



150 Years Canadian Stoy + photos by *Jim O'Shea*

Canada's 150th birthday celebration was an enthusiastic July 1st affair with the greatest number of floats ever entered into the Lions Club Canada Day Parade. Wow! The parade never seemed to end, and just as it appeared that the last float had passed by, another series of floats would turn the LCBO corner. North Kawartha was definitely in a joyous mood as readily observed in the parade photos. Everyone on the floats and roadside audience was smiling and enthusiastically waving Canadian flags among a *sea of red and white* hats, shirts, pants, shorts, and dresses.

When the parade arrived at Lions Park, the celebration continued. Youngsters enjoyed giant inflatables, balloon toys, and expert face painting. Lions Club volunteers prepared a tasty dinner of barbecued hotdogs, hamburgers and fries, while a country and western band entertained the audience. Deputy Mayor Hutton and Councillor Miszuk sliced and served portions of the *150 Year Canada Day* and *Lions Club 100 Year* celebration cakes. Completing Canada Day was an evening fireworks display, which included an impressive series of aerial explosions that left the audience dazzled.

