



Jamboree Time

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50th Barrow Jamboree Anniversary Plans are in Progress.

As many of you are already aware, the year 2007 marks the 50th anniversary of the Barrow Jamboree in Canada. Plans are in progress to celebrate this momentous event by holding a Jamboree in Barrow after our Jamboree here in Canada. It is planned to hold this celebration at the South Walney Caravan Park with the tentative dates being July 9th to 12th 2007. There are a limited number of trailers (caravans) for rent and there is also a tent camping area at the park. The Caravan Park is well equipped with all the amenities, cafeteria, indoor pool and club house etc. The format would generally follow the Canadian Jamboree, darts tournament, children's games and an evening's concert. A civic reception at the town hall is also being planned. For this endeavor to be successful we will of course need participants,

consequently the 50th anniversary committee will be canvassing interest for this auspicious occasion during the 2006 Jamboree weekend. A sign-up list will be posted at the large pavilion and a \$50 per family, non-refundable, advanced registration fee will be required (cheques only please). A special meeting will be held on Saturday at 4.00 pm (location to be announced at the jamboree) where further information will be available and any questions you have will be answered.



Dig Out Those Old Photos

We must not forget our own 50th anniversary Jamboree here at Springwater in 2007, so suggestions are most welcome on how we can celebrate this unique event here in Canada. A project already planned is the 50th Anniversary Photo Album, (similar to a year book). Consequently we are looking for old photos of Jamborees of yesteryear. It would be nice if we could find photos of the early Jamborees and also of the original founders. So please dig the old boxes from under the bed and bring those ancient snapshots to this years gathering. Doug and Wynn I hope you can help us out here. In addition to photographs old videos would also be most welcome. Is there anybody out there with the technical expertise to put together an anniversary video/cd?

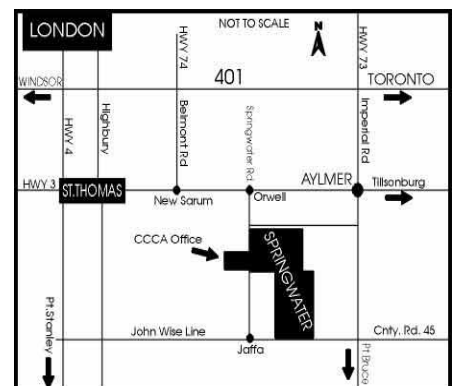
2005 Registration Process Was a Resounding Success.

Last year a new method of registration for the Jamboree was initiated. We as an organization became responsible for collecting all camping fees and remitting them to the Catfish Creek Conservation Authority. We are pleased to report that this turned out be an unqualified success. Kudos go to the numerous volunteers who spent many hours sitting at the registration desk and also to the registrants themselves who took the time to pre-fill the forms which really sped up the whole process. So this year you will see the same system in place. Please enter on the east side of the park as normal and proceed down the roadway past the barrier. Once past the barrier drive towards the large shelter and park your vehicle on the side of the road. The

registration desk will be located inside the shelter. Do not register at the main Springwater office on the west side of the road. If possible please fill out the registration form ahead of time, you will find one on the back page of this news letter. It is important that you pay in cash; the registration desk is not equipped for credit cards, debit cards or cheques.

2006 Jamboree Dates

The official dates for the 49th annual Barrow Jamboree have been set for Friday June 30th to Sunday July 2nd 2006, (Friday, Saturday, & Sunday nights camping). See attached registration form for rates. If you wish to camp outside of the dates mentioned on the registration form please contact the **Catfish Creek Conservation Authority** at 519-773-9037 to make booking arrangements. Please mention that you are with the Barrow Jamboree and that you wish to be in the North/South pavilion area. Catfish Creek's camping rates outside of the Jamboree dates are \$26 per night for an un-serviced lot and \$29 per night for a serviced lot.



