



Through The Windshield

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IN THE NEWS

November has snuck up on us this year! October was a fantastic month, filled with many bookings and events. The Fall Colour Tour was well attended, we had an extremely successful Murder Mystery, multiple weddings and photo shoots, as well as five school groups. We look forward to November which features our last Military and Gun show of the year and are introducing an indoor Christmas Craft Show! Our winter months are an excellent time to get office organization done, and prepare for the upcoming year. Sarah and her volunteers are busy working on the Special Events Guide, which gets printed in the new year. We could always use some help with organizing storage and office spaces and with many miscellaneous tasks, so if you are looking for something to do, we are always thankful for the help!

November Militaria, Gun & Sportsman Show

On November 15th, the CTMHV will play host to the last Gun Show of 2015. This is a great time to come out and find all of your military, gun, and hunting needs before the winter months. The show takes place from 9am to 4pm. The admission to this show is \$5. If you have any other questions about this event or are interested in vending for this show, please contact Sarah, at the front office. Please note: at time of publication, all vendor spots were filled, but if you would like to leave your contact information, you will be put on the waiting list.



New! Christmas & Craft Show



On November 28th, the CTMHV will host a brand new indoor Christmas & Craft Show. The show will run from 9am-4pm. It is a great way to start your Christmas shopping, or to find Christmas decorations. It will feature only hand-made crafts or Christmas related items. General admission is \$3.00 per person and those 12 and under are free. Proceeds benefit the Children's Education Program. Please note, those who attend will receive a complimentary pass to tour the transportation museum which can be used either that day or on a future date.



The 50's Diner will be open from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm for breakfast and lunch. If you are interested in vending, or have any other questions, please contact Sarah in the office for more details at 519-776-6909.

Upcoming Events

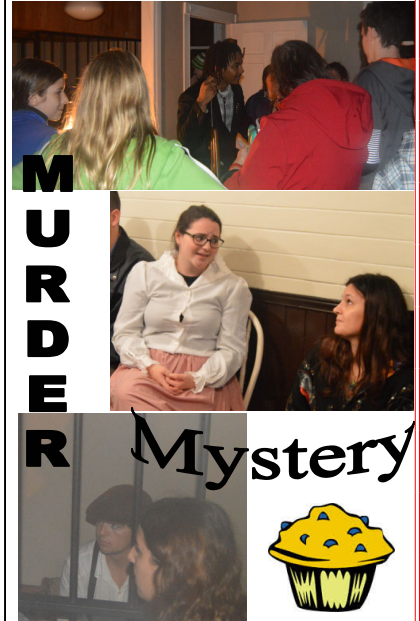
- November
- 10th– Board Meeting
- 11th– General Meeting
- 14th– Andrews Auction
- 15th– Military and Gun Show
- 19th–Cruise-in
- 28th– Christmas Craft Show
- December
- 6th– Pot Luck Dinner
- 12th– Andrews Auction
- 20th– Breakfast with Santa
- 31st– New Year's Eve Party

Please note the Village is closed for the season, and the museum is closed Mondays and Tuesdays.

Village Murder Mystery



On October 24th, the CTMHV hosted a very successful murder mystery night. This year, the script was written in-house by Cassandra, one of our office staff. All of the characters were based off of the real-life people that lived and worked in the cabins and buildings in Heritage Village. Despite the threat and sudden down pouring of rain, many people stuck it out and wouldn't have missed trying to solve the mystery for anything. Big thanks go to the office and maintenance staff for set up and prep work; to the boarding house crew and our high school volunteers for keeping the crowd well-fed and warm; to Mia for making delicious chili; to Pat Beaudoin and Connie Budd for watching over our ballot boxes; and to Harry and Mia for filling in at the gate. A last huge thank you goes to all our actors listed on page 3, without whom we could not have had such an amazing event! Our murderer this year was Miss Daisy Ouellette the school teacher. She killed poor Sarah Renaud with a batch of poisoned muffins. Three of our smartest super sleuths, Joe Rustico, Karl Kella and Braden St. Pierre won Movie Gift Baskets for their deductions. We would also like to extend a thanks to Eye on Video in Leamington, and Tim Hortons in Comber for donating gift cards for the gift baskets. The event was so successful...it was a crime! Please enjoy some photos of the event below and on page 3.



