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Upcoming Events

Weekly Cruise In!

Join us for fun on the patio beginning at 5pm. Delicious home-cooked meals are served up with a smile. Enjoy great food, cool cars and fun with friends. Every Thursday through Oct. 21, 2010

16th
30th

October

Fall Colours Tour
Village Murder Mystery

September

5th Fall Car Show
10th Board Meeting, 7pm
11th-12th Arts & Crafts Show
25th-26th Fall Flea Market



Mark Your Calendars!

- Don't forget to save the date! This fall's Murder Mystery night is Saturday, October 30. Bring family and friends and plan to spend an enchanted evening of sleuthing among the villagers. Hot food and drinks available too!

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Military Muster a Great Success!



When we first dipped our little toe in the water at our September 2009 Fun on Wheels Car Show by showing about 15 WWII military vehicles and inviting

the veterans out, the positive results and feedback led us to believe that we could support a full blown military show.

Mike Timoshyk, Mickey Moulder and Tom Eaton (our web master) met to form the genesis of just such a show in

November, 2009 and it began to take shape. On August 14 and 15, 2010, the

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Military Muster Success (cont'd from Page 1)



One of our re-enactors deals with the heat down in the trench.

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show was held and the results were overwhelmingly positive as measured by attendance, public relations and monetary gain. With the support of our too few outstanding volunteers, our fantastic staff members and member Mike Timoshyk's inside knowledge and connections

with Geoff Bottoms, we were able to attract about 60 mostly WWII and some WWI vehicles and equipment, and many re-enactors from Roman, War of 1812, WWI, WWII, Korea and Vietnam along with about 35 militaria vendors and people displaying their military collections in Salon D and in the village.

A WWI trench was dug and outfitted in the open field next to the pavilion. Helicopter rides took off and landed all day long for both days of the event. We offered a wonderful BBQ spare rib dinner with all the trimmings and ice cold beer and wine on the patio, despite the temperature which soared up to 99 degrees F! Saturday evening also boasted a jumping and jiving Big Band era swing style dance outdoors featuring the Caesar's Dancing with the Stars performers and their MC. A spectacular 20 minute fireworks display wowed the crowd at the end of the evening.



A WWII battle scene that wowed the crowd all weekend.

Folks, we now have a new benchmark for our other shows to match or surpass. Preliminary numbers show a \$40,000 gross for the 2 day Military Muster and Saturday dance, netting about \$20,000. Our two day attendance approached 5,500 people with many visitors experiencing our venue for the first time.

We have received about 20 written feedbacks to date, all very positive and all wanting reassurance that we will do this type of show again in 2011. All re-enactors and people who brought military vehicles were pleased and impressed with our camping, bathroom, and air conditioned museum and food facilities.

They also praised the incredible hospitality of the staff. Your endeavors to assist in any way possible made such an impression that every written feedback has so far included special mention about the staff and their desire to keep the customer happy.

During each of the two day shows, we held a pitched WWII battle in the 12 acre field next to the pond. The OPP sealed off our section of the Arner Townline for the display, and the battle began! Our re-enactors represented the British, Canadian and American troops outfitted with several Windsor built Bren gun carriers, a Fox armoured vehicle, troop carriers and many armed WWII Jeeps. The fighters represented the 101st American Airborne, Canadian Airborne and infantry using mortars and live pyrotechnic explosions. Team up all of this with 3 WWII

More on the Muster

“Yellow Birds” flying overhead, and voila, the thousands that watched couldn’t believe their eyes, including the OPP officers!

Thank you to everyone who supported this fantastic event. We can all be proud of how our museum presented itself to so many first time visitors and the ones who already know us. We do good work!

Mickey Moulder



We had it all: tanks, trucks, a trench, re-enactors, vendors, flyovers, chopper rides, great food, fireworks, dancers, and lots and lots of enthusiastic people! Make it a “must see” next year!



Fond Farewells



Megan is leaving us for other pastures. May they all be green!