Tony & Judi Roberts Crowned 2005 Mr. & Mrs. Barrow



Tony and Judi Roberts were proclaimed as the 2005/06 Mr & Mrs Barrow at last years "Concert in the Marquis". Tony and Judi live in Burlington and are the proud parents of three sons, Josh, Alex and Sean. Tony is the son of Ron and Ann Roberts and also the grandson of a former Mr & Mrs Barrow, Arthur and Violet Roberts. He is also the nephew of Ted and Irene Hemsworth. By strange coincidence Judi is a 2nd cousin of another former Mrs. Barrow, Jamie Tebay. Some complicated trans-generational stuff going on here. Tony and Judi have been attending Jamborees for many years, Tony since he was a baby and Judi since she was a teenager. The 1968 Jamboree was infamously known as the "Dry Jamboree", the beer strike of that year really put a dampener on the weekend. It was reported that Tony, who was still in diapers at that time, wandered off into a neighbouring campsite and returned triumphantly with a bottle of beer which he had found in the undergrowth. He promptly gave this rare find to his grandfather who guarded this prize with the ferocity of a Roman sentinel. Some of the Roberts family claim nothing has changed over the years, and that Tony is still scrounging around for bottles of beer. Who needs friends Tony when you have family like that?

Who is this Marmoreal Victorian Gentleman?

The great man photographed below, posing regally on his pedestal, was one of the founding fathers of Barrow-in-Furness. You can be the lucky recipient of a \$25 W.H. Smith gift certificate if you can answer correctly the following four questions.

1. *Who is this gentleman?*
2. *Where is this statue located?*
3. *Where did he live?*
4. *What happened to his son?*

The answers will be revealed at the Saturday night concert.



Tiny Talent Time.

Contact Lynn Crinson to register your child or grandchild for the Tiny Talent Contest. Last year the children put on a wonderful show, they sang and danced their hearts out. So don't forget 11.00 a.m. Saturday afternoon over in the small shelter. This is a really popular event which draws lots of participants. The time slot we have is quite short, so please limit the acts to one per child. The Tiny Talent Star contestants will appear at the beginning of the evening show.

Gourmet Breakfast.

As usual the "breakfast of champions" will be available on Sunday morning, lovingly prepared by the staff of *Korries Kitchen*. Spatulas begin flipping at 9.30am and continue while quantities last. So start your Jamboree morning in style and amble over to the main shelter for a gourmet breakfast.

Remember the old Walney pill boxes?

Over 18,000 concrete pill boxes were constructed around the British coast line in the early years of WW2 and Walney Island ended up with its fair share. These pill boxes were a series of inter-linked reinforced concrete bunkers built with small slits for machine guns. I don't believe the Walney pill boxes ever fired a shot in anger and after the war they were left to decay. In those long hot halcyon summer days in the 50's and 60's they became great adventure playgrounds for pre-pubescent Barrow lads. Many black knights were killed, countless dragons slain, Stukas shot from the sky and the Hun repulsed from the beaches of Earnse Bay. There were actually other coastal defences built on West Shore, primarily between Earnse Bay and Sandy Gap. They were constructed before the 1st World War for the Lancashire & Cheshire Royal Garrison Artillery and were classified as "Defensive Light Gun Emplacements". The photo below shows the remains of one of those emplacements. On Jan 29th 1915 shots were exchanged between one or more of the emplacements and the German submarine U-21. The submarine surfaced off the coast and opened fire on the airship sheds on West Shore. The rounds fell far short of their intended target and the Walney shore batteries failed to hit U-21. There were apparently eye-witness accounts who reported that the submarine had been sunk, but they proved to be false. In fact Kapititan Otto Hersing, the



commander of U-21, became one of the most decorated U-Boat captains of WW1. You know the Walney lads, always prone to a little wild exaggeration and tall tale telling.

SCHEDULE of EVENTS

Friday June 30th

5.30pm-6.30pm Mixed Darts Reg.
6.30pm-10.30pm Mixed Darts & Raffle
7.00pm-9.00pm Children's Crafts.

Saturday July 1st

9.00am-10.00am Team Darts Reg.
10.00am-12.00pm Team Darts.
11.00am-12.00pm Tiny Talent Time
12.30pm-1.00pm Mr & Mrs Barrow.
1.00pm-2.00pm Children's Games.
2.00pm-4.00pm Penny Table.
7.00pm-8.00pm Punch Party.
8.00pm-11.00pm Evening's Enter.

Sunday July 2nd

9.30-10.30am Gourmet Breakfast.
10.00am-12noon Darts Finals
1.00pm Trophy Presentations.

