



# Through The Windshield

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## Upcoming Events

### November

- 6th Antique and Nostalgia Show cancelled
- 9th Board Meeting
- 10th General Meeting

### December

- 7th Board Meeting
- 8th General Meeting
- 19th Breakfast with Santa & Car Raffle Draw
- 31st New Year's Eve Party

### January

- 11th Board Meeting
- 12th General Meeting



## Fisher Body of Canada 1912-1932

This story is taken from the book **GM 90 Years of Windsor History**.

“Fisher Body’s beginnings trace back to a horse-drawn carriage shop in Norwalk, Ohio, in the late 1800’s. Lawrence P. Fisher and his wife Margaret Teisan had a large family of eleven children; seven were sons who would become part of the Fisher Body company in Detroit.

In the early years of the company, the Fisher Brothers had to develop new body designs because the “horseless carriage” bodies did not have the strength to withstand the vibrations of the new motorcars. Highly successful, in 1912, Fisher organized a Canadian adjunct, Fisher Body Co. of Canada, Ltd., Headquartered in Ford City,

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### For Members

Remember your 2011 dues. It's never too early to send them in.

Thanks!

Kim Brimmer

There are 4 words in the English language that end in “dous” What are they?

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## Classic Car Club of America

The following list from the Classic Car Club of America indicates approved CCCA Classics. Listings followed by an asterisk are currently considered by application.



A.C.	Darracq	Jensen	Pierce-Arrow
Adler*	Delage	Jordan	Railton*
Alfa Romeo	Delahaye	Julian	Raymond-Mays*
Alvis	Delaunay Belleville	Kissel	Renault
Amilcar*	Doble	Lagonda	Reo
Armstrong-Siddeley*	Dorris	Lanchester	Revere
Aston Martin	Duesenberg	Lancia*	Roamer
Auburn	du Pont	LaSalle	Rochet Schneider*
Austro-Daimler	Elcar	Linclon	Rohr*
Ballot	Excelsior*	Lincoln-Continental	Stearns Knight
Bentley	Farman	Locomobile	Stevens-Duryea
Benz	Fiat*	Marmon	Steyr*
Blackhawk	FN*	Maserati*	Studebaker
B.M.W.	Franklin	Maybach	Stutz
Brewster	Frazer-Nash*	McFarlan	Sunbeam
Brough Superior*	Georges Irat	Mercedes	Talbot
Bucciali	Graham	Mercedes-Benz	Talbot-Lago
Bugatti	Graham-Paige	Mercer	Tatra*
Buick	Hispano-Suiza	M.G.	Triumph
Cadillac	Horch	Minerva	Vauxhall
Chrysler	Hotchkiss*	N.A.G.*	Voisin
Cord	Humber	Nash	Wills-Sainte Clair
Cunningham	Invicta	Packard	Willys-Knight
Dagmar	Isotta-Frasschini	Peerless	
Daimler	Itala	Peugeot*	
	Jaguar		

## Fisher Body

Ontario, across the river from downtown Detroit. This facility was situated at the corner of Charles St. (now Edna) and St. Luke near Wyandotte St.

By 1913, the Fisher Body Company had the capacity to produce 100,000 cars per year and customers included: Buick, Ford, Krit, Chalmers, Cadillac, and Studebaker.

After World War I, Fisher considered total auto manufacture, but the attractions of that plan were eclipsed by another. Three established automakers contemplated acquiring Fisher Body Company as a wholly-owned subsidiary: Ford, Studebaker, and General Motors. GM's Pierre S. DuPont and Alfred P. Sloan, Jr., perhaps attracted by Fisher's tidy corporate and organizational structure, struck the

bargain with Louis Mendelssohn and the Fisher Brothers.

GM's buyout of Fisher Body took place in two steps; one in 1919 and the final one in 1926.

The Ford City plant produced truck and bus bodies under the management of GM Truck and Coach of Canada until 1932 when, in the middle of the Depression, production was moved to Oshawa. The building was then used by a number of different companies including Chrysler Canada and Ford for warehousing operations. The building was the home of Complete Packaging Inc. from 1965 to 1987 when a catastrophic fire destroyed the building and all its contents."

