

First annual Friends of *The OPP Museum*
Bike Ride raises over **\$19,000!**



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Editor's Message

by *Cathy Bell*

I hope you enjoy the Friends of *The OPP Museum* fall newsletter. The summer of 2011 has been a busy one! Dedicated volunteers participated at the OPP Family Day, the Three Museums' Book Sale, the Friends of *The OPP Museum* Bike Ride and numerous community events.

Learn more about these successful activities as you read this newsletter. Please forward suggestions for future articles to: cathy.bell@ontario.ca

Thank you for supporting the Friends!

President's Message

by *Norm Feaver*
Board President

This is my first newsletter message to the Friends of *The OPP Museum*, as Board President and I look forward to my involvement with Friends in this capacity. We have come a long way as a volunteer, charitable group since we were established in the spring of 2008, and we owe much of our success to the efforts of our many volunteers under the leadership of now Past President, Doug Cole. Friends of *The OPP Museum* engage communities throughout the province through outreach programming, and

exhibition initiatives. As you will see from the pages of this newsletter, your Board has been very busy planning and carrying out a great many activities to support and promote *The OPP Museum*. You will find a membership renewal/application within the newsletter. Please sign up! You will be contributing to your community and helping to preserve Ontario's heritage. We appreciate your support.

Past President's Message

by *Doug Cole*
Past Board President

Friends of *The OPP Museum* Attend 150th Anniversary Celebrations

This past June and July the Friends Outreach Committee traveled to events celebrating the 150th milestone of settlement in the Renfrew County and Grand Valley areas of Ontario.

The Renfrew County celebration was held in Petawawa and the weather and venue was excellent. Over 42,000 people attended from the Upper Ottawa River Valley area to take in the displays, reenactments, shows, and demonstrations.

The 150th year event in Grand Valley consisted of a one-day fair featuring a pancake breakfast, giant street parade, displays, children's activities, and an evening dance. Over 3,000 attendees participated in this celebration.

Friends volunteers were present at both events and handed out a variety of children's books and items to promote *The OPP Museum*. As always, the "on the spot" buttons were a big hit with children and adults alike. These buttons feature various items from the OPP's past, including photos of canines, shoulder flashes, motorcycles, early Provincial Constable badges and, of course, Trevor the Safety bug. In total, over 2500 buttons were given away.

If you are planning any events for 2012, please get in touch with Friends to schedule our participation. We will provide speakers at various community, heritage and police services groups locally and around the Province. We welcome the opportunity to learn more about communities in Ontario and to promote cultural and educational activities to increase public awareness of the importance of *The OPP Museum*.

Curator's message

by Chris Johnstone

Museum staff were kept very busy this summer with numerous visitors taking advantage of our free admission and enjoying the gallery displays and interactive activities. *Temagami* continued to be a great draw for folks, many of whom shared their recollections of cottage life – including one who spoke of *Temagami's* distinct signature... “you could always tell that it was the police boat coming... no one else had that roaring powerful sound.”

As we head into the fall and winter season we look forward to concentrating on processing some of our summer donations. Among the treasures accepted are keys to an early Orillia jail cell lock-up; an oversized Underwood typewriter used at

the Long Sault Detachment; a scale model of the OPP's new Eurocopter EC 135; a 1980s era Negotiator's Kit including the original Marantz tape recorder and phone line accessories and a silver tray presented to Sergeant Rocque Labelle in 1932 in recognition of 20 years of service to the area. One of the OPP's earliest officers, Labelle's tray was engraved with the signatures of his colleagues (court officials, fellow officers and local politicians) in recognition of his contributions when he was transferred from Hawkesbury. Included is fellow officer and honour roll member H.H. Dent, who was shot and killed in the line of duty 8 years later, in 1940. Look for more details about this officer and donation in our next newsletter!



- Above: Silver tray (2011.75.1)
- Top right: Cell keys, Orillia Police (2011.74.1)
- Middle right: Eurocopter model (2011.56.1)
- Bottom right: Circa 1980s Negotiator's kit (2011.54.1)

Friends of *The OPP Museum* Bike Ride A Big Success!

by Dan Parle

Cyclists from many regions of Ontario came to OPP General Headquarters for a good cause on September 8: they were raising funds in the first annual Friends of *The OPP Museum* Bike Ride to support the preservation and celebration of OPP and police history in Ontario.

The 80 riders rode either 50 kilometres or 100 kilometres after soliciting sponsorships from friends and family members. Each rider raised a minimum of \$200 and, as of September 14, the Friends had received \$19,474.00 in pledges with more to still be turned in. Generous corporate sponsors more than covered the cost of organizing the ride, so every nickel raised by the riders will go to the Friends.

