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Fifth Annual Pedal for the Past Returns to Hardwood Ski and Bike to Raise \$20,000

by Dave Osborne



Participants in the 50k road ride, mountain bike challenge and run gather with event volunteers at Hardwood Ski and Bike. (Photo by John Carpino)

On September 11, after a mist of morning rain, almost 50 cyclists, runners and walkers teamed up at Hardwood Ski and Bike to enjoy a picture-perfect fall day in the hills and rustic scenery of Oro-Medonte to help raise over \$20,000 in The Friends of *The OPP Museum*'s fifth annual Pedal (and Run) for the Past (P4P) fundraising event. Seeing so many enthusiastic cyclists on the roads of Oro and the Hardwood trails wearing the Friends cycling jersey was a stirring sight and raised the profile of the Friends and the Museum.



The 80k Oro Hills Challenge participants pause for a photo with our Auxiliary members prior to heading out. (Photo by John Carpino)

"It's the main fundraising event to help fund the Friends of *The OPP Museum*," said Chief Superintendent Bernie Murphy, a Friends Board member, cycling enthusiast and regular participant in the event. "We've raised almost \$80,000 in four years to help preserve and promote the history of the OPP."

"It's pretty much a cross-section of riders, runners and walkers from across Ontario," added Superintendent Ken Leppert, "including OPP members, other police partners and members of the community. This is my second year, and I'm very much a novice rider. It was just a great day."



Ken Leppert

Just over half of the participants chose to ride either the 50-kilometre route or the more challenging 82-kilometre 'Oro Hills Challenge' on pavement. The rest tried out their skills on the trails of Hardwood Ski and Bike, the site of the mountain bike races for the Pan Am Games this past summer.

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Cathy Bell with participant and Board member Angela Stirk. (Photo by Tiffany Taylor)

Inspector Cathy Bell organized a run or walk through the trails of Hardwood, which was a new addition based on feedback from previous events. Fifteen people signed on to take advantage of this opportunity, normally only available to off-road cyclists. Three people, including Cathy tackled the 11-kilometre 'Serious' trail.



As always, the atmosphere was supportive and friendly with Velocity Bike Shop of Orillia providing route mechanical and emergency support. Brendan Matheson of Cycle Simcoe, and professional coaches Andrew Watson (Trails) and Paige Royal (Roads) offered pre-ride and ride support for cyclists.

At the end of the route, riders and runners took advantage of free massage and chiropractic sessions, courtesy of Jacqueline Duffy, RMT, and Dr. Matt Tribe, Chiropractor. Several volunteers and participants played muckers or ladder golf until the celebratory barbecue got underway at 4 p.m.



A huge debt of gratitude is owed to Friends volunteers and supporters Dave and Fran Reid who not only supplied tents, tables, coolers, ice and their BBQ catering skills to the event, but also gave up their wedding anniversary to do so! (Photo by John Carpino)



(Photo by John Carpino)

Oro-Medonte Mayor Harry Hughes attended the barbeque, and good-humouredly told the crowd that municipal council could be credited with the perfect weather, as they had passed an order in council to ensure participants and the many volunteers would enjoy one of the top cycling areas in the Province. Participants left the barbecue with a variety of door prizes donated by sponsors.

Riders had to raise at least \$200, and runners \$100, in sponsorships to participate in the event. In return, they received a quality, custom-designed jersey, support, entrance to a variety of draws for prizes and the barbecue. Several participants brought their families to the barbecue to help them celebrate their accomplishment.



(Photo by John Carpino)

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Tiffany Taylor checks in returning participants and sells last-minute draw tickets. Teresa Barey, generously donated \$834 of her \$1667.50 in winnings back to Friends. A huge thank you to Teresa and all of our ticket buying supporters! (Photo by Chris Johnstone)

This year, our inaugural P4P 50/50 lottery, with tickets sold by volunteers for a month before the event, resulted in total ticket sales of \$3335.00. The winner was drawn at the end of the barbeque and congratulations go to Teresa Barey of OPP General Headquarters!

"I once again would like to thank our army of volunteers who made the day go so smoothly, and such a great success," said



Volunteer and participant Judi Armstrong lends a hand to event Registrar and participant Ellen Blaubergs. (Photo by John Carpino)

the organizer and President of Friends, retired Inspector Dave Osborne. "And again, every dollar raised by our participants will go to the Friends of *The OPP Museum* work, thanks to our many local sponsors who provided donations in cash and in kind to support the ride. I would like to thank all of them for their generous contributions and continuing support. Please support our sponsors."