Murder Mystery Cast + Number of votes

- *Ab Arner*– played by Richard Shaw– 28 votes
- *Pastor Boudreau*– played by Nik Kambouris– 17 votes
- *Sheriff Anthony Banks*– played by Sean Davis– 34 votes
- *George Holden*– played by Ryan Cousineau– 4 votes
- *Doctor Veale*– played by Don Gawne– 8 votes
- *Spray Saunders*– played by Melicia Beaulieu– 19 votes
- *Billy Arner*– played by Joe Lucas– 25 votes
- *Clara Clark*– played by Zoe Zdunich– 21 votes
- *Mary-Jane Waggot*– played by Ally Winik– 11 votes
- *Esther Banks*– played by Lorraine McFadden– 9 votes
- *Oris Boudreau*– played by Bonnie Rumble–23 votes
- *Ethel Saunders*– played by Liana Giles– 9 votes
- *Tom Waggot*– played by Scott Anderson– 50 votes
- *Mr. John Fox*– played by Bill Blake– 35 votes
- *Daisy Ouellette*– played by Rebecca Knight– 33 votes
- *Bobby Boudreau*– played by Michael Gawne– 59 votes
- *Leona Miner*– played by Sarah Williams– 33 votes
- *Jack Miner*– played by Nick Willemsa– 25 votes
- *Sarah Renaud*– played by Sydney Anderson– 24 votes
- *Town Gossips*– played by Myranda Brimner, Vanessa, Rachelle Shaw, Michael Bliss and Rebecca Shaw

Fall Colour Tour 2016

On October 17th, the CTMHV organized and led the annual Fall Colour Tour. Fifty-five participants enjoyed a delicious breakfast buffet in our 50's Diner before heading out to enjoy the beautiful fall colours of Essex-County. A yummy lunch was enjoyed at Paula's Fish Place in Leamington. Special thanks goes to Donna from Paula's for accommodating our larger than expected group. The autocade of antique and collector cars started their Fall journey with a drive-by at the Chartwell Royal Oak Seniors Residence in Kingsville, where residents had bundled up for the weather just to get a look at the cars as they travelled by. The next stop was at Thiessen's Apple Orchard, where some participants purchased some treats to take back home. Next was a visit to Sam & Doreen Ouellette's place to see Sam's unique garage and car collection, followed by a crisp walk in nearby Kopegaron Woods Conservation Area. It was great to see some old friends and to make some new ones. Thanks to all those who helped organize the event, and also to those who participated! We'll see you next Fall for another great adventure!



One Hundred for History Fundraiser

The Board of Directors has approved an HVSO membership fundraising drive from November 1st 2015, to December 31st, 2015. In light of the recent announcement that talks between the CTMHV and St. Clair College have been discontinued, the Board is busy reviewing and updating their short and long term Strategic Planning. Additionally, the rising operational costs including a recent increase in minimum wage and electricity bills has put a temporary strain on budgets. While we await negotiations with Hydro One, and \$40,000 in pending grant application decisions, we are hoping that some of the members will help with a financial bridge to the New Year. We are asking you to consider donating \$100.00 (tax deductible) for history in the spirit of our mission "To preserve the past of Canada South for the Education and Interpretation of present and future generations". We are off to a good start and are extremely appreciative as one member's spouse has already donated \$1000.00 and one member has donated over



\$300.00. If \$100.00 is more than you can afford, why not consider \$1.00 for each year that the HVSO has been in existence; that's only \$61.00. Any donation over \$25.00 will be eligible for a tax receipt. If you are unable to contribute financially, please consider donating some time to help our staff with the remaining fundraising events. Please be assured that funds raised will be used as an operational bridge to help out while the Board explores and processes alternative fundraising opportunities for the New Year. Thank-you.



The T-Bird Deuce



Built in 1955 -- 24 owners in 60 years.

“Sixty years ago this 1932 Ford Roadster was found in an orchard in Port Burwell Ontario by Michael O'Byrne of Dorchester Ontario. He purchased the car for \$35.00 and brought it home to his Dad's Ford dealership and started building his "hot rod". He used pictures from various California Hot Rod magazines for his build. He used a 4 inch chromed dropped front axle from Rossini's Speed Shop in Chatham Ontario along with brakes and steering from a 1953 Ford pick up truck. He used a 272 V-8 engine and automatic transmission from a wrecked 1955 Ford with 1300 miles on it. This was a Christmas present from his Dad. Parts from the same car were used to build the dash. The closed rear end was from a 1948 Mercury.

