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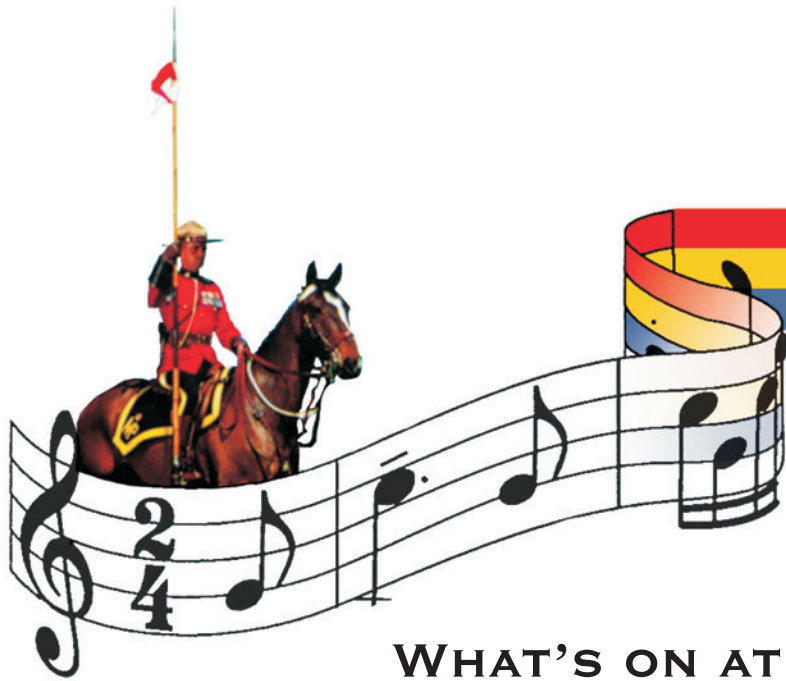
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WHAT'S ON AT THE HERITAGE CENTRE: THE AMAZING RACE CANADA!

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Editor: The following article is an excerpt from the RCMP Heritage Centre Staff News Letter, regarding a remarkable accomplishment by all concerned:

On Monday August 12, 2013 the RCMP Heritage Centre and "Depot" were featured in episode five of The Amazing Race Canada. "Death by Lentils", as the episode was named, saw teams searching through truckloads of lentils in search of a small Sergeant Bull Moose key chain which gave them the location of their next clue, the RCMP Heritage Centre.

Once on-site, teams were escorted to their next challenge by Heritage Centre staff (dressed in period costume) where Assistant Commissioner Roger Brown, Sergeant Major Tammy Patterson and Corporal Sean Chiddenton awaited. Their task? Set up a barrack room in Fort McLeod and pass inspection. Teams that thought it would be easy got a rude awakening. Rooms were tossed, tears were shed and there were a couple of touching moments; for instance when CO Brown thanked one contestant for his service and in returned was thanked for his service.

For those of you who have not seen the episode, it is now available for free viewing at www.ctv.ca/TheAmazingRaceCanada.

A HUGE thank you to everyone at "Depot" that helped us participate in this tremendous opportunity!



THE CANADA NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATIONS ACT:

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FRIENDS OF THE MOUNTED POLICE HERITAGE CENTRE.

The federal government recently revised the legislation governing the structure and conduct of not-for-profit (NFP) corporations, including the *Friends of the Mounted Police Heritage Centre*. In accordance with the requirements of the new Act, our corporation applied to Industry Canada for a Certificate of Continuance, which we received on 26th June, 2012. We are therefore able to continue to operate even as we amend our policies and procedures in order to comply with the new legislation.

The many provisions of the Act set out the governance structure for NFPs and you will recall that, in accordance with the legislation, we revised our constitution and by-laws, which were presented to and adopted by the membership at our Annual General Meeting in March, 2013.

The Act requires that we complete our revision of our governance structure by October, 2014, and the greatest change will be to the composition of the Board of Directors.

Our Articles of Incorporation set the number of Directors at nine, all of whom must be elected to

their position (since the inception of the *Friends* four positions on the board have been appointees from the RCMP Veterans Association).

It is therefore necessary that the existing Board of Directors be dissolved, and a new board be elected at the Annual General meeting in the spring of 2014.

The Friends of the Mounted Police Heritage Centre is seeking volunteers to serve as Directors with effect from the AGM in the spring of 2014. To ensure continuity of the Board, four of the positions will be elected for a three-year term of office. The other five members will serve for two years, thereby staggering the elections in future years.

If only nine, or less, volunteers come forward, they will of course all be elected by acclamation at the AGM. Should there be more than nine nominees an election will take place, the details of which process will be described in the next edition of *The Friendly Notes*.

The Officers of the Corporation (i.e., the President, the Secretary, the Treasurer) are determined by the members of the Board of Directors and are not voted upon by the general membership.

