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Annual Meeting

11 Feb. 2018 12:30 PM

Ottawa Valley Farm Show

March 13-15, 2018

Annual Picnic

8 July, 2018 10 AM

President's Message

As we draw to the end of another year, which seems to go by faster and faster, our VITEO Club has had another successful year. There were quite a few events to attend, starting with the Ottawa Farm Show in March; our own Heritage power show in May at Cumberland; and George Nesbitt's sale in June, where we helped with security. Then off to Middleville Museum for a tour and picnic in July.

In August, we toured the Delta Grist Mill and attended the Athens' Truck Show. While at the show, the two George's (Tackaberry and Nesbitt) were each presented with framed letters for purchasing the VITEO Farm Show tractors to support CHEO. George Tackaberry's letter was signed by the President of Ertle, and George Nesbitt's letter was signed by the President of Spec-Cast.

Our last tour was in October and we went to Bev MacLellan in Apple Hill and then to Allen Dandy's and Gord Hadley's, both in Vankleek Hill. Bev, Allan and Gord were each presented with a VITEO Club cast seat. I would like to thank all the members for coming out, despite the weather, to support this event. Good time was had by all.

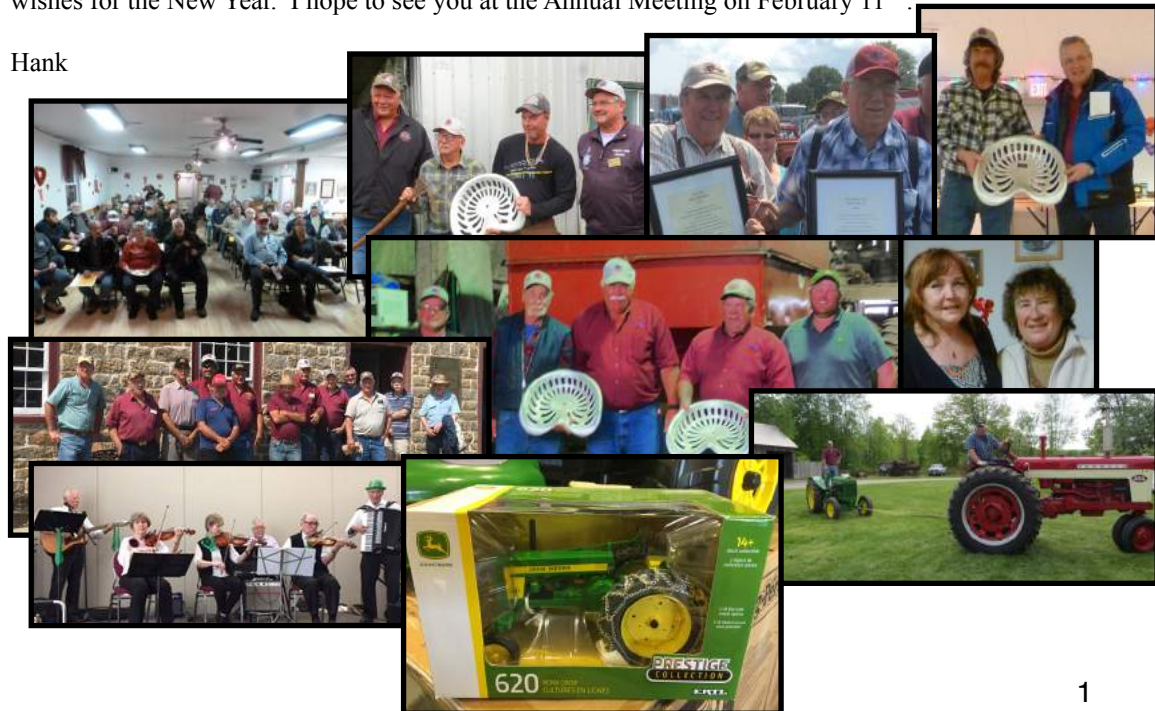
The Executive has decided to increase membership fees to \$60. With your renewed 2018 membership, you will receive a plasticized placard identifying our VITEO logo which is to be displayed at all events for insurance purposes to indicate you are representing VITEO.