Many of you know our Megan Meloche very well, as she has been on staff at CTMHV for over 4 years. Megan decided it was time to move on, so it is with warm wishes for a bright and happy future that she left us on August 15th for other pastures. Good luck Megan, and please come visit us again soon!

In last month's newsletter, we were introduced to Antione, our summer student from Montreal, and now we have said "au revoir" already. During his stay in Essex County, Antione told me his most memorable moments were: visiting Toronto (and shopping), Canada's Wonderland (and more shopping), seeing Niagara Falls (and more shopping), camping, riding go-carts, and yes, more shopping. This boy likes his clothes! Antione's last day here was August 13, and we were sad to see him go, but we sent him off with warm wishes for much success in college. Thanks, Antione, for brightening our days and for teaching us to cuss in French.

Next to leave us was Hannah Robinet. She served us well as one of our summer

students whose sunny disposition and friendly nature has made our summer so pleasant for staff and visitors alike. Hannah is off to begin her second year of music studies at University of Western Ontario. We wish her all the best in her sophomore year. Personally, I think she would make a beautiful Princess Jasmine at Disneyworld.

And finally, farewell to Jacqueline Harnish. Jacqueline has spent her last three summers with us giving tours and performing every other imaginable chore that exists around here. She always had a smile on her face and a cheerful "Hello!" for anyone who set foot through the doors. Jacqueline will be studying at the University of Windsor this year and will be flying off to the Emerald Isle to work as a teacher while she pursues further studies. We will certainly miss her very much and wish her very happy trails. Ireland is getting one of our best.



Hannah is going back to school, but we think she makes a lovely Disney Princess.



Jacqueline will trade the maple leaf for the four leaf clover!



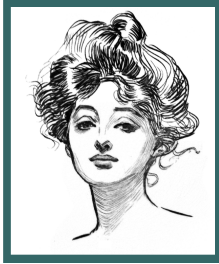
Antoine is off to college in his new duds!

"Your business clothes are naturally attracted to staining liquids. This attraction is strongest just before an important meeting."

Scott Adams

From the Education Desk

As Education Coordinator here at the Village, I often have to dress the part of “The Pioneer,” either as a homemaker, in long skirt, blouse and dirty apron, or as a 1907 school teacher, in same skirt, minus the dirty apron, and with a nicer blouse, preferably one with tiny pleats or smocking. The Gibson Girl hairstyle, shown on the right is a challenge I dare not try.

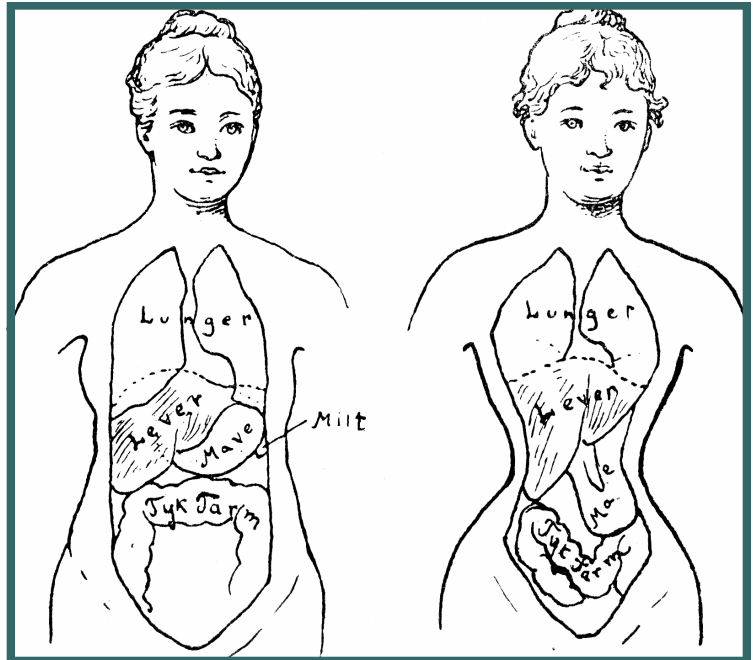


In 1907 the wasp waist was all the rage in the fashion magazines. Under your long skirt and layers of petticoats, and pinching under your blouse and camisole was the dreaded laced and boned corset. Remember Rose’s mother in “Titanic,” angrily tightlacing Rose into her corset? Not going to happen here! Let’s look at what wasp-waisted women faced with their 18 inch waists:

