



# Through The Windshield

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## HVSO COMING EVENTS

### March

- 9 Board Meeting – 7:00pm
- 10 General Meeting - 7:30pm
- 13 Pasta Dinner Fund Raiser – 12:00pm – 8:00pm
- 18 Cruise – in – 5:00pm
- 27 Auction – 8:30am

### April

- 12-18 Raffle car at Devonshire Mall - Windsor
- 13 Board Meeting – 7:00pm
- 14 General Meeting – 7:30pm
- 26-2 Raffle Car at Kingsville Zehrs

### May

- 8 Murder Mystery – 6:00pm – 10:00pm
- 11 Board Meeting – 7:00pm
- 12 General Meeting – 7:30pm
- 12 Masonic Lodge Ribbon Cutting – 10:00am

### Cruise-Ins



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



### WANTED:

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

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

- Ron Belward
  - Joe Lucas
  - Daniel Bruner
  - Alan Bald
  - Jim Turner
  - Mary Catherine Langlois
  - Mike Timoshyk
  - Sam Higginbottom

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**GET WELL  
WISHES**

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Eileen Beneteau

**I am looking for volunteers for March 13th, the Fund Raiser to help refill the buffet line dishes etc from 12:00pm until 8:00pm. I have a schedule here at the museum, and it's broken done into 2 hour shifts. So the first shift is 12:00—2:00pm, 2:00 — 4:00, 4:00— 6:00 and 6:00 — 8:00. Please just call the village and let me know if you are eligible to work. I would like to have two people per shift**

**Thanks Maribeth**

**Also a reminder, dues are due for 2010. If you have not already renewed your membership please stop by the museum and see me. Its \$35.00 for the year.**

**Kim**

**Also keep in mind that the museum in coming months will be busier and I will be looking for volunteers to help with different functions. As a reminder that our organization asks that each member volunteer a minimum of 20 hrs per year.**

**Kim**

**August 21 & 22, 2010**

**These are dates to have marked on your calendar as this is the weekend of the 2010 Windsor International Air Show. For those of you who participated in the air show last year, you need no reminding as to the quality and level of fun that this show brings. As in 2009, our museum will be responsible for PRE REGISTERING 50 vintage and hot rod vehicles on each of the two show days (Saturday and Sunday). There will be more to follow on each monthly newsletter publication. Mickey Moulder is the contact person for this 2010 show.**

We have another historical guest speaker who will present at our March 10<sup>th</sup> General Membership Meeting at 7:30pm. For many of you who attended the February meeting you know what a great presentation was made by our guest speaker detailing the race across America in one of the first Oldsmobile cars piloted by a native of Kingsville Ont. These meetings are both informative and educational. If you can make it, the coffee is always on and the bar is open.

# **PASTA DINNER**

# **FUND RAISER**

**Saturday, March 13, 2010**

**Noon to 8:00pm**

**Volunteer Awards Ceremony at 7:00 pm**

**The Canadian Transportation Museum  
& Heritage Village  
NEEDS YOU!**

Please support our pasta, all-you-can-eat-benefit-day running from noon to 8:00 pm. The purpose is to help raise funds for the preservation of the Heritage Village and the Museum and to support our children's' education program.

**Please, we count on your support! Our volunteers give a lot to your community; this is an opportunity to show your appreciation.**

**Price \$10.00 per adult, \$6.00 12 and under  
Under 4 is FREE!**

**Includes Live Entertainment by Gord Ciliska from 6:00 pm onwards.  
~ We are licensed ~**

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Many of you have already heard that the Southern Ontario Military Muster will be taking place the weekend of 14-15 August this summer. The first thought that comes to mind is what is a muster? Well, the Webster's Dictionary describes it as "an act of assembling, *specifically*: formal military inspection: critical examination: an assembled group". The Military Muster will be a gathering of reenactors, military vehicle enthusiasts, military collectors and those with a keen interest in history. It is designed to honour our Veterans, to educate the public, to bring to life a piece of our past and to act as a reminder that the freedoms we enjoy today were given to us at a terrible cost.

