

Ken's Corner

By Ken Kennedy

Whew! Just got back from a whirlwind tour of the Debert Military Museum and I am elated. Keith Baas and Joe Slack would be very proud of the upgrades done to that former H-Hut that housed some military offices and a small collection of military artifacts before the military moved out in 1996. It's a darn shame this museum and heritage site does not get more publicity with the tourism industry.

There's an army room, a navy room and an air force room. There is also a G.I. Smith artifact display, a UNEF display along with artifacts from the old chapel. For those who appreciate the "good ol' days" there is a McCully heritage home display along with a McCully and Soy forestry display across the hall.

For former communicators there is a "signals room" with some old radio and telegraph equipment that sent cold chills up and down my spine. Recently, the society has added a replica of the old MIR (Medical Inspection Room) that was set up in the Diefenbunker.

Since bunker tours are no longer permitted, the new bunker owners allowed the museum to set up a display of some of their memorabilia as well. If you haven't been down in the bunker (or you suffer from claustrophobia

there is a Power Point tape running on the computer. All in all, it was a thrill for me (being one of the "founding fathers,") to see the improvements made in the past few years.

We took a quick run over to the North Shore one day last week to visit with some friends at their cottage on Brule Point road. We took the Lake Road in Wentworth and, by golly, it's not too bad a drive but when we got to the Colchester side around West New Annan the 246 was newly paved all the way to Tatamagouche. Hip, hip, hurrah! It was a beautiful day with a light onshore wind so we just planked our chairs on the beach rocks and watched the tide come in. The beach was covered with seaweed - Irish moss I think - and it got me to thinking it's too bad it couldn't be harvested to put on people's potato fields as in days of yore.

Coincidentally, sort of, the next day I happened to meet up with the former Coleen Giddens in

Truro. She's Jack and Eva's little girl, formerly of Folly Mountain. Long time readers of the Shoreline Journal may remember her from the articles she used to write about life in the North West Territories. She and her family have a cottage over in Brule Shore next to Jack's and near Frank MacMichaels' and the golf course. (A bad spot to be

in methinks!) However, she can't be too far from Edie Bogle's, if Edie hasn't gone back down South (Michigan) already.

Speaking of beaches, I guess my comments last month about the parking restrictions a Saint's Rest Beach ruffled a few feathers. Apparently the residents were frustrated with the large trucks and trailers which drive down there and can't find a place to safely turn around with damage to someone's property. Also, I hear, there have been a few late night beach parties down there with lots of remnants left for somebody else to clean up in the morning after.

I must close with a sad, yet happy, note in the passing of Susie Taylor last week. As the obituary said she left us to be with her friend, Jesus, of that there is no doubt.

The funeral service took two hours, and then there was a "mug up" downstairs before the burial. There was lots of singing and laughter as her brother Rev. David Way read tributes from all over the Atlantic provinces. Since Susie was widowed twice she was asked which husband she wanted to be buried near. In typical Susie logic she had plainly noted that "if I dies in Newfoundland, bury me by Herbie (Beacham); if I dies in Nova Scotia bury me by Dave."

And so it was.

Belmont Notes

By Debbie Weatherby
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Matt and Gena says another fantastic weekend of racing! I didn't attend but could hear all the excitement going on as I was cleaning my windows. There was even a point where I walked over to the bank to look over as it sounded as if they were just right there but alas they were not. My sister told me to crawl up on my roof to see if I could see over top the trees but then she decided seeing as I am a huge Klutz that might not be a good idea.

HUGE THANKS to every single one of our volunteers who helped out all weekend to make things run smoothly! We truly appreciate you guys and gals a lot! It takes a lot of preparation and organization to keep things running and our awesome volunteers make it all possible! To the racers...without you guys/girls we wouldn't be doing this so thank you all for coming out and putting on a show for us! To the spectators...thank you all for choosing to spend your weekend at our track!

Others we need to thank...Hollis Ford, Culin Construction, Robert Pash Auto Salvage and Chipper's Auto Services & Performance

(Chris Chapman). Chipper's Auto Services & Performance donated two G Force racing jackets and the winners were Elaine Jack & Chad Sinton...thanks Chris Chapman for your donation!