This restructuring is an important and necessary step in the evolution of the *Friends of the Mounted Police Heritage Centre* and we urge you to give serious consideration to our invitation to you to serve on the Board. You do not have to be a resident of Regina; if necessary, you will be able to participate in the Board's monthly meetings by teleconference or other equally effective modes of communication. Nor do you have to be a member of the RCMP Veterans' Association; membership of the Board of Directors is open to any member of *The Friends of the Mounted Police Heritage Centre*.

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NOMINATIONS FOR DIRECTOR POSITIONS 2014

The Friends of the Mounted Police Heritage Centre is inviting nominations for nine positions on the Board of Directors, to begin service following the close of the Annual General Meeting in spring, 2014.

If you would like to be considered for a Director position, please submit your name and how you can be contacted.

Your application must contain the following declaration with your signature:

“I hereby accept nomination for a Director position on the Friends of the Mounted Police Heritage Centre Board of Directors.”

Member’s Signature _____ Date _____

The deadline for nominations: all nominations must be received by the Friends’ office by 5:00 PM, December 31, 2013.

General Information and Job Responsibilities:

- The number of Directors in the Articles of Incorporation for the Friends is set at nine.
- The terms of office of the Directors is staggered, with four Directors serving three-year terms, and five Directors initially serving two-year terms and then three-year terms starting in 2018 and beyond.
- Board meetings are generally held on the last Thursday of each month (except for July and August), at 10:30 am at the RCMP Heritage Centre, Regina.
- Service on the Board is voluntary and there is no compensation for being on the Board.
- As a member of the Board, you will join the Board in governing, controlling and administering the affairs of the Friends of the Mounted Police Heritage Centre and in so doing
 - will act in good faith and in the best interests of the Friends;
 - will avoid conflicts of interest;
 - will maintain discretion.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP PRESENTATION

At the June 11, 2013 meeting of the Saskatoon Division of the RCMP Veteran’s Association, a Life Membership Plaque and Pin was presented to RCMP Veteran Doug Madill by President Ed Miller. The presentation recognized Doug for his service and support of the “Friends” of the RCMP Heritage Centre, and his contributions over the years.

Photo by Wayne Miner.



RCMP DEPOT IN REGINA WAS ALREADY A CLOSE AND FRIENDLY NEIGHBOUR

The following article was prepared and issued by one of the "Friends" long-term faithful Members, one Murray Grant, a talented and active Regina Senior Citizen. Murray continues to serve and assist the Friends, and other organizations with imagination and zeal that keeps him involved with his peers, associates and family, as his positive recognition published herein indicates. I am pleased and Honoured on behalf of the "Friends" to present this article to our readers and membership! – Editor.

by R. Murray Grant

Early in 1956, we moved to a newly-constructed house on Grace Street in an area of Regina filling with young and growing families. Gen and I now had one daughter in a home that faced Rosemont Park, and in a short time, four more girls. We hoped the city would develop park areas across the city, to include the Trans-Canada Trail along Wascana Lake and the creek.

At the time, Depot was in a park-like setting with broad lawns, trees and houses. And horses. We could watch recruits on cold winter days, riding their horses along the streets that framed Rosemont Park.

We could take walks to the creek and cross a foot-bridge that connected to a sidewalk by the officers' mess.

We met a large number of RCMP members and their families living nearby. One was driving instructor and we quickly made a deal: he did not yet own a car and my wife needed lessons. He could accomplish Saturday shopping chores, and she got lessons.

We had become active in Lions Club projects in Regina and there were some outstanding members from the ranks of the RCMP. Mark Jones was an instructor who joined Maple Leaf Lions and became president in 1997-98. It was at a club Christmas season breakfast in 1995 that he asked

me a question: "Did you see the ad in The Leader-Post asking for volunteers to act in scenarios for the RCMP?"

"Yes," I replied. "Mark, for you I'll do it." Just three years earlier I retired from my 37-years job as the advertising/sales promotion/public relations manager/magazine editor of Kramer Ltd., the Caterpillar dealership in Saskatchewan.

Early the morning of January 10 in 1996 I reported to the co-ordinator for the scenarios of that day. Payment was all a person could eat at lunch time. A dilapidated house trailer and a temporary classroom had volunteers convinced that Canada's proud police force worked with very limited budgets.

During the first 4 years, I spent almost 50 busy days with troops. As a complainant, on very cold days the challenge was waiting outdoors for cadets to arrive at the scene of an incident. As the suspect, the scary part was the moment a female cadet arrived, ready to pounce with handcuffs ready. Ouch!! They had to show they were no-nonsense peace officers. Even if it hurt.

