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JULY GENERAL MEETING

TODAY: FASHION SHOW SPONSERED BY SEARS

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

So how is your summer going so far? We had company from Newfoundland for 10 days. We have also been keeping busy cutting the lawn, picking weeds everyday and trying to keep the grubs from taking over again. We have only had time for one game of golf so far this season.

As you have probably noticed, election time is now at hand. Two years ago I sheepishly put my name on the nomination board for VP and the rest is history. This has been a very rewarding experience for me.

This year as we move ahead to the 2010-2011 term, we only require a few volunteers to fill a few positions on your management team. Please check our nomination board to see if you can help! As we go to our break today, hopefully those positions will be filled. If not, be prepared to stay all day until we have a full slate. We will allow potty breaks.

Don't ask what BEACHCOMBERS can do for you; ask what can I do for BEACHCOMBERS. Our motto is the same as last year, **"Yes we can!"**

Bob Bowyer

JUNE'S GUEST SPEAKER

The first transatlantic, non-stop flight put Wasaga Beach on the map - so to speak. On August 8, 1934, an event of national and historical significance took place at Wasaga Beach. The first successful overseas flight from Canada to Britain took off from our "...naturally long, straight beach". The beach served as the perfect runway for such an endeavour! On August 9th the long awaited call came back on the radio that the *'Trail of the Caribou'* had landed in Heston, Middlesex, England. It had been in the air 30 hours 55 minutes.

Although the trip was relatively uneventful, fog and no modern instruments, made the pilots use every bit of navigation tricks they had. Not knowing exactly where they were and believing to be running low on fuel, the sight of land was a most welcomed one. Although it was not Baghdad, as originally planned, England was a great sight for the pilots.

On August 9, 2009, the culmination of the saga was unveiled; a one third replica of the *Trail of the Caribou*, is flying high on Nancy Island. This was the result of many years of research and fund raising, all started by Reg Jalbert. Reg advertised in the Wasaga Sun for aeronautic enthusiasts with some of the needed skills or contacts to put the project from concept to its perch on Nancy Island. Fifteen people responded and nine of these stayed with the project. Among the various team members was our own Guenter Haessler, who lent his engineering skills to the project. With some very skilful negotiating on the

part of the team, the original drawings for The Caribou were located and acquired, the paint shop at De Havilland donated its time, material and shop, while one team member's son in B.C. was called on to supply and cut all the aluminium pieces. If not for the initiative, hard work and skills of the team this special event in Wasaga Beach's history would only be remembered in one solitary library book (Trail of the Caribou by G. Ray Gibson).

Although no one knows what happened to the original plane as it was left in England, we have this wonderful replica to remember it by. **CONGRATULATIONS** to the team (Reg Jalbert, Rudi Diller, Karl Ogger, Harold Culham, Brian Bermingham, Peter Buttke, Guenter Haessler, Raymond Lauze, Gerald Lauze, and Terry Tompkins) and thank you for bringing to life a long lost memory.

Welcome To Our New Members:

Dick & Lorrie Marshall

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

TUESDAY, JULY 20, 2010 – ANNUAL PICNIC

This is your last chance to get tickets for the annual picnic at Heritage Park in Elmvale. We have made a few changes which we hope you will enjoy. We will have our usual snacks to enjoy for the afternoon with the normal wonderful dinner by Burger Bob. We are also going to go with more horseshoes and bocce and if you have a set of either, could you please indicate on the sign up sheets that you will bring it for the afternoon. Also we have enlisted the services of **Everwood** - a live duo - to entertain us for part of the day. Although this event is subsidized, we have had to raise individual ticket prices as Burger Bob's costs have increased but where else can you have fun, enjoy a great meal, have a chance to win great prizes and be entertained for only \$10 each.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 5, 2010 - SEE HOW THEY RUN