Ye Olde Roast Beef Dinner

Last years 3 course "order-in" roast beef dinner seemed to be a resounding success. It was delicious, convenient, bountiful and inexpensive. Plus it saved the guys doing the washing-up. So for those of you that want a break from slaving over the BBQ on Saturday night, why not order in. Same deal as last year a full 3 course roast beef dinner with all the trimmings, including tea or coffee, delivered to the camp site for \$11. The restaurant would like to

have a rough estimate on the number of dinners to be ordered, so if anybody is interested, please contact Raidee Corey at dcorrie@rogers.com before June 24th 2006 and she will gladly take your order.

For non-campers, St Thomas hotel is nearby.

There is no need to miss all the fun of the Jamboree because you are not a camper. The recently renamed **COMFORT INN** in St Thomas (Tel 519-633-4082) is a well appointed, conveniently located and reasonably priced establishment. Spend the day at Springwater with your old friends and then in the evening take the short drive to St Thomas. Alternatively London is only 20 min away with a good selection of hotels located on Wellington St S.



2005 Jamboree. Year in Review

It is with great sadness that this journal has to report a complete disintegration in the high standards of dart play which the Barrow Jamboree has come to expect. Last year the inexplicable, the implausible and the unimaginable has happened once again, Dave Jackman's Dreadnought team (Dave Jackman, Rob Jackman and Mark Delgard) captured the 2005 team darts trophy. This is a-kin to Accrington Stanley winning the FA Cup or the Toronto Maple Leafs triumphing in the Stanley Cup, it just shouldn't happen. Let's hope 2006 sees a return to the high standard of "dartsmanship" that this Jamboree has been accustomed to over the years. The runners up last year were the normally solid team from the Farmers Arms comprising Stan Burns, Mike Potter and Stuart McLeod. What happened lads? Andrew Corrie and Sue Jackman took the mixed darts final with Mal Coats and Norma Lennon collecting the silver. Before the



evenings entertainment began the Jamboree presented plaques to several visitors from Barrow at our gathering, Helen Piechura and Ron and Rita Herd. The Tiny Talent stars gave a tremendous performance at the Saturday evening concert. Shane Roberts and Andrew Myerscough produced a stunning performance on the violin, Leona, Caitlyn, Rayton, Racheal and Ashley put on a magnificent cheerleading display. The comper for the evening's entertainment was again the irrepressible Roger Hudson and through the evening he introduced the audience to some extremely strange but talented acts; Shane Killop appeared as Shania Twain, Bev Roberts read her poignantly scripted "Ode to Dougie Raven and had the audience spellbound with her highly provocative

interpretation of "The Stripper", the Roberts clan gave a fine rendition of "Old King Cole" and in Ted Hemsworths absence we were inundated with Tom Jones clones.



A Tom Jones "look-a-like" competition was held, and the winner, declared by the Jamboree's "screamometer" was Adam Crinson, grandson of the "original fake" Tom Jones himself, Ted Hemsworth. Congratulations to Adam, he has big shoes to fill. A big thanks to everyone concerned, a most enjoyable evening as usual was had by all.

Order your Anniversary Sweat Shirts & Tee-Shirts

50th Anniversary sweat-shirts and tee-shirts will need to be ordered for the 2007 Jamboree. See Lynn Crinson at this years Jamboree for styles, sizing and prices.

Have you heard the one about----?

A Barrow Island lad walks into a pub in London, orders three pints of John Smith's Extra Smooth and sits in the back of the room, drinking a sip out of each one in turn. When he finishes them, he comes back to the bar and orders three more. The bar-man approaches and tells him "You know a pint goes flat after I draw it, it would taste better if you bought one at a time." The Barrow Island lad replies, "Well, you see, I have two brothers. One is in Toronto, the other is in Vancouver, and I'm here in London. When we all left home we promised that we'd drink this way to remember the days we drank together. So I drink one for each of me brothers and one for me'self." The barman admits that this is a nice custom and leaves it there. The Barrow Island lad becomes a regular in the pub and always drinks the same way. He orders three pints and drinks them in turn. One day, he comes in and orders two pints. All the other regulars take notice and fall silent. When he comes back to the bar for the second round, the bar-man says, "I don't want to intrude on your grief, but I wanted to offer my condolences on your loss." The Barrow Island lad looks quite puzzled for a moment, then a light dawns and he laughs, "Oh, no, everybody's just fine." He explains. "It's just that my wife had us join the Baptist Church and I had to quit drinking. Hasn't affected me brothers though."

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Pictures from last year's Jamboree