The bobbed rear fenders were fabricated by Zip Cole a body man from Ingersoll Ontario. The car was painted a Sherwood Green. The white upholstery and roadster top were done by Dick Lindsay of London Ontario. This car was driven by Michael all over S/W Ontario during the late 50's. Doing the drag on Dundas Street in London or driving to Cayuga Drag Strip to race the car. Everyone knew this was Michael's car.

The engine was updated to a Thunderbird 312 V-8 with 3 deuce set up and Michael was every where with his "Hot Rod". It was one of the very first California style hot rods in Ontario Canada.”

“The National Film Board of Canada approached Michael in 1959 to borrow his hot rod for a film shoot being done in London for the Canadian Department of Defense. They were doing a recruiting film titled "The Career Soldier".

“One day Michael received a visitor while he was working in his Dad's dealership from a fellow London car guy who made Michael an offer he could not refuse for the hot rod. With that the hot rod was gone and the start of what was to become the most documented history any car has ever been on begins.”

“Over the next 50 some years, the Roadster changed hands twenty four (24) times. I was one of those owners, # seven, owning it in the early 60's...”All good things must come to an end as one day I made a deal with my friend Danny Richie and he now owned the hot rod. Next for me came marriage, children, a mortgage and climbing the Corporate ladder with very little contact to the car scene although I never got that car, my old hot rod out of my mind.”

“I visited Mr. Roy Breault in February of 2011 and walked into his shop to see his 1932 Ford High Boy Roadster and immediately knew it was the car that I had sold forty seven (47) years earlier. I was able to work a deal to purchase the car and it was returned home to Ontario. ...”

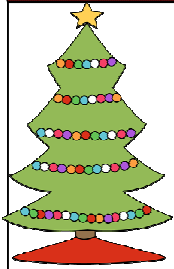
I personally have made very few changes to the car and I have no intention to do so. I have too much respect for all the previous owners.”

This is a very brief history of The T-Bird Deuce. The complete story in both pictures and words can be found on my web site -- www.tbirddeuce.com -

John Willoughby, current owner. (note: full story on website written by Mike Lowden)



Kingsville Christmas House Tour



This year, the Kingsville Christmas House Tour, has expanded to include 5 buildings in Heritage Village to their tour. Every year since 2003 the Kingsville Christmas House Tour makes their way around Kingsville to designated spots in order to view different buildings decorated for Christmas. It is run by volunteers and their goal is to raise funds to support the Migration Hall in Kingsville. This year, the CTMHV will be added onto the tour. Our Tecumseh Train Station, Jack Miner Homestead, General Store, One-Room School house, as well as one of our log cabins will be decorated for Christmas and be viewed throughout the two day tour. Refreshments are served at Pelee Island Winery, and anyone ages 12 and up are welcome to attend. The tour is planned for November 21st and 22nd, from 10am-4pm and tickets are \$25/person. For tickets or more information, you can contact Migration Hall (170 Main St.) or Box Office Video in Kingsville.

Update to St. Clair College Proposal

As HVSO members and CTMHV volunteers were already aware, the Canadian Transportation Museum & Heritage Village was in talks with St. Clair College in regard to the future of operations. On October 12th, a joint press release was issued which read in part as follows below:

“Over the past several months, St. Clair College administration and members of the Canadian Transportation Museum and Heritage Village (CTMHV) board in Essex have been undertaking a comprehensive review of CTMHV operations to see if there was a future role for the College in managing and operating all aspects of the facility.

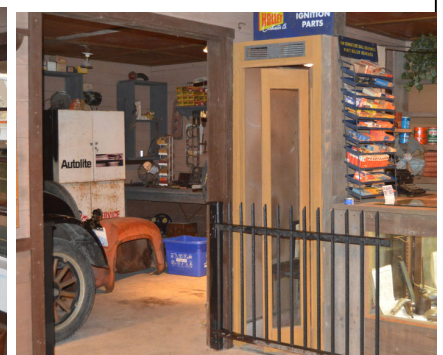
Even though many areas of the study were positive, the College and the CTMHV have concluded that the Museum operations represented a fit which did not align with the College’s strategic directions. Consequently, the College and Museum have mutually agreed to suspend further discussions regarding a future role for the College in Museum operations.

