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# Through The Windshield

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## JULY

- 2-4 Hog Weekend
- 11 British Car Show, 12:00pm - 4pm
- 13 Board Meeting, 7:00pm
- 14 General Meeting, 7:30pm
- 17-18 Car Club Weekend

**No Auction this month**

## August

- 7 Museum Fundraiser
- 10 Board Meeting, 7:00pm
- 11 General Board Meeting, 7:30pm
- 14-15 Military Muster
- 21 Windsor Airport Air Show
- 28 Auction, 8:30am

## Sept.

- 5 Fall Car Show
- 11+12 Arts and Craft Show
- 14 Board Meeting, 7:00pm
- 15 General Meeting, 7:30pm
- 18 Auction, 8:30am
- 25+26 Flea Market

## Cruise-Ins



**Every Thursday night**  
Starting May 13th @ 5:00 pm  
Until October 21, 2010

Well, we survived another Water Fest this year. It ran from May 31 to June 4th and we have to say that it was another **BIG SUCCESS!**

The weather cooperated for the most part. Close to 5,000 kids, parents and teachers all seemed to enjoy themselves while the kids learned everything about our precious resource, H<sub>2</sub>O (Water). The usual core of about a dozen volunteers and our employees did yeomen's duty. With all factors considered, our museum grossed about \$10223.10. This is a great beginning to our season. As many as 60 schools were represented this year and the program is a "go" for next year again. Many thanks to the volunteers and staff for doing such an outstanding job, as always.

Many thanks from Glen and Pat to all who helped with our Flea Market. We couldn't have asked for a nicer weekend (no rain but warm). We had 44 vendors on Saturday and Sunday was in the high 30's. The volume of people through the gate on Saturday was around 650 while Sunday it was 363, not bad for Fathers Day. Next year we will have our spring Flea Market the weekend after Father's Day, we think the volume was lower on Sunday because of that. Once again thanks to everyone who helped.

## **ARTIFACTS**

### ***(The second best kept secret in Essex County)***

What is an “ARTIFACT”? According to Webster’s Unabridged Dictionary, an ARTIFACT is any tangible or intangible product of human skill or workmanship; it is a simple product of primitive art that connects the past to the present.

The “BEST KEPT SECRET IN ESSEX COUNTY”, according to the population of Essex County, is the fact that The Canadian Transportation Museum and Heritage Village at 6155 Arner Townline exists. In spite of the work done by the Board of the H.V.S.O., most citizens of the county do not know who or where we are. We are a museum of antique, collectable and custom vehicles from Essex County and environs. We are a charitable, registered organization funded by donations, car raffles, flea markets, cruise-ins and other money raisers. We receive no money from any government body with the minor exception of student summer employment. The Canadian Transportation Museum and Heritage Village is a wholly owned subsidiary of the Historic Vehicle Society of Ontario, an Ontario chartered organization.

In the past months, citizens of Windsor have been calling for an automotive museum to be built in Windsor using the \$1,000,000 bequest left to the city. But, they do not realize the cost of such a venture. According to Ontario provincial figures, it costs \$5,000 to \$6,500 per year to operate a \$5,000 sq. ft. museum. In my short lifetime, Windsor has had four museums and only one of those still remains today. The only museum left is The Art Gallery of Windsor and it only operates due to heavy sponsorship by the City of Windsor using tax dollars. Our organization operates a 20,000 sq. ft. museum on a 100 acre site without the support of tax dollars (thanks to volunteers and the eternal vigilance of our Board of Directors).

As to “THE SECOND BEST KEPT SECRET IN ESSEX COUNTY”: the secret is that the C.T.M. has an artifact division. Many of our older members do not even know of its existence. We have been collecting Essex County related artifacts since our first acquisition, the 1925 LAFRANCE FIRE ENGINE from the City of Windsor. In the spring of 1959, our curator, Vi Miller, was working out of the church basement and he decided that we required a recording system to keep track of items donated to the H.V.S.O. The first records were on 8 ½” x 11” sheets of paper. Then, 3 ½” x 5” file cards were used, both of which we still have today. In 1975, we acquired a computer, hard drive and printer. Eventually, Vi realized that recording artifacts was too much work for her. As a result, she approached the Board to appoint someone to start record keeping. In September of 1975, the Board appointed Andrew Truan to that position. C.D.P. of Amherstburg created the first artifact layout. In 1992, SMARTECO of Windsor re-wrote the floor plan and has revised it twice since then as required. Our present form has twenty-three classes of information for each artifact and one to fifteen characters for each class. We currently possess 64,415 registered items. The year with the least donations was 1967 because we did not receive any items. In contrast, the year with the most was 2009 with 65,991 donations. We currently have four major projects underway. We have had nine curators from 1959 to 2010 and fifteen archivists in that period.

