



# Through The Windshield

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## HVSO COMING EVENTS

### May

- 1+2 Village Clean Up **(Rain Date Only)**
- 8 Murder Mystery, 6pm – 10pm
- 8 Auction, 8:30am
- 11 Board Meeting, 7:00pm
- 11 General Meeting, 7:30pm
- 12 Masonic Ribbon Cutting, 11:00am
- 13 **Start of Cruise – In every week, 5:00pm**

### June **Cruise in every Thursday Night, 5:00pm**

- 1-4 **Waterfest Week (Volunteers 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)**
- 19 Auction, 8:30am

### July **Cruise in every Thursday Night, 5:00pm**

- 2-4 Hog Weekend
- 11 British Car Show, 12:00pm, **(Volunteer's needed)**
- 13 Board Meeting, 7:00pm
- 14 General Meeting, 7:30pm
- 17+18 Car Club Weekend, **(Volunteer's needed)**

## Our Newest Addition



1946 Chrysler Town & Country  
Convertible



Pauline Evoy of Ayr Ontario (just outside of Woodstock) is the widow of George Evoy and sister-in-law to Grant Evoy both of whom were long time members of our organization. As most of us know, both Grant and George Evoy are now deceased. Pauline Evoy has graciously donated her 1946 Chrysler Town and Country Convertible in memory of her late husband. The car arrived at the museum on April 20th. It has already been accepted to be shown at the prestigious Meadow Brook Concours e'Elegance in Michigan on July 25th. We hope that Pauline Evoy can join us at this event since the Chrysler Town and Country vehicles are being themed at this year's show. Many thanks to Mrs. Evoy for her generosity and kindness. This car will be prominently displayed in our museum for decades to come.

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### Mail Wagon and Rural Mail Delivery By Ab Ives

One artifact in the Transportation Museum that has very little known history is the Mail Wagon and unfortunately I can only shed very scant information on it.

The manufacturer was Wm Grey of Chatham, later known as the Grey Dort Company.

The HVSO purchased it from Ken Shoults through the efforts of Alex Horen, Les Dickens, Doug Ives and me and I think Ken McKenzie. It was somewhere around Woodstock or St. Mary's area where they found it. The log and stone wagon with the solid wooden wheels was purchased at the same time.

According to Don Appleyard the records show September 12, 1973 as the date it was entered into the acquisition records. Other than that the only information I know is that Bernard Plante, Kevin McCabe and Wayne McCallum very carefully restored it and I must say they did a great job as it was in very rough shape. If anyone can shed any further information please submit it!!

Now onto the subject of Rural Free Mail Delivery.

On October 10, 1905 a vigorous campaign was started in support of rural mail delivery. However, the members of Parliament and Postmaster General scorned the idea as being too expensive. Then during the election campaign of 1908 the then Postmaster General Rodolphe Lemieux reversed his earlier decision and on October 10, 1908 delivery was started. On October 26, 1908, the Laurier Government was returned to power and within a few years rural delivery was firmly entrenched into the rural society of Canada.

Other historical facts of Mail Delivery in Canada

` Mail delivery first started in Canada in 1693 when Pedro Silva, who was from Portugal (originally) was paid to deliver mail between Quebec City and Montreal

` Official postal service began in 1775 under the control of the British Government up to 1851. In 1867, when the Dominion of Canada came into existence, the post office department was established.

The P.O. Department was the early pioneer of airmail delivery, with the first flight taking place June 24, 1918 carrying mail from Montreal to Toronto. Regular mail service began in 1928.

This is a bit of information on mail delivery in Canada that I hope maybe of some interest to you.