The ride followed a loop through the beautiful rolling farmland, forests and lake shores of Oro-Medonte Township. September 8 turned out to be a great day for a long bike ride – warm with a little haze to block the full brunt of the sun and a cool breeze blowing off Lake Simcoe.

The riders marshalled in front of GHQ at 10:30 where they were encouraged by local dignitaries and OPP Commissioner Chris Lewis, who spoke of his support for the Friends and the importance of an active lifestyle. Lewis thanked the riders for their fundraising efforts and then officially started the ride.

While most of the cyclists were experienced, they came from all walks of life and ages. The oldest rider was 69; the youngest was 12. Both were given prizes at the barbecue for winning those categories. The top four fund raisers and their partners will all dine with the OPP Commissioner and his wife, OPP Superintendent Angie Howe, in the future as a thank you for their superlative efforts.



A number of other prizes provided by corporate sponsors were drawn at the barbecue, including a \$1200 road bike won by Virginia Wyatt, an officer from Southern Georgian Bay Detachment.

Many good stories about cycling and the day's ride were shared at the Barbecue, but several riders were impressed with the heart and determination shown by Colleen Ives-Bradford, a civilian who works in Offender Transport at OPP General Headquarters. She did the 100 kilometres on a borrowed bike in borrowed cycling shoes. Colleen had never ridden more than 45 kilometres in a day but was determined to finish even after she forgot to unclip her unfamiliar shoes when stopping to help a friend and pitched into the roadside gravel, scraping up her leg and spraining her wrist.

"I was the last one in, but an angel who was getting his mail in Oro hopped on his bike and rode with me for the last ten kilometres offering encouragement all the way to the end," says Colleen, who says she has no regrets and is already looking forward to next year's ride.

That was a common sentiment expressed by many participants.

Friends of *The OPP Museum* support OPPVA Charity Golf Tournament



On Thursday, July 28th, OPPA Veterans' Association, Chapter 18 – Orillia, hosted another successful charity fund raising golf tournament at the Shanty Bay Golf Club in memory of the late Detective Constable Gord Montgomery, GHQ. Gord passed away from complications resulting from prostate cancer last fall. At the request of the Montgomery family, the designated charity was Hospice Orillia. Another impressive turnout of approximately 160 retirees, current members and friends attended the golf and dinner. In addition the tournament received generous corporate support from numerous members of the business community.

Photo, from left to right:

Chris Johnstone, A/Museum Curator
Pat Bromley, Friends Vice President
Donna Young, Friends member
Lanny Johnstone, Friends member

Image courtesy of Frank Thornton.

On Thursday, September 1st, the proceeds of this year's Chapter 18 "Gordo Memorial" golf tournament were presented to Hospice Orillia in the amount of \$10,700. This amount includes \$10,000 from the Chapter 18 golf committee plus the \$700 winnings from the 50/50 draw which was returned by Tim Johnson. Tim is a former RCMP officer who owns both the Kelsey's and Montana's restaurants in Orillia. He is also a big supporter of the OPPVA annual golf event.

Photo, from left to right:

David Johnson, Tim's son and the manager of Kelsey's Orillia
Carl Armstrong, OPPVA Chapter 18 Chairman
Dee Cox, Board of Directors Chair, Hospice Orillia
Sandra Dunham, Executive Director, Hospice Orillia
Mike Hayes, OPPVA Chapter 18 Golf Committee Tournament Convener

A Career Remembered: Sidney Daley

by Tiffany Taylor

Museum Collections Assistant



Born on August 6th, 1912 in Somerset, England. Sergeant Sidney “Curly” Daley currently holds the title as the oldest retired member of the OPP. Sidney’s family emigrated to Canada in 1920, settling in Sault Ste. Marie. Shortly after the outbreak of WWII he left his job in Schreiber, near Thunder Bay, to join the Royal Canadian Navy following in the footsteps of his father who had himself served 27 years in the Royal Navy. During the war he served as a gunner and later as an instructor at HMCS Griffon in Port Arthur, Ontario.

In 1946 Daley joined the OPP and as luck would have it, was assigned to the Port Arthur Detachment. Shortly after, he was transferred back to his old stomping grounds in Schreiber, where one of his first tasks was to assist detectives in solving the high profile Grant-Duchesneau double murder case for which Charles Martin was charged and later hung.

After serving as a one man municipal force in Schreiber for several years, Daley was promoted to the rank of Corporal and sent back to Port Arthur. After another transfer, this time to the Haileybury Detachment, Daley was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and was put in charge as Detachment Commander in May 1965.