### Did You Know?

*Padded dashboards were introduced in automobiles in 1954*

**The word "hockey" is likely derived from hoquet, Old French for "shepherd's crook."**

## The Art of Pattern Making

Here is an excerpt from the July/August issue of Antique Automobile Club of America's (AACA) monthly magazine, on pattern making. (Many of us know that our own Dave Tanner is a UK classically trained pattern maker from a time when this profession was essential to the making of just about everything in the manufacturing realm. Today most of this work is done by computers via Computer Aided Design and computer Aided Manufacturing (CAD/CAM), but the fact remains; pattern making may have gone digital, but the talent involved when Mr. Tanner was plying his craft was at the high end of the manufacturing "food chain" indeed.) Here is the article:

"A pattern maker is an exalted craftsman, the greatest common denominator, as well as the least common multiple of all industrial production. A pattern maker must have the creative conception of a draftsman designer, the practical ability of a mould maker, the precise skill of a machinist, the analytical judgment of a metallurgist and the specific exactness of a mathematician. He must create a plan, or design, with vision and ingenuity and build the idea from trade to trade with practical knowledge: thinking and forming inside and out with length, breadth and thickness, adjusting accurately all values and dimensions and producing with dexterous (Continued on page 5)

### Q & A

*Which two First Nations tribes were the first to live in Ontario?*

*Answer below.*

The Algonquin & Iroquois



The 1910  
Ford Model R

## Going Back 100 Years

**One hundred years ago...What a difference a century makes! The following are some statistics for the year 1910. Enjoy!**

The average life expectancy for men was 47 years.

Fuel for a Ford Model R was sold in drug-stores only.

Only 8 percent of homes had a telephone.

The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph.

The tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel Tower

The average US wage in 1910 was 22 cents per hour.

The average US worker made between \$200 and \$400 dollars per year.

More than 95 percent of all births took place at home.

## From the Education Desk



Most of the leaves have been rattled from the trees, and our field trips to the village are naturally fewer. October was merciful and gave us many days of weather that make heart sing. That means happy kids, happy teachers, and most of all, a very happy Education Coordinator!

I am very proud to say that we booked many schools in 2010 without the need to advertise. Word of mouth and return visits seems to be our best bet.

Did you know that the kids are some of our best advertisers? Even before they get to the village, there is "buzz" from siblings and other schoolmates about what is in store. Some might ask, "Do we get to make candles," or, "Are you gonna lock us up in jail?" The questions never stop. Here are a few questions that kids ask me most often:

- "Do you live here?"

- "Are those your real clothes?"
- "Does *anyone* live here?"
- "Can we buy stuff outta that store?"
- "Do you live here?"
- "Is that house haunted?"
- "Can we go upstairs?"
- "Do you live here?"
- "Can I go to the bathroom?"
- "Can we pet the dog?"
- "Do you live here?"
- "Why is it so dark in here?"
- "Can we go to jail?"
- "Do you live here?"

And that's how it goes...and no, my little darlings, I do not live here. **MaryAnn**

### Kid Quote of the Season

*"That 12 grams of sugar I ate this morning are really starting to kick in!"*

**A 3rd grader from  
Msgr. Augustin  
Caron School,  
Oct. 2010**

## A Legend's Humble Beginnings

At the beginning of last century, in the emotional hotbed of New Orleans, a child of the ghetto was born of poor parents; his father abandoned the family, and his mother eventually turned to prostitution to make ends meet. He somehow stumbled into the attention of a financially poor but loving Russian Jewish immigrant family, the Karnofsky's.

This little fellow, with an appreciative, magnetic personality, attached himself to the father, to help him with his horse-and-wagon hauling business. The Karnofsky's

loved the child, took him in for dinners, including Shabbat, and provided more than bed and shelter. They provided him with the love he needed, and his first musical instrument that led this confused, hungry youngster into worldwide fame—as a jazz performer, music innovator and worldwide ambassador for humanity.

Louis Armstrong proudly spoke fluent Yiddish, from his childhood through his whole life, and always wore a Star of David around his neck.



Louis Armstrong had many hit records, including "Stardust" and "What a Wonderful World."

## Fall Colours Tour a Huge Success

This year we had 100 people and over 50 vehicles participate in our annual Fall Colours Tour on Saturday, Oct. 16. Harry Bergman led the group on a county-wide tour from the museum to Amherstburg. The group parked next to Fort Malden on the waterfront and about one hour was allotted for everyone to enjoy the stunningly beautiful weather by walking about the town. Many did just that. Some even contributed to the local economy by buying a few goodies.

At about 11:30 a.m., the group headed out along Lake Erie to The Meadows Road-

house where the folks there were fully prepared to feed everyone very efficiently an all-you-can-eat pasta lunch with a fresh garden salad and roll for \$10, including all taxes. Everyone had a great time.

After about a half hour the group then left to visit Sprucewood Shores Estate Winery on the lake side of Highway 50, just across the street from the Meadows. The views of the lake at the winery could not have been more perfect.