**Ronald Regan used to say... about how Governments' tax  
"If it moves - tax it, if it keeps moving - regulate it, if it stops moving - subsidize it"**

Tax his land; Tax his, the table, from which he's fed.  
Tax his work, Tax his pay, He works for peanuts, anyway!  
Tax his cow, Tax his goat, Tax his pants, Tax his coat.  
Tax his tobacco, Tax his drink, Tax him if he, tries to think.  
Tax his car, Tax his gas, find other ways, to tax his ass.  
Tax all he has, then let him know, you won't be done, till he has no dough.  
When he screams and hollers; Then tax him some more, Tax him till, he's good and sore.  
Then tax his coffin, Tax his grave, Tax the sod in which he's laid.  
When he's gone, do not relax, its time to apply, the inheritance tax.

And in 2010 there's the new Harmonized Sales Tax!!!!

STILL THINK THIS IS FUNNY? No taxes existed 100 years ago, & our nation was one of the most prosperous in the world. We had absolutely no national debt, had a growing middle class, and mom stayed home to raise the kids until 50 years ago.

**VINTAGE WHEELS**

1. Why were nearly 4 million 1949-69 Volkswagens recalled?

**Answer: Wiper arm failure**

2. What auto company stated "when corrections are made on bent steel parts, straighten them cold"?

**Answer: Ford Motor Company**

3. What speed was the Land Speed Record set by the Stanley Steamer in 1906?

**Answer: 120mph.**

4. What was the first year Ontario license plates were manufactured by the Guelph Reformatory?

**Answer: 1932**

5. How many headlights did the 1960 Corvair have?

**Answer: Four**

Questions from the Vintage Board Game

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**Cruise-Ins**

**Every Thursday night**

May 13th

Starting 5:00 pm

**Thanks for all the volunteers help with the raffle car at Devonshire Mall last week. We raised roughly \$2200.00. Please remember that the last week of April the raffle car will be at Zehrs in Kingsville.**

# CLUB NEWS IN BRIEF



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

## Treasure Hunting Flea Market

*Flea Market*

June 19 & 20

9-5pm (both days) Rain or Shine

Suggested Donation: \$3.00

**\*Free Parking\***

**\*Refreshments and Food Available\***



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# All British Car Show

July 11th, 12pm - 4pm

**General Admission - \$5.00@**

**Show Cars - \$10.00@**

**Diner open from 8am - 5pm**

**cash bar available**



**Buffet Breakfast**  
From 7:30 am in 50's DINER

# FUN ON WHEELS CAR SHOW AUTOMOTIVE FLEA MARKET

**June 13, 2010** & **Sept. 5, 2010**  
RAIN OR SHINE RAIN OR SHINE

At  
**Canadian Transportation Museum  
& Heritage Village** [www.ctmhv.com](http://www.ctmhv.com)

6155 County Rd. 23 ( Arner Town Line )  
8 kms South of Essex off Hwy #3

**\*300 DASH PLAQUES \*DOOR PRIZES**

**\*FOOD VENDORS \*50/50 DRAW**

**Cash awards 3:00pm / original, modified (car or truck)**

**PUBLIC WELCOME - 9am - 2pm**

**ADMISSION : ADULTS \$5.00 - UNDER 12 FREE**

**SHOW VEHICLE ENTRY : \$10.00 / CAR**

**REGISTRATION : 8 am - 1 pm ONLY**

**AUTO FLEA MARKET gate opens 7 am / FREE VENDING**

**CAR SHOW & VENDOR INFORMATION**

**CALL OFFICE 519-776-6909**

**Sponsor**

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## Murder Mystery

May 8th, 2010 & October 30th, 2010

6-10pm

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

**THERE'S A MURDER AMONGST THE TOWNSFOLK,  
COME AND FIND THE CLUES!**

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## Interesting Statistics on Health Care

This article was pulled from the “Investor’s Business Daily.” It provides some very interesting statistics from a survey by the United Nations International Health Organization.

