

The Burlington Historical Society

GAZETTE

Summer Edition



Beach Strip bathers – 1900-1910 Photo: BHS Archives

Our next meeting will be
September 9th, 2019 at 7 pm
Burlington Public Library, Central
Branch, New Street

Enjoy the summer!

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From the Archives *Joan Downey*

While you are enjoying the hot and hazy days of summer (perhaps preferring an air conditioned space), I thought you might like to read about how 2 young Burlington residents spent a couple of summer days in 1930. These were the days when Highway 2 was the route to Montreal.

Diary of a Hike to Montreal and Back – Burlington Gazette, 27 Aug 1930

The following is the diary kept by two Burlington boys, Norman Smith and Gordon Rusby, who recently hitch-hiked to Montreal and return:

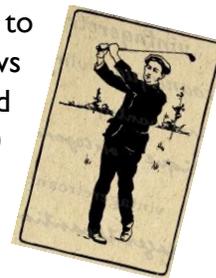
Tuesday, 6:30 – arose; had breakfast. 8:30 – started on our journey. Got a ride with a traveller in a Chev. Rode 20 miles to Newcastle. From Newcastle hailed a ride in a Chrysler with traveller to Port Hope. Walked about 1-1/2 miles beyond the town limits. Got a ride in a new Ford for about a mile. Walked about a mile.....Hailed a ride with a girl in Durant coupe. Rode in rumble to Colbourne. From there got a ride in a Whippet sedan with four girls from Michigan. They took us right into Kingston at end of the lake....Got a ride with a student to top of Kingston Heights in a new Ford.....from there two fellows in a new Ford sedan took us twenty miles past Gananoque on their fender..... At Cornwall a couple picked us up. These people were from Mewbury Post, Mass. They were quite friendly. We exchanged names. They kindly drove us to Montreal and paid our fare across all toll bridges. Along Lachine canal we passed Hugh Elsam and Bill Clifton (other Burlingtonians). On the outskirts of Montreal we got mixed up and went up to Mount Royal and saw the Ku Klux Klan fiery cross. Went to lunch place and had lunch. The name of the place was Harmony Lunch. We then started to walk to St. Hubert. Crossed over the Victoria Bridge, which is over the St. Lawrence and 1-3/4 miles long. Walked to St. Lambert and slept under a bush by a cathedral.



1928 Durant Coupe (with a rumble seat) www.classiccars.com

Wednesday, 6:00 – arose and were almost frozen. Heavy frost; thick mist on St. Lawrence.....got a ride to St. Hubert. Arrived at St. Hubert when the sun had just cleared the horizon – two red airplanes were just landing with mail.

Return – we got a ride with a Frenchman in a Pontiac through Montreal to Verdun.....At Verdun we got a ride in a truck to Lachine. Saw Lachine rapids.....from there a fellow in a Willys Knight roadster took us for a few miles....a fellow in a new Chev picked us up and took us 109 miles to Brockville. First place we stopped to eat since we left Montreal. Two young fellows from Glen Falls, N.Y. picked us up.....They had a new Chrysler car and travelled between 60 and 65 all the way home.....arrived in Oshawa at 9:45 completing a 700 mile trip from Oshawa to St. Hubert and back in 32-3/4 hours. We slept 5-3/4 hours on the way and made approximately 20.8 miles per hour hitch hiking.



Thursday – spent day in Oshawa. Went to show. Played golf.

WOW – WHAT A DAY!!!!

Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum

By Patricia Taylor

If you've ever visited the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum you know what I mean. If you haven't, move it to the top of your "Bucket List." Best 5 hours I've spent in a long time.



Photos: Pat Taylor

Up – Up – and Away! Chris Mallion-Moore and Pat Taylor in the cockpit of an Air Canada plane.



Canada's Lancaster Bomber

Freeman Station Update – Alan Harrington

The Freeman Station has an Open House every Saturday this summer from 10-3, with old trucks, ukulele bands and lots of fun. Drop by and see what a great job the Friends of Freeman Station (FOFS) have done in recreating an earlier time. Check on the website for more information.

<http://www.freemanstation.ca/>

Outreach Report – Joan Downey

Do you follow us on Facebook? Jennifer Kemp is doing a great job of adding interesting photos and stories to our page. Take a look at and “like” a posting. Even better – “follow” us.

www.facebook.com/burlingtonhistory

If you do follow our page you already know that we will be at LaSalle Park on the Civic Holiday, 5 August 2019, for Joseph Brant Day: family friendly entertainment; food truck rally; lots of things to do, or, just enjoy the park. Look for us in the pavilion. It’s FREE!

<https://museumsofburlington.ca/events/#modal>



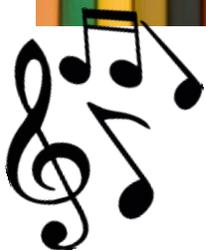
One World - One Family
Discover Your Family Roots

On 10 August 2019 we are participating in the One World One Family Conference at the Church of the Latter Day Saints, 701 Stonechurch Road East, Hamilton.

If you are interested in genealogy or would like to find out more, this is the conference to attend! For tickets follow:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/one-world-one-family-2019-tickets-61869907559>

Then, just to convince you that your Outreach Team is not laying fallow for the summer – on 20 August 2019 we have a meeting scheduled with Halton Heritage. They are the group responsible for the great Brant Inn display towers at Central Library. We hope there is an area where we can partner with them and take advantage of their expertise. More on this later.....



Oh no! That song is going round and round in my head already.

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