

Glen Alda Seniors

by Doug Field

A friendly, active and open group.

A part from Bev and I riding to yet another vintage motorcycle event, in Campbellford this time, I do not have much to write about this month. The current event in Campbellford is a tribute of sorts to "Charlie's Indian Days", which is now ancient history. In the day, "Charlie's" was quite a large gathering of Indian Motorcycle restorers and riders from all over eastern Canada and the U.S.A.. After Charlie's shop closed, the event died, so to speak. The old car guys in the area kind of kept up the tradition and began showing up in ever increasing numbers to display their shiny four wheeled "cages". Some of us old bike fans decided to try and resurrect the "Charlies" tradition. The CVMG Sections in this area of Canada being, Ganaraska, Quinte, and Eastern Shield, have banded together and encouraged members to ride, or drag if need be, their vintage motorcycles to the event now called "Chrome On The Canal". This year our section, Eastern Shield, rode in 32 vintage bikes, Quinte, not quite as many, and unfortunately Ganaraska had a conflict and could only muster up a few bikes. There were only three Indian motorcycles this year unfortunately, but Bev and I did ride our 40 year old BMW sidecar rig, (our youngest bike), to the event, which is held annually the first Saturday in July each year. If you get a kick out of seeing some fabulous motorized machinery this is a fairly close event, which costs nothing, and has lots to see, just cruise on by as it is a static as well as a moving display. Parking and walking is also a great option there is so much to see.

July has been a good month for the Glen Alda Seniors. We met and entertained a couple of very lovely new ladies to visit with our small group. Both Lynn-Anne, and her aunt Lois joined us for a meal at the end of June, and we hope to see more of them as they fit in well with the group they sat with during the get together. The interesting thing about both of these ladies is that they attended the Glen Alda School which is now the Glen Alda Community Centre. They entertained us with stories of their experiences as children at the school, and the hyjinks that they each in their time got involved in around twenty to twenty five years apart in time. Kids will never change will they. You have to just ask the woodshed. Boy, what tales would be told if woodsheds could talk. Good thing too that the woodshed is no longer there, or those lovely ladies would be blushing for sure.

The weather for the Glen Alda Seniors has so far treated us well. It is Bar-B-Q season folks, and we are taking advantage of the fact that our cooking is out of doors, and so are we. It is nice to relax and enjoy each others company while watching someone else cooking up a tasty delight for you. Thanks ,so far go out to Barry, Peter, and Doug, as the fare so far this summer has been done to perfection. You are welcome to come to one of the groups informal gatherings by inviting yourself. This is an active, friendly, and open group, who would welcome you to one of our meals.

Robins Again and A Bit More ...

I am writing this in July for the August Birding Article and can't believe how quickly the summer is flying by. Some bird species start to migrate south in August!

Here is more about our Robins that are nesting in a tree that is right outside our breakfast room window. Three eggs hatched in early July. We could hear them peeping as we stood under that tree and , from inside, could see their very tiny heads popping up on long necks, bills wide open to accept the food from Mom or Dad . A young Robin, in one day, so says a bird book, might eat up to 14 feet of worms! In two weeks, those babies will weigh 10 times their hatching weight and are ready to fly. I will keep you tuned in on further developments.


This is a good time to put out your bird feeders if they have not been out for the summer. My friend, who was having trouble with squirrels at his feeders, was amazed when he put the feeder pole through a child's slinky toy, attached it at the top to that pole, let it drop down and pushed that pole into the ground. He watched as the squirrels tried to climb the slinky and finally would give up! Also, remember, re. Hummingbirds, that red colouring is deadly to their young, causing feet deformities; crossed bills etc. Their food, Sap, is not red ... the flowers are the coloured part just as the outside of the hummingbird feeder is the coloured part. We always left our Hummingbird feeders up into November and were often gratified by seeing a late-developed Hummingbird getting the strength to carry on from a good meal.



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