As you can see, the Archival Department is very busy. Items must be itemized, catalogued, classified and recorded. All of this takes people power, so if you have any free time from Tuesday through Friday during the hours of 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., we would greatly appreciate your assistance.

Thank you for your attention,  
Andrew

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**"NEW"**  
**Tuesday Morning  
Breakfast Cruise-In  
8:00am to 11:00am**



**Every Tuesday Morning**



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**2nd Annual All British Car Show**  
Sunday, July 11

Last year, over 70 vehicles came to our All British Car Show. This year, we are expecting over 100 cars! Please come out and enjoy yourself; compare your pride and joy with the other collectible, British vehicles. PLUS: Door prizes, purchase breakfast and lunch from our 50's diner or tour the Transportation Museum and Heritage Village!

Time: 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Registration Fee Per Show Vehicle: \$10.00; General Admission: \$5.00; 12 and under:

**Car Club Weekend**

Saturday & Sunday  
**July 17 & 18**  
Admission  
\$5 per club show car.  
*General Public*  
\$5 per person.  
*Ho Down*  
\$10 per person, or  
\$5 per person per  
pre-registered club  
show.

Join us for the  
Car Club Weekend  
at

**Canadian Transportation Museum  
and Heritage Village**  
6155 Arner Townline, County Road 23,  
Essex, Ontario

Meet with  
other  
Car Clubs!

**Country Ho Down**  
Saturday night  
\* Bon fires  
\* Music  
\* Dancing  
\* Food

**AUTO  
FLEA  
MARKET!**

**Tour our Museum and  
the 25 historic buildings  
on site!**

**Tour the wineries and other historic sites in the area!**

Eat in  
our  
50's  
Diner!

Visit our Web site at [www.ctmhv.com](http://www.ctmhv.com) for more information.  
Call 519 776 6909 or 519 979 5564 to pre-register or for details.



John was in the fertilized egg business.

He had several hundred young hens called 'pullets' and ten roosters to fertilize the eggs.

He kept records and any rooster not performing went into the soup pot and was replaced.

This took a lot of time. So, he purchased some tiny bells and attached them to the roosters.

Now, he could sit on his porch and fill out an efficiency report just by listening to the bells.

John's favorite rooster, old Dalton, was a very fine specimen indeed! But, this morning John noticed that old Dalton's bell hadn't rung at all!

When he went to investigate, he saw that the other roosters were busy chasing pullets, bells-a-ringing.

To John's amazement, old Dalton had his bell in his beak so it couldn't ring.

He'd sneak up on a pullet, do his job and walk on to the next one. John was so proud of old Dalton that he entered him in the Renfrew County Fair. The rooster became an overnight sensation among the judges.

THE RESULT: The judges not only awarded old Dalton the No-Bell-Piece-Prize, but they awarded him the Pullet-surprise as well.

Clearly, old Dalton was a politician in the making. Who else but a politician could figure out how to win two of the most highly coveted awards on our planet by being the best at sneaking up on the populace and screwing them when they aren't paying attention?

Do you know any politicians named Dalton?

"OLD" is when.... Your sweetie says, "Let's go upstairs and make love," and you answer, "Choose one, I can't do both!"

"OLD" is when... Your friends compliment you on your new alligator shoes and you're barefoot.

"OLD" is when... A sexy babe catches your eye and your pacemaker opens the garage door.

"OLD" is when... Going bra-less pulls all the wrinkles out of your face.



### Meet Our Summer Help Employees

Each year our museum applies for a federal government grant that helps pay for much needed summer help. This year, as in past years, we have a good group of students.

