

NEWSLETTER

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Film conversion and preservation project

The OPP Museum is embarking on a journey down memory lane. Safely tucked away in storage since the last of the reel to reel projectors were retired in the 1980s, it's time for some vintage OPP films to make a new "debut". Thanks to the efforts of Friends of The OPP Museum, a number of vintage promotional and educational films are being transferred to a new digital format and are being conserved and preserved for the next generation to come.

Museum staff had a great time "pre-viewing" some of the films in order to identify which ones will be first on the list to be converted and shared. Among the faves is a 1970s public safety film featuring a gentleman huddled in a phone booth asking the operator to connect him with the OPP's convenient and easy to remember "Zenith 50,000" phone number in order to report a crime! Long before the standard 911 came into play, this film showcases several scenarios where citizens should look out for their neighbourhoods and call police to report suspicious behaviour.

Many folks will also remember the excitement of sitting in their public school class or library seminar room listening to a Community Safety Officer and watching an instructional film like Sam the Safety Duck Rides the School bus. No doubt one or two of the child "stars" of the Sam the Safety Duck series will come forward as these 1970s films were made right here in Ontario.

Also of interest are a few films made to commemorate and promote the OPP as either recruiting films or to mark significant historic events – like the



introduction of the "new" First Nations policing model. Shot on location all across Ontario, these films feature local citizens and officers on the job, including a number who are now comfortably retired, but appear as eager new recruits on film.

Preserving this unique piece of Ontario history is the focus of Friends fundraising efforts this June as the money raised through a special dinner and silent auction will be targeted to ensuring these nostalgic and important films are made accessible through digital conversion. The films will then be available to visitors through an interactive kiosk at *The OPP Museum* at General Headquarters in Orillia and, if sufficient funds are raised, several clips will be shared on-line and made accessible to all.

"Static" is certainly not a word associated with Friends of *The OPP Museum*. Since the Winter Newsletter, the level of activity among our volunteer board and committee members has shifted into high gear.

We are proud to announce the release of *Test Your Knowledge*, a unique OPP trivia game developed in partnership with the museum (details in this issue). Friends Board Member, S/Sgt. Angie McCollum was the lead on this project.

Past President Doug Cole hosted a very busy Friends activity booth at the Orillia Winter Carnival in February. We also promoted the museum at Canada Blooms in Toronto. Event organizers expressed their appreciation "for such keen and knowledgeable ambassadors." Thank you Donna Young, Pat Bromley and Doug Cole!

As we continue to engage communities throughout the province, look for our display and activity table at the community policing event in Chisholm, Ontario on June 2nd.

Please consider attending the **Fundraising Dinner, Private Tour and Silent Auction** on
June 15th and riding in the second annual **Friends Bike Ride** on September 6th (details for both events are in this issue). The committees planning and organizing these events are extremely dedicated to making them a success. If you cannot attend, please consider a making a cash donation.

Proceeds from these fundraisers will be donated to the museum's exciting 16mm and 8mm film conversion project and the 1931 Henderson motorcycle restoration project, respectively.

Editor's Message

by Cathy Bell

I hope you enjoy our spring newsletter. You will find many interesting articles and information outlining what the Friends of *The OPP Museum* is all about. We are very excited about the events our team has been involved in throughout the first part of 2012. There is so much more to come! Please consider supporting our fundraising dinner, tour and silent auction to be held Friday, June 15, 2012 at the Restaurant Sainte-Marie in Midland. Details on this event and others can be found in this newsletter. We are always looking for your ideas and input for

the newsletter. Please forward any suggestions, photos or articles for consideration to: cathy.bell@ontario.ca. If you are interested in becoming a Friends supporter, you will find a membership application form in the newsletter, or visit us at our website: http://www.oppmuseumfriends.ca.

We appreciate your continued interest and support to promote the proud heritage of the Ontario Provincial Police through the Friends of *The OPP Museum*.

Welcome Spring!

The flowers are out and we are very excited to be looking forward to another busy spring and summer season as folks once again hit the roads for vacation adventures. Haven't been to the museum in a while? Why not bring your summer guests by for a visit? Thanks to the support of Friends, we've added some new puppets to our community theatre and if you haven't yet been by to see Temagami, it's worth the trip!