The top five fundraisers, along with their guests, joined Commissioner J.V.N. (Vince) Hawkes on October 1st for a thank you reception at OPP General Headquarters (GHQ). (Photo by Bobb Barratt)

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Dave Osborne and Chief Superintendent Chuck Cox recognize Keith Lem, Mike Shard, Rod Williams and Nick Boudouris for five years of continuous support of the Pedal for the Past fundraiser. (Photos by John Carpino)



Each year, the Commissioned Officers' Association makes a commitment to support the ride through encouraging members to participate, in addition to providing an annual sponsorship direct from the COA. Here, Bernie Murphy presents the cheque to Dave Osborne. (Photo by John Carpino)



Event volunteers and Board members Debbie Sokoloskie and Len Aitchison. (Photo by Tiffany Taylor)



Special thanks to our Auxiliary members, Barrie Detachment, for their continued support of Friends' events. (Photo by John Carpino)



Participants pause at the water station. (Photo by Jack Etherington)

SAVE THE DATE • Friday, September 9th, 2016

Friends of *The OPP Museum* 6th annual Pedal, Run and Walk for the Past Sainte-Marie Among the Hurons, Midland

The focus of this Newsletter is highlights of our fifth annual Pedal (and now Run) for the Past fundraising event. The foundation of our success is the great work of many before us, and a dedicated and talented crew of current volunteers, committed supporters and participants. Our P4P has raised nearly \$100,000 over the five years. We are very thankful to our many generous sponsors, for without their ongoing and generous support we would not be able to continue with our Outreach programs and major projects. I encourage you to please make note of the sponsors on the back of this Newsletter and to support them in kind.

This column will be about our OPP Veterans. One of Friends' major themes the last few years has been to "Celebrate Our Vets." In conjunction with Museum staff and with the backing of the Off Duty Shopp we have arranged to open the Museum and store on various Saturdays in the summer. Each time we have honoured a number of our Veterans, who attended at our request that day, inviting the public to meet them.

This year it was the Tactics and Rescue Unit's (TRU) 40th Anniversary celebration on August 22 and the Canine Unit's 50th Anniversary celebration in Gravenhurst on October 3.

In cooperation with the Commissioner's office we also organized a couple of tours of GHQ for our Veterans' Chapters. Each time, Commissioner Hawkes has taken time from his schedule to speak with our group.

On Friday August 21st, Friends arranged a tour of GHQ and the Orillia Provincial Communications Centre to coincide with the TRU 40th anniversary celebration and included the Heritage Award presentation to Inspector (Retired) Andy Maksymchuk (see Page 10) who returned with his wife Myra from British Columbia for the anniversary. As well, 'Maks' returned to autograph his books on sale at the Off Duty Shopp during a special Saturday Museum opening sponsored by Friends.

The tour started with an address by the Commissioner highlighting new initiatives and technology being implemented. The day was best summed up by two of our Vets, who wrote: "Thank you so much for arranging and shepherding the Vet's tour today. It is so true that us retirees continue to serve as ambassadors for the OPP. Today's tour provided up-to-date information that was in fact inspiring and made me proud all over again to have been a part of a progressive and forward-thinking



COA members and their families were well represented at the Pedal for the Past event. In total,12 commissioned officers participated. (Photo by John Carpino)



A future recruit tries on some TRU gear for size. (Photo by Tiffany Taylor)



TRU members set up a display featuring their specialized gear to share with visitors. (Photo by Tiffany Taylor)



Andy Maksymchuk signs a copy of TRU Tactics and Rescue Unit: The Last Resort in Policing for Liz and Bob Arbour. (Photo by Ellen Blaubergs)

organization. I only wish more Vets had taken advantage of your efforts." We hope to continue with and to expand our Vet celebrations in the future.

A tip of the hat goes to Bob Arbour, president of our Vets' Association, and his wife Liz (OPPVA Director), who somehow make it to each of our events. I say "somehow" because I know they keep a very busy schedule traveling the province in their roles as Vet ambassadors. We are fortunate to have such dedicated people at the helm.

On that note, Bob and the OPPVA are still looking for submissions for the Silent Partner Award, a tribute to the valuable, unpaid, dedicated, ongoing support by spouses at isolated one or two-man detachments, where the living quarters were usually part of, or attached to isolated detachments throughout Northern Ontario until the late 1970s. Many of these women raised their own families in unfamiliar communities, and in loyalty to their husbands and the OPP, occasionally acted as secretaries, interviewers and matrons. Other unpaid assistance provided by these dedicated "Silent Partners" included cooking and caring for prisoners, transporting and searching female prisoners, taking into their homes and temporarily caring for abandoned and neglected children, and providing meals for court officials and visiting senior officers.

