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JUNE

- 1-4 Waterfest Week
- 8 Board Meeting, 7:00pm
- 9 General Meeting, 7:30pm
- 11-12 Relay for Life
- 13 Car Show
- 19 Auction, 8:30am
- 19-20 Flea Market, 9:00am

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

Cruise-Ins



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

19th Century Masonic Meeting House Ribbon Cutting

The ribbon cutting on the Mason's meeting house in our village occurred on Wednesday May 12th at 11:00am. Many local dignitaries attended as well as local Masons and museum members and staff. Harry Bergman did a good job acting as master of ceremonies. Many thanks to the volunteers who helped build this latest addition to our village especially the lead builder Claude LaBelle who did yeoman's duty, as usual, seeing the project through along with Dave Tanner, Jack Irving, Ted Brown and others who all contributed so much to this effort. The kitchen staff put on a tasty snack table for the visitors and we all know what a good job Mary Beth and Tracy do with food preparation!

CTMHV COMING EVENTS

Buffet Breakfast

From 7:30am - 2pm in 50's Diner



FUN ON WHEELS CAR SHOW & Automotive Flea Market

**June 13, 2010
RAIN OR SHINE**

**Sept. 5, 2010
RAIN OR SHINE**

Canadian Transportation Museum 6155 Arner Townline, Essex
& Heritage Village 519-776-6909
www.ctmhv.com

Lunch - Boarding House (in village) with Cash Bar
(12noon - 4pm)

*300 Dash Plaques * Door Prizes * Food Vendors

Admission: Adults - \$5.00 Under 12

SHOW VEHICLE ENTRY: \$10.00

Registration: 8am - 1pm

**June 13 -
Schneiders Day**



**2010/11 HVSO
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Treasure Hunting
Flea Market
June 19 & 20, 2010
9-5pm (both days) Rain or Shine
Suggested Donation: **\$3.00**
Free Parking
Refreshments and Food Available



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



Every Tuesday Morning

Father's DAY **June 20th**
2010
Breakfast Buffet

served from: **8 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

Adults: \$10.00
Children (5-12 yrs) - \$5.00
4 yrs and under: FREE



All Prices Include Tax

SMILES

Grandma's Boyfriend

A 5-year-old boy went to visit his grandmother one day.

Playing with his toys in her bedroom while grandma was dusting, he looked up and said, 'Grandma, how come you don't have a boyfriend now that Grandpa went to heaven?'

Grandma replied, 'Honey, my TV is my boyfriend. I can sit in my bedroom and watch it all day long. The religious programs make me feel good and the comedies make me laugh. I'm happy with my TV as my boyfriend.'

Grandma turned on the TV, and the reception was terrible. She started adjusting the knobs, trying to get the picture in focus. Frustrated, she started hitting the backside of the TV hoping to fix the problem.

The little boy heard the doorbell ring, so he hurried to open the door and there stood Grandma's minister. The minister said, 'Hello son, is your Grandma home?' The little boy replied, 'Yeah, she's in the bedroom bangin' her boyfriend.'

The minister fainted. Now, that is funny.....I don't care who you are!

I want to go back to the times when.....

Decisions were made by going "eeny-meeny-miney-mo." Mistakes were corrected by simply exclaiming, "do over!". "Race issue" meant arguing about who ran the fastest. Money issues were handled by whoever was the banker in "Monopoly". Catching the fireflies could happily occupy an entire evening. It wasn't odd to have two or three "best friends". Being old referred to anyone more than 20. The net on a tennis court was the perfect height to play volleyball and rules didn't matter. The worst thing you could catch from the opposite sex was cooties. I was magic when dad would "remove" his thumb. It was unbelievable dodge ball wasn't an Olympic event. Having a weapon in school meant being caught with a slingshot. Nobody was prettier than Mom. Scrapes and bruises were kissed and made better. It was a big deal to finally be tall enough to ride the "big people" rides at the amusement park. Spinning around, getting dizzy and falling down was cause for giggles. The worst embarrassment was being picked last for a team. War was a card game. Water balloons were the ultimate weapon. Baseball cards in the spokes transformed any bike into a motorcycle. Taking drugs meant orange-flavored chewable aspirin. Ice cream was considered a basic food group. Older siblings were the worst tormentors, but also the fiercest protectors!

