



Through The Windshield

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Museum News

For those of you who were not able to attend the monthly General meeting, a few notes:

- The museum hosted a new show on April 9 and 10, called the Militaria Gun and Knife Show. It was a huge success. All vendors did well and all 500 paying patrons that attended the show, along with another 100 local politicians, kids and veterans and a few club members had a great time.
- Some patrons exhibited on both days. The show did so well, we will hold two per year now. The next show will be on Oct. 29 and 30, 2011.
- The Motorcycle Museum portion of our building is proceeding with the false store front being built now in Salon B in the museum.
- Our Festival of Cars, June 12 car show will feature Keystone cops, \$2 haircuts in the barbershop, face painting, a historical vehicle Pass-In-Review including approx. 15 vehicles, and narrated by Walt McCall, a Michigan automotive historian. The show will have, as always, hundreds of hot rods, cus-



Staff, exhibitors and vendors at our very successful and well-attended Militaria, Gun and Knife Show.

tom cars, antique and vintage vehicles...should be a blast!

- The board is looking at replacing the current high energy-consuming lights in the museum for LED's.
- Our Web Master, Tom Eaton, won an award from the Antique Automobile club of America (AACA) for his world class work on our museum website. If you want the weather or the latest and cheapest gasoline prices in our area, check out our home page at www.ctmhv.com. You may also want to see our other website, www.militarymuster.org
- We are still working the Whelans about having them fund the completion (continued on page 5)

Upcoming Events

May



8th: Mother's Day Brunch. Make Mom happy! Delicious family buffet served 8 till 2pm

10th: Board meeting, 7 pm

11th: General meeting, 7:30pm

12th: Super Volunteer / Cruise-In steak dinner Please come out and celebrate the special awards to 5 of our Super Volunteer Couples

June

7th: Board meeting, 7pm

8th: General meeting, 7:30 pm

12th: Festival of Cars Show

19th: Father's Day Brunch.

25th and 26th: Spring Flea Market

What Has Happened to Us?

The United States and by association, Canada, from their earliest pioneer days up to about the 1970's, were places like no other on this planet for getting things done. The efficient building of the Transcontinental Railroads in the USA and Canada, the Panama Canal, Model T, Hoover Dam, the Trans Alaskan Highway and the Interstate Highway system were exemplary accomplishments, and the Empire State Building, and our own Detroit/Windsor Tunnel and the Ambassador Bridge were built in 15 months, 18 months and 19 months, respectively, and all under budget.

From 1940 to 1945 the U.S. produced thousands of Liberty cargo ships, over 300,000 airplanes and over 100 aircraft carriers and a thousand other war ships. We introduced the world to nuclear power and moved from the propeller to the jet age in just a few short years. Wow. Was there nothing that we couldn't do?

On January 9, 1941, a plan was submitted to the War Department by Ford Motor Company's Charles Sorenson to build the largest plant in the world, one mile long and one quarter mile wide to mass produce the B24 Liberator bomber. On February 25th, the plan was approved to build at Willow Run outside Detroit. The total infrastructure was created from virgin land including the plant, roads, sewers, homes and schools at which 50,000 people were trained and tens of thousands lived and worked. By 1944 Ford was producing one bomber comprised of 1.3 million parts every 59 minutes for \$137,000 each compared to \$238,000 two years earlier, because of Ford's mass production processes. A hand-built B24 that had formerly taken 200,000 hours to produce in 1941 was now being made in 17,000 hours only 36 months later. The last of the plant's 8,625 B24's was produced on June 24, 1945.

Then along came the United Nations, suburbia, the Baby Boomer generation, hippies, drugs, the Vietnam War, socialization, the unionization of public workers, work rule restrictions (not my job), the Left Wing tilt in our K through 12 and university teachings, an explosion of lawyers and lawsuits, women's lib, college education for the masses, socialized medicine in Canada, the Pill, increased divorces, less mass transit, Canadian bilingualism, acquisition of 'stuff', smaller families, two income families, free but not fair trade, the global economy, the Internet, personal computers, electronic gadgets, the Nanny State, exponential growth of government and its rules, 9/11 political polarization, government over-regulation and accompanying bureaucracies, global freezing followed by the global warming hysteria, and Generations X and Y.