I would like to thank the Executive for their help and ideas -- this made my job a lot easier; and to Garry and Mary for staying on for another year. We also welcome Ginette Hamilton as our Printing Designer.

At this time, I would like to say it is always a pleasure to meet and talk with the exhibitors and members. Being my first year, this has been a learning experience. It is not all about collecting -- there is a good social aspect too.

On behalf of Doreen and myself, I hope you and your families had a safe and joyful Christmas and best wishes for the New Year. I hope to see you at the Annual Meeting on February 11th.

Hank





GIVING BRITISH HOME CHILDREN A VOICE

BY: Judy Neville, President Ontario East British Home Child Family

Have you ever wondered who used your vintage iron, farm and household tools and appliances?

Some of you may have heard about British Home Children, but many of you have not. Some of you may be a descendant of a British Home Child and you don't even know it. Some of your ancestors may have taken in a British Home Child.

British Home Children (BHC) were children sometimes orphaned, mostly destitute in the UK; England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales. Between 1869 and the 1940's well over 100,000 children were sent to Canada in hopes for a better chance of finding fresh air, plenty of food and families that wanted them and a better opportunity for a good future. These children ranged in age from infancy to late teens, however several actually were in their twenties. There were over 50 sending organizations or individuals.

Canada was a very young country, extra hands were needed to help clear and work the land, assist with all kinds of agricultural and rural needs. Some of these children were wanted as children for childless parents, companions for an elderly person, but most were wanted as domestic and farm labourers.

Many of these children had been living in crowded families, cities or orphanages (homes) in the UK. When they arrived in Canada most of them were separated from their siblings and sent to various areas, mostly rural. Although many were welcomed into the homes of the people who had applied (applicant) for them, many were not allowed inside the house and had to find living arrangements in the barn or other outbuildings. Many of these children were beaten or abused, while others died at the hands of the applicant. Some children committed suicide or ran away never to be heard of again. For those who were welcomed into the home some became part of the family and were loved and cared for. Many were left the farm or property of the applicant in their will. Many of these children who died young or as single people in adulthood, are buried in the family plot and lovingly remembered on the gravestone.

These children were stigmatized and shamed to the point that very few spoke about their past, taking their stories to the grave. It is the descendants that are now piecing the stories of these children and seven decades of our Canadian history together.

As a VITEO member, I have often had the chance to chat with VITEO member Walter Hambleton, descendant of BHC George Fleming 1882-1947. Walter is a past president of the Ontario East British Home Child Family which I am now president.

My BHC grandmother Mary Scott Pearson was brought into



Canada, like thousands of children, under the Agricultural Ministry. Until the early 1890s, this ministry would have been importing many of your pieces of vintage iron also. Children and implements being agricultural resources and needed in rural Canada. After the early 1890s another ministry was assigned the child migration portfolio.

As this is to be a brief write-up for the VITEO newsletter, about British Home Children, I would invite you to contact the Ontario East British Home Child Family (OEBHCF) at oebhcf@gmail.com and follow us on Facebook. Also I invite you to visit the museum that is set-up and run by the volunteers of the OEBHCF. The museum is open on select weekends only, at the Aultsville Station near Upper Canada Village, now closed until August 2018.



Memory Corner by Lloyd Stone

I was first diagnosed with “Chronic Collecting Disorder” (CCD) back in 1995. Come to think of it, that was the year I met Henry Staal. I wonder if I contracted this terrible disease from Henry! He is certainly infected!

Having experienced a winter in remission, the additions to my collection of egg scales & beaters, apple peelers, cigarette lighters, early hand corn planters, in addition to Minneapolis-Moline tractors, was at a low!. Then, one day, Henry phones and asks “What are you bringing to the Ottawa Valley Farm Show this year”?

