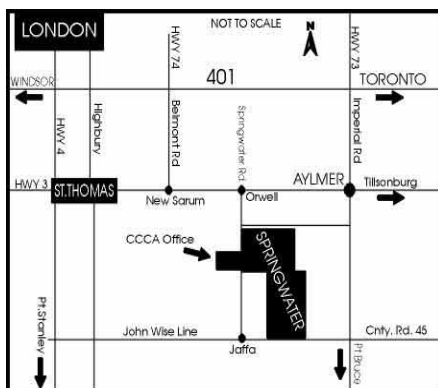




Jamboree Time

NEWSLETTER FOR PARTICIPANTS OF THE JARROW BAMBOREE
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2012 Jamboree Dates



The official activity dates for the 55th annual Barrow Jamboree have been set for Friday June 28th to Sunday July 1st 2012. See enclosed registration form for camping dates and fees. 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. www.catfishcreek.ca Please mention that you are with the Barrow Jamboree and that you wish to be in the North/South pavilion area. Catfish Creek's 2012 camping rates outside of the Jamboree dates are \$34 per night for an un-serviced lot and \$36/41 per night for a serviced lot.

2011 Jamboree Annual General Meeting

The 2011 Jamboree was held on November 5th at Stokes by the Bay in Sarnia. The event was hosted, organized and chaired by Sheila Coats. The turnout was excellent with 24 Barrowvians partaking of some fine food, many malted beverages and some jolly banter..... and we actually got some work done. So I think we can deem it a success. One of the issues raised was the fact that the Jamboree is maybe turning into a "one day" event, with too much emphasis placed on Saturday's schedule. Consequently some minor tweaking of the weekend schedule has been made for 2012. This year the Dominion Day holiday is on Monday, so nobody has to rush back on Sunday to get ready for work the next day. So we hope you will all stay around a little longer and enjoy the Sunday events. Mike Corrie presented the financial report for the Barrow Jamboree. Our 2011 expenditures slightly exceeded our income by \$72, not a great deal we just need to sell a few more raffle tickets. Jamboree fees will remain the same as last year, we have a fairly hefty bank balance and the general consensus was that no increase was necessary.

Bottle/Can Collection.

Dave Hudson has kindly volunteered to coordinate the collection of bottles and cans. This service helps the Jamboree in a couple of ways.....It

provides us with some extra income and helps maintain the environment of the park. Mike Corrie will be happy.....the \$72 deficit will disappear and the Conservation Authority will be happy because we returned the park to them in good order. So please help Dave and his crew by stacking all bottles and cans in one place around your campsite and in boxes or containers that can be readily picked up and deposited in the back of a pick-up. Many thanks to Dave for volunteering for this service

Al Fresco Gourmet Dining.

For those of you that want a break from slaving over the hot BBQ on Saturday night, why not order in. A local restaurant in Aylmer can provide a full 3 course roast beef or chicken dinner with all the trimmings, delivered to the large shelter and served on China plates for \$15. And of course the best part is you have no washing-up to take care of. If anybody is interested you can contact Raidee Corrie at 416-449-1074 or email her at dcorrie@rogers.com before Friday June 15th and she will gladly take your order. Last year the Gaza Strip campers came dressed in style, tuxedos, long skirts, feather boas and even a candelabra, can it get any better than that? Maybe some of you can outshine them this year.....lets' see what you can do. Before the gourmet event begins, there will be a free hot dog chips and pop dinner for the kids in the small pavilion.

SCHEDULE of EVENTS

Friday June 29th

5.30pm-6.30pm Mixed Darts Reg.
6.30pm-10.30pm Mixed Darts & Raffle
6.30pm-10.00pm Raffle
7.00pm-9.30pm Children's Activities.

Saturday June 30th

9.00am-10.00am Team Darts Reg.
10.00am-12.00pm Team Darts.
12.00pm-12.30pm Mr. & Mrs. Barrow
12.30pm-1.30pm Kid's Carnival.
1.45pm-2.30pm Tiny Talent Time.
2.30pm-4.00pm Penny Table.
5.30pm-7.30pm Roast Beef Dinner.
8.00pm-11.00pm Evening's Enter.

Sunday July 3rd

9.30-10.30am Gourmet Breakfast.
10.00am-12.00pm Darts Finals
10.00am-12.00pm Sling Shot Games
1.00pm Trophy Presentations.
1.30pm-2.00pm Group Photo
2.00pm-3.00pm Teen Darts
3.00pm-4.00pm Town Hall Meeting

Unemployment Pay

A couple of Barrow Island lads Tommy and Billy were recently laid off, so they went to the unemployment office over the bridge in Barrow. When asked his occupation, Tommy answered, 'Panty stitcher. I sew the elastic onto ladies cotton panties and thongs.' The clerk looked up panty stitcher on his computer and finding it classified as unskilled labor, he gave him 45 pounds a week unemployment pay. Billy was next in and when asked his occupation replied, 'Diesel fitter.' Since diesel fitter was a skilled job, the clerk gave Mick 90 pounds a week. When Tommy found out he was furious. He stormed back into the office to find out why his friend and co-worker was collecting double his pay. The clerk explained: 'Panty stitchers are unskilled and diesel fitters are skilled labor. 'What skill?' yelled Tommy. I sew the elastic on the panties and the thongs. Billy puts them over his head and says: "Yep, diesel fitter".

The Island of Sodor

For anybody who has children or grandchildren you are probably familiar with the television series **Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends**. But did you know there was a connection to Barrow-in-Furness? **Thomas the Tank Engine** television series was a spin-off from **The Railway Series** of books written by the Rev. W. Awdry. After successfully publishing four books, Awdry realized he needed some consistency in the locations for the next series of adventures. On a preaching engagement in the Isle of Man he was made aware that its bishop is officially titled Bishop of Sodor and Man, Sodor being the old Norse name for the Hebrides, whose ecclesiastical link to Man had long since lapsed. So Awdry simply recreated a new Sodor and positioned it in the Irish Sea between the Isle of Man and Barrow-in-Furness. In doing so he obliterated Walney Island.....some would say "good thing too", or one could argue that he merely enlarged Walney Island and changed the name.



And how do you get to Sodor?

Well quite simply you board a North Western Railway train at Barrow Central Station and cross over Walney Channel via the Jubilee Bridge, a 120 ft span double track rolling lift bridge (designed by Sir Topham Hatt in 1915) and travel on to the NWR headquarters on Sodor at Vicarstown. There you will join an extensive rail system which transverses Sodor and you will no doubt run into Thomas, Henry, and Percy and who knows you may even catch a glimpse of the Fat Controller at the Abbey Station.

Mike Corrie 2011 Mr. Barrow

At last years concert in the pavilion Mike Corrie was crowned Mr Barrow. Mike has been a regular Jamboree attendee since he was a "babe in arms" and I don't believe he has missed any Jamboree's since then. Mike is now, and has been for a number of years, the Jamboree treasurer.

Electronic Newsletter

In an effort to help stop global warming and to prevent the denudation of the BC rain forests the 2012 Jamboree Newsletter will be delivered electronically. This means that at registration time it is essential that you include your e-mail address when filling out the registration form. For those people who do not have access to e-mail a paper copy will be mailed out in the normal manner.

Gourmet Breakfast.

As is the usual Jamboree tradition, "breakfast of champions" will be available on Sunday morning. 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. Tickets will be available at the Jamboree from Janet Crossfield and Sheila Coats.

Cribbage Tournament?

It has been a number of years since the last Cribbage tournament took place at the Jamboree. There was some talk last year of re-introducing the venerable old game on Sunday afternoon, so this year dust off the old Cribbage board and dig out the pack of cards and bring them along to the Jamboree.

Teen Darts Tournament

Christine Randle will be organizing a teen darts competition this year. It will take place in the large pavilion on Sunday at 2.00pm and is for kids between the ages of 13 and 17. The registration fee will be a nominal \$ amount and sign is at 1.00pm.