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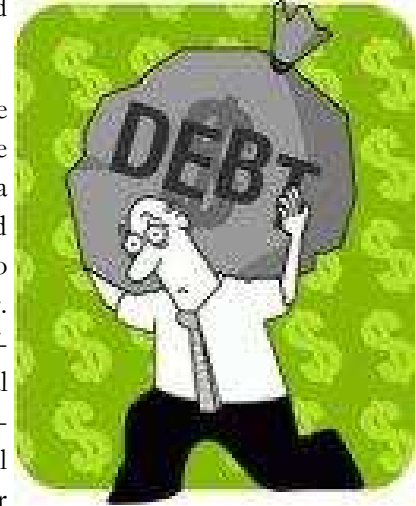
*"We import
our food and
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just about
everything
found in our
homes,
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lives."*



What Has Happened to Us? (continued from page 2)

Houses got bigger, distances got shorter, life got cluttered, teachers lost control of their classrooms, common sense died and taxes soared. Individual responsibility and self-reliance became less valued, the victim mentality, and protection from risk and failure began to dominate our culture.

What has happened to us? We used to be the best, most efficient, productive and innovative; the standard by which others were usually judged. Today we take longer to do a pre-construction environmental study than it took to build a world class mega project two generations ago. The Japanese, Germans, and Chinese are eating our lunch and dinner. And we have spent ourselves into oblivion with massive government debt that will take forever to pay off, if ever. Our infrastructure is aging and is no longer world class and we are self-encumbered with every kind of politically correct, legal and environmental roadblock imaginable. We import our food and clothing and just about everything found in our homes, garages and lives and we export most of our natural resources. And our politicians refuse to lead and address our problems for fear of infringing on voters' precious entitlements and thus losing their support. And so we drift. And our kids? What does the future hold for them? Artificially high energy costs, and Big Brother, and perhaps a government job if they are very lucky, and something a lot less in the private sector, if at all.



As reported by the Wall Street Journal, in the U.S. (and I am sure it's the same or worse in socialist Canada), more Americans work for government (22.5 million) than in all of manufacturing (11.5 million). In 1960 there were 15 million workers in manufacturing and only 8.7 million working in government. Today, more Americans work for government than work in construction, farming, fishing, forestry, manufacturing, mining and utilities.

Our water and air are cleaner and our high technology has made living more dimensional, convenient, safer and relatively more affordable. Our life expectancies continue to increase. We have more years of schooling but often less education and real knowledge. Our lives have become tort laden, faster and more superficial and sound byte driven. Depth and meaning are often lacking.

How to put the genie back into the bottle and recapture some of that pioneer, common sense drive and can-do spirit of our parents and grandparents? We can't of course. When government becomes the preferred place to work, you have to know that the world is truly upside down and our salad days are behind us.

Mickey Moulder

From the Education Desk: An Off-Campus Date



A fine derby, a “smoking thing” and a stereoscope are just three of the many items I brought to Our Lady of Lourdes School.

My car was packed full, both front and back seats, as well as the floor and trunk with loads of pioneer artifacts, including a heavy iron pot of beeswax. The car smelled like great-grandpa’s attic and sweet honey. I was on my way to Our Lady of Lourdes elementary school for an off-campus pioneer presentation on April 15; something I have never had the chance to do. In-school field trips are offered on our website, but most schools rent a bus and come to see us at the village.

I was greeted warmly by a class of smiling and very wiggly third graders who flocked to my display before even removing their coats and backpacks. The bell rang and I sat through morning announcements and was surprised to hear my name over the school intercom system, thanking me for being there. How nice!

Their teacher prepared her camera for a morning that was more fun than I ever anticipated. We began with introductions, and I gave each child his or her pioneer name tag. Most of them giggled at their new names: among them was Kitty, Pearl, Ruby, Gertrude and Hester. Male names included Orley, Milton, Edwin and Grover. The boy who I re-named Grover gave me a suspicious sideways glare telling me that he was not fond of his new name,

but he played along anyway. We did the usual schoolhouse penmanship-on-slates exercise, including correct posture enforcement (aka, threats with the willow switch), and the children tried out their elocution skills with our tongue twisters. “I wish to wash my Irish wristwatch” was a favourite that day.