I gathered up stuff to display and hung out with those VITEO people for a few hours during the two day event, and, guess what happened... “REINFECTED”!! Now I’m back on EBay twice a day looking for old stuff!

The doctors say there is a cure, but it is very expensive. I would have to sell some of my collection. And, that ain’t going to happen!!



Restoration Successful!!!

Assisted by other VITEO and community members, Honorary, Past President, Henry Staal, put two years into restoring the town of Russell's second fire truck, a 1952 Chevrolet, Maple Leaf pumper. Costing \$30,000, raised through donations and fundraising, the restoration touched on every part of the vehicle which spent 40 years parked mainly outside before Henry launched the project. The truck is now the star of Russell parades and festivals.

Memory Corner by Lynn Macnab

Also known as the Leather Lady, I am a custom bootmaker specializing in handcrafted cowboy boots.



I started off working in a saddlery in small town Alberta, fixing saddles and pulling stitches over 30 years ago. Studying under several bootmakers, I took a two-year leather-working program at Olds College and opened a custom leather shop in Ponoka, Alberta, catering to ranchers and cowboys far and wide.

Returning to Dalkeith, Ontario in 1995, I set up shop in an 1852 log building and moved onto the family’s property. Today, I specialize in a wide range of hand crafted custom leather products, including belts, motorcycle seats, reenactor and polo equipment. But my main love and passion is still the decorating of the handcrafted cowboy boots, etc.

In comparison to catering to the Western ranchers and cowboys, Lynn explains “It’s a different kind of cowboy here, they may never see a horse, customers may want boots to match their Harley, but the western tradition lives on... even in Eastern Ontario”.





FERGUSONS CENTRE OF ATTENTION AT DUNVEGAN by Tom Van Dusen

The Ferguson Threshing Mill was the star of the show Sept. 10 during this year's Harvest Fall Festival at Glengarry Pioneer Museum, celebrating 150 years of Confederation.

VITEO members were out in force to help operate Fergusons at the show, along with other antique machinery in what is a growing component of the Dunvegan show. Two of three Ferguson threshers were in working order; they were built at a factory launched in Maxville by farmer James Ferguson in 1881.

In addition to the display of working machines organized by Garry Howes & Ferguson family members, they set up an information booth showing several mementos from the Ferguson business, including a perfectly intact model with several working parts used to help acquire the first patent for a stationary thresher.

A full-sized stationary version of the Ferguson stood nearby, brought to the festival after being hauled out of a barn where it had been stored for decades. One of the two mobile threshers pulled and powered by a tractor, required 700 hours of restoration by Gordon Hadley, who rebuilt all of the wooden parts from ash, basswood and some maple.

In its heyday, up to 24 threshers were produced every year by the Fergusons, demand and manufacture was drastically reduced during the Great Depression. With a work force of up to 10, all of the parts were created and assembled on site, including woodwork, sheet metal, castings, crank shafts, and pulleys. In summer, two threshers a day would be completed, stored in the yard, and later customized as per customer orders, with addition of grain throwers, weighers or loaders. Machines were then given a final check, adjusted, belted, greased and delivered.

VITEO's Francois Latour, who owns four Fergusons, promised the name will have a high profile when he stages at St. Albert a second run at the Guinness World Book record for most working threshers gathered in one place.



NESBITT SAYS GOODBYE TO ALLIS COLLECTION by Tom Van Dusen

Allis-Chalmers lovers and general machinery gawkers flocked to the George Nesbitt sale near Renfrew, July 14-15, scooping up most of his collection of 300 tractors and assorted parts. A \$15 admission fee to watch Mecum Auctions of Walworth, Wisconsin, dispose of what was described as one of the world's most completed comprehensive A-C collections, was an experience never to be forgotten.

