

OPAction Newsletter

November

2021



Spring OPA 2022 in Harriston, Ont.

Polish up your boots and dust off your cowboy hats folks, 'cause Country and Western Days are comin' to the Harriston Community Complex in May. The Halton Fireflies are rounding up some rootin'-tootin' fun on May 20—23, 2022 with an extra “early bird” day May 19 for those who are raring to go. Registrations will not be accepted until February or March, but mark your calendars now so ya don't fergit! More information on page 2.



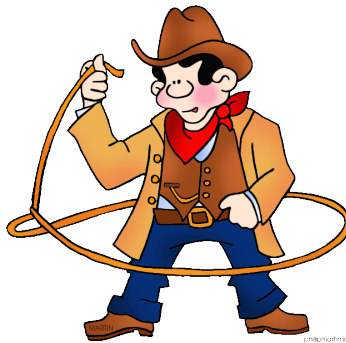
OPA Awards

Attention All Members!
The deadline for nominating someone to receive one of the OPA Awards is February 28.

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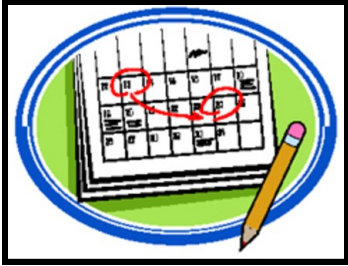
WANTED

Enthusiastic people to join the OPA RECRUITMENT TEAM.

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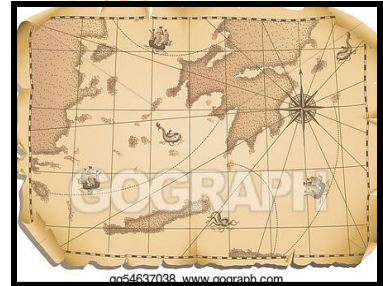
SPRING OPA 2022

Hosted by the Halton Fireflies



When: Friday May 20 until Monday May 23.
Optional Early Bird day Thursday May 19.
Gates open Thursday May 19 at 9:00 am.

Where: Harriston Community Complex,
111 George Street South, Harriston, Ontario, N0G 1Z0
519-338-3015



Cost: Registration \$25 or \$30 at gate
Activity & Camping fee \$85
Total cost of \$110
Thursday Early Bird Camping \$25



What To Bring: Extra extension cords to reach
electrical outlets, full water tanks, cowboy attire and
good attitudes.

Possible Church Supper: If Covid 19 Regulations
allow, the local church may be able to provide a roast
beef supper for us on Saturday night for an additional
fee. Details to follow.

Registration: Registrations will not be accepted un-
til February or March 2022 . Watch for the forms on
the OPA website or the next OPAction Newsletter.



Highlights From OPA Voting Delegates Meeting Sunday November 7, 2021

Greetings from Gerry Pfirsch FCRV President

Thanks to technology, President Gerry Pfirsch “zoomed” in from Colorado to attend the November OPA Voting Delegates meeting. Gerry expressed how happy he was to join his Canadian family and he hinted that the 2023 Campvention sites were going to be located much closer to Ontario than in 2022. He thanked our President Jack Smye for replacing Larry Roop on the FCRV nominating committee during Larry’s bereavement over the loss of his dear wife, Vicky Roop—one of the editors of Camping Today magazine. In the near future, Gerry will be busy having virtual meetings with all of the Regional Directors within FCRV.



Treasurer’s Report

Dave Skillings reported that he has received

Dues for 2021-2022\$ 1,560.00

Website sponsorship.....\$ 250.00

Bank Balance Nov.6/21.....\$ 14,684.42

Term Deposits valued at\$ 15,477.46

Total assets \$ 30,241.88



2022 Budget Approved

The 2022 Draft Budget was presented at the September OPA Voting Delegates meeting. Approval of this budget was scheduled for the November OPAVD meeting. Members were encouraged to use the time to examine the budget, discuss it at the chapter level and be prepared to vote in November.

At the November Zoom meeting, there were 7 Executive delegates, 8 Standing Committee delegates and 5 chapter delegates in attendance. A recorded vote was taken and the budget was approved.

2022 Budget Details

Income

Membership dues (95 @ \$20).....	\$1900.00
Website Sponsorship.....	\$ 250.00
Interest from investments (. 5 %).....	\$ 70.00
Total Income.....	\$2220.00
Redemption from Term Deposit.....	+ \$2000.00 = \$4220.00

Expenses

Website management	\$250.00
Scholarship Donation.....	\$100.00
Zoom Renewal.....	\$225.00
Office Supplies (<i>photocopying & postage</i>)	\$150.00
Promotion (<i>brochures/RV Shows/Engraving</i>).....	\$200.00
Contingency Fund (<i>Membership Recruitment</i>).....	\$2000.00
Campvention Expenses (<i>float/hospitality/royalty</i>).....	\$200.00
Field Dir. & Prov. Dir. Expenses.....	\$50.00
Total Expenses	\$3175.00
Balance of Position...(\$4220 — \$3175)	\$795.00



Pull-Tab Report
By Wayne Rosenberger

This fall the following items were cashed in by Wayne;

354 pounds of tabs,

+172 pounds of cans,

+4 pounds of other aluminum

for a cash value of\$247.75

Other monies received since Sept. 2019.....\$801.35

**Ronald McDonald House, London will receive a cheque
for **\$1,049.10****

Thank You to Everyone who's Been Collecting Tabs !





OPA Recruitment Team

The 2022 approved budget includes \$2,000 for the specific purpose of recruiting new members into FCRV and OPA. President Jack Smye is in the process of inviting members, who are enthusiastic about recruitment, to join this action team.

The mandate of this Team will be to brainstorm ideas, projects and events, that will promote our camping clubs and present opportunities for potential new members to learn about us.

We cannot stop the loss of members due to age or poor health, but we can all try to increase our membership by inviting other RV owners to join us. During the pandemic, hundreds of Ontarians bought an RV for the first time. We have a wealth of experience that we can share with them about RVs, camping and travel.

If you are interested in joining the Recruitment Team, contact Jack Smye at 905-339-3588 or sksmye@sympatico.ca.

The future of FCRV is a stake.



Membership Update
as of October 31, 2021

FCRV International Membership.....2222
FCRV Ontario Membership.....149
FCRV OPA Chapter Membership.....81

**As of Nov. 7, there are 8 chapters registered
with OPA.**

FAREWELL TO CHAPTERS

Due to advancing age and dwindling membership, the following
chapters have reluctantly decided to disband.

Bruce County Campers
Kingston Roadrunners
Glowing Embers
Kamping Kangaroos
Brockville Eager Beavers

All of these retiring members cherish the memories and the
friendships that they've made throughout the years.





OPA AWARDS

You probably know someone within OPA who deserves some recognition for their efforts during 2021.

It's time to start thinking about who you will nominate to receive one of the 4 OPA Annual Awards.



Deadline For Nominations

The deadline for nominations to reach our Corresponding Secretary is **February 28.**

Nomination forms must be sent to
Darlene Wiltsie,
6 Chase Ave,
Guelph, Ont.
N1H 2n2 or
darw19@rogers.com

Nomination forms are on
pages 10-11





MERIT AWARD

This is the highest award presented by OPA.
It is for an individual or couple who have performed an outstanding service or services for OPA.



CARLING AWARD

This is a promotion award. It is for an individual, family or chapter who has promoted FCRV and/or OPA.



HAROLD WILSON MEMORIAL AWARD

This is a participation award. It is for an individual or couple who has demonstrated outstanding participation within FCRV and OPA.



PROVINCIAL DIRECTORS AWARD

This is a participation award. It