Everyone was on their way, heading home about 2:00 p.m. This was a super day!

## Pattern Making

(Continued from page 3) finality any conceivable form to be cast in metal. The products of the pattern maker's skill are truly surrounded by an aura of greatness which dignifies his right to assume a place

of confidence, trust, and honour in all industrial advance and national progress."

Edward Leslie, 1918

### Top 10 Brain Power Foods

10. Oysters
9. Whole Grains
8. Tea
7. Eggs
6. Curry
5. Berries
4. Nuts and seeds
3. Leafy green vegetables
2. Fish
1. Chocolate

## Murder Mystery Pics!



The village constable, Archibald Renfield, and his daughter, Victoria



The grieving Brocks

*See page 10 for a wrap-up of our October Murder Mystery!*



Our devious village gossips!

## Poet's corner

### Volunteering at the CTMHV

A volunteer is someone who enjoys giving;

Someone who also enjoys living.

You could park a car or conduct a tour;

There's lots to do at the village for sure.

Sell a hot dog, or raffle tickets for a car,

Your help is well appreciated by far.

Set up tables and chairs; cook or barbeque;

Someone will surely advise you what to do.

Helping with "Breakfast with Santa" or being Santa Clause,

Remember whatever you do, it's for a good cause.

Working during the "Relay for Life" or other charities in need,

Doesn't cost a cent to do a good deed.

Whether it's participating in the "Murder Mystery Night", car shows or "Hoedown",

Our volunteers are needed all year round.

Lend a hand, a smile, or a moment of your time,

Whatever you do, I am sure it'll be just fine.

Volunteering could be rewarding in so many ways,

It'll make your heart feel good and you'll be amazed.

Don't look for "What's in it for you",

Think of it as something fun to do.

**By Margaret Watson,**

**Sept. 26, 2010**

## Grins and Giggles

There were two elderly people living in a Florida mobile home park. He was a widower and she a widow. They had known one another for a number of years.

One evening, there was a community supper in the big activity centre. The two were at the same table, across from one another. As the meal went on, he made a few admiring glances at her and finally gathered his courage to ask her, "Will you marry me?"

After about six seconds of careful consideration, she answered, "Yes. Yes I will."

The meal ended and, with a few more pleasant exchanges, they went to their respective places. Next morning, he



was troubled. Did she say 'yes' or did she say 'no'? He couldn't remember. Try as he would, he just could not recall. Not even a faint memory. With trepidation, he went to the telephone and called her. First, he explained that he didn't remember as well as he used to. Then he reviewed the lovely evening past.

As he gained a little more courage, he inquired, "When I asked if you would marry me, did you say 'yes' or did you say 'no'?"

He was delighted to hear her say, "Why, I said, 'Yes, yes I will' and I meant it with all my heart." Then she continued, "I am so glad that you called, because I couldn't remember who had asked me."

*"What is a date, really, but a job interview that lasts all night? The only difference is that in not many job interviews is there a chance that you'll wind up naked."*

**Jerry Seinfeld**

## So Happy You're Here!

The offices at CTMHV are happy to announce some new arrivals on the scene. We send our warmest, fuzziest welcome to the following people as they join our forces:

**Mary Hawkes:** Mary called a few weeks ago to offer some of her time as a volunteer. When I asked others about her, the word 'sweetheart' came up every time. She's fun to work with and always smiling!

**Cheri Long:** Cheri came in for breakfast with her family one day, and left a volunteer. She is a quiet lady who felt that she could be of service to us, and has very generously given us many hours in the school program already. Look for her at

other events, maybe in the gift shop, office, or wherever her kind smile is needed.

**John Dyck:** You can't miss John. He's a tall guy with a deep voice and has kindly offered to help with the little nippers on field trip days. He's a retired school teacher and knows every trick in the book.

**Pat Beaudoin:** Already a member, Pat has been dropping by to answer phones and take on office tasks when things are busy. She's a kind, familiar face that you may have met at one of our flea markets.

**Lisa Wacheski:** Welcome Lisa, our new part time staff member! We hope you'll be happy here and love your new job and all the events at the CTMHV!