If you are aware of such an OPP spouse, please contact OPPVA President Bob Arbour email: <code>president@oppva.ca</code> so that the person does not go unrecognized. Posthumous recognition is also encouraged. Applications must be in prior to December 31, 2015.

Note to Our Readers

by The Editorial Committee

The Newsletter is a collaborative production of Friends of *The OPP Museum* and the Ontario Provincial Police. We normally publish four editions per year, but recent pressures prevented the timely production of our normal autumn edition, and it was decided to publish a single final 2015 edition.

We still strive to include great content about our activities since the last edition, including our outreach engagements, celebrations of OPP milestones, OPP veterans as well as our annual Pedal (and Run) for the Past fundraising event.

Like all Friends' activities, the success of our efforts was only made possible by the dedication and hard work of many volunteers. We hope you enjoy reading about our activities and hope that you are encouraged to become involved.

On behalf of Friends' Board of Directors and Museum staff, we hope that all of our readers enjoyed a positive summer and autumn season, and wish everyone a happy Christmas season and a successful and healthy 2016.

Friends New Privacy Policy by Len

by Len Aitchison, Board Secretary

In 2015, Friends began posting the names of members and supporters on our website (for 2014) as a way of acknowledging their financial support of our activities and we plan to continue this recognition in upcoming years. As a commitment to privacy, we only post the names of persons who gave us their expressed written consent on our donation/membership form. In some cases, donations were made in memory or in honour of another person; however, our policy at that time impaired our ability to

publish the names of these people as well. A recent revision to our policy now extends permission given by a donor to any person they may connect to a donation. The donation/membership form has recently been revised to reflect this change. As this policy change is occurring in mid-year, we will be reaching out to donors who have made donations in recognition of another person prior to posting this year's list in 2016.

I find each year that the holiday season is truly a time for reflection. This year we find ourselves particularly grateful for a full and busy year. Increased attendance got off to an early start with several spring bus tour groups adding us to their programs. The summer also proved to be noticeably busier as the gallery was routinely filled with curious visitors. Our feedback comment wall featured sentiments from all over the world with thoughtful messages about the exhibit, and an overwhelming expression of gratitude for our uniform members who continue to "keep us safe!"

It is also with great pride that my colleague Tiffany and I reflect on the success and efforts of several special projects this year. The Tactics and Rescue Unit's 40th Anniversary and the Canine Unit's 50th Anniversary provided us with opportunities to connect with current and former members, to gather stories, share photographs and enjoy the camaraderie. We are honored to have been able to play a part in these important milestone recognitions. One of the most rewarding parts of our jobs comes from the ability to connect with our greater OPP family.









Button making, balloon dogs, paw print stickers and 50th Anniversary history booklets were all hits at the Canine Unit's Anniversary Open House. Special thanks to Friends volunteers Navjot Mahli, Dave Osborne and Angela Stirk, who joined museum staff Chris Johnstone and Tiffany Taylor at the event attended by current and former handlers, their families and many Gravenhurst locals. (Photos by Bobb Barratt)

One recent addition to The OPP Museum's photograph collection is a charming image of a student tour of #4 District Headquarters lead by Community Services Officer Harry Rossettani, snapped circa 1965. The Telex machine upon which Detective Staff Sergeant (Retired) Michael Walker is seen typing was a relatively novel development in the force's burgeoning arsenal of technology at the time, having been officially introduced on May 5, 1962. The Ontario Police Telex System could quickly distribute province- wide key messages and alerts between General Headquarters at Queen's Park and detachments at a moment's notice, effectively improving response time to critical police matters. Provincial Constable Rossettani stands behind the three young men pictured, while Superintendent Charles "Tiny" Wilkinson looks on from the right. Museum staff would like to thank Retired Detective Staff Sergeant Mike Walker for his thoughtful donation.



The Telex demonstrated to keen visitors. (2015.25.1)

Crime Seen by Kate Lines

Retired criminal profiler reflects on her OPP career

Review by Judi Armstrong

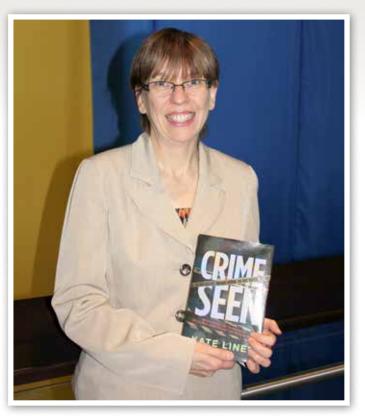
"I couldn't put it down" may sound cliché, but it aptly describes my reading of *Crime Seen*.