As you likely know, civilian vehicle production in North America and Europe ground to a halt as early as 1939 and for the USA 1942, and was non-existent until the end of hostilities for the most part. During this period in Canada alone, more than 800,000 vehicles of all descriptions were produced by Ford, General Motors, Chrysler and others. Companies such as Montreal Locomotive Works, International Harvester, Diamond T and Associated Equipment Co. were also involved just to name a few. Many of the specialty vehicles were produced in very limited numbers and are extremely rare. For instance the General Motors Fox, only 1506 of these vehicles was produced. Only one in North America is fully operational and used for public display. This particular vehicle will be at the muster this summer. Another rare vehicle is the General Motors Armoured Truck, 3961 vehicles of this type were produced and only 5 remain in Canada with one licensed for the road. Put in the context as a "collectable" these vehicles are at the top end of the scale. Military vehicles for the most part were worn out before being offered to the general public. Once in the hands of mining companies, farmers, construction outfits and so on the life expectancy of an "original" vehicle is almost non-existent. As a result many years can be required for restoration. Of the more than 800,000 vehicles produced in Canada for the war effort there is no accurate total of how many remained in Canada for use on the home-front? One can be assured that the numbers were fewer than 20,000.

With many vehicles and reenactors already registered this event is gaining interest every week. Some of the displays one could expect to see are varied and unusual. There will be a section of trench dug and will be built to closely represent a World War 1 allied defensive position manned by Canadian and British soldiers. Throughout the property will be encampments from the various periods of history. Many rare and unusual items will be on display from private collections. This is a rare and unique opportunity to see and experience history first hand. Allied and Axis participants will be wearing period uniforms and costumes to add realism to the displays. Representation from 1812, both World Wars, Korea, Vietnam and current operations will also be displayed. An active flea market with vendors and information booths will be situated in and around the field near the Pavilion. There will be Pipes and Drums to provide highland music during the weekend and negotiations are underway to have a military brass band as well. One can expect to see tactical and weapons demonstrations from the different eras. Highlighting the events each day will be a mock battle with fly-overs from vintage military aircraft.

All in all this will be a truly unique and exciting event for both young and old. So come out and experience the roar of armoured vehicles, the snap of rifle fire and the thunder of cannons.



# CLUB NEWS IN BRIEF

**Special thanks** to new member Mike Timoshyk for setting up the lobby display of World War II RCAF Flying Officer Bill Anderson. Jack Anderson, who is now in his 90's visited the display in late January and was overwhelmed by it. Jack served in the Italian Campaign and has graciously donated his entire World War II personal collection to our museum.



On Monday March 1st a few of us (Harry and Mia Bergman, Mickey Moulder, Jack Irving, Kim Brimmer and her daughter Myranda) visited a 26 acre horse ranch called the Lazee G Ranch located on Baseline Rd in Windsor. We were invited to see the 11 member “Musical Ride” student horse team drill and practice. The ranch has 25 horses and is open to the public. They give riding lessons, do birthday parties, provide pony and hay rides and operate a summer day camp for kids. The owners Brenda and Joe and their six kids appear to do a great job. Their operation is a “not for profit”. Some facts we picked up:

- ~ the Ontario weight limit for someone riding a horse is 230lbs
- ~ the cost to keep a horse is about \$500 per month
- ~ horses are quite sensitive and must be fed about 4 times daily
- ~ saddles must be fitted for each individual horse to avoid having back problems
- ~ an average saddle costs about \$500 and can run into the thousands of dollars
- ~ by law, helmets must be worn when riding a horse
- ~ this immediate area has well over 1,000 horses

For more information the website is [www.lazeegranch.com](http://www.lazeegranch.com) or call them at 519-735-4541

## Valentine’s Day Party a Great Success

Our annual Valentine’s Day dinner and dance on Saturday March 13<sup>th</sup> was a wonderful night out for all who participated. The Colasanti catered dinner was, as usual, the best. It was a wonder that folks could get up and dance after such a meal, but there they were. The floor was packed. The items auctioned off and the 50/50 draw were broadly supported. Thanks to the staff and the usual volunteers for doing such a beautiful job of decorating and cleaning up after the event. Word has it that at least 10 per cent of the couples that attended fell in love with each other all over again. Who knew...?