CLUB NEWS IN BRIEF

Military Muster Show

We had our first all committee meeting of our Military Muster Show event on May 26th. Member, Mike Timoshyk is the lead person on the show along with Mickey Moulder and support from Harry Bergman and Kim Brimmer. What our first meeting showed was:

. We have **never** done a show like this before at the museum since it runs two full days with a Saturday night dinner and dance and a participant gathering on the Friday night. The show itself has many show events within the greater show i.e. flag raising and veterans' parade, pyrotechnics, paint ball display, pancake breakfast and village mess hall, helicopter rides, speeches, War of 1812 to WW II demonstrations, WW II flyover, weapons displays, WW II reenactment and battle simulation, closing ceremonies, WW II era dinner dance, 1930's and 1940's short clips showing music, dancing and other war time newsreel type shorts in our Salon D prior to and during our WW II dance (our Web Master Tom Eaton is doing a super job putting all of this together)...

. The show requires that approximately 5 or so volunteer captains be the "go to" person for each of the major items within the show each day

. The show requires at least 4 sets of volunteers (initial set up, Saturday show, Sunday show and the dinner dance). Included in all of this is refuse collection, bathroom maintenance, food prep and sale, bar set up and staffing, parking, money collection and control, ticket collection, traffic control DJ, veterans management, veterans hospitality area, first aid, and a lot more. We will be bringing together all of the volunteers both the outside and our own from the museum for at least two pre-show meetings and instructions etc.

. To date 17 show sponsors have signed up with another 10 or so still considering

. There are approximately 20 vendors signed up so far with another 15 still undecided

. The entry cost to the military show is \$5.00 per person including all members who are not volunteering as the costs to produce this event is just too great to allow for free entry except for veterans, sponsors and volunteers.

. There is a special area in the front of the museum set aside for hot rods and collector vehicles. The entry fee will be \$5.00 per person.

. The entry fee for the WW II dance on the Saturday night is \$10 per person as our entertainment alone will take half of the gate income. This is a very high profile show that needs both a success at the box office but also in its running and handling during each of the two days.

Mike Timoshyk is really going all out on managing this show. There is a news conference planned for August 3rd along with presentations to various municipal town councils (Essex has already been done) with great results. Mike and Mickey are visiting various military shows in Ontario and Michigan to sign up show participants and advertise the event. The Veterans Affairs people in Ottawa have already signed on to a \$5,000 sponsorship.

*Just a big thank you for all the kindnesses shown to me over the last year. My Cancer is now in remission, something I did not think I would see. My prospects are good now. Can I say THANK YOU for all your cards, food and also your Prayers very much appreciated. Also having someone sit with me when I had chemo (thanks Lynda). Time went so much faster with someone to talk with. What a great organization they make me feel all warm and fuzzy.
Love you guys Barb Tanner*

SPAGHETTI

For several years, a man had been having an affair with an Italian woman. One night, she confided to him that she was pregnant. Not wanting to ruin his reputation or his marriage, he paid her a large sum of money if she would go back to Italy to secretly have the child. Also, if she stayed in Italy to raise the child, he would provide child support until the child turned 18. She agreed, but asked how he would know when the baby was born. To keep it discrete, he told her to simply mail him a post card, and write 'Spaghetti' on the back when the child was born. He would then arrange for the Child Support Payments to begin. One day, about 8 months later, he came home to his confused wife. 'Honey,' she said, 'you received a very strange post card today.' 'Oh, just give it to me and I'll explain it later,' he said. The wife obeyed and watched as her husband read the card, turned white, and fainted. On the card was written:

Spaghetti, Spaghetti, Spaghetti, Spaghetti, Spaghetti.

Three with meatballs, two without.