The book covers Lines' 33-year trailblazing career with the OPP, with the main focus on her training at the FBI National Academy and her subsequent work as one of Canada's first criminal profilers. In this role, she contributed to the investigations of many of Ontario's most high-profile cases in recent years.

Lines not only gives the reader a behind-the-scenes look at these notorious cases, she also provides insight into the lives of the men and women who solved them as well as those most affected by the crimes; the victims and their families – the survivors.

Through her eyes, the reader sees the evolution of crime investigation techniques and how new technology assists investigators in their work, while responding to a greater complexity of crimes brought on by the same technology.

It is a fascinating and educational read providing a bird's eye view of a time of many changes in the OPP's history.



Judi with her copy of Crime Seen. (Photo by Angela Stirk)

Outreach



Friends volunteers Jane Evans and Doug Cole reached out to nearly 500 people at Caledon Days in June. (Photo by Morgan Cope)





Many Friends volunteers and Museum staff helped out with activities (OPP uniform dress up, button making and card crafting) in the Folk Play area at the Mariposa Folk Festival in Orillia's Tudhope Park on July 4th and 5th. (Photos by Navjot Mahli)





Dave Osborne prepared participants for his grueling obstacle course during Doors Open Orillia. They loved it! (Photo by Chris Johnstone)



The Bradford Carrot Festival on August 16 attracted many young people to the Friends OPP uniform dress-up area. Doug Cole assisted a future "recruit" with his vest. (Photo by Morgan Cope)

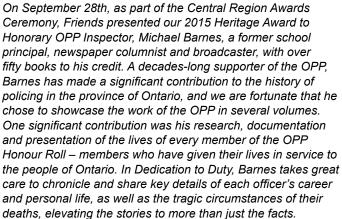




The Friends obstacle course at the Barrie Canada Day event in Heritage Park proved both challenging and fun. Dave Osborne and Doug Cole provided encouragement to "new recruits." (Photos by D. Osborne and D. Cole)

Friends Heritage Awards







Inspector (Retired) Andy ('Maks') Maksymchuk recently released his third book chronicling his 30-year career with the OPP. Champions of the Dead highlights his six years as a Detective Inspector in the Criminal Investigation Branch, investigating homicides and other major crime. His earlier books, From Muskeg to Murder (2008) covers his early career in northwestern Ontario and TRU: Tactics and Rescue Unit, The Last Resort in Policing (2012) outlines the formative years of the OPP tactical unit. Now living with his wife Myra in British Columbia, 'Maks' was presented with the 2015 Heritage Award at GHQ during his return to help celebrate the TRU 40th Anniversary.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

The following is a listing of upcoming meetings and events either being hosted or attended by Friends, Board members and volunteers. Readers are reminded that it is always subject to change.

If you would like more information about a particular event or wish to volunteer, please contact the Friends' office well in advance. If you are not already a Friends volunteer, there is an application process that must take place. Members are eligible to attend regular Board meetings as observers, but are asked to please contact the Friends' office at least one week in advance.

December 16 Board meeting (Brewery Bay, Orillia)

December 17 Holiday Bake Sale (GHQ)January 13 Board meeting (GHQ)February 10 Board meeting (GHQ)

Friends on the web! oppmuseumfriends.ca

Stop by the Friends of *The OPP Museum* website for upcoming events, volunteer opportunities, photo galleries, membership, donor and payment details!



CALL FOR NOMINATIONS 2016

The Friends of *The OPP Museum* annual Heritage Award program recognizes individuals for non-fiction research and writing that add substantially to the knowledge and celebration of the Ontario Provincial Police. Know someone whose work deserves to be recognized? Nominate them today!

Key selection criteria:

- · Impact and contribution of the work to OPP heritage
- · Quality of time, effort and writing
- · Depth and breadth of research techniques

Key eligibility information:

- Persons nominated must be living at the time of the submission
- Work does not have to be published or completed for consideration
- Range of acceptable work includes books, research papers, thesis, essays, research databases, newspaper/magazine/journal publications.