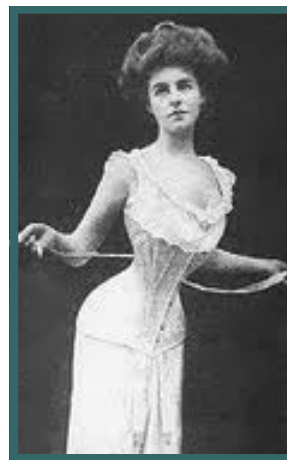
- Overlapping rib cage
- Compression of internal organs
- Complications with pregnancy
- Inability to get proper exercise
- Atrophying of core muscles
- Inability to breathe adequately
- Indigestion and heartburn (Ugh!)

No wonder the need for the fainting couch! I for one, like my liver just where it is, all in one piece, and doing what a liver does. Thank heaven our program’s costuming goes only as far as outward appearances.

MaryAnn Perry



Has she lost her mind? Tightly corseted internal organs and ribs lead to decreased function and great discomfort. Many women sought the aid of pills and potions to overcome the pain of wearing a corset.



Corsets could render a woman rather helpless.

Please Help

Kim and I are in great need of help with tours. With only the two of us manning the village and museum, it’s very difficult to manage our office responsibilities and give good customer service. If you can help us, please call any time. Thanks in advance!

MaryAnn



The People Speak...Praise for the Muster

“Just a line, Mike, to thank you, once again, and all your helpers for the truly outstanding weekend. I enjoyed every aspect of it immensely. I cannot imagine how much work it took to bring it all together. I know a couple of things didn’t work out quite as planned due to no-shows, etc., but the overall effect is what really counts and that was incredible. I met some truly nice people, particularly the ladies in the kitchen and the superb rib cooks and I do hope that you will extend my thanks to them also. The fireworks display was absolutely fabulous. It surpassed everything I have seen in such a small venue. So once again, thanks Mike. Take care.” **Twinkletoes Tathum.** “The music was great too.”

From one of the participants: “May I add my voice to congratulate Mike and his team for a wonderful event! The museum grounds are a great place to set up our vehicles and encampments, the staff of volunteers were excellent, and it was a very well run event. I’ll be there next year!”

Perry

From an Ontario Airsoft reenactor: “First I would like to say thanks to Mike and all the folks that put this event on. It was a great event and you guys did everything to make us feel welcome and made sure we were taken care of. I can only see this event getting bigger and you can count on us to be at your next event if you want us there....”

Mike

Q: What is the only canine that can change its fur colour to match the seasons?

A: The arctic fox

Reprinted “Letter to the Editor,” from the Windsor Star, dated Aug. 21, 2010:



A tank and re-enactors enter the grounds.

The Military Muster vehicle show last weekend at Heritage Village was great. I would like to thank all the people involved in bringing this event to our area.

I have four small children. The hands-on-experience was amazing and they all loved it. They talked to some of the soldiers, tried on helmets and even carried some of the guns.

There is nothing like hands-on-experience

to really hit it home with the kids and adults too. The re-enactment of the Second World War was also great with a play-by-play narrative of what the Canadian soldiers were doing. It captured the whole audience and we will definitely attend this event yearly.