A comedy at King's Wharf in Penetanguishene which starts at 2:00 PM. The first 40 tickets are in a block seated together and, due to what we feel is additional interest in this outing, we were able to acquire 10 additional tickets which are single seats only and are on sale today. **Today is the very last day to purchase tickets.** There may be a good chance that we will have your tickets at the next meeting for distribution, despite the information about Tom meeting you in the parking lot for that purpose.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2010 - PROBUS GOLF TOURNAMENT

Tickets go on sale today. We were successful in booking Batteaux Creek Golf Club for our annual golf outing. Batteaux Creek is west of Wasaga Beach, located at 7422 Sideroad 30-31 and is visible from Highway 124, south of Nottawa and north of Duntroon. The price of \$55 (which is \$5 more than last year) includes golf cart, nine holes and a delicious steak dinner. Non-Golfers will be able to join us for the steak dinner if they wish for \$25. A few prizes are available for certain golfing categories as well as some door prizes for which both golfers and non-golfers are eligible.



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 - STRATFORD THEATRE

This is a whole day bus trip to the Stratford Theatre to view "Evita" which includes lunch at the Queen's Hotel. Cost for the day which includes bus there and back, the lunch and theatre ticket is \$120.00 each. Availability is on a first-come-first-serve basis. Please speak to Tom if you are interested and he will direct you to the correct contact.

HEADS UP FOR FUTURE EVENTS

A Changing of the Guard

Most of the members of this year's committee are retiring from active service. We were very happy to serve you but it is time to make room for others. We wish the new committee members happiness and success as they begin planning and organizing all the fun activities for the club.

JUNE LUCKY DRAW WINNERS - PLEASE BRING COINS TO BUY YOUR LUCKY DRAW TICKETS

1st prize of \$76.00 – Erie Vanderknokke
2nd prize of \$47.00 – Ruth Clarke
3rd prize of \$38.00 – Hugo Munoz
4th prize of \$29.00 – Glen Martin
Gift Certificate of \$40.00 to Wal-Mart – Jack Benedet

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES: Best wishes to those who celebrate in July.

“MEET YOUR MEMBER” – WE NEED YOU! Please consider presenting your profile.

Please contact Betty Keyes at (705) 429-6064 for information regarding "Meet Your Member" profiles. If you are not comfortable speaking in front of groups, Betty will be pleased to help you compose and read your profile at a specified monthly meeting.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

SPECIAL INTEREST	CONTACT NAME	PHONE NO.	SPECIAL INTEREST	CONTACT NAME	PHONE NO.
Afternoon Luncheon Cuisiners	Joan Maloney	422-0573	Golf	WE NEED YOU!	
Bid Euchre	Paul Turner	422-0747	Happy Bookers Club	Mary Barnes	429-2142
Book Worms Club	Lucille Mancer	422-0143	Kitchen Bridge	Betty Keyes	429-6064
Daytrippers	Lucille Mancer	422-0143	Pinochle	Bob Bowyer	429-0579
Dinner at our Place	Steve and Jan Bivall	429-7584	Regular Euchre	Loraine Doidge	422-0622
First Edition Book Club	Betty Montgomery	429-6854	Restaurant Dinner Club	WE NEED YOU!	
Genealogy	Sandra Hanson	422-0227	ROMEO - Men's Breakfast	Bob Bowyer	429-0579

First Edition Book Club

The First Edition Book Club meets the third Tuesday of every month at 1:00 PM at different member's homes.

In May we read *The Runaway Quilt* by Jennifer Cheaverini. This was the story of homemade quilts and their messages to the runaway slaves and the underground railway. Some members brought in their own quilts, some of them over one hundred years old (the quilts not the members!!!). We all enjoyed this book, though the ending was a bit drawn out. We rated this book 4 out of 5.

In June we read *A Prisoner of Birth*, a real page turner by Jeffrey Archer. This is the story of the rich being innocent and the poor being guilty regardless of the facts. We rated this book 4 out of 5.