The Heritage Award is non-monetary and, where possible, will be presented to the recipient(s)* by OPP Commissioner J.V.N. (Vince) Hawkes at an OPP Regional Award Ceremony in 2016.

*A maximum of 2 awards will be made each year.

Deadline for nominations for the 2016 Friends of *The OPP Museum* Heritage Award is 4pm Friday February 5th, 2016.

Nomination forms, additional Award nomination criteria, eligibility and submission details can be found online at *www.oppmuseumfriends.ca* or email *support@oppmuseumfriends.ca* or call 705-330-4178.



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Handmade Holiday Card Fundraiser brings in over \$900!



(Photo by David Jacobsen)









Tactics and Rescue Unit - 40th Anniversary Celebrations





















(Photos by Tiffany Taylor and Chris Johnstone)

Donations



Chapter 18 of the Ontario Provincial Police Veterans' Association donated \$1000 from their annual golf tournament to Pedal and Run for the Past 2015 on August 21st. Left to right: OPPVA Chapter 18 President Carl Armstrong, OPP Museum Curator Chris Johnstone, Friends President Dave Osborne, OPPVA Chapter 18 Secretary Carmen Marrier-Fitzpatrick, OPPVA President Bob Arbour, and Friends Vice President Debbie Sokoloskie. (Photo by Tiffany Taylor)



2014 marked the 50th anniversary of the OPP Provincial Operations Intelligence Bureau (POIB). Detective Constable Dave McClocklin (left) and Ron Allen (centre) helped organize special celebrations for this milestone. On October 25, 2015, they donated the remaining proceeds to Friends of The OPP Museum. Dave Osborne (right) accepted a cheque in the amount of \$693.40 and expressed our gratitude for this thoughtful and generous contribution! (Photo by Sharon Allen)



On June 19th, Friends were thrilled to receive a generous Pedal and Run for the Past 2015 sponsorship in the amount of \$2500 from the OPP Commissioned Officers' Association. Left to right: Detective Superintendent Dave Truax, Inspector John Trude, Inspector (Retired) and Friends President Dave Osborne, and Chief Superintendent Bernie Murphy. (Photo by Chris Johnstone)



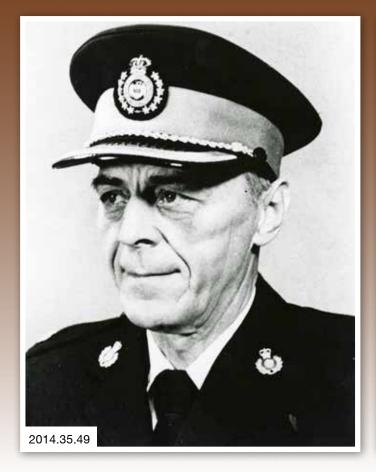
Retired Sergeant Bill Litowski (on right) visited the Museum in June to present Friends President Dave Osborne and Friends Director Angela Stirk with his annual support cheque. Thank you Bill! (Photo by Chris Johnstone)

Donations to Friends of The OPP Museum

A reminder to our donors that monetary gifts to Friends are eligible for a charitable tax receipt (Charitable registration #81381 0819 RR 0001). Anyone wishing to make a donation to the Museum's artifact collection should contact the Museum directly by calling (705) 329-6889.

Who am I? Can you help?

If you can help to identify where or when these photos were taken, and who is in them, please drop us a line at OPP.Museum@ontario.ca or give us a call at 705 329-6889. We appreciate your help!





Annual Donation and Membership Renewal Reminder

Membership in Friends expires on December 31st each year and we are launching our annual campaign to encourage members to renew for next year, as well as encouraging both our members and non-member supporters to make a donation to enable us to continue to support the OPP Museum.

Renewing or becoming a member and/or making a tax-deductible charitable donation is as easy as filling out the Donation and Membership Application Form which can be found at the back of this Newsletter or on our website. We are also sending out a separate letter from our President along with the Form. We encourage everyone to fill out the form as completely as possible. Accurate information helps us manage our records and keep in compliance with the Canada Revenue Agency.

We are governed by the Corporations Act (Ontario), which stipulates that membership is for the term identified in our bylaws (calendar year). Although our process has simplified provisions for 2015 members who wish to join again during the 'renewal period', everyone who wishes to remain a member for 2016 must complete the application form. Membership applications received after October 1st will be applied to 2016; however, donations have to be acknowledged in the year they are received. Current members who renew within the renewal period do not have to provide sponsors.

Supporting and celebrating the history of the OPP is only made possible through the generous support of our members and supporters, and we encourage you to continue your support.



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