The museum is also very proud to announce the release of a new Educators' Resource Book. Designed for educators, group leaders and Community Services Officers, this easy to photocopy booklet is filled with fun and challenging OPP themed worksheets and colouring sheets. It's also handy for rainy afternoons working with camp kids or for family gatherings this summer. Just visit www. oppmuseumfriends.ca to download your free copy today (note: we recommend you save the file to your hard drive first, and then open it after it has been downloaded as it is a very large file). Or, you can email us at opp.museum@ ontario.ca and we'll mail you a free copy on CD. Please help us spread the word about this great FREE resource!



fact sheet TIPS FOR SAFE BOATING **CANOE SAFETY EQUIPMENT** There are many types of boats. Some need to be paddled, some have motors and All of these items can help keep you safe while out on the water but only six are pieces of safety equipment legally required while using a canoe Can you guess which ones are mandatory? Circle your answers

others are sailboats, powered by the wind. No matter what kind of boat you are on these rules should be followed to ensure everyone's safety

- ALWAYS WEAR YOUR LIFEJACKET If you don't wear it, it won't work. Make sure your lifejacket fits. If it looks damaged or unsafe ask for a new one.
- DON'T DRINK & BOAT It is unsafe to drink alcohol and drive a car. A boat is no different. If you suspect someone may be operating a boat while under the influence, speak up. Your life could be on the line.
- CHECK YOUR BOAT Make sure your boat is in good shape and has all the mandatory safety equipment. The requirements depend on the type and size of a boat. See the Transport Canada website for more information.
- BE PREPARED Make sure the weather and water conditions are suitable before going out on the water. To avoid being stranded be sure your boat has enough fuel. If paddling, be sure not to tire yourself out
- PLANNING Things on the water can quickly go wrong. Be sure to discuss your trip with a family member on shore. Let them know where you are going and when you plan to return.



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waters of Ontario

was the first vessel acquired by the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) to patrol the

FUN FACT: Temagami, a 1949 Shepherd, Museum opp Musée de l'opp

Friends of The OPP Museum - SUMMER 2012 NEWSLETTER

Collection Corner

Deputy Commissioner E.T. Doyle, Badge #108 (later #217)

Not long ago, the museum was very pleasantly surprised to discover a treasure trove of archival material! This newly acquired collection, donated by family of Deputy Commissioner E.T. Doyle, inspired a closer look at Doyle's distinguished career with the OPP.

Edward Thomas Doyle was born in Toronto on May 21st, 1892. He joined the war effort at the age of seventeen in 1915, serving as a gunner. After returning home from the war he joined the OPP in 1923 and was initially assigned to Toronto District Headquarters.

He would not stay long for in 1924 he was transferred to Simcoe and then to Fort Erie in 1925. In 1928 he was promoted to Sergeant and transferred to London District Headquarters.

Doyle received a major promotion when posted on temporary assignment as Acting Staff Inspector at the newly re-established OPP training school in 1929. The school had only been running periodically after Staff Inspector Paxton retired in 1924.

When the famous Dionne quintuplets were born near Callander in 1934, requests from American entrepreneurs to exhibit the twins became increasingly fervent, and word of a potential kidnapping made its way back to the family. The OPP was designated responsibility for ensuring their safety and Special Constables were appointed to guard the "Quints". Now officially a Staff Inspector, Doyle was sent across the border to further investigate the source of the threats, however, he would return empty handed.

Throughout the 1930s and 1940s overseeing strike duty assignments came under Doyle's direction. He was credited by the Attorney General for the peaceful resolution to the "On to Ottawa trek" when thousands of men descended upon Ottawa to protest record unemployment numbers after the depression and poor conditions in relief camps. During WWII, the government sought to impose stricter wage controls and regulations on striking, igniting the push for large scale strikes across the province, one of the largest held by the gold miners at Kirkland Lake in 1941.



In 1942, with Doyle at the helm, the Anti-Gambling Squad was established in order to combat the noticeable rise in betting and gambling establishments popping up province wide.

When Deputy Commissioner William Killing retired in 1949, two Deputy Commissioners were appointed to manage the organization's growing administrative workload. It was decided that Doyle would work alongside Staff Inspector Arthur Moss to replace Killing.