# SMILES

My wife and I were sitting at a table at her high school reunion, and she kept staring at a drunken man swigging his drink as he sat alone at a near by table. I asked her, "Do you know him?" "Yes" she sighed, "he's my old boyfriend...I understand he took to drinking right after we split up those many years ago, and I hear he 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...

Question: What have we learned in 2,065 years?

"The budget should be balanced, the Treasury should be refilled, public debt should be reduced, the arrogance of officialdom should be beand controlled, and the assistance to foreign lands should be curtailed lest we become bankrupt. People must again learn to work, instead of living on public assistance."

Cicero - 55 BC - Rome

Answer: Evidently -- nothing.

Congratulations to our non member volunteer Web master Tom Eaton for designing, launching and maintaining our world class Web site [www.ctmhv.com](http://www.ctmhv.com) and [www.militarymuster.org](http://www.militarymuster.org). As you know our organization is one of four Antique Automobile Club of America (AACA) regions in Canada. Last week our museum received an award from the AACA advising that our Web site was voted one of the best from all across North America. How's that for winning a gold medal under stiff competition eh? If you are not in the habit of visiting our Web site please do. It's always current and is designed to keep everyone informed about our past, present and future.

As our members know, museums do not make money. They are not designed to make money since altruism and making decisions for the common good usually trump sound business profit and loss based calculations. Case in point was the saving of the Jack Miner Homestead a few years ago. That was a \$100,000 expenditure that will net the organization no real financial return but it was the right thing to do for historical posterity. The same can be said really, for creating our heritage village but once again without it much of our area's history would have been lost. Although it does wear thin though when none of our local municipalities contribute towards our operations. Where are the towns of Kingsville, Essex, Leamington, Harrow and even Windsor?

Donations are the life blood of any non profit charity. These are tough times and our donations are not what they once were. We do receive about \$40,000 annually from Ontario and Ottawa and the Trillium Foundation did help us with funding our 50's Diner and also expanding our septic system. Currently the organization runs about a \$40,000 to \$50,000 annual operating deficit that was being covered by private donations. These days we cannot count on this support as we once did so the board began looking at new ways to raise funds.

We are currently negotiating for 2500 sq ft of our Salon B to be set up as a motorcycle museum complete with false store fronts, period advertising etc. This display will add an element of freshness to the museum and bring in a one time infusion of cash to the club.

In addition, the club, as a standard practice over time, will actively look at selling off surplus vehicles. All museums sell redundant artifacts as a means to trim their costly inventories and to raise funds. The organization is in sound financial shape with no debt and revenues that show steady growth each year. We will be reducing some of our fixed costs though as we go forward. This will include reducing our adverting costs but not necessarily reducing our advertising as such. Significant minimum wage increases were mandated in 2009 and again in March 2010. In addition, the new Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) will pile on more expenses.

The board asks that members show up for events and add their support to the museum. Our indoor events usually see a very small representation from our membership. In addition when selling car raffle tickets, the board asks that more members step up and help sell tickets. The organization needs your support. See you at our March 13<sup>th</sup> fund raiser. Stand up and be counted.

We are losing our manufacturing in Canada and the US however it's interesting to note that we still have a large manufacturing base. Go to <http://economics.gmu.edu/wew/articles/06/jobs.html>

As of 2009 the U.S. output per manufacturing job was \$234,000, double what it was in the 1990's and triple the 1980's output. These are great productivity gains. The U.S. GDP is \$14 trillion and manufacturing makes up \$3.7 trillion of that number. If the U.S. GDP was only made up of manufacturing, the U.S. at \$3.7 trillion would have the 4th largest economy in the world. The total GDP of Japan is \$4.9 trillion, \$4.3 trillion for China, and Germany is \$3.7 trillion. So the U.S. would be tied with Germany as the 4th largest economy in the world if the U.S. only counted its manufacturing output as being its total GDP. Apparently there are still over 14 million people employed in manufacturing within the U.S alone.

