

# 2010 CENTENNIAL YEAR



Centennial Beach.

Many Centennial donations were made to the Camp this year. The Thorup Camp had one of the Camp's old "log rollers" restored and hung it in the front porch. Rob Haddow, Glen Noble, Dennis Pettit, Gerry Shaw, Mark Shaw, Al Glover and Chuck Thody pooled \$1,000.00 between the group and purchased the sand from Bennett's for the creation of the Centennial Beach on the front lawn of Camp. Work continued through the season removing rocks from the area in the lake in front of the beach making it a great area for enjoying a few favorite libations as well as safely landing boats. Tim Inkster donated a sign of the Spirit & Intentions of Morton's Point Camp at a cost of \$113.00 through Dennis Pettit who had contacts to get it at ½ price. The Board, also through Dennis Pettit, had a Founding Fathers sign made up which was hung on the fireplace.

The Board had Dennis Pettit order hat & t-shirt sets at cost, commemorating the Camp Centennial which were given out as a keepsake to Members in Camp and extra sets were sold to members and guests as well at \$20.00 per set.



Centennial hats & T-shirts.



There were a lot of tasks to be undertaken for this year from the previous 2009 October Annual General Meeting and 2010 April Board of Directors Meeting. The highlight was to have the new E-Tec motor put onto the 18' Crestliner. Rob Haddow went up to Ardbeg in the spring and picked up the Crestliner that had been taken off the lake by Kenny Hayward. Arrangements were made to have Bay City Marine supply the cables & controls for \$1,814.82 including the motor installation which was done in time for Rob to transport it back for the 2010 Haddow May Camp. A new seat was also put on the Crestliner while out, but this broke through the season and was inadvertently thrown out or the Camp could have had it replaced under warranty.

The Pussy Kat had been taken out for a motor service at Dunchurch Marine late in the spring and made it back to the lake in the 11<sup>th</sup> hour and available for the Inkster Opening Camp. It was noted that Kenny Hayward had said he found no leaks in the pontoons so further work on this was put off, but part way through the season, Nathan Smale found cracks in the upper portion of the drivers tube and it was sent out in the fall for welding where even more problems were found. A reserve of \$2,000.00 was allotted to all the repairs required at the AGM with work to be done over the winter in 2011.



6500 kW Onan on it's way out in July.

The new generator was brilliant throughout the season but the back up 6500 kW Onan generator never worked properly, not that attempts to get it running were not made by Ben Clarke, who had taken it in and out of Camp on numerous occasions due to one problem after another. A new portable generator was authorized for purchase at the 2010 AGM as hopes of restoring the old 6500 kW Onan were dwindling and the other two (2) 5000 kW Onan units were set to be sold for \$500.00 . The Kholer generator was still in the boathouse with no decisions made on what to do with it.

The Pontoon II did not get sold for scrap as Vic Kinsella had found someone interested in purchasing it for \$500.00, better than we would get for scrap.

The Inkster Opening Camp went very well with great weather enjoyed, no problems occurring and a lower than normal lake water level. The group got the gas storage tank cleaned out and ready for Rob Haddow to fill by taking the 45 gallon drums to town (Rob picked up \$640.00 worth) as Kenny Hayward had done in the past to keep a supply of gas at a lower cost than at Bennett's. It worked well for Rob but other Camps were not able to handle the 45 gallon drums and continued with buying gas in town using the 5 gallon containers and others just purchased gas at Bennett's. Overall through the season, a gas cost reduction was seen but the continuation of using the 45 gallon drums was stopped. Black ants were a problem at the bar. The 4 layers of old plastic coverings were removed and replaced with a laminate.





Past Honorary Member Douglas F. Lauder D. O. passed away on January 31, 2010. He had resigned his Honorary status on September 9, 2001 but was still considered as an important part of the Camp by many.