Once again, I would like to thank all those involved in making this experience one the kids will remember and one that will help our community to remember what our soldiers have done for our free country in the past, and what they continue to do today. **Stacey Mills, Essex**

From the Archives Office

In 1885 a local militia was formed called the “The 21st Regiment of the Essex Fusilier.” This was basically a light infantry regiment with military engineers attached. While this unit did not fight in the War of 1812, due to the fact that it was not formed until after the war ended. This militia unit was formed at the instigation of Gen. Sir Isaac Brock of Queenston Heights fame. This unit was an insurance policy for the protection of Lower Canada against another American invasion. In the War of 1812, the American army made such quick advances from Detroit due to the fact that it took too long for Gen. Brock to bring British and Canadian forces from Niagara to Essex County. In 1925 the name was changed to the Essex-Kent Scottish Regiment, still a light infantry regiment, when they amalgamated with the Kent Regiment.

You may ask what all this has to do with the Canadian Transportation Museum or the Historic Vehicle Society of Ontario. Well, believe it or not, in 1992, documents were donated to the village pertaining to the above events. The first document in the series is a notice on July 3, 1916 to Mr. Orville Rolfson of Leamington to report for duty in the Canadian Army. The second document announced that Mr. Rolfson graduated as an engineer from the Military School of Engineering in Chatham, Ontario. The document #1992.10.05 dated Feb. 19, 1919 announced that Pte. Orville Rolfson had been promoted to the rank of lieutenant in the Canadian Army. Lieut. Orville Rolfson was a member of the Essex Fusil-

iers in WW1.

While this has nothing to do with Canadian transportation, or the village, we find little bits of local lore from time to time in our files. People, when cleaning out their attics, basements or garages, find they have stored some of the strangest items. This is only a small part of the 65,790 artifacts on file in our computers. If you are interested in history, drop in to the archival office and we can put you to work. You do not need to be a computer genius or rocket scientist to enjoy the work. Come and see.

Andrew

License Plates

Like most license plate collectors you never know what a new day will bring and August 22 was one of those days, when my wife and I were attending the Windsor International Air Show. Along with the classic planes there were classic and antique cars on display. While sitting in front of the 1964 Chevy SS convertible we brought to the show, an air show volunteer came along and asked me if anyone had a 1911 car on display, as he had a 1911 Ontario plate for sale. He said it was porcelain, and instead of numbers it read E.M.F. After having said there was no 1911 car on display I told him I was a collector of plates and a member of ALPCA. This seemed to satisfy him and I made arrangements to see the plate the

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This clay inkwell is much like a recent donation we received from Gord Willcox, of Chatham.

Trivia

The term “hell on wheels” originally applied to the Union Pacific Railroad’s saloon cars. Toot toot!

Bill Thoman has an excellent and very interesting exhibit of license plates over the decades in Salon C of the car museum. Who knew that the first plates were actually made of leather?

Come see for yourself the many plates on display, dating from 1903 to 2009!

In this photo:

The Brazilian Acrobatic Air Team smiling next to the Canadian Snow Birds at the Windsor International Air Show that took place the weekend of August 21-22.



To enhance the effect of aerobatic maneuvers, smoke is sometimes generated; the smoke allows viewers to see the path traveled by the aircraft. Due to safety concerns, the smoke is not a result of combustion but is produced by the vaporization of fog oil into a fine aerosol, achieved either by injecting the oil into the hot engine exhaust, or by the use of a dedicated device that can be fitted in any position on the aircraft.

Air Show/Car Show

Our Canadian Transportation Museum is responsible for having over 100 antique collectible and hot rod vehicles on display over a two day period at the annual air shows in Windsor. It could be argued, that from our perspective, we conduct the most expensive show (over a billion dollars worth of flying hardware), with the largest crowds (over 25,000 people), for our 100 vehicle size car show. How's that for putting a spin on the work that we do?