Book Worms Club

In June we read the book *The Patron Saint of Liars* written by Ann Patchett. The book is a quiet compelling story about Rose Clinton and how her secrets and lies affected her life and the lives of those around her. It is a story of conflict between virtue and dishonesty. Each of the 3 segments of the book are narrated by a main character thus providing, a character study, a sharing of their experiences and a glimpse into their being. We recommend the book and it will be especially interesting to those who would like a thought provoking character study.

Happy Bookers Club

The Happy Bookers' June book club meeting was held at the home of Joanne Scruton where members reviewed *The Glassblower of Murano* by Marina Fiorato. The story centers around Nora Manin, an unhappy soul, who journeys to Venice to find out about her ancestor, Corradino Manin, a famed glassblower of the 1600s. The narrative, moves from the present to the past, taking Nora closer to the truth and a danger she does not perceive. Members enjoyed this light read and gave it a rating of 3.2 with recommendation.

Daytrippers

The **Daytrippers'** most recent journey was to the Simcoe Museum. Since the expansion the curators have created wonderful displays for the visitor to discover and explore the history of our county. We strolled down main street Barrie, circa 1900, and saw Victorian shops and services, furniture and rooms in a typical home, and viewed treasures of glass, porcelain and clothes of the era. If you are interested in history, seeing a reconstructed longhouse, a magnificent car called 'The Barrie Bell' (one of two Bell automobiles left in the world today) a church dated 1872, a one room schoolhouse built in Minesing dated 1900 and countless other treasures of our past, re-visit our local Museum. In addition, there are many special events going on each month at the museum. We all enjoyed this afternoon exploring life as it was then.

ROMEO - Men's Breakfast Group

The **ROMEO** (Men's) Breakfast group meets on the **last Wednesday of the month** for fellowship and a good breakfast. We rotate between 5 or 6 local restaurants. Our next breakfast will be at **GEORGIAN CIRCLE RESTAURANT on Wednesday, July 28 at 9:00AM**. We have capped our group at 25. To get on the list as an alternate call Bob Bowyer at 429-0579.



Restaurant Dinner Club

We are looking for a new coordinator for the Restaurant Dinner Club. Please contact Bob Bowyer if you are interested or would like to get some more details as to what is involved. **There will not be any more Restaurant outings until we get a new coordinator.**

Golf News

We need a new coordinator for the Golf group. If you are interested in taking over please contact Bob Bowyer to get all the details. **There will be no golf outings until we get a new coordinator.**

DON'T FORGET:

- The Secretary's Minutes of the last General Meeting and the Treasurer's Summary of the Club's finances are posted at the front of the room. Please read them!
- **Please notify the Membership Convener of any changes to your address, phone number, e-mail address, etc.** We realize this is a continuing reminder, but it is very important!
- Please pass information regarding sickness, hospital stays, or death of a member to our Goodwill Convener (Shirley Brett at 429-8907). If you don't tell us, we may miss sending out a card.
- Our New Member Ambassador, Lucille Mancer, is always available to give you information about our Club and its activities. Lucille can be reached at 422-0143.

MANAGEMENT TEAM for 2009-2010.

President	Bob Bowyer	429-0579	Membership	Heide & Guenter Haessler	422-0288
Vice-President	Don Caron	429-0308	Refreshments	Susan & Brian Passmore	422-1956
Secretary	Mary Barnes	429-2142	Lucky Draw	Michael James Linda Vanderknokke	429-7207 429-6846
Treasurer	Kathy Zack	429-0033	New Members	Lucille Mancer	422-0143
Past President	Betty Baker	422-1909	Goodwill	Shirley Brett	429-8907
Speaker and Profiles Chair	Monica Kristan Mary Barnes	429-9635 429-2142	Newsletter	Vincy Stephenson	422-0201
Social	Tom Donohue	429-0644			

NEXT MEETING

AUGUST 3, 2010

WASAGA STARS ARENA

Arrive early to enjoy coffee and tea with your friends prior to the meeting at 10:00 am. Remember to bring your "Probus" mug and wear your name tags.

Membership renewal fees are now due.