After retiring in 1952, Deputy Commissioner Doyle used his previous experience running the Anti-gambling squad when he was hired as Special Investigator by the Ontario Racing Commission to crack down on the bookies operating out of Ontario racetracks.

The OPP Museum is thankful that these materials have found their way back to the OPP.







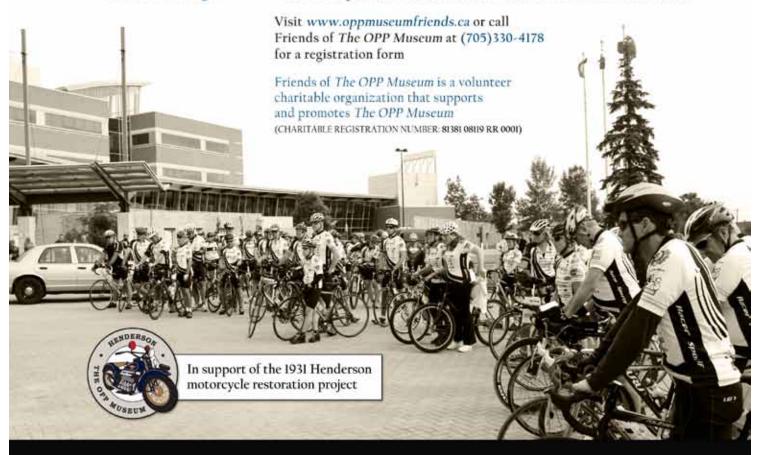
A friendly road ride...

PEDAL FOR THE PAST

Thursday, September 6, 2012, 11:00 a.m.

Support the Friends
and The OPP Museum
in their mission to
preserve and celebrate
the history of the
OPP and its place in
Ontario heritage.

- 50 or 100 kilometre bike ride on paved roads through beautiful Oro-Medonte
- · OPP Commissioner Chris Lewis will start the ride
- · The Bike Ride departs and ends at OPP GHQ in Orillia
- · Entry fee is minimum \$200 in pledges, payable in advance
- · Each rider will receive a high-quality cycling jersey designed for the event
- · Hydration and assistance stations will be available along the route
- All participants are invited to a complimentary celebratory BBQ after the ride
- · The three top fundraisers will receive a dinner for two with the Commissioner



EVERYONE WELCOME! ALL LEVELS WELCOME!

Promoting Heritage at Canada Blooms

Friends members and volunteers Doug Cole, Pat Bromley and Donna Young gave their time to help promote *The OPP Museum* and the other 14 members of **Sumac, Simcoe County's Cultural Network** at the Canada Blooms event in Toronto this March. Hundreds of visitors were given information about what Simcoe County's Museums, Art Galleries, Archives and Historic Sites have to offer. For more information about culture and heritage in the area, visit their website at www.sumac.info.

Right: Friends volunteer Donna Young shares information with Canada Blooms patron Kathy Pennington.



Cookbook Caper

The Orillia Farmer's Market served as an excellent venue for the 3rd Annual Cookbook Caper hosted by Friends of *The OPP Museum*, the Orillia Museum of Art and History (OMAH) and the Leacock Museum National Historic Site.

This was the 6th used book sale organized by Dorothy Duncan in support of Orillia's three museums. Close to \$10,000 has been raised since the first sale in 2009!

Musée de l'OPP

Left: Vice President Pat Bromley draws a crowd in turkey-themed style with patron Anahita Belanger.

Fundraising Dinner

Nancy Merriman, Manager, OPP Communications Support Unit purchases the first ticket to our June 15th fundraising dinner from Friends Executive Assistant, Ellen Blaubergs.

Tickets are still available. To reserve yours, contact us at: (705) 330-4178 or membership@oppmuseumfriends.ca



Volunteers Needed

If you are interested in helping at community events and promoting *The OPP Museum*, contact us at membership@oppmuseumfriends.ca or call (705) 330-4178.