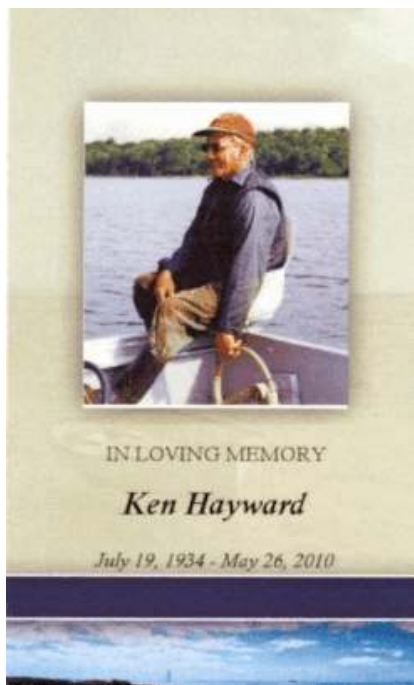
*On behalf of Morton's Point Camp, the Secretary, Tim Inkster, sent the following e-mail to John Lauder and family.*

Hyah-Hyah John & Family,

So sorry to hear of your loss. I have passed the news on to the Membership of Morton's Point Camp. We, and all future Members of Morton's Point Camp, are indebted to your father, Doug Lauder, for his part in keeping the club going in 1960 and for his many contributing years as a proud Member and Honorary Life Member. His insight and desire to make Camp a better place were truly appreciated during his terms on the Board of Directors as Vice President 1968, President 1971, Board Member 1973, Vice President 1974, Board Member 1975, Vice President 1980-81 and as President 1992. His passing is difficult, but his memory will live on with loved ones and at Morton's Point Camp where he led by example and shared many great friendships.

Tim Inkster  
Secretary  
Morton's Point Camp.

A private family memorial and burial was held on February 6, 2010. The public memorial service was held at Logan Funeral Home, 371 Dundas Street, London, on February 20, 2010 with visiting from noon to one followed by a service at 1 pm.



Kenny Hayward passed away at the West Parry Sound Health Clinic on Wednesday, May 26, 2010. Kenny had stomach pains on the evening of the 25<sup>th</sup>, checked into the clinic that evening and was gone before morning. It was a shock to all on the lake. The Kinsella Camp attended the visiting at Logan's Funeral Home in Parry Sound on Friday, May 28, 2010 and Tim Inkster, Sylvia Inkster, Rob Haddow, Denise Haddow, Glen Noble, Bud Lutman and Ben Clarke attended the funeral on Saturday, May 29, 2010. There were between 200 and 300 people at the funeral which filled the home to maximum capacity. Proof of the number of people whose life he touched in so many ways. The Camp made a memorial donation of \$100.00 in his name to the West Parry Sound Health Clinic.

Kenny will be truly missed by all in Camp, not only for what he offered the Camp in services over the years, but for his genuine caring and interest in everyone. How do you describe a man like Kenny? He was a proud man, honest as the day is long, one that loved life, loved the lake and all those who partook of it. His education was mostly hands on training and he knew more than most. He always had a smile to give, and a story to tell. He was respectful of all people, even those who could do him absolutely no good. I have heard it said that this is the true measure of a man. He lived his life in a way that his friends could defend, but they never had to! He was a man to be admired. His memory will live on at Morton's Point Camp and Lake Wah Wash Kesh.

Past Member Orlyn C. Lewis passed away on July 2, 2010. Orlyn had begun attending Morton's Point Camp as a guest in the Les Sever Camp back in 1977 and became a member in October of 1981. He enjoyed his time in Camp with Camp Managers Les Sever, Jesse Jennings, John Kennedy, Ned Riley, Doug Redcap, Jack Campbell and Nathan Schonier as well as headed his own groups as Camp Manager in 1996, 1998 and 2000. He resigned from membership in

2000 after suffering from failing health and a car accident. Bruce Herbert is the current Camp Manager of this week now.

The Pleasure Craft Operator Card was applied by law to all boaters in 2010. The Camp added a rule to the regulations which noted the Secretary had to be supplied with a copy of each members card or their right to use a camp boat was revoked.