Percentage of men and women who survived a cancer five year after diagnosis:

**U.S. - 65%**      **England - 46%**      **Canada - 42%**

Percentage of patients diagnosed with diabetes who received treatment within 6 months:

**U.S. - 93%**      **England - 15%**      **Canada - 43%**

Percentage of seniors needing hip replacement who received it within 6 months:

**U.S. - 90%**      **England - 15%**      **Canada - 43%**

Percentage referred to a medical specialist who see one with one month:

**U.S. - 77%**      **England - 40%**      **Canada - 43%**

Number of MRI scanners (a prime diagnostic tool) per million people:

**U.S. - 71**      **England - 14**      **Canada - 18**

Percentage of seniors (65+) with low income, who say they are in “excellent health”;

**U.S. - 12%**      **England - 2%**



**1907 Model**



**V-Rod**



## History of Harley-Davidson

### The Beginning

The first Harley-Davidson police motorcycle was delivered to the Detroit Police Department in 1908. Right from the start, police departments recognized the tactical advantage provided by a maneuverable vehicle such as a motorcycle along with Harley-Davidson’s reputation for reliability.

### Through the Teens

Harley-Davidson motorcycles accompanied General John J. "Black Jack" Pershing in pursuit of Pancho Villa after he attacked Columbus, NM in 1916. Harley-Davidson motorcycles proved their value as military hardware. Shortly after the Mexican foray, the U.S. was drawn into World War I – as were approximately 20,000 Harley-Davidson motorcycles. Motorcycles were a great aid in dispatching messages before the advent of reliable radio communications. Most of these motorcycles had sidecars which could be fitted with machine-gun mounts if needed.

### The Roaring '20s

Back on the home front in the 1920s, state police forces were being formed in several states to protect rural areas from lawlessness and to enforce Prohibition. The motorized vehicle of choice on rutted rural roads was the motorcycle. In 1921, six troopers kick-started their Harley-Davidson motorcycles and the Washington state troopers were in business. In those days, considering the territory officers had to cover, a motorcycle needed to be reliable. In Louisiana, for example, a force of just 16 men on motorcycles patrolled the entire state.

By 1920, Harley-Davidson was the largest motorcycle manufacturer in the world. As mass production increased the numbers of cars and motorcycles on the road, and most speed limits were not enforced, highway fatalities skyrocketed. In 1926, a special office for fleet sales to law enforcement was established. Harley-Davidson published the goal of helping law enforcement "curb this tragic traffic slaughter." Being faster and more maneuverable than most cars on the road, Harley-Davidson motorcycles gave police the upper hand against speeders. By the end of the 1920s, more than 3,000 police departments and government agencies used Harley-Davidson motorcycles.

### The Great Depression

As with most manufacturers, the Great Depression hit Harley-Davidson sales hard. Starting with the stock market crash of 1929, sales fell each year until 1933. But even in that year, Harley-Davidson aggressively marketed its product as "The Police Motorcycle" and supported national campaigns for traffic safety. The three-wheel Servi-Car, introduced in 1931, became very popular with police departments for traffic and parking enforcement and continued to serve as a Harley-Davidson standard for 41 years.

### World War II and the 1950s

During WWII, Harley-Davidson produced 88,000 motorcycles for the war effort, including the horizontally opposed, two-cylinder, shaft-drive XA 750 model. (They were never sold to the public and only 1,000 were made.) For its patriotic efforts, the Motor Company was awarded four prestigious Army-Navy "E" awards.

In the 1950s, teenagers took to street racing in hopped-up jalopies. To slow this trend, the Pittsburgh Police Department formed its Harley-Davidson motorcycle officers into a Hot Rod Squad. The image of a motorcycle cop parked behind a billboard became an icon of Americana. And the idea that a police officer would sit on anything other than a Harley-Davidson wouldn't be conceivable until the 1970s.

An important relationship developed in the 1940s and continues to this day as Harley-Davidson and Northwestern University's Center for Public Safety (formerly the Traffic Institute at Northwestern) have worked together for more than 60 years to provide officer training.

### Recent History

In the last five years, Harley-Davidson police sales have more than doubled. Today, just as in the late 1920s, more than 3,400 police departments ride Harley-Davidson motorcycles in the U.S. alone. Harley-Davidson Police motorcycles are also used in 45 countries. This is a dramatic increase from the Motor Company's 80th Anniversary twenty years ago, when just over 400 state, provincial, county and municipal police departments were equipped with Harley-Davidson motorcycles.

