission, \$10. Noon-3 pm. Talbot St. W. Enter from Erie St. [www.leamingtontomatofestival.com](http://www.leamingtontomatofestival.com)

**Aug. 27:** West Side Performance Car Show, Blenheim. [www.westsideapc.com](http://www.westsideapc.com)

### Tire Facts

*The right rear tire on your car will wear out before the others do.*

*It takes about two and a half gallons of oil to make a car tire.*

*Tires can be recycled into rubber "crumbs" and used to enhance pavement, increasing the life of the road by up to 5 years.*

While creating husbands, God promised women that good and ideal husbands would be found in all corners of the world. And then he made the Earth round. That God - He's such a kidder!

## From the Education Desk



The nature trail at CTMHV features a wide variety of trees, deer, wild turkeys, numerous bird species and sounds and smells that delight the senses.

*“A simple nature walk can open one’s senses to the natural world in a way few other activities or games ever could.”*

**From MUN Botanical Gardens educational department**

Sometimes one of our visiting school children has difficulty understanding that CTMHV is made up of functioning buildings as well as historical buildings that serve as our exhibits. They mistakenly believe that I am a real pioneer and that everything here is ancient. One recent visitor, a young girl attending with a day camp, was such a child.

Throughout the day, she would point to an object or building and ask me, “Is this old?” I explained repeatedly that our village is made of historical buildings, but our museum building is newer. She remained confused. She would point to stones, trees, and benches and ask me if they, too, were old. “Well, yes,” I said. “All stones are old, but the stones and trees are part of our environment. The benches are newer, relatively; they are not our exhibits. Only village buildings and artifacts are from pioneer times.” I thought she finally understood, but Jim McTavish, who was volunteering that day, told me differently.

He said that upon entering the schoolhouse she had asked him if the desks and other items were old. He answered her questions patiently. Then, motioning toward the blackboard, where the date was written as July 7, 1907, she asked, “How did you keep that date on the blackboard for such a very long time?”

### Summer Program

This summer, I have been working on incorporating the best of our school program with the best elements of our old summer program. We will be utilizing our facilities better than ever. Outside, behind the garage is a beautiful, bountiful nature trail, which seldom gets seen, and can be a part of the visiting day camp experience. Many of our day camp kids come from the city and may not get much of a chance to experience the woods and seek what lives among the trees and undergrowth. Our summer program will now include a nature walk through the woods where the children will act as nature detectives, looking for signs of animal life, leaf formations, and tree species. They will keep track of their findings in a small log book to take home.



Other activities include sound identification, seed and fungus finds, and hopefully, use of magnifying glasses to get a close-up view of the world from an ant’s point of view. I’m very excited to begin implementing this new part of the program...So are the mosquitoes.



Any season of the year can be risky for those allergic to poison ivy. At left are pictures of the nuisance in different forms. Its oils can affect you during any season, and inhaling the smoke from burning poison ivy is dangerous. It can creep along the ground, climb like a vine and take the form of a bush. The rash is absolutely miserable for at least two weeks. It all sounds like a creature from a horror movie!

## The Green Thing

In the line at the store, a young cashier told an older woman that she should bring her own grocery bags because plastic bags weren't good for the environment. The woman apologized to her and explained, "We didn't have 'The Green Thing' back in my day." The clerk responded, "That's our problem today. Your generation did not care enough to save our environment."

She was right - our generation didn't have the Green Thing in our day.

Back then, we returned milk bottles, soda bottles and beer bottles to the store. The store sent them back to the plant to be washed and sterilized and refilled so it could use the same bottles over and over. So, they really were recycled...But we didn't have The Green Thing back in our day.

We walked up stairs because we didn't have an escalator in every store and office building. We walked to the grocery store and didn't climb into a 300 horsepower machine every time we had to go two blocks. But she was right - We didn't have The Green Thing back in our day.

Back then, we washed the baby's diapers because we didn't have the throw-away kind. We dried clothes on a line, not in an energy gobbling machine burning up 220 volts. Wind and solar power really did dry clothes. Kids got hand-me-down clothes from their brothers and sisters, not always brand new clothing. But that lady was right - We didn't have The Green Thing back in our day.

Back then, we had one TV or radio in the

house; not a TV in every room. And the TV had a small screen the size of a handkerchief (remember them?), not a screen the size of the state of Montana. In the kitchen, we blended and stirred by hand because we didn't have electric machines to do everything for us.

When we packaged a fragile item to send in the mail, we used a wadded up old newspaper to cushion it; not Styrofoam or plastic bubble wrap.

Back then, we didn't fire up an engine and burn gasoline just to cut the lawn. We used a push mower that ran on human power. We exercised by working so we didn't need to go to a health club to run on treadmills that operate on electricity. But she was right - We didn't have The Green Thing back then.

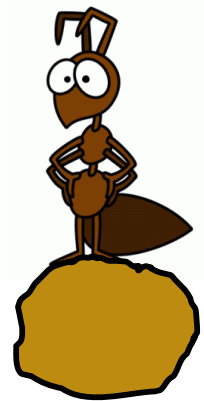
We drank from a fountain when we were thirsty instead of using a cup or a plastic bottle every time we had a drink of water. We refilled writing pens with ink instead of buying a new pen, and we replaced the razor blades in a razor instead of throwing away the whole thing just because the razor got dull. But we didn't have The Green Thing back then.

Back then, people took the streetcar or a bus and kids rode their bikes to school or walked instead of turning their moms into a 24-hour taxi service.

Isn't it sad that the current generation laments how wasteful we old folks were just because we didn't have The Green Thing back then?