After the deadline, the Board, by special request, allowed a new membership for Lloyd O. Davis even though memberships past March 31<sup>st</sup> were supposed to go to the October AGM. The rules and regulations were checked and were used by the Board to allow them the right to do this, and it was accepted by the Membership at the following AGM.

The local dumps, including ours on Auld's Road, had new "open times" set of 11am - 6 pm... and a full gate was put up stopping any entry during the closed times. This made problems of refuse removal for Camps who left the lake early on the Saturday and forced many to make mid week trips. Fortunately, by mid season, the lake associations in the area put enough pressure on the owner to open earlier, returning us to the status quo.



The water supply to the kitchen continued having air lock problems. The lines are to be changed at the back of the kitchen in 2011 to come from below the floor instead of over the top of the door. Water to the second floor of the main lodge was reconnected, using a simple garden hose, by Tim Inkster in May.



The Kinsella Spring Camp had a small but powerful tornado like storm go through the Camp which took down three trees and the flagpole. Rain was driven sideways and everything on the front porch was saturated. The flagpole was rebuilt and trees cut up by the group. Over the past two years, this type of weather event has occurred many times with two of these type storms damaging the Bimini Top on the

pontoon boats. Global Warming??? It was a wild time in Camp for the group as they also encountered a forest fire between the log boom and dam and possible beyond the dam, but they could not tell due to the amount of smoke. Three helicopters and the firefighters on the ground fought the fire.



The rebuilding of the base of the bathroom started in Kinsella May Camp. The drain from the sink had been disconnected for some time and all the water from it had been pouring into the mud below which was the culprit that caused the rotting of the base in the first place. When the building was moved to work on it, Nathan Smale found the old septic hole when he inadvertently broke through the wood covering it. Fortunately the pit had dried up and he avoided taking a shit bath!!!



The Bachle Camp completed work on the base and painted the exterior green to match the siding on the two man cabins and main sleeping building paint colour. Mark Farmer and Steve Bachle donated and installed two heavy duty seats, one on the Pussy Kat and one for the 18' Crestliner. Although these were rated for 250 pounds, other heavier rated units were authorized by the Board at the 2010 October Board Meeting for installation in 2011 as well as new seats to ensure all boats had seating. They repaired the gash in the red canoe but this was found to be insufficient by seasons end and a new / used canoe was on the list for purchase in 2011.

Carpenter ants had been a big problem from May to June and Camp Managers during that time sprayed the areas with ant killer which controlled them for the balance of the season.

Ed Urbaniak and Jimmie Schafer of the Ancypa Camp came to the rescue of a young boy around 14 years old whose overloaded aluminum boat had broken apart and sank in 100' of water while crossing the lake. They took him, cold and wet, back to his cottage where his mother was waiting for him. During the Ancypa Camp, someone had come in and helped themselves to some gas from the unlocked gas cage. Fortunately they were honest and left a thank you note with \$20.00 bill attached.

By July first there had been some changes in the Camp schedule with some dates declared open and others filling the time filling the docket for the balance of the season which held the man days and income very close to the previous year which was terrific for the Treasury by years end.

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Report from Mark Shaw about the drowning on lake on Tuesday, July 6, 2010...

*Sad to report a tragic death at Isaacs island this week while in camp. On Tuesday afternoon we heard frantic screams for help from a boy over at Isaacs island where a family were camping. We rushed over to find the mans wife performing CPR on his body that she had managed to halfway pull out of the water close to the falls. We continued to help Sheila with CPR on her husband Lyle. Sheila told us that he was only under for a couple of minutes while she swam to help him after being awoken from a nap hearing his screams for help. It appeared that Lyle attempted to swim out and retrieve his boat that had become adrift from the island and resting right at the falls. Parry Sound autopsy reported he drowned due to a medical occurrence. It was extremely hot on Tuesday afternoon and I believe a possible heat stroke may have triggered a heart attack while he tried to swim the short distance.*