Here they are:

> **Cory Rousseau:** As many of you know, this is Corey's 2nd year with the museum. The wedding bells were chiming for Corey and his new wife, Rayanne, this May. Always filling the museum with a jolly laugh, his coworkers were eager to see his return. Cory has completed his History Degree at University of Windsor and plans to remain at the same institution for Teacher's College this fall. Welcome to married life, Corey!

> **Jacqueline Harnish:** This is Jacqueline's 3rd year with us! She has completed her Honours Bachelors Degree at Queen's University, studying English and Irish Literature in context. Intermingling European travel with an education, Jacqueline has had the pleasure of studying and living abroad for two years in England and then, Ireland. Due to the current economic climate, Jacqueline will be postponing her graduate education to attend Teacher's College. She plans to travel and teach abroad, eventually raising enough money to complete a Master's degree in Ireland. That is, if a whirlwind romance with an Irish beau doesn't sweep her overseas again!

> **Megan Meloche:** Megan is in her fourth year at CTMHV. This April she completed her Honours Bachelors Degree in History with a minor in Anthropology at the University of Windsor. This fall she will be returning to the University of Windsor to obtain her Masters of History with a specialization in North America's Underworld Gang Culture of the 1920's and 1930's. She has just returned from a trip to the United Kingdom and Ireland and is looking forward to another wonderful summer at the museum. She would like to thank all the members for the great last four years =)

> **Hannah Robinet:** Hannah is the new face at the museum this year! This fall, she will be entering her second year at the University of Western Ontario. Hannah studies Music Education and French. In the future, this spirited pianist intends to share her love of music as a high school educator. Alongside her brother, Hannah can be found performing at numerous venues and events.

All of the young folks above contribute greatly to the success of our operations and act as a big support to Kim, MaryAnn, Mary Beth and Tracey along with our regular volunteers.

## Ford Model T Attributes



As most of us know, the Ford Model T was produced from 1908 calendar year to 1927. It was outdated by 1914, but its absolute sales continued to increase each year. In fact, the Model T's best sales year was its last, 1927. However, the automotive market began growing faster than Ford sales in the 1920's. As a result, Ford market share shrank as sales climbed.

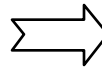
Over 15 million Model Ts were produced throughout the world. Here are some interesting reasons why the Tin Lizzy or Fliver, as it was affectionately known, was so popular:

- ✓ The Model T did NOT have an oil pump, fuel pump or water pump.
- ✓ It had four coils, thus no distributor was necessary.
- ✓ It had a magneto in the flywheel, thus no generator was necessary.
- ✓ Its floorboards were really boards that could be easily removed to work on the transmission, which also contained the brakes.
- ✓ It used a light weight, highly tensile strength and corrosion resistant steel called Vanadium in its chassis.
- ✓ The price of a Model T went from \$850 in 1908 to as little as \$265 in 1927. By 1918, one came off the assembly line every 29 seconds.
- ✓ The average Joe or Mary could afford one and it was reliable and easy to repair with Ford dealers located everywhere!

**The Windsor International Air Show** will be held this year on **August 21 and 22<sup>nd</sup>** at the Windsor Airport. This year again, Mickey Moulder is the assignee on behalf of the museum for the 50 antique, vintage and hot rod vehicles that will be displayed at the air show. The process is the same as last year. You **MUST** be contacted by Mickey or you can call him and he must confirm which day and in which vehicle you will be attending. All vehicles must enter the same as last year: off Walker Road by National Auto Radiator. Parking will be the same as in 2009 and the entrance fee will be \$10 per vehicle. Mickey must pay the air show organizers a minimum of \$1,000 (100 vehicles x \$10). So everyone must pay, regardless if you are a member or non member of the museum or if you volunteer 1,000 hours or if you don't volunteer at all. **Everyone must pay.** So, please contact Mickey or he will contact you by mid July. If you commit to attend and then discover that you cannot, please advise Mickey so another paying vehicle can be brought in. Last year's Air Show was voted the 3<sup>rd</sup> best across Canada. This year, there will be 65 airplanes, which is an increase of 50 in comparison to last year. We all know what a great day this is for all of us and our families.