I had raided our village general store for artifacts that the children would not likely recognize. They were stumped by the wire rug beater, the coffee grinder, the stereoscope and the butter churn. Amazingly, many of them knew what a vinyl record was, and a man’s pipe was referred to as a “smoking thing.” They loved the wire rim glasses, the funny lady’s shoes and a gentleman’s bowler hat.

Playtime with vintage toys went over very well, with only one casualty. One of our ribboned hoops used in the game of graces flew up onto the roof of the school. When the janitor makes his semi-annual ball-recovery trek onto the roof, he’ll call me.

All too soon it was time for me to leave and two adorable twin sisters presented me with a sweet thank you card and a red rose. I left with hugs from several girls and even got one from Grover, who got used to his pioneer name after all.



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These are three more items I brought to the school to demonstrate for the children. Any idea what they are? See the back page for answers.



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Museum News

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- and ongoing maintenance of their ancestral cabin which is now in our village.
- Financially, the organization has once again lived through our more lean portion of the year. Are we low on funds? Yes, as always, but we are forging ahead with increasing our revenues each year. Our second largest expenditure is heating, cooling and electricity which is now costing us more than \$50,000 per year.
- Our core of volunteers continues to pull their weight and much more. They are all doing a splendid job as is our first class staff. We are fortunate to have such people contributing and supporting our organization. And the 50's Diner? It's doing great business and growing each year. Our food is the best and is very affordable.
- Don't forget to attend the Super Volunteer Awards at our first Cruise-In in mid May.

A Strange Year and Strange Dates!

Check out these amazing dates this year!

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1/11/11

11/1/11

11/11/11

And that's not all. Take the last two digits of the year in which you were born. Now add the age you will be this year and the result will be 111 for everyone. This year October will have 5 Sundays, 5 Mondays, and 5 Saturdays.

This happens only once every 823 years.

Twice is Nice!

The recent Militaria, Gun and Knife show was a show that was a first of its kind here at CTMHV, producing a healthy and much needed net profit. The team that put together this show did a first rate job, so much so that we have decided to do another such event on October 29th and 30th.

All of the vendors did very well in their sales and we drew 4 vendors from as far away as Toronto who all said they would return in October.

We plan to advertise the hunting aspect of the show more heavily next time, and feel that we will fill both Salons D and C (this show filled Salon D and about 15% of Salon C).

We had a great turnout of veterans as well and we heard nothing but compliments and positive feedback from vendors and patrons.

We will have many similar vendors at our Military Muster event on August 12th, 13th and 14th, so mark your calendars!

New Member Alert!

We are pleased to announce the acceptance of new member, Gary Battos. Welcome Gary, from all of us!




What Next?

Believe it or not, Twitter has its own dictionary, or Twittonary. Below are some entries you might use if you feel the need to tweet.

Attwicted: One who is addicted to Twitter.

Detweet: To erase what you just wrote, before you posted your tweet.

Dweet: A tweet sent while intoxicated.

Hivemind: Collective intelligence of all Twitterers

L8er: Shorthand for 'later'

Lmk: Shorthand for 'let me know'

Mistweet: A tweet sent which one later regrets.

OCT: Obsessive compulsive Twitterer

Sleet: Twittering in your sleep. You don't even remember doing it!

Wzup: What's up, Dude?

For the Over 50 Generation

I thought about the 30-year business I ran with 1800 employees, and I did it all without a Blackberry that played music, took videos, or pictures and how I communicated without Facebook and Twitter.

I signed up under duress for Twitter and Facebook so my 7 kids, their spouses, 13 grandkids and 2 great-grandkids could communicate with me in the modern way. I figured I could handle something as simple as Twitter with only 140 characters of space.

That was before one of my grandkids hooked me up for Tweeter, Tweetree, Twhirl, Twitterfon, Tweetie, Twitterific, Tweetdeck, Twitpix and something that sends every message to my cell phone and every other program within the texting world.

My phone was beeping every 3 minutes with the details of everything except the bowel movements of the entire next generation. I am not ready to live like this. I keep my cell phone in the garage in my golf bag.