*I called 911 and they dispatched Whitestone FD, as well ambulance, Ontario Provincial Police and helicopter medivac. Chuck Thody and myself took the Pussycat back over to camp to get the Crestliner while Scott Beachin (camp guest) continued CPR with Sheila. Although there were no vital signs we were really unsure how long Lyle had been under water, and to her credit Sheila was not going to give up. Myself, Scott and Steve Russell (camp guest) were able to lift Lyle onto the Crestliner and transport him over to Bennett's, while still performing CPR. Upon arriving at Bennett's the Whitestone FD were there within a minute of us arriving and took over. Scott remained behind to*



*retrieve Lyle's boat and get there 12 year old son Brent from island and brought him back over to camp.*

*As the helicopter was landing at Bennett's they pronounced him dead. As Lyle was still on the Crestliner, Dalton Ferris (Wahwashkesh cottager) took me back over to camp to get Brent to bring him to be with his mother. We gave statements to the O. P. P. and headed back to camp.*

Mark Shaw

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All Camps through the season past Kenny Hayward's passing offered all they could to Donelda Hayward in way of assistance, especially rides to town as she did not have a drivers licence. She was able to continue supplying the camp with propane and boat transportation and hopes to continue this for the Camp for the foreseeable future. Between May and July there were three prop hits that required rebuilding of the props, at a cost of \$239.56, and caused concerns about bottom end damage to the motors on the Pussy Kat Suzuki motor and 18' Crestliner's new E-Tec motor. The one hit to the 40 hp E-Tec was so bad, part of the skeg was chipped off and the motor had not been on the lake for 60 days yet. This problem of smacking props continued for the season with a few more damaged props creating the possibility of billing the Camps that caused the damage. This option was not adopted at the 2010 Annual General Meeting but taking more care and not going into shallow areas has been noted to be followed by all to avoid this expensive damage in the future.



Bob Hicks, the stone mason, and his crew completed the fireplace & hearth work inside the main lodge in July at a cost of \$2,260.00 . Little movement had been found since he did the foundation work last year. The end result was terrific.



Bob Hicks. Stone Mason.

Parking during the prime summer weeks continued to be difficult, and this year many cars / trucks were tagged with tow / parking ticket notices for parking on the side of the road. The Lake Association has been asked to solve the parking issue by getting more spaces, possibly using the old dump site or clearing new areas from the woods.

A new microwave oven was donated to the Camp by Tim Inkster. It is a high efficiency model, much better than the old microwave the Camp got rid of last year, and the Onan generator was able to handle the power required without being bothered at all, not like the old microwave that would brown out the circuits when started. This addition will also lower the BBQ propane use when doing baked potatoes and similar items. Also donated by Tim was a maple table & chairs for on the front porch. Jim Keast, guest, donated a 4 slice toaster to the Camp as well.



Honorary Member Ned Riley donated his dues again even though he was exempt.

Tim Inkster did the yearly "Ontario Dip In" lake water testing in May for the two areas assigned to Morton's Point Camp. Many Camps took part in taking the following Secchi Readings throughout the season and Steve Bachle sent the readings in to the Ministry of Natural Resources at the end of the season.



Building Committee Work on the kitchen beams / foundation was completed by the end of the 2010 season with a close call for Sean Smale in the fall camp with a skunk that had taken up refuge in a burrow by the fireplace. He didn't get sprayed but it was so close!!!! During this work, it was noted that one of the main lodge logs by the bathroom was rotted and would have to be a replacement project in the near future.

The weather and fishing for most Camps in 2010 was reported as great. Certainly a good thing for making the Centennial Year a good one. All went well during the Closing Camp even though the number of attendees was down considerably and the fact they had not been left any firewood wood. It was a cold week and a lot of time was wasted going out for wood to burn.

Past Member Steve Nyitray donated a boat cover for the 18' Crestliner which will protect the interior and motor from winter debris and harshness. The Spring opening camp will appreciate this the most as it will take one messy job of removing the soggy leaves off the list. This fall the Crestliner was stored by the bathroom side of the lodge so it can be rolled straight back into the lake rather than dragged out of the woods.



