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CTMHV Happenings

The 2nd Annual Military Muster

As many recipients of this newsletter know first hand, this year's August 12, 13, and 14 Military Muster Show was jam packed with just about everything a history nut like me or the casual observer could possibly absorb in one day.

There was, of course, the helicopter rides, the rides in WWII vehicles, air target shooting, war gaming, a pitched Normandy battle, a WWI trench raid, live firing demonstrations with a boom, bang, boom finale, face painting with Trixie the Clown, kids' obstacle course, \$5 haircuts in the barber shop, highland dancers, WWII radar presentation, over 60 militaria vendors, WWI, WWII, Vietnam and Afghan War encampments replete with a fully kitted WWII field hospital and ambulance, artillery pieces, WWII vehicles of every description, and fully represented and kitted re-enactors from the War of 1812 and every 20th and 21st century war.

Friday was reserved for our veterans and they were treated to a free pancake and sausage breakfast followed by tours in WWII Jeeps of the encampments and military vehicles and related displays. Many photos were captured and of course, the vets were introduced to

Kaziah Hancock from Utah, who has painted hundreds of the 6500 fallen heroes of Iraq and Afghanistan. One vet was even promised to have his portrait painted by Kaziah after she returns. Ms. Hancock paints, frames and encloses a personal letter to the family of each of the vets that she paints; all at not cost. During her three days here she painted one more of our fallen Canadian heroes, Matt Jankowski, who died in Afghanistan in July, and met the parents of Cpl. Andrew Grenon, whom she painted last year. All very touching, as you might imagine.

Saturday was cool and dry except for the washout of our Saturday evening's entertainment. Claudette and John were able to perform most of their first set before the heavens opened up. (Continued on page 2)



Above: Re-enactors taking a break.
Below: Re-enactors at the table in their encampment.



Upcoming Events

September

4th: Festival of Cars Show

10th-11th: Windsor International Air Show & CTMHV Car Show

10th-11th: Arts and Crafts Show, Heritage Village

13th: Board Meeting, 7pm

14th: General Meeting, 7:30 pm

October

11th: Board meeting, 7pm

12th: General Meeting, 7:30 pm

15th: Fall Colour Tour

29th: Murder Mystery in the village

More on the Muster

Sunday, the grounds were wet from the storms that roared overhead on Saturday night. We were not sure if we could pull off the Sunday show, but we did manage to do it, including parking well over 1,000 cars. Our gate on Sunday was only half of what our gate was on Saturday. Sundays are usually nearly double Saturday's gate, so that was not good news for us.



Too bad Mother Nature threw us a curve ball, but at least it didn't rain at all on Sunday during the show.



The staff and volunteers did yeoman's duties again, and we especially recognize our food teams for working so hard to feed the hungry masses.

Mia Bergman held down the beer garden beautifully like always, and so many tireless people did the parking, sold raffle car tickets, cleaned up, set up, tore down, manned the information booth, collected money, arranged for tents, the inflatable Mountie, set up the sound system; in short, moved mountains to make this show get off the ground.

So did we work hard? Hell, yes! Did we have fun? Absolutely! Did we make money? Well, with the bad weather on Saturday night putting a damper on our Sunday crowd, we were still able to make a modest profit. We hit a homerun from

our re-enactors, vendors and the general public. **Mickey Moulder**

Read below for some feedback from the folks who visited:

"I was at the Military Muster yesterday with my son-in-law and grandson. The interactive displays and re-enactors brought a real life feel to the event. I also got to ride in a Bren gun carrier that my dad drove during WWII. What a thrill!!!"

Mike Patterson

"Thanks to all the fine folks and re-enactors who made this great event a big success! I had a great time (and am) looking forward to next year!"

Scott A. Wilson

"I cannot thank you enough for this past weekend. I had the most incredible time from beginning to end....My feet haven't touched the ground yet!"

Susan Wessel (Susan served as a new volunteer. Thanks, Susan!)

The general reaction to our second annual Military Muster, as expressed via e-mail

"What a thrill!"