In addition to the show on the auction block, the fee also included live musical entertainment from two local bands. Although he didn't buy anything, the Nesbitt sale was a rare event not to be missed by regional vintage collectors of any stripe such as VITEO's Garry Montgomery. "I actually thought the crowd would be much larger," Montgomery observed "There was really no trouble moving around the display." The two biggest sellers were an A-C 220 FWA at \$75,000 and a 1920 A-C 6-12 at \$55,000. In total, the sale brought in more than \$2 million.

For Mecum, it marked the company's "Gone Farming" division's first international on-site auction, a late addition to its 2017 calendar after Nesbitt reluctantly decided to put his orange beauties on the block. Pre-sale, he estimated that many would go to U.S. buyers; he intentionally chose an American auction company for maximum exposure.

Two main factors influenced Nesbitt's decision, retirement and ongoing struggles with the Ministry of Labour. Following a court battle dating back to 2015, Nesbitt reluctantly settled with the ministry, paying \$36,700 following what he felt were several frivolous charges under the Occupational Health and Safety Act.

VITEO Recognition Corner!!

At the Carp fair, 22 September 2017, congratulations are extended to the Ottawa Valley Seed Growers Association, for awarding their first-ever Scholarship candidate pursuing careers in agriculture. The 2017 winner was Katheryn Stanton of Pakenham.

Congratulations to the Ottawa Carleton Plowmen's Association on the successful plowing match held on 25-26 August at the corner of Brophy and Moodie Drives, on the Brophy Farm. Plowers used both modern and vintage tractors as well as horses! Many thanks to the Chair of the OCPA, Sharen Armstrong, Gibb Paterson and all those who made it successful!!



RUITER FAMILY FUNDRAISER HITS THE MARK

by Tom Van Dusen

Held Oct. 14, Blackrapids Farmfest, at North Gower, was a resounding success drawing hundreds of supporters that earning thousands of dollars for a dairy barn fire victim Peter Ruitter and family.

Farmfest has proven once again that country folk – and city folk too – can be extremely generous in helping out a neighbour in a time of need as both agricultural and City community’s sticks together like flies in a warm autumn window. Special thanks to Wyatt McWilliams when it comes to organizing charitable events such as these. Even his failing eyesight doesn’t slow him down one iota!

It also demonstrated that Peter Ruitter, Ontario’s self-proclaimed Biggest Farmer, has a lot of friends both inside and outside of agriculture. That fact has never been more obvious since the \$1 million fire at his Blackrapids Farm, Sept. 8, 2017, destroyed his dairy setup, killing 80 cows.

While the Ruitter barns were largely insured, the family faces related expenses. The goal of Farmfest, Wyatt explained, was to raise as much money as possible to help recoup the extra losses. “We thought it would all end with Farmfest but support kept building after it was done”. Expressing his thanks, Peter said, adding that he’s running out of adjectives to describe his feelings of gratitude.

Proceeds from the Oct. 14 event were added to more than \$55,000 raised through a GoFundMe account which is now closed; the auction portion of Farmfest raised an estimated \$50,000.

As for the final total, Peter said it won’t be revealed. He prefers to keep it private seeing that he’s negotiating with insurers and the National Capital Commission about possible rebuilding!



ROEBUCK. HARVEST DAYS DEMONSTRATIONS

By Tom Van Dusen

Formed in 1996, Roebuck’s “Antique Wheels in Motion” old fashioned harvest days, 19-20 August, again, demonstrated a successful show of harvesting their crops with horse power!! Silent auction, live entertainment and a successful full breakfast was well attended!!

For years, with admission \$5 for adults, children under 12 free, formed in 1996, the Antique Wheels in Motion Harvest Days is one of our local on hand antique agricultural shows held on the club’s 20 acres of crop land on County Road 18.

While the stars of the show ere the working machines showing how it used to be done, there was something for everyone, including vintage vehicles, full breakfast, liver entertainment, silent auction all topped off with homemade pies!!

The planting and harvesting of crops all rely on horse power in the original sense of the word, on belts and pulleys, on steam and plenty of elbow grease. Old machines of every description was on hand, including tractors, grinders, binders, plows and threshing machines owned by either the club members or donated and owned by the Antique Wheels in Motion club stored in a 42 x 50ft building on the site.