St. Clair College values the tourism and educational resource in our region provided by the Museum, and encourages continued community support. However, going forward, the College and Museum together have agreed to explore selective experiential learning opportunities for College students.”

Please note, that the Manager of the CTMHV has been in contact and consultation with St. Clair College staff to explore options in regard to student internships. We will keep you posted on any future decisions and partnerships going forward.

Volunteer Projects Update

As always, our volunteers here at the CTMHV are amazing supporters of history and transportation. Our exhibit crew (Sharon, Ken & Al), have been very busy the past three weeks returning one of our buildings to all its splendor. For many years, the Supertest Garage, also known as Herb Giles’ Garage has not been a part of our tour schedule as it had come to be in a state of disorganization. We are told that years back, Ralph Bosse and Ted Brown spent a good amount of time organizing it. We are happy to report that it is once again ready to be added to our tour. Unfortunately the Village is now closed for the season, but we look forward to showing the building off in the Spring. *Below you can see how our crew’s hard work has paid off.*



From the Education Desk



We have been busy in the education department during October despite the fact that public teachers, and now support staff are working to rule. We have been receiving bookings from private and French Immersion schools. We look forward to being even busier when the labour dispute is settled. We are ready for them! We have welcomed two new volunteers this month, Laura and Trish. They have been learning our tours, the education program and are helping in the office. A big thank you to all of our current volunteers. It has been a busy month for tours and I have relied heavily on our team of dedicated volunteers. I thank you for always coming in and helping out where needed.

We could not do it without you. *Miss Judy*

OJCP Update

The Restoration and Rejuvenation of Heritage Village Pioneer Farm life is well under way. All six participants have been hired and are doing a fantastic job getting the six log cabins into ideal condition. Wooden sidewalks are being built to extend to roadways with the ability to be folded up for easy snow removal. Exterior chinking has taken place on three cabins by the outside crew with the help and expertise of volunteer Claude Labelle. The inside team is busy working on exhibits as artifacts are being inventoried, re-labeled and researched. The CTMHV is grateful to the Ontario Job Creation Project for the grant which has allowed this work to be done. The project will end in February and an open house will be scheduled in early Spring. Updates to follow.

Pot Luck

Reminder to all members and volunteers that our annual Pot Luck dinner will take place on December 6th. Please sign up with the office if you know you will be able to attend and have an idea of what you want to bring. Stay tuned for more information in the next newsletter about special contests that night.

New Year's Eve Tickets



Tickets are now printed and ready to be purchased in the office. Tickets are \$40.00 per person and are going fast. Last year we had to turn away over forty people-so don't delay and get yours now. DJ Chuck Reynolds will once again ring us into the new year!

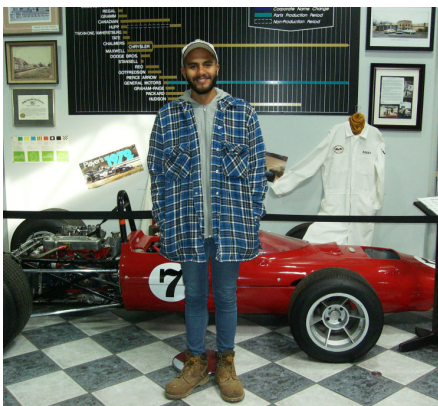
Free Chris Carter Lecture Series-Nov. 19th

Don't miss out on your chance to hear about Historic Canadian Anniversaries and Celebrations from local historian and author Chris Carter on November 19th. Join us in the main hall from 1:00 pm to 3:00pm at no charge. Note: tea and coffee will be available in the 50's Diner which is open 8:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Wanted: 2016 Raffle Car

The CTMHV is looking for a donation of or a reasonably priced car to raffle off as the 2016 raffle car. All raffle tickets purchased will go towards benefiting our Children's Education Program. If you know of any cars, or have any information about any cars, please contact the front office at 519-776-6909.