The kids bought me a GPS for my last birthday because they say I get lost every now and then going over to the grocery store or library. I keep that in a box under my tool bench with the Bluetooth (it's red) phone I am supposed to use when I drive. I wore it once and was standing in line at Barnes and Noble talking to my wife as everyone in the nearest 50 yards was glaring at me. Seems I have to take my hearing aid out to use it, and I got a little loud.

The GPS looked pretty smart on my

dashboard, but the lady inside was the most annoying, rudest person I had run into in a long time. Every 10 minutes, she would sarcastically say, "Re-cal-cu-lating." You would think that she could be nicer. It was like she could barely tolerate me. She would let go with a deep sigh and then tell me to make a U-turn at the next light. Then when I would make a right turn instead, it was not good. When I get really lost now, I call my wife and tell her the name of the cross streets, and while she is starting to develop the same tone as Gypsy, the GPS lady, at least she loves me.

To be perfectly frank, I am still trying to learn how to use the cordless phones in our house. We have had them for 4 years, but I still haven't figured out how I can lose 3 phones all at once and have to run around digging under chair cushions and checking bathrooms and the dirty laundry baskets when the phone rings.

The world is just getting too complex for me. They even mess me up every time I go to the grocery store. You would think they could settle something themselves but this sudden "Paper or plastic?" every time I check out just knocks me for a loop. I bought some of those cloth reusable bags to avoid looking confused, but I never remember to take them in with me. Now I toss it back to them. When they ask me, "Paper or plastic?" I just say, "Doesn't matter to me. I am bi-sacksual!" Then it's their turn to stare at me with a blank look.

I was recently asked if I tweet. "No, but I do toot a lot."

The Rules

This gem is floating about the Internet and is attributed to none other than Bill Gates. Whether that's a fact or not, these rules should be posted in every school or kid's bedroom anyway. Send a copy to a teenager you know!

Rule #1: Life is not fair. Get used to it.

Rule #2: The world doesn't care about your self-esteem. The world will expect you to accomplish something **BEFORE** you feel good about yourself.

Rule #3: You will NOT make \$60,000 a year right out of high school. You won't be a vice-president with a company car until you earn both.

Rule #4: If you think your teacher is tough, wait until you have a boss.

Rule #5: Flipping burgers is not beneath your dignity. Your grandparents had a different word for burger flipping: They called it 'opportunity.'

Rule #6: If you mess up, it's not your parents' fault, so don't whine about your mistakes; learn from them.

Rule #7: Before you were born, your parents weren't as boring as they are now. They got that way from paying your bills, cleaning your clothes and listening to you talk about how cool you think you are. So before you save the rainforest from the parasites of your parents' generation, try delousing the closet in your own room.

Rule #8: Your school may have done away with winners and losers, but life has not. In some schools, they have abolished failing grades and they'll give you as many chances as you want to get the right answer. This doesn't bear the slightest resemblance to anything in real life.

Rule #9: Life is not divided into semesters. You don't get summers off and very few employers are interested in helping you find yourself. Do that on your own time.

Rule #10: Television is not real life. In real life people actually have to leave the coffee shop and go to jobs.

Rule #11: Be nice to nerds. Chances are you'll end up working for one.

A Final Thought

"If you don't get everything you want, think of the things you don't get that you don't want."

Oscar Wilde

Good News, Bad News

The co-captain of a Viking sailing ship went below deck to tell the oarsmen the good news and the bad news. He announced loudly the good news first.

"The captain has ordered that each of you is going to get a double ration for lunch. The bad news is the captain's son is going water skiing this afternoon."

Viking Facts:

The word 'Viking' was originally a verb, describing the action of seafaring, and so applies only to Scandinavians who were seafarers, not necessarily all Scandinavians.

The worst possible death for a Viking chief was to die peacefully in bed.

A Viking longboat would require about 80 oak trees to build.



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A wire carpet beater



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Answers for items on page 4

1. A wire carpet beater
2. A ceramic hot water bottle
3. A wooden butter press

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The Silent Generation are people born before 1946.

The Baby Boomers are people born between 1946 and 1959.

Generation X are people born between 1960 and 1979.

Generation Y are people born between 1980 and now. Why do we call them Generation Y? The illustration below is explanation enough!