This year's air show, August 21 and 22, 2010, presented a stunning array of airplanes and special display and precision flying and acrobatic performances. It was all that anyone could hope for within one show! The world famous Brazilian Precision Acrobatic Flying Squadron was simply dazzling with its hair-raising, tight formations and death defying passes. As always, the Canadian Snow Birds thrilled everyone with their talent and showmanship. The flying WWII C47 (Dakota), Lysander, Hurricane, Fire Fly, Harvard Squadron, and of course, the very rare and

beautiful Lancaster Bomber (only one of two in the world today!) were overwhelming to behold. The Korean War era Soviet Mig 15 jet and the serene and graceful glider performances, the many bi planes and other period craft, the overpowering CF 18 fighter plane performance were, as always, worth the price of admission. Seeing one of only four C 17 huge cargo planes from Canada's military inventory of just four (soon to be six; price tag, 250 million each), and all of the in flight tankers, fighter and cargo planes as well as the venerable and gigantic B52 Bomber and various helicopters, etc. from the U.S flying arsenal certainly dazzled.

Too bad we had rain on Saturday, Aug. 21, but about 60% of the show did get off the ground. Thanks to Mickey Moulder Mike Timoshyk and Geoff Bottoms, who did a great job putting together a superb collection of show vehicles on both days.

Did You Know?

20% of drivers get 80% of the traffic tickets?

Canada's Smallest

A few timbits...er...tidbits about our beloved Canada:

Quest University in Squamish, British Columbia, is the smallest university in Canada. It has just 220 students.

The smallest known dinosaur in North America was found near Red Deer, Alberta. *Albertonykus borealis* was a long-legged, birdlike but flightless dinosaur that lived about 70 million years ago. It was the size of a chicken and weighed just a few kilos.

The smallest jailhouse in Canada (and in North America) is in the town of Rodney, Ontario. Built in 1890, it measures about 15 by 20 feet, and holds two tiny cells. It serves as a tourist attraction today.

The smallest city is Greenwood, British Columbia. It's located on Highway #3 in

the Kootenay Boundary region (the interior border region with the United States), was incorporated in 1897, and has a population of 625.



Our Heritage Village Jailhouse may not be the smallest in Canada, but we have Sheriff Gerry Glass, and prisoner, Claude Labelle! (Seen here as characters in our last Murder Mystery)

Another Letter

“Sorry, but I cannot let this month slip away without saluting the folks who organized those three events, the Southern Ontario Military Muster at the Canadian Transportation Museum (and Heritage Village), the Dieppe Memorial unveiling on the riverfront, and the jaw-dropping air show at Windsor Airport. All three events honoured our veterans and paid tribute to those now serving. The organizers did this region proud. Well done, ladies and gentlemen.”

Columnist Gord Henderson for the Windsor Star, Aug. 29, 2010

Please Remember

Our sympathies go to:

Volunteer Rick Laplante, on the loss of his sister.

Employees Maribeth and Erica Damm, who lost Maribeth's mother on Sept. 1

Our hearts reach out to you during these difficult days. Peace.

Q.

What does NASCAR stand for?

A.

National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing

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(From page 7) next evening.

That evening I did some research. E.M.F. was the name of a car company located in Walkerville, Ontario. Walkerville was a town named after Hiram Walker, the Industrialist, who manufactured Canadian Club whiskey from his plant, founded in 1858. Walkerville later became Windsor, the automotive capital of Canada.

E.M.F. stood for it's three founders, Barney Everitt, William Metzger and Walter Flanders. Late in 1909 the American E.M.F. Co. bought the Globe Furniture Factory in Walkerville and built the E.M.F. “30 and the Flanders “20”. These cars were built from 1910 to 1912. In 1912 Studebaker bought E.M.F. and renamed it Studebaker. They produced the Studebaker “20” and “30” starting in 1913. The 1911 plate pictured here is faded and in fair to good condition. The owner said he worked at Ford and 25 years ago, while removing a paved parking lot, he and fellow Ford workers

discovered a cache of buried license plates. This was one of the 30 or so buried plates. At the end of the work day, he brought this one home.

This plate could be a “manufacturer’s plate” for company driving and deliveries. If you know of another use for this plate, please let me (Bill Thoman) know at wthoman@cogeco.ca **Bill Thoman**