After the tragic events of September 11, 2001, Harley-Davidson donated 37 motorcycles to the New York Police Department, the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey and the New York State Police.

### The Future

Throughout the years, police and military organizations have realized the advantages of using Harley-Davidson motorcycles. Today, benefits such as high resale value and the ability of the motorcycle to enhance public relations (critical to community policing efforts) continue to increase our police/fleet business. "There is something undeniably right about a cop on a Harley-Davidson."



Harley produced the WLC for the Canadian military.



V-Rod on the show room



Harley-Davidson 1200 cc SV 1931

# SMILES

Here is a little something someone sent me that is indisputable mathematical logic. It also made me Laugh Out Loud. This is a strictly mathematical viewpoint...it goes like this:

What Makes 100%? What does it mean to give MORE than 100%? Ever wonder about those people who say they are giving more than 100%? We have all been to those meetings where someone wants you to give over 100%. How about achieving 103%? What makes up 100% in life?

Here's a little mathematical formula that might help you answer these questions:

If:

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

is represented as:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26.

Then:

H-A -R -D-W-O -R -K

$8+1+18+4+23+15+18+11 = 98\%$

and

K -N -O -W-L -E-D-G-E

$11+14+15+23+12+5+4+7+5$

$= 96\%$

But ,

A-T -T -I -T -U -D-E

$1+20+20+9+20+21+4+5 = 100\%$

And,

B -U -L -L -S -H! -T

$2+21+12+12+19+8+9+20 = 103\%$

AND, look how far ass kissing will take you.

A-S -\$ -K -I -S-S -I -N-G

$1+19+19+11+9+19+19+9+14+7$

$= 118\%$

So, one can conclude with mathematical certainty, that While **Hard work** and **Knowledge will get you close, and Attitude will get you there, its the Bullsh!t** and **Ass kissing** that will put you over the top.

**'REMEMBER SOME PEOPLE ARE ALIVE SIMPLY BECAUSE IT IS ILLEGAL TO SHOOT THEM'**

**What do you call a dumb blonde behind a steering wheel?**

**An airbag.**

**A guy walks into a bar and demands to know "Who's the strongest in here?"**

**The toughest guy looks at him and says "I am the strongest around here!"**

**The other guy politely asks "Can you help me push my car to the gas station?"**



## *From the Education Desk*

With standardized testing going on in early June, it's been more of a challenge than I anticipated, getting bookings for May field trips to the village. Teachers remain hesitant to book in May, as they need every teachable day for test preparations.

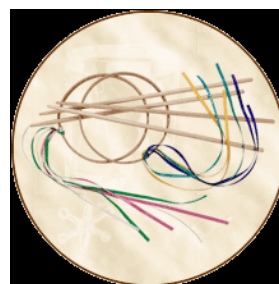
Our gift shop children's section will soon be brimming with oodles of educational and "pioneer" toys! Orders have been placed from our supplier in Etobicoke, and I've made my annual trek to our toymaker in Thamesville. He has a fantastic old barn that serves as his woodshop, located on an incredibly quiet road just far enough from the 401 that you feel a million miles away. We spend time chatting and sampling the latest and greatest of his collection and I walk off with armloads of goodies for the kids. We've ordered everything from Glow in the Dark Silly Putty (yes, that's educational!) to walnut moon winders and our ever-popular bow and arrow and Jacob's Ladder toys. Kim and I are still hoping to get our hands on some good lumber so her husband can make us a few pairs of stilts. If anyone has any extra lumber lying around, perhaps you'd like to donate it to us?

My day is always brightened by good feedback from schools who have visited us. One teacher who recently brought her class here raved, "Finally! A schoolhouse program that is interactive. Great!" She suggested cooking in the cabins, which I think would be great fun, but alas, our chimneys still need lots of work. If we wanted to smoke hams, we'd be golden...



*Jacob 's ladder*

*Finger Tops*



*Graces*

*Moon Winder*