Top: Mark Giroux in a WWI style trench

Middle: Re-enactors at their WWI encampment

Bottom: A WWI re-enactor takes aim in the battle



Left: Kaziah Hancock works on a painting during the Military muster. Above: Her finished painting of Matt Jankowski. Matt's sister picked up the painting on behalf of the family.



Whelan Cabin Update

A little work has been done recently inside the Whelan cabin. A family member came out recently, armed with a shop vac and broom to sweep away debris from the restorations done so far. I didn't get the man's name, but he discussed the cabin with me and that they are trying to decide if the ceiling needs to be torn down and rebuilt, or if it can be repaired.

The interior walls have been removed, and reveal bits of newspaper from the 1800's which were used to insulate the walls from cold breezes.

What is it?

Know what this is? Where is it located on our premises?



What's Happening in the Garage?

We're very happy to have received the donation of a beautiful 24 person bus from Pelee Island Winery. We'll be using it to transport people around the village during events, and the wonderful thing is, this bus has a wheelchair lift. Jack Irving says it's in great condition and ready to be put to use.

Summer has not been kind to our lawnmowers and Roger has had to spend lots

of time repairing them. He's also been working with Glen on the '69 Rover motor, that needed rebuilding and reassembling. Glen continues to patiently work on the Model T champion Truck restoration.

Thanks to all of our volunteers who work in the public eye and behind the scenes. You are a blessing to the staff and public.

A Sad Goodbye

This is a story that I just don't want to write. On August 27th a customer who was leaving the parking lot accidentally ran over one of our beautiful swans, who happened to wander up to the edge of the lot.

Our swans have been a joy to everyone who have seen them this year, and we all get a kick out of bringing a bowl of vegetables to the pond for the swans to eat.

Our remaining swan seems to be doing alright, but we need to keep our eyes open for her, as she has been known to waddle up to the parking lot as well.

Swans usually do mate for life, but some have chosen another mate after one goes missing or dies. Our hope is that this swan will have another mate, and that she will remain safe for the remainder of the season.

Our last summer program of 2011 took place on Sept. 1st . Here are the results:

Weather: hazy, hot, humid

Slap-happy kids: 35

Weary camp counselors: 8

Temper tantrums: 6 (by the same set of 5-yr-old twins)

Cans of bug spray: 5

Mosquito Bites: 141

Lunchables consumed: 23

Tummyaches: 1

Fun: Tons!

Our Fall Craft Show, Sept. 10 & 11



The Fall craft show is coming soon. Grab your wallet, grab a friend; enjoy the whole experience of Heritage Village in autumn!

The most beautiful season at Heritage Village is upon us, and if you love hand-made items, like candles, jewelry, woodcrafts, quilts, home décor, garden décor, hand-painted glassware, stone art, cross stitch and hand-knitted items, and re-painted, repurposed furniture, then our fall craft show is the place for you.

Come experience the beauty of our Fall Arts and Crafts show, September 10th and 11th at Heritage Village. Wander the village, inside the buildings and across the grounds, to see all the beautiful offerings our local crafters and artisans have for sale. Sure, you can go to any craft show, but what makes ours so special is the at-

mosphere. Autumn is surely the prettiest season at Heritage Village, with its gorgeous colours and slanted light. Couple that with the scent of multi-hued leaves and cooked-on-the-spot delicious food, and it's all quite irresistible.

Hand-made items make the most special gifts. Giving the gift of a piece of hand-thrown and signed pottery (not to mention meeting the artist) trumps anything stamped "Made in China."

Think ahead for this year's gift-giving. Invite a friend or bring the family and enjoy a beautiful day of walking in the fresh air and the opportunity to purchase some one-of-a-kind pieces of local handiwork.

See you there!

Volunteers are always needed for our fall events. Call Kim at the museum, 519-776-6909.

Flea Market

Set aside some time on September 24th and 25th to browse the village for some great finds and lots of fun.

We'll have plenty of vendors and lots of good food available in the Boarding

House. You might just walk away with an unexpected treasure you didn't know you needed.



Murder Arrives on Oct. 29th in the Village



Looking for something different? Take part in our annual Halloween Murder Mystery!