If you have or know of anyone who has a military vehicle to bring to the air show, please contact member Mike Timoshyk. He will arrange for separate entry into the air show.

**Never irritate a woman who  
can operate a backhoe**



## **A Few Early Views of the Windsor, Sandwich and Walkerville Areas**

- Until around 1830, a convicted murderer or horse thief would probably end up at the end of a rope. Afterwards, his or her body would be encased in a steel corset called a gibbet iron. Then, the gibbet would be hung from a pole in public “until the flesh rotted from the bones”. The last public executions took place in 1862. On January 3<sup>rd</sup> of this year, a 38 year old man named George Williams, who killed his wife with an axe, was hung at the Sandwich jail.
- Early in December of 1834, a force of about 140 American and Canadian supporters of William Lyon Mackenzie crossed over from Detroit. After capturing and burning a militia barracks in what became Windsor, they took possession of the entire town. They were routed by a force of about 130 militiamen commanded by Col. John Prince. Five of the invaders were taken prisoner and executed by order of Colonel Prince. This caused violent controversy in Canada and the U.S. The remaining captives were tried and sentenced (6 were executed, 18 transported to a penal colony in Tasmania and 16 were deported). The 24 hour shoot-out left 31 dead. Prince was not one to take criticism lightly, as many did not like his swift form of justice. Prince had two of his critics publicly horse whipped, fought and won a pistol duel and saw to the demotion of some of his officers. The Battle of Windsor was over and Prince won every challenge, civil or military, physical or legal (including a bounty that was placed on him). The invaders never returned.
- Until the 1870's, travel by stage coach between Windsor and Sandwich was fairly common. The one-way fare between the two communities was 12 cents. The only route was along the riverbank. The road itself was maintained by the Sandwich and Windsor Gravel Road Company. Revenue was collected at a toll gate established mid-way between the two communities. Eventually, a horse-drawn street railway line rendered the stage coach obsolete. By 1893, an electric street car service was running on Sandwich Street (Riverside Drive), London Street (University Avenue), and Ouellette Ave, to south of what is now Jackson Park.
- By 1900, over 1 million individuals annually crossed the Detroit River by ferry to Windsor. The crossing cost up to 25 cents and took 10 minutes. People routinely shopped in both Detroit and Windsor to buy everyday items like food, clothes and entertainment.
- Windsor's one and only 800 seat opera house opened on Sandwich Street (just east of Ouellette Ave) in 1892. It closed in 1901 and the building was torn down in 1978.
- In the late 1800's and early 1900's, it was far more common for children in the spring, summer and fall to go barefoot and not wear any boots or shoes. In fact, it would have been quite rare for a child to wear shoes during the warm seasons.
- It cost \$38,543 in 1888 to build the Hotel Dieu Hospital. The original building was demolished in 1963.



## *From the Education Desk*

Walter North has devised a wonderful activity for our developing grade 6 flight program that involves colourful styrofoam gliders and paper clip “cargo.” The object of the competition is to determine which team’s glider can carry the largest load the greatest distance. The kids form teams, come up with a cool name, and the fight is on! The scoring equation is as follows: Number of paper clips to the third power, divided by five, plus distance in integer inches. Got that? The children need a little help with the calculations, but it’s great “fun with physics!”

As the school year comes to a close, student field trips are happening every week day. We’re slathering on lots of sunscreen and bug spray, but as always, we must keep the umbrellas close at hand. We’ve had a great year with our revised grade 2 and 3 programs. Thanks to the many teachers who responded to our program surveys. Feedback is the best way to determine if we are hitting the mark.

I would like to acknowledge the fine people who generously gave of their time and talents as education program volunteers. Without the help of Walter North, Dan McIntyre, Wendy Rocheleau, Susan Young, Barrie Brooks and Bob Arsenault, we simply could not have had any school tours. They have braved days of blistering sun, countless mosquitoes and bees, snow, sleet, wind, rain, and certain “behaviour issues” that arise with children. On behalf of the whole organization, and the many teachers, parents and students who visited here, our deepest gratitude goes to you!

As always, if any readers know of anyone whose talents could be put to use with our education program, we sure could use a few more volunteers. Contact me at the museum!

**MaryAnn Perry, Education Coordinator**

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