I'd like to dedicate this story to all members and friends of the RCMP we have met and admired



May 9, 2000 – Murray joined in the group photo of Troop #1 of that year. He met troops almost 100 times up to 2011. Each day he earned a free lunch.

over the years. A few we recall are Patrick McCarroll, Bill Sorokan, Bill Fridgen, Orville (Mac) MacGillivray, Bill Perry, Bill McRae, Harry Armstrong, Debbie Birkbeck, Bob Smart, Warren Dufour, Barrie Nowell, Harvey Babcock, Tony Brezinski, Hugh Smith, Roger Brown, and more.

Ivan Thue gets special mention.

After 22 years in the RCMP, Ivan became the successful manager of associations – chambers of commerce in Dauphin, and Regina. He was an enthusiastic salesman. First, as the manager of Prairie Implement Manufacturers he promoted the concept of an annual display of farm machinery. He sold me (and Kramer Ltd.) in 1978 to invest in a space at the Western Canada Farm Progress Show. That year, with ex-RCMP member Bill Perry as the show manager, a total of 30 companies took part. In 2013, there were 700 exhibitors.

Ivan took an early part in establishing the Friends of the RCMP Museum organization. What a salesman! He persuaded me to join when he became the first president in 1989-90 (and again in 1993-94). As a mere spectator, why should I join?" I asked Ivan. His answer: "Nobody will perish of thirst, at the annual meetings," he promised. I have attended the AGM ever since, and it's true.



Hon. Larry Spencer, M.P. to volunteer Murray Grant

VOLUNTEER AT DEPOT GETS AWARD

Early in September 2002, a letter came from the Member of Parliament for Regina-Lumsden-Lake Centre. Larry Spencer, M.P. wrote to Murray Grant:

"It is with great pleasure I write to inform you that you have been selected to receive the Commemorative Medal for the Queen's Golden Jubilee.

"This commemorative medal has been created to mark the Queen's Golden Jubilee, as the Queen of Canada, The medal is being awarded to Canadians who have helped create the Canada of today. You have been selected as an outstanding Canadian who has made an exemplary contribution to the community and to Canada as a whole.

"Your name was submitted to our office for nomination by Debra Birkbeck, for recognition of the countless hours you have volunteered with the RCMP Training Academy."

There was a presentation of the awards to 19 persons, including another volunteer at the RCMP Academy, Carolyn Nikulak.



The following poetry is the final part of the description of a bank-robbery story that took place at Eastend, Saskatchewan in June of 1970, and was printed in the summer edition of the "Friendly Notes". Following the bank-robbery a harrowing chain of events followed as the chase led from the Town of Eastend, Sask., to the rugged ravine and river-valley of Ravenscrag, Sask. As the Mounties closed in on the robbery suspect a sudden turn of events erupted when an ambush shot was fired narrowly missing a plain-clothes Mountie.

THE COUP-DE-GRÂCE OF SKELLY (PART TWO)

The events that followed on that Saturday morn
Brought the chase to a sudden end
Mistaken identity caused the break
An un-marked police car of the same make
As his accomplice girl-friend had planned to take
Constable Codd drove around the bend.

Too late – the bandit stood up to wave
In his haste to make good his flight
Then instead of his doll – out stepped a cop
Our desperado fired a hasty shot
He'd shoot to kill – he wouldn't be caught
As he retreated out of sight!

The word passed quickly to all around
As the net was being drawn to a snare
Cruisers and Mounties converged on the scene
Radios crackled, and all were keen
The pilot circled above, like a Hollywood scene!
He would track him – from the air.

Down through the valley the Frenchman River
Cut a swath through the swamp-grass and trees
I came in from the east-side to block his escape
To cut off the only route he could take
Spot him first – you only get one mistake!
Should I shoot – or holler, "FREEZE"

I thought of the old Westerns and TV shows
That made it all look cut and dried
You tell the bad guy to "drop his gun"
You duck the bullets – as if in fun
Then shoot his foot when he tries to run
The 'good guys' NEVER died!

Not so – on that mellow and maligned morn
When life – in the valley ... was changed
We couldn't have known this psychopath mind

Had shot his way out of a previous bind
Was wanted on warrants for violent crimes
He was now considered deranged!

The jungle-thick cover that hid our quarry
Had now become his trap
Both banks of the valley were open plains
On each side a road and a track for trains
He would give himself up – if he had the brains
No choice, but to take the rap!

A sudden twist – in this real-life drama
Revealed by our men in the air
"The bandit crossed the river to the north side
He's giving himself up – no longer to hide
He's out in a clearing – shotgun at his side
Move in boys, the ending is near!

The loud-hailers bellowed the fugitives orders
On how to surrender – and survive
"Put down your guns – put your hands in the air
You're surrounded – defeated, you'll be treated fair
Your girl-friend is in custody – a fox with no lair"
The moment of truth has arrived!

A dozen Mounties, guns levelled and ready
Semi-circle moved in from the west
I moved in from the east to cover retreat
He knelt, rolled a smoke, money-bag at his feet
Shotgun across his lap – no sign of defeat
Would he put our aim to the test?