Winner of the 50/50 was Bev Beaton. She took home \$113! Elaine Jack was also the winner of the car we raffled off and she drove the heck out of it in today's car race! Great job Elaine! And if there is anyone we missed thanking...Thank you!! Mike Morrissey took some awesome photos this weekend (100+ photos to be exact) and we will post them tomorrow! At this time we're not sure when our next event will be but we will keep you posted! Thanks again to all!

Matt & Gena Priest (and our awesome volunteers!)

Regular Sunday service at 10:00 a.m. Services are held every Sunday at the Trinity United Church in Onslow at 10:00 a.m. Trinity is at the corner of Meeting House Road and Onslow Road. All are welcome to attend and we hope to see you there.

Belmont Baptist Church services are held every Sunday at 11:00 a.m. Prayer meeting is held Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

Condolences go out to

Michael (Crystal) MacKay, Onslow and the families on the loss of his grandmother, Helen P. MacKay on June 30, 2014; Michael (Angela) Worsley, Onslow on the loss of his father, Donald E. "Don" Worsley on Aug. 9, 2014; Carolyn (Frank) MacNeil, Donna (Sterling) Shearer and Jack Roode, Belmont and the families on the loss of their brother, Arnold Eric Roode on Aug. 9, 2014; Debbie (David) MacDonald, Crowes Mills and the family on the loss of their mother and step mother on Aug. 12, 2014; Stephen (Ilene) Boyd, Belmont and the families on the loss of his father, Ronald Wayne Boyd on Aug. 13, 2014 and Nikki Cook, Onslow and the families on the loss of her father, David George Graham on Aug. 14, 2014.

Well, if the weather is any indication the exhibition is in town again. Could be a busy week or a slow one, only time will tell.

Wow, hard to believe school is just around the corner once again. Time is just going by way to fast lately. So once again drivers and kids when the time comes please keep an eye out for each other and have a safe and awesome school year.

Until next time enjoy the Labor Day Holiday and take care.

Historic Sites

"HIGHLAND VIEW" HOTEL - FIVE ISLANDS



By Dick Akerman

The arrow pointer locates, on map #318, the site of the "Highland View" Hotel. It was situated on the Five Islands side of Economy Mountain, opposite the park entrance, near the present day location of Chester McBurnie's lane. The hotel was owned for some time by Capt. David F. Morrison



and his wife Bessie (Corbett) Morrison. Capt. Morrison was born in 1829 and died in 1903. His wife was born in 1849 and died in 1939. Morrison was a "Master Mariner", and one of his early commands was the "Lady Washington". While in command of this vessel, in February of 1868, he and his crew rescued the captain and crew of the sinking Bark, "S.D. Ryerson" off Cape Sable Island. For this act, he was awarded, by the Dominion Government, a pair of binoculars, suitably inscribed, while his crew were given a financial award.

At times Bessie sailed with her husband, and on one of those voyages to South America brought back silk material for a quilt, which was completed by her niece, Edith Corbett, and which has been passed down to the Corbett family.

Bessie would have managed the hotel while her husband was at sea. One of Capt. Morrison's last commands was of the schooner "Adelaide", the last vessel built at the Great Village shipyard, owned by J.M. Blaikie, and named after his wife "Adelaide" (McLellan) Blaikie.

Sources: "The History Of Five Islands". Photo contributed by Carol Corbett.

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The Shoreline Journal, in collaboration with the Colchester Historical Society Archives, have inaugurated an ongoing feature utilizing a combination of the digital "A. F. Church Maps" to pin point the circa 1875 location of a Colchester site of historical importance, and connect it to an archival photograph of that site, in that frame.

This article, "Historic Sites" has been published in the "Shoreline" for the past three years, and features period photographs of interesting sites along the Cobequid shore, homes, stores, hotels, mines, bridges, etc. The photographs are reinforced with a map location, taken from the famous "Church" map of Colchester County.

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