Send extra sauce

Measuring the Health and Vitality of an Organization

Is our museum a well run volunteer organization? This is a question that is often thought about if not mentioned. The simple answer is "yes" since we have managed to remain afloat and somewhat prosper even during these difficult economic times.

Can we make the organization more effective? Again, the answer is "yes". We are blessed to have a very good workforce led by an outstanding operations manager with Kim and her team Mary Beth, MaryAnn, Tracy, Paula, Bob and Wendy along with the part timers Megan, Corey and Jacqueline all helping to make our operation successful every day. Where we are lacking is in the one area which provides us a competitive advantage, and that is volunteering.

Do we have outstanding volunteers? "Yes" again, however we have some members who are literally volunteering over 40 hours a week, not counting the waking up at 2:00 am thinking about the issues at hand. It's not necessary to mention any names but we know who these people are, and one in particular. Many volunteers do a great job contributing their time and talent when they can and for that the operation benefits immensely. We also have a lot of members who simply do not volunteer to sell raffle car tickets, do tours, help with clean up or whatever. Sometimes this is due to health and age related issues and this is perfectly understandable. But for those who are able and willing, it's amazing how contributing just 6 hours a month would help take the load off the super volunteers, who are aging and also very busy with their own lives. So please, give it some thought. Come on out. Fix a lawn mower, pull some weeds or rake some leaves, clean some windows, answer the phones, help in the Diner, whatever, you know where the museum is. It can be therapeutic. One more thing. Our demeanor with our volunteers and employees is very important. The simplest and often the most rewarding element of working and volunteering is hearing the words "please" and "thank you". Why is it that many of us do not use these words is beyond comprehension. No doubt they are in our thoughts but do we say the words? Please, remember "please" and "thank you". These words pay huge dividends.

There is an old Hotel/Pub in Marble Arch, London,



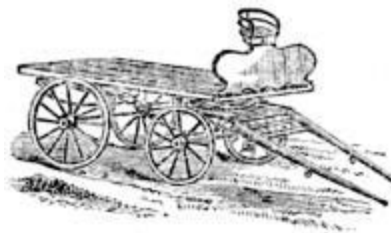
which used to have gallows adjacent. Prisoners were taken to the gallows -- after a fair trial, of course -- to be hung.

The horse drawn dray carting the prisoner was accompanied by an armed guard, who would stop the dray outside the pub and ask the prisoner if he would like **ONE LAST DRINK.**

If he said **YES** it was referred to as **ONE FOR THE ROAD**



If he declined, that prisoner was **ON THE WAGON.**



So there you go.



From the Education Desk

Can you smell that? It's the tropical scent of sunscreen slathered on the 150 kids that came through the village this week! Summer has slammed into Heritage Village and is finally drying up the vast mud puddles that have been sucking our shoes off for weeks. The intense heat even affected our candle making activity on one occasion...our little black pot of beeswax just couldn't stay cool enough to make the candles grow with each dip. Hard as we tried, yesterday's candles looked... well...wimpy.

By the time lunch rolls around, stomachs are roaring and all are eager to get to the cool shade of the picnic area. The afternoon invariably brings our kids a renewed energy and "The Dreaded Shorter Attention Span." We have found that kids just don't have the patience after lunch to tour buildings and listen to grown ups talk about history. Instead, we now play a game called Village Detective. Armed with clipboards, pens and an adult leader, teams of young sleuths journey throughout the village in search of answers to questions. Our wee detectives get to visit more buildings than ever before and, rather than having things pointed out to them, they get to actively seek out information. The feedback so far has been positive, and it's a joy to see our visitors truly interested in what's inside each building.

The following is a sample of their search questions:

Write the names of three log cabins

Did the Waggott House have electricity? How do you know?

Find and name a machine in the Waggott House.

Name 5 things you can buy in the General Store.

Where is the village post office?

What is an adze?

At what time did the train from Montreal arrive at the station?

How much did a haircut cost in 1936?

Did you get any right? The post office question is a tough one! If you or anyone you know enjoys history and teaching children, please consider volunteering with our education program. It's truly fun for everyone! Call the museum at 519-776-6909 for more information.