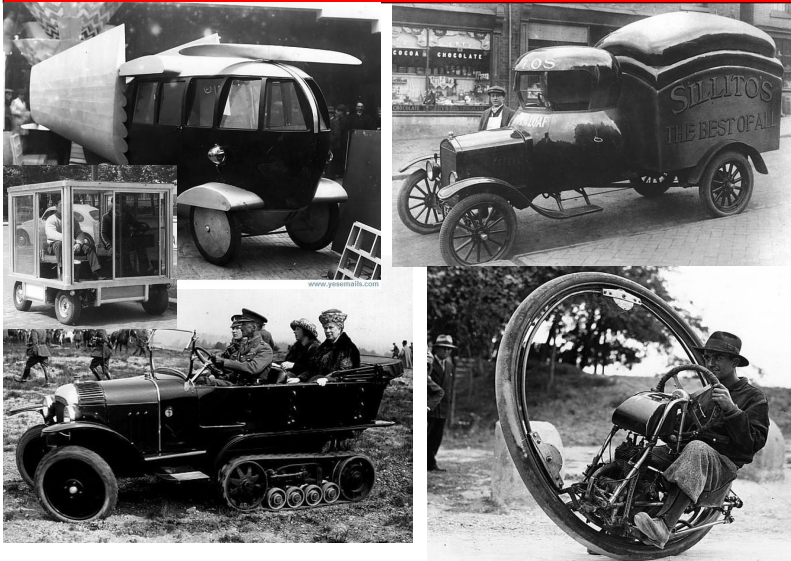
photo Gallery



Far Left: Jose, our volunteer from Venezuela who has been helping Bob & Doug

Right: The Corvette Club pays a visit to the CTMHV in October

Strange Old Car Photos



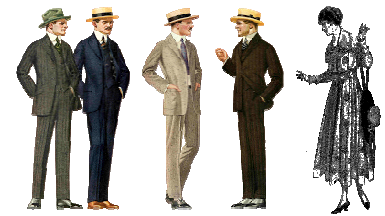
They shall not grow old
 They shall not grow old,
 As we that are left grow old:
 Age shall not weary them,
 Nor the years condemn.
 At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We will remember them.

From Laurence Binyon's poem For the Fallen, written in September 1914



The Differences a Century Makes-Stats from 1915

- The average life expectancy for men was 47
- Fuel for cars was sold in drug stores only
- Only 14% of homes had a bathtub; Only 8% of homes had a telephone
- The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph
- 95% of all births took place at home
- 90% of all doctors has no college education
- Sugar cost four cents a pound, eggs fourteen cents a dozen, coffee was fifteen cents a pound
- Most woman only washed their hair once a month, and used egg yolks for shampoo
- Crossword puzzles, canned beer and iced tea hadn't been invented yet
- 18% of households had at least one full-time servant



Laws of the Universe

Law of Physical Surfaces: The chances of an open-faced jelly sandwich landing face down on a floor are directly correlated to the newness and cost of the carpet or rug.

Doctors' Law: If you don't feel well, make an appointment to go to the doctor. By the time you get there, you'll feel better. If you don't make an appointment, you'll stay sick.

Law of Physical Appearance: If the clothes fit, they're ugly!

You know you're getting old when...

- At the breakfast table you hear snap, crackle, pop and you're not eating cereal.
- Happy hour is a nap.
- You say something to your kids that your mother said to you, and you always hated it.
- Your back goes out, but you stay home.
- Everything hurts, and what doesn't hurt doesn't work.



Can you help?

A lady recently inquired :“I am looking for a mural of a steam engine with a group of workmen standing in front. A relative told me it was in a museum near or in Ottawa and that it is an old photograph. It was seen about forty years ago, so there is a possibility that a display may have been changed and it is no longer there. I got the impression it was very large, possibly wall size. Unfortunately, the person is now deceased, so my second-hand information may not be entirely accurate. I am interested in it because on of thee men in the picture might be my great-grandfather, William Thomas Young, who worked for the railroad. I was hoping to find out the origin of the picture and if the people in it had been identified. Thank you for any help you can offer.” Please contact the office if you remember this picture. Thank-you.

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Maribeth, Sarah and Annie show off their Halloween spirit in the Diner on October 31st.