It's here again! Our murder mystery is coming up at the end of October and Kim has already been busy casting this year's evil players. This year's crime drama is entitled "The Butler Did It," and has once again been written by volunteer Catherine Clark. We are so grateful to Catherine for her time and creative effort.

Our murder mystery nights have a reputation for being a **big** hit, with lots of peo-

ple of all ages coming out for a haunting night of fun. Some folks are couples on a date, others are with groups of friends. We've even had several kids come with parents for a murder mystery birthday party!

For an evening that's out-of-the-ordinary and lots of laughs, come try your hand at sleuthing on October 29th. Dress warmly...there's always a chill in the air...

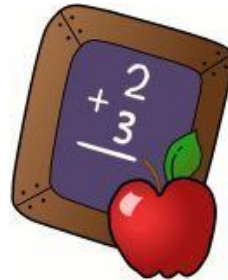
From the Education Desk

I would like to thank Tom Eaton for his help in updating the education link on our site once again. It now includes a link to our newest summer program. My hope is that awareness of this program will increase so that the summer of 2012 will bring a lot more children to our village and nature trail.

Also in the interest of increasing awareness, is the mailer that went out in late August to every grade 2 and 3 teacher in Essex County. The mailer is a flyer ad for our pioneer programs and last year the mailing blitz, coupled with a fax reminder in January, kept awareness of who we are and what we have to offer fresh in the

minds of those who would visit us.

The new school year is upon us, and we are gearing up for new bookings. Lisa will be taking over as our new Education Coordinator and I hope that she will love the position as much as I have. There's never been a field trip with the kids where I haven't been laughing and having fun, despite the very few children who misbehaved a little. Lisa is sure to have lots of great stories to tell. Best wishes to you, Lisa! You're gonna love it!



Our field trips pick up again in October, once the school teachers have had enough time to begin pioneer studies with their students.

Here's What's Cookin'!

Have you been to the 50's Diner lately? Barb and Pam have been wowing us with some great new specials and home-made soups. We've delighted in all kinds of wraps, like chicken Caesar, Greek style, steak fajita, peameal BLT, and ham club. We were even treated to yummy chicken quesadillas! Fresh diner soups have been delicious too, featuring broccoli cheddar, cream of cauliflower, and chicken vegetable with home-made egg noodles. It's so

nice to get back to work with a belly full of goodness.

The 50's Diner is open from Tuesday to Sunday, 8 am to 2 pm, and don't forget Thursday Cruise nights, when we fire up the BBQ!



Weekly Thursday evening Cruise-In dinners run throughout the month of October. Join us and bring your friends!

Farewell, Summer Staff

Our hearts are heavy as we bid farewell to Jackie, Jessica and Hannah, as they pack up and head out the door to their respective universities. Luckily, we still have Ryan, who will be attending St. Clair College this fall. He'll stay here as weekend staff, doing tours, helping with events and the many other tasks that pop up. It's

been a fantastic summer with all of our summer students and we send them off to school with lots of love and warm wishes for safety, fun, friendship and lots of learning.

Be well. We'll miss your smiling faces.



Jessica and Ryan on the job.

Kulula Airlines

Kulula Airlines operates out of South Africa, and is known for its humorous in-flight commentary. Here is a sample of what you may hear from the flight crew.



Kulula planes are known for their catchy graphics. This plane's nose-cone sports a moustache.

“Ladies and gentlemen, we’ve reached cruising altitude and will be turning down the cabin lights. This is for your comfort and to enhance the appearance of your flight attendants.”

“Please be sure to take all of your belongings. If you’re going to leave anything, please make sure it’s something we’d like to have.”

“There may be 50 ways to leave your lover, but there are only 4 ways out of this airplane.”

“Thank you for flying Kulula. We hope you enjoyed giving us the business as much as we enjoyed taking you for a ride.”

As the plane landed and was coming to a stop at Durban airport, a lone voice came over the loudspeaker, “Whoa, big fella, WHOA!”

“To operate your seatbelt, insert the metal tab into the buckle, and pull tight. It works just like every other seatbelt; and, if you don’t know how to operate one, you probably shouldn’t be out in public unsupervised.”