Closed until May 2011.



The dues are linked to fixed operating costs and as insurance is a fixed cost, this is why the yearly dues were increased.

The Annual General Meeting was held on October 24, 2010 at the Quality Inn, Sarnia. The Treasury reported a great financial end of season with \$25,000.00 plus in the kitty, and many improvement purchases were authorized for 2011 by the members. These included a new 14 cubic foot propane bar fridge, a replacement canoe, a new back up / portable generator, new BBQ, pontoon trailer and one - possibly two 4 x 4 vehicles for in Camp and down river excursions. Repairs to the Pussy Kat for tune up, welding and flooring were allotted \$2,000.00 and many maintenance items were approved for 2011 as well. Camp yearly dues increased \$20.00 to \$350.00 per year to cover 2011 insurance 8% premium increases (2011 premium will be \$4,329.72). The



Extra man day and guest day rates remained the same. Man day requirements were lowered to 28 man days for summer camps and Camp Managers can top up the man days by paying the member rate per missing days in order to guarantee their time slot for the following year. A 10 year plan was submitted to the members at the AGM, and due to the health of the Treasury, much of the contents of the plan will be completed in 2011. Items to obtain or projects to do over the next ten years would be siding of the boathouse and Cook's Cabin, update all boat motors to 4 cycle of -Tec, new pontoon or utility boat, outhouse repairs, window replacements, gas powered log splitter, stone porches on out buildings, boathouse shelving, man sleeping cabin re-shingle, level pathways, 2 boats for Porcupine lake, 2<sup>nd</sup> boat for Farm Creek, 2<sup>nd</sup> 5 hp outboard motor for Porcupine / Farm Creek, floating platform for bathing rock by Pulling Cabin, hot water tank replacement and solar power or hydro for Camp. The Board was granted an "Opportunity Budget" of \$3,000.00 for 2011 only, above and beyond the normal yearly \$3,500.00 Board Budget, to go towards overages on items approved for purchase by the membership at the AGM due to the fact many purchase prices were guessed at and to make the purchasing of the same more efficient.



Tim Inkster. Camp Historian, Newsletter Author & Publisher.

Tim Inkster and Derek Stratelak completed their terms on the Board and did not run for re-election due to personal constraints. New Board Members elected in their place were Sean Smale as Secretary and Steve Bachle as Board Member / Audit Committee Head. Other positions were filled by existing Board members Mark Farmer as President / Boat Committee Head, Rob Haddow as Vice President / Generator Committee Head, Nathan Smale continued as Treasurer / Building Committee Head. Building Committee Assistant was Vic Kinsella. Generator Committee Assistant was Ben Clarke. Audit Committee Assistant was Ned Riley. Boat Committee Assistants were Nathan Smale & Ben Clarke.

Tim Inkster continued as the Camp Historian, he also continued on as Editor / Publisher of the monthly Morton's Point Camp Newsletter with help from Steve Nyitray as web master entering the past issues onto the Camp Web Site. Steve and Tim have continued to financially fund the Camp Web Site.

Resignations (4) Bill Waters by letter of resignation, March 11, 2010. Steve Nyitray by letter of resignation. *Steve hopes to return to the Membership in the near future and will attend as a guest until then and will continue his web master position as well.* April 18, 2010. Troy Toner March 31, 2010 did not accept nomination for membership from 2009 AGM. John DePater verbally resigned in May 2010 and by letter of resignation on August 24, 2010.

New Members (3) Paul Clunas nominated by Nathan Smale, seconded by Sean Smale, accepted by Board of Directors on February 4, 2010. Lloyd O. Davis nominated by Larry Ancypa, seconded by Pete Roth, accepted by Board of Directors on May 3, 2010. James R. (Jimmie) Schafer, nominated by Larry Ancypa, seconded by Tim Inkster at the Annual General Meeting on October 24, 2010.



Steve Nyitray  
Web Master

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