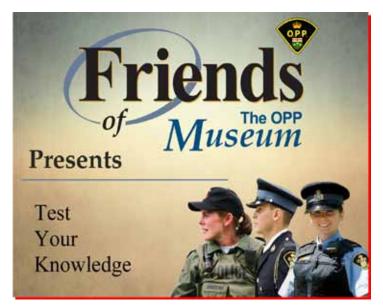


Test Your Knowledge

During the past year, Friends of *The OPP Museum*, in partnership with *The OPP Museum*, developed a trivia-styled game PowerPoint Presentation on CD that highlights many interesting facts about the OPP in a fun and entertaining format. This game provides another avenue to introduce the history, traditions and some fun facts about the OPP and the Museum's collection to communities throughout Ontario. The first recipients of the game disc were OPP Community Services Officers who are now able to utilize this tool to engage in dialogue with community groups within their detachment area about the OPP.

The game includes photographs from *The OPP Museum's* collection, as well as current facts about the OPP, all in a multiple choice format where incorrect answers are slowly removed until the correct answer is revealed.

The game was developed to be as inclusive as possible – in fact there are three different versions for different audiences. There is an ice-breaker game that is quick and includes general knowledge questions; a youth version that targets school aged children; and a larger 50 question game that includes historical facts that would be more suited to adults.



Celebrating 90 years in the Capital



Celebrating "90 Years in the Capital", Museum Curator Chris Johnstone and Vice President Pat Bromley attended a Reunion event in Ottawa last November and had a great time connecting with retirees and current serving members. The dinner and dancing event brought together many members who have served in the Ottawa area. It was also the perfect occasion to showcase the extensive research done by Provincial Constable Eric Booth, Friends member and author who has recently completed a retrospective book called Provincials in the Capital, sharing many stories from the OPP's earliest days there in the 1920s, to more recent OPP contributions to the local community.



TEMAGAMI! Do you have one?

As many of you already know, Friends was instrumental in returning *Temagami*, the OPP's first patrol vessel to the OPP family in 2011. Now part of the museum's collection, it is proudly on display at OPP General Headquarters in Orillia.

To commemorate *Temagami*, a limited edition collectible pin is now available for sale to help off-set costs associated with acquiring this historic vessel.

Interested in buying one? Please contact any member of our board of directors, call or email us at membership@oppmuseumfriends.ca or 705-330-4178 or stop by the museum to purchase one in person. Your minimum \$5.00 donation (shipping extra) for each pin will help to ensure that funds are available for future Friends endeavors. Share the legacy, and the history. Get yours while they last!



Friends Board Members

President: Norm Feaver **Vice President:** Pat Bromley

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Len Aitchison, Doug Cole (Past President),

Dave Truax (Commissioned Officers' Association Representative)

Honorary Director: Chris Johnstone (*Museum Curator*)

Honorary Director: Nancy Merriman (Manager, Communications Support Unit)

Newsletter Editor: Cathy Bell

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, March 14 March Board meeting

Wednesday, May 9 May Board Meeting

Thursday & Friday, May 24-25 OPP Veterans' Association AGM, Sudbury

Thursday, May 31 Annual General Meeting

Saturday, June 2 Community Policing event, Chisholm, Ontario

Saturday, June 9 GHQ Employee Appreciation Family Day

Wednesday, June 13 June Board Meeting

Saturday, June 15 Fundraising Dinner, Private Tour and Silent Auction, Midland

Saturday, June 30 War of 1812 Bicentennial, KingstonMonday, Sept 2 Western Region Family Day, London

Thursday, Sept 6 2nd Annual Bike Ride, GHQ Orillia

Friends of The OPP Museum is a volunteer, charitable organization that supports and promotes The OPP Museum.

The museum, located in General Headquarters, 777 Memorial Avenue, Orillia, ON L3V 7V3, is open free of charge to the public, Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (except statutory holidays). Telephone (705) 329-6889.

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). The receipts for 2011 have been sent out. 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!









Friends on the web!

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

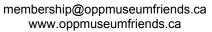
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FUNDRAISING DINNER

PRIVATE TOUR AND SILENT AUCTION

In support of Friends of The OPP Museum

\$75 (Limited Seating)

Friday, June 15, 2012

Restaurant Sainte-Marie, 16164 Highway 12, Midland

Help The OPP Museum convert, preserve and display its important film collection!

DELICIOUS BUFFET DINNER • PRIVATE TOUR OF SAINTE-MARIE AMONG THE HURONS • EXCITING AND THEMATIC SILENT AUCTION ITEMS

Contact Friends of *The OPP Museum* at (705)330-4178 for details.

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