“In the event of a sudden loss of cabin pressure, masks will descend from the ceiling. Stop screaming, grab the mask and pull it over your face. If you have a small child traveling with you, secure your mask before assisting with theirs. If you are traveling with more than one small child, pick your favourite.”

“Weather at our destination is 50 degrees with some broken clouds, but we’ll try to have them fixed before we arrive. Thank you, and remember, nobody loves you or your money more than Kulula Airlines.”

“Your seat cushions can be used for floatation; and in the event of an emergency water landing, please paddle to shore and take them with our compliments.”

“Kulula Airlines is pleased to announce that we have some of the best flight attendants in the industry. Unfortunately, none of them are on this flight!”

“Ladies and gentlemen, if you wish to smoke, the smoking section is located on the wing of the plane. If you can light ‘em, you can smoke ‘em!”

After a very rough landing: “Ladies and gentleman, please remain in your seats until Captain Crash and the Crew have brought the aircraft to a screeching halt against the gate. And once the tire smoke has cleared and the warning bells are silenced, we will open the door and you can pick your way through the wreckage to the terminal.”

Those Fabulous Jewish Comedians

You may remember the old Jewish Cats-kill comics of Vaudeville days. Here are just a few, and some unforgettable lines that made us laugh:

"I just got back from a pleasure trip. I took my mother-in-law to the airport."

"I've been in love with the same woman for 49 years! If my wife ever finds out, she'll kill me!"

"What are three words a woman never wants to hear when she's making love? 'Honey, I'm home!'"

"Someone stole all my credit cards but I won't be reporting it. The thief spends less than my wife did."

"We always hold hands. If I let go, she shops."

"My wife and I went to a hotel where we got a water bed. My wife called it the Dead Sea..."

"The doctor gave a man six months to live. The man couldn't pay his bill so the doctor gave him another six months."

"A drunk was in front of a judge. The judge says, 'You've been brought here for drinking.' The drunk said, 'Okay, let's get started.'"

"There is a big controversy on the Jewish view of when life begins. In Jewish tradition, the fetus is not considered viable until it graduates from medical school."

"A man called his mother in Florida. 'Mom, how are you?' 'Not too good,' said the mother, 'I've been very weak.' The son said, 'Why are you so weak?' She said, 'Because I haven't eaten in 38 days.' The son said, 'That's terrible! Why haven't you eaten in 38 days?' The mother answered, 'Because I didn't want my mouth to be full if you should call.'"

"Short summary of a Jewish holiday: They tried to kill us. We won. Let's eat."

"She was at the beauty shop for two hours. That was only for the estimate. She got a mudpack and looked great for two day. Then the mud fell off."



Above: A few of the greats.

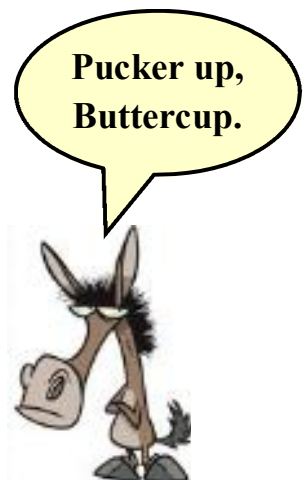
Dancing Lessons

The old miner and his mule strolled into town and tied up the mule to the hitching post. As he did this a cowpoke strolled up to the old man. With his pistol drawn, he said, "Mister, did you know how to dance?" "No," said the old miner. "Well," said the cowpoke, "You're going to learn now!" He began firing at the man's feet. The old man kept jumping up and down as the bullets kept flying, much

to the delight of the cowpoke.

Suddenly, click, click, click...Out of bullets. The old miner grabbed his shotgun from his saddle bag, cocked the gun and said, "Mister, have you ever kissed the ass of a mule?"

Shaking, the cowpoke said, "No, but I have always wanted to."



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Correction

Misinformation was printed on the back page of the August newsletter stating that CTMHV members receive a discount on meals in our 50's Diner. The only discounts that we are allowed to give are to those people, members or non-members, who bring in coupons, such as the one found in the entertainment coupon books.

I apologize for any confusion this may have caused.

MaryAnn Perry