## In Honour of Armistice Day

### World War I Statistics

**Date:** August 3, 1914 to November 11, 1918

**Location:** Europe and Russia, primarily and the North Atlantic

	Allies	Central Powers
Military Dead	Over 5 million	Over 4 million

	Total Population	Military Deaths	Civilian Deaths	% of Population
Canada	7.2 million	65,000	2,000	0.9
Newfoundland	0.2 million	1,200		0.6
U.S.A	92 million	116,700	800	0.2
Russia	158.9 million	1,811,000	1,500,000	2.2
Germany	64.9 million	2,036,000	426,000	3.8
United Kingdom	45.4 million	885,100	109,000	2.0
France	39.6 million	1,398,000	300,000	4.3
Austria/Hungary	51.4 million	1,100,000	467,000	3.0
Bulgaria	5.5 million	87,500	100,000	3.4
Ottoman Empire	21.3 million	800,000	4,200,000	23.5
Serbia	4.5 million	275,000	450,000	16.1

**Another sad statistic:**

*During the 7 months that the USA was part of WWI, 296 US soldiers committed suicide.*

**What is mustard gas?**

*A toxic war gas with sulphide based compounds that raises blisters on the skin and attacks the eyes and lungs. There is no known antidote.*

## New War, New Words

The first world war brought new methods of fighting, new technology, new weapons and new horrors. The soldiers had to create new words to describe their new realities. Some of these terms are still in use today:

**Barrage:** Shells dropped simultaneously and in a row, so as to form a “curtain of fire.” Literally, a barrier.

**Devil Dogs:** German nickname given to American soldiers.

**No Man’s Land:** The area between the trenches.

**Over the Top:** To climb out of one’s own trench and go into No Man’s Land to attack other’s trenches.

**Tommy:** Slang for a British soldier

## In Honour of Armistice Day

### World War II Statistics

**Date:** September 1, 1939 to September 2, 1945

**Location:** Europe, Pacific, South East Asia, Africa, China, Middle East, Mediterranean, Russia, North America, Japan, India, South America

	Allies	Axis
Military Dead	Over 14 million	Over 8 million
Civilian Dead	Over 36 million	Over 4 million

	Total Population	Military Deaths	Civilian Deaths	% of Population
Canada	11.3 million	45,300		0.4
Newfoundland	0.3 million	1,000	100	0.37
U.S.A	131 million	416,800	1,700	0.32
Soviet Union	168.5 million	10,700,000	12,400,000	13.71
Japan	71.4 million	2,120,000	580,000	3.78
Germany	69.6 million	5,533,000	1,760,000	10.47
United Kingdom	47.8 million	382,600	67,800	.94
France	41.7 million	217,600	350,000	1.35
China	517.6 million	3,800,000	16,200,000	3.86
Poland	34.9 million	240,000	5,360,000	16.07
Serbia	4.5 million	275,000	450,000	16.1

World War II was a global conflict involving most of the world's nations organized into two opposing military alliances: the Allies and the Axis powers. The war led to the mobilization of over 100 million military personnel worldwide, making it the most widespread war ever. In addition, over 70 million people, most of them civilians, were killed, making it the deadliest conflict in human history.

### More WWII Statistics

*80% of Soviet males born in 1923 did not survive WWII.*

*12,000 heavy bombers were shot down during the war.*

*Over 100,000 Allied bomber crewmen were killed over Europe.*

*40,000 men served on U-Boats. About 30,000 never returned.*

*Germany lost 40-45% of their aircraft to accidents.*

*84 German Generals were executed by Hitler.*

*2/3 of Allied bomber crews were lost for each plane destroyed.*

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## Odds & Ends

Our 50's Diner was recently awarded a 5 Star rating from the Health Department. Congratulations to Maribeth Damm, her staff and volunteers.

Kim Brimner, Maribeth Damm, and MaryAnn Perry have been officially certified in CPR and in the use of a portable defibrillator. We have mounted our new "defib" in the coat check area and hope we never have to use it.

As of Nov. 1st, the village is closed to tourism until May 1st, 2011. Thanks to all who helped us make our 2010 village events a success!

The October Murder Mystery was a GREAT SUCCESS with 352 paid visitors (Last fall: 250 visitors). Total admis-

sions: \$1,760. That makes a grand total of \$3,052! The weather was great and the mystery itself was very well written and acted. Special thanks to Catherine Clark for the script, and as always a big hug to the 19 actors who befuddled the investigative audience...Oh, those wily gossips...

To our food and gate volunteers, you were over-the-top outstanding, as always, and the food was truly great; so good in fact, that the kitchen ran out by the end of the evening!

By the way, it was the barber who did the dirty deed. The rat.

**Editor's note:** One of our actors, at the last minute, was unable to participate,

and at the 11th hour, Mickey Moulder stepped up to the plate to take over the role of the blacksmith/carpenter. He had approximately **one hour** to learn **every** character, and their parts in the drama. There were **15** characters, and **all** were associated with the victim! Way to go, Mickey! I think I hear Broadway calling...