During his time in Haileybury, Daley was a very active member of the Legion, leading as President and then Zone Commander of Branch 54. With the support of his branch he worked tirelessly to push forward a project to provide housing for senior citizens in town. His investment in his community did not go unnoticed and in 1968, he was awarded the Canadian Centennial Medal from the Government of Canada in recognition of his valuable service to Canada. Today, Daley remains the only other OPP member, along with Commissioner Eric Silk, to receive the honour.



Three scrapbooks containing snapshots and clippings detailing Daley's long and interesting career with the OPP.

Daley's next move was to new territory in Southern Ontario to take over as head of the Lucan Detachment. His continued involvement in the community was highlighted in the December 1973 edition of "LEGION" which featured Sidney, under the guise of Santa, delivering gifts to school children in need. After thirty one years of service Daley retired in September 1977.

Sidney is also a long time supporter of *The OPP Museum*. His first donation was his Canadian Pacific Railway Pass, an essential tool used by OPP officers in the years prior to having regular access to cruisers or detachment vehicles. Travel by train was very common as it was the most economical, particularly in the north where single officers were responsible for large rural territories. In 1990, he also donated three scrapbooks containing snapshots and clippings detailing his long and interesting career with the OPP

Museum staff and Friends would like to extend our warmest wishes to Sidney on the advent of his 99th Birthday!

Membership Drive

Have you renewed your membership for 2012? Not yet a member? Now is the perfect opportunity to join for the 2012 membership year. Send in your payment by December 31st, 2011 and you will automatically be entered to win one of two great prize packs!

Simply fill out and return the form on page 11 of this newsletter with your cheque or credit card info. It's that easy!



Just a few of the items up for grabs – with more to be added before the December deadline!

For more information, check out our website at www.oppmuseumfriends.ca



The Three Museums Book Sale - Successful Again!

by *Ellen Blaubergs*

For the third year in a row, Friends of *The OPP Museum*, the Leacock Museum National Historic Site, and the Orillia Museum of Art and History (OMAH) worked in partnership on *The Three Museums Book Sale* fundraising event.

Leacock Museum curator, Fred Addis arranged this year's venue at a vacant store on Orillia's Mississaga Street. In a generous gesture, a local landlord "donated" the space for this use during Orillia's annual sidewalk sale. Access to the store was granted several days prior to the event for set up and several days after the sale for packing up. What a great location and opportunity to raise much-needed funds to support our respective exhibitions and programs!

A steady stream of people stopped by over the three-day event held May 27th through May 29th. A large book table set up on the street in front of the store helped lure potential customers inside. Many commented on the excellent organization and great selection. On the final day of the sale, children were permitted to fill up a bag with kids books for free and start their own mini libraries at home. Several embraced this windfall with great gusto.

We are grateful to all who contributed. Special mention to The Ontario Historical Society and Black Creek Pioneer Village for their donation of two van loads of books! Volunteers representing all three partners deserve much credit for assisting in various capacities. Several Friends of *The OPP Museum* board and committee members gave generously of their time. Kudos to the wonderful staff and summer students from the Leacock Museum and the OMAH. They toiled away for days cleaning, unpacking/packing boxes and organizing without complaint.

As in previous years, book sales were by "donation." Thank you to everyone who gave so generously. A total of \$2,160 was raised and divided evenly between the three museums.

All successful events require good leadership. Once again, the indefatigable Dorothy Duncan organized, looked after volunteers and arranged for many of the book donations. Her cheerfulness during set up, packing, and at the cash desk, never wavered.

Books left over at the conclusion of the sale were donated to local charities and retirement residences.

Happy reading everyone!



OPP Family Day

Friends made a splash at the first annual OPP Family Day for Central Region, Highway Safety Division and General Headquarters employees and their families on May 28th, 2011. With over 500 guests attending, the event exceeded organizers' expectations.

Just a few of the highlights included a TRU team Obstacle Course, exploding fruit courtesy of UCRT, the Children's Safety Villageroad course, OPPA Credit Union piggy banks and balloons, performances by the Cedar Womens Singers and the Blue Wolf drum, Orillia Power Corporation's boom truck rides and the Friends Celebrity Dunk Tank – which we nicknamed the Polar Bear Dip as the water was absolutely frigid!

A special thanks goes out to the hearty “dunkees” Deputy Commissioner Larry Beechey, Bureau Commander Mary Silverthorn, Detachment Commander Andy Mayo, Superintendent Sandy Thomas, PC Grant Geldenhuys, and PC Derek Lafleur. All were excellent sports helping to raise funds for Friends and, more importantly, adding greatly to the enjoyment of the day for hundreds of employees and their families.



Who am I? Can you help?

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