Economists continue to point out that as many jobs are lost in manufacturing through changes in technology and the buying tastes of the general public as there is with out sourcing internationally.

### **Obituary for Mr. Common Sense**

Today we mourn the passing of an old friend, by the name of Common Sense. Common Sense lived a long life but died recently in here in Canada and the United States. No one really knows how old he was, since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape. He selflessly devoted his life to service in schools, hospitals, homes factories helping folks get jobs—done without fanfare and foolishness.

For decades, petty rules, silly laws, and frivolous lawsuits held no power over Common Sense. He was credited with cultivating such valued lessons as to know when to come in and out of the rain, why the early bird gets the worm, and that life isn't always fair. Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you earn), high taxation kills businesses and jobs, reliable parenting strategies (the adults are in charge not the kids), and it's okay to come in second. A veteran of the Industrial Revolution, the Great Depression, and the Technological Revolution, Common Sense survived cultural and educational trends including body piercing, tattooing, and "new math." But his health declined when he became infected with the "If-it-only-helps-one-person-it's-worth-it" virus. In recent decades his waning strength proved no match for the ravages of well intentioned but overbearing regulations. He watched in pain as good people became ruled by self-seeking lawyers.

His health rapidly deteriorated when schools endlessly implemented zero tolerance policies. Reports of a six-year-old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate, a teen suspended for taking a swig of mouthwash after lunch, and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student only worsened his condition. It declined even further when schools had to get parental consent to administer aspirin to a student but could not inform the parent when a female student was pregnant. A lasting fever ravaged his brain when history revisionists rewrote the past to delete and modify events to fit a politically correct agenda. Finally, Common Sense lost his will to live as the Ten Commandments became contraband, churches became victims, and federal judges stuck their noses in everything from the Boy Scouts to professional sports.

Finally, when people, too stupid to realize that a steaming cup of coffee was hot, were awarded a huge settlement, Common Sense threw in the towel. As the end neared, Common Sense drifted in and out of logic but was kept informed of developments regarding questionable regulations such as those for banning the incandescent light bulb and replacing it with Mercury filled and expensive Compact Fluorescent (CFL) lights, the .05 BAC driving rules, and carbon trading plans. Common Sense was preceded in death by his parents, Truth and Trust; his wife, Discretion; his daughter, Responsibility and his son, Reason. He is survived by two stepbrothers: My Rights, and Ima Whiner. Not many attended his funeral because so few realized he was gone.



## *From the Education Desk*

In these quieter winter months, the education program is being stirred up a bit. We are working on changes to our grade six program to make it more relevant to the Ontario Ministry's curriculum. The new portion being researched and implemented is "flight." I hope to have a solid program in place in time for spring, so that we can start booking more field trips to our fantastic museum and village. More information on these changes will come as the program takes shape. In the meantime, please consider volunteering your time and talents to our field trips. All preparations are taken care of ahead of time, so all you need to do is show up and enjoy! We'll even provide breakfast or lunch for you on the day you volunteer.

Feedback from the schools is always welcome, and I'm happy to report that we have received great reviews! Here are a few samples, right from our own young visitors, as they wrote them

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*"Dear Mrs maryAnn,  
Thank you for takeing us around and showing us the house's and stuff. I loved your dress and your hair. So do you giess have to work at the village evrey day? Mrs. maryAnn you are my verey best pioneer Frenid!"*

*"Dear Mr Bob,  
I really enjoyed the tour around the Pioneer Village. We already wrote about it in are Journals! My favourite part was when we went in the school. Did you guys make all of the toys?"*

*"Bob, you are awesome I loved the toys and doing writing on skillet (a slate). You guys are very nice."*

*"...little kids had jobs! I don't like doing jobs like collecting stick wood. And thanks for letting us make candles and for giving us pensil for free no money!"*

Thanks, kids...you make us smile too...