

Lions Report

September 2016 By Brenda Lenson



As I write this, we are ramping up all the preparations for the **RCMP Musical Ride** but by the time you read this, the ride might already be over! This is without a doubt the biggest event we have ever put on. Hopefully by **Monday September 5th, 10:30 a.m. at Lion's Park**, we will be ready and everyone will enjoy the show - *rain or shine!* We hope to see you there!

We finally held the Canada Day fireworks on July 31st. With Thanks to the North Kawartha Fire Department; Peter Jeff; Brian Barnes; Charlie Nesbitt and Wayne Tucker for another spectacular display again this year.

ts been a very busy time for the Lions this summer but just because fall is right around the corner it doesn't mean that we are all done!

The **Annual Christmas Parade and Community Christmas Party** will be **Saturday, November 19th at 6:00 pm**. Again this year, it will be a night time parade so start planning your entry for the parade and come on out and make it the biggest parade ever.

We are also starting to plan the **Winter Carnival** which will be held on **Saturday, January 28th**.

Don't forget our weekly bingo on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm at the NKCC. Come on out for some fun!

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Did you know? Eels Lake - Then & Now



With the demise of Eels Creek as a highway for the Timber Industry and the completion of the Trent Severn Waterway in 1920, the care and maintenance of many of the wooden dams came under the control of the Trent Severn Waterway. With the dramatic increase in the use of the Canal system after World War II, there was need for increased water. In 1946, the Trent Severn Waterway replaced the wooden dams on Eels Lake with concrete ones.

Subsequently, Eels Lake experienced dramatic changes. The new concrete dams held back 10 to 12 feet, instead of 3 to 4 feet, of water! The resultant flooding of Eels Lake increased the size of the lake by over a third. Alder Bay had been a forest; Little Eels Lake had only been a stream; and The Homestead area had been a stream through McGregor's farm. The Big Bay and Eels were two identities before 1947 and became one due to the concrete dams. There were some positive results of these changes of this damming. The annual raising and lowering of the water level acted like a giant flushing out of many of the impurities and pollutants which plagued so many other recreational areas. The water of Eels Lake is pure and clear all year round as a result of this annual renewal.

Excerpt from "Up the Burleigh Road beyond the boulders". If you would like more information about the Burleigh Road Historical Society, please email: bobburns12642@yahoo.com.

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