Submitted by Len Langlois

**"I can't believe  
how wasteful  
Humans are:  
Look at the  
amount of food  
they've just  
thrown out!"**



**Bring a  
"Superhero"  
plant into your  
home.**

*Golden Pothos,  
English Ivy and  
Peace Lilies are  
easy-to-grow plants  
that remove indoor  
air pollutants like  
formaldehyde and  
benzene.*



## Guest Book Notations



Our guest book is bursting with fantastic reviews! Here are just a few, and all from this past month alone!

“Our guide Jessica did an excellent tour :)”

“Great Tour! Very informative and pleasant”

“Wonderful!”

“Great display. Love it here.”

“5 Star perfect!”

“Awesome. Thanks, Harry.”

“Good show...Fun show”

“We loved seeing the old school house that once was on our farm.”

“Excellent tour and food. Thank you.”

“Great collection of local history.”

## More Military Muster

August 12 is the day (Friday) on which we will be entertaining our veterans. There will be a pancake breakfast available each of the three days, beginning at 7:30 am, along with an outdoor movie on Friday

night. A WWII dance is on Saturday night for volunteers and re-enactors. We should all be proud of this massive effort that keeps our museum and village up and running for all to see and enjoy.

### In Loving Memory

*Larry LaPrise, the man who wrote “The Hokey Pokey,” died peacefully at the age of 93.*

*The traumatic part for his family was getting him into the coffin. They put his left leg in, and then the trouble started.*

## Can We Talk?

Traveling down the 401, I needed to use the toilet so I stopped at a rest area and headed to the restroom...

“Hi, how are you?”

I’m not the type to start a conversation in the restroom and I don’t know what got into me, but I answered, somewhat embarrassed, “Doin’ just fine!”

And the other person says, “So, what are you up to?”

What kind of question is that? At that point, I’m thinking, this is too bizarre, so I say, “Uhhh, just like you, I am traveling.”

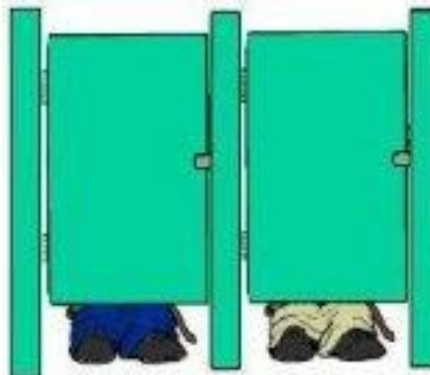
At this point I am just trying to get out as fast I can when I hear another question.

“Can I come over?”

Okay. This question is just too weird for me but I figured I could just be polite and end the conversation. I tell the person, “No...I’m a little busy right now.”

Then I hear the person say nervously, “Listen, I’ll have to call you back. There’s an idiot in the next stall who keeps answering all my questions!”

Cell phones. Don’t you just love ‘em?



## Nine Too Many

I can always count on member, Dan MacIntyre, to supply me with the good old Irish Catholic jokes. Here's one that had me giggling with hot coffee in my mouth...Dangerous!

Mrs. Donovan was walking down O'Connell Street in Dublin when she met up with Father Flaherty. Father Flaherty said, "Top 'o the morning' to ye! Aren't ye Mrs. Donovan and didn't I marry ye and yer hoosband two years ago?" She replied, "Aye, that ye did, Father."

The priest asked, "And be there any wee little ones yet?" She replied, "No, not yet, Father."

The priest said, "Well now, I'm going to Rome next week and I'll light a candle for ye and yer hoosband." She replied, "Oh, thank ye, Father." They then parted ways.

Some years later they met again. The priest asked, "Well now, Mrs. Donovan, how are ye these days?" She replied, "Oh, very well, Father!" The priest asked, "And tell me, have ye any wee ones yet?" She replied, "Oh, yes, Father! Two sets of twins and six singles. Ten in all!" The priest said, "That's wonderful! How is yer loving hoosband doing?" She replied, "E's gone to Rome to blow out yer candle!"

Evidence has been found that William Tell and his family were avid bowlers. Unfortunately, all the Swiss league records were destroyed in a fire...And so we'll never know for whom the Tells bowled.

A man rushed into a busy doctor's surgery and shouted, "Doctor! I think I'm shrinking!" The doctor calmly responded, "Now, settle down, sir. You'll just have to be a little patient."

A famous Viking explorer returned home from a voyage and found his name missing from the town register. His wife insisted on complaining to the local civic official, who apologized profusely saying, "I must have taken Leif off my census."



*It's estimated that you'll eat some 35,000 cookies in your lifetime.*

## It's a Simple Solution

After being married for 40 years, I took a careful look at my wife one day and said, "Forty years ago we had a cheap house, a junk car, slept on a sofa-bed and watched a 10 inch black and white TV, but I got to sleep with a hot 23-year-old woman. Now I have a \$200,000 home, a \$35,000 car, a nice big bed and a large screen TV, but I'm sleeping with a 63-year-old woman. It seems to me that you're not

holding up your side of things."

My wife is a very reasonable woman. She told me to go out and find a hot 23-year-old woman and she would make sure that I would once again be living in a cheap house, driving a junk car, sleeping on a sofa-bed and watching a 10 inch black and white TV.

Aren't older women great?

**Don't let the door hit you on the way out, Sweetie.**



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### Note to Members:

We are pleased to have a large membership here at CTMHV. As a token of our appreciation, we give our members a discount on meals in our 50s Diner. It has come to our attention that several former members have been expecting a discount, which is unfair to those who have paid their dues for 2011. If you are uncertain as to whether you have paid your dues for 2011, please let us know. We'll be happy to check our records for you.