Throughout the event, while traffic through the site was steady, club co-founder and president, Al Slater, said participation has been declining with technology-savvy younger farmers showing less interest in the way things us to be. As the main core of membership decline it is going to become increasing difficult to put on old time harvesting demonstrations in future years as fewer people know how to operate the antique equipment.

While Harvest Days is the group’s annual showcase event, it puts on other displays during the summer at various regional fairs and festivals.





GREAT TURNOUT WINDS UP 2017 VITEO TOURS

by Tom Van Dusen

Nobody was more surprised than president Hank Bakker when some 40 members and friends turned out for the final VITEO road trip of 2017. "I was expecting a smaller crowd," Bakker told participants Oct. 15 at Allen Dandy Farms near Vankleek Hill which boasts a John Deere collection.

Bakker explained he thought fewer would participate because of late notice and the time of year. He was encouraged by the turnout when interest in other machinery clubs is waning. VITEO is doing more than holding its own... paid membership continues to increase and is well above the 200 mark.

The first stop being at Bev MacLennan's chock-a-block shed near Apple Hill. The Bev MacLennan collection was in two parts, one part managed mainly by MacLennan's nephew, a grouping of bright yellow vintage Skidoos. The other part is a lot of everything, mostly a jumble of kitchen utensils and tools, local artifacts, signs, scales, etc., from another time. Visitors picked their way carefully through the maze, stopping frequently to examine something they'd never seen before.

The second stop of the day was a visit to the Allen Dandy Farms, in between, the group had lunch at Herb's Travel Plaza at the intersection of Highways 417 and 34.

At the Dandy farm, the core Deere display was enhanced by other large items brought in by VITEO members Francois Latour and Gord Hadley's wide range collection of corn shellers, thrashing mills, etc. One of the stars of the show was Latour's fully operational, 1920 refurbished Massey Harris steel-wheeled tractor; and another was a miniature tractor-drawn hay wagons, made from flat steel and spare parts, a refurbished hay loader.

At both stops, VITEO presented both hosts with a custom tractor seat, a tangible thank you for going out of their way to receive guests and let VITEO members and guests prowl through their collections. It's another way the club creates a positive profile and encourages membership.



Coming Events

11 Feb 2018, 12:30 pm, VITEO Annual Meeting, Marlborough Community Centre, 3048 Pierce Rd, North Gower!

- * Please bring something for the Pot Luck Finger food table
 - * Donation of item(s) for our annual fund raiser auction table
 - * Bring mystery items for "What is it Table"
 - * VITEO 2018 Membership renewal table will be available
- Looking forward to seeing you. Renewing old friendships and sharing our interests is always fun.

13 – 15 March 2018, Ottawa Valley Farm Show, VITEO first event!! 4899 Uplands Dr, Ottawa

- * For all collectors, VITEO's third Scale Model, a John Deere 620, will be for sale, via Bingo Style, @ \$100.00 each.
- * If you wish to exhibit for this annual event please call Barry Dean, 613 623-7311

8 July 2018 Eighth Annual VITEO Picnic, British Home Children Museum, Aultsville, ON, next to Upper Canada Village. Additional information will be forthcoming. Keep in touch!!

Bonnie Bowkett and Mary Montgomery will be retiring as Publication Assistants for your *VINTAGE TIMES*. We thank everyone for their contributions of information and positive comments throughout these past 4 years. A special thanks to our Editor, Tom Van Dusen for his encouragement and guidance!!

Special thanks to Ed Bowkett Jr. for his offer to take over the Membership Renewal & Insurance duties. Due to the increasing work load in his conservation business, time was not available. **Mary & Garry** will continue with membership renewal & insurance for the year 2018. They can be contacted at 613 489-2697; mgmontgomery@outlook.com, or by mail at 6492 Malakoff Rd, North Gower, ON, K0A 2T0. We are looking forward to hearing from you!

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