The answer came in slow-motion
Like those old silent movie-shows
He stood up with the shotgun as we came into
range

Squeezed the trigger from the hip – boom!
a suicidal exchange
Three Mounties returned fire – how the
atmosphere changed
Like a scare-crow in a storm – down he goes!

A single steel bullet had sealed his fate
No glory in that Ravenscrag Valley....
The cattle on the hillside, munched on their
pasture
The pheasants in the under-brush cackled, no
laughter
The farmers with relief would recall ever after
The END – the Coup-de-Grace of Skelly.

**Cpl. Barrie F. Nowell, Reg. #18794
Shaunavon Detachment, Sask., June 1970.**

DONOR WALL OF APPRECIATION

The following changes/additions to the “Donor Wall” have been made since our last issue:

LIFE MEMBERS

Doug & Geri Madill, Saskatoon, SK

Wayne K. Mauthe, Unity, SK

\$500.00

James R. Zavitz, Ilderton, ON

E. Huntley Wright, Victoria

Thomas R. Emerson, Georgetown, KY,
USA

IN MEMORIAM

\$200.00 – E. Jean Thue, Regina, SK
In memory of Ivan

FRIENDLY NOTES BY E-MAIL

Would you like to receive the *Friendly Notes* electronically? This e-mail delivery allows you to view the *Friendly Notes* online rather than through the mail. If so please provide your email address to **bnowell@accesscomm.ca** and your e-mail address will be added to the mail-out list. The *Friendly Notes* will be sent in the Adobe Acrobat pdf format.

The benefits of taking advantage of this include:

- convenience and timely access to the *Friendly Notes* – you receive the *Friendly Notes* a week to ten days earlier,
- environmentally friendly, and
- reduces costs of printing and mailing.

It's easy! All you need is access to the Internet and an electronic mail address.

Thanks to those Members of the *Friends* who have already indicated they would like to receive the *Friendly Notes* electronically.

RENEWING YOUR MEMBERSHIP ONLINE

Dear Friend of The Mounted Police Heritage Centre,

You are now able to renew your membership of the *Friends* by a simple, secure, on-line transaction using Pay Pal. When we receive your payment, a receipt will be sent to you by mail – it's that easy!

Please visit our website <http://www.rcmpheritagecentre.com/home/about-the-centre/friends-of-the-rcmp-hc> and click on “Join the Friends” at the bottom-left corner.

Of course, if you prefer, you may still just mail us your subscription; there's a downloadable form at the web page.

Thank you for your continuing support.

The Friends of The Mounted Police Heritage Centre.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

A warm welcome to the following persons who have become members of the Friends:

- Janet Wightman, Regina, SK
- Mark Kinzel, Winnipeg, MB
- W. Thomas Malloy, Saskatoon, SK
- Jill Vandal, Toronto, ON
- Regina Hotel Association, Regina, SK
- Brian H. Somer, Toronto, ON
- Michael Chen, North Vancouver, BC
- Jack Henzie, Chemanius, BC
- Herb & Arni Scholz, Yorkton, SK

FRIENDS BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

President	Bob Smart, RCMP (Rtd.)
Immediate Past President	Bill Greenslade, RCMP (Rtd.)
Past President (ODS)	Tom Light, RCMP (Rtd.)
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Director	John Hodgson, RCMP (Rtd.)
Director	John Worthington, RCMP (Rtd.)
Director	Steve Smedley, RCMP (Rtd.)
Director	Bob Cocks
Director	Barrie Nowell, RCMP (Rtd.)
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Historical Collections	
Unit Observer	Rhonda Lamb
Heritage Centre Observer	Al Nicholson
Historian Committee	Kenn Barker, RCMP (Rtd.)
Membership Committee	Ron Ostrum, RCMP (Rtd.)
Newsletter Editor	Barrie Nowell, RCMP (Rtd.)

YES! I WOULD LIKE TO BECOME A MEMBER/RENEW MY MEMBERSHIP WITH THE FRIENDS OF THE MOUNTED POLICE HERITAGE CENTRE

- Membership One Year (\$35) Three Years (\$90)
- Life Membership \$1,200 single payment or cumulative over several years to \$1,200 level. Existing members will have past membership payments credited towards the \$1,200 level.
- Donation _____ (Any amount is eligible for a Canada Customs and Revenue Agency tax receipt. Canada Only)

American residents please add \$5.00 extra per year and international residents please add \$10.00 extra per year, to cover postage costs.

Enclosed Amount \$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Prov./State _____

Postal Code _____ Country _____

E-mail Address _____

My membership/donation will be paid by:

- Cheque/check (payable to the Friends of the Mounted Police Museum)
- Credit Card # _____ (Visa, Master Card or American Express) Expiry _____

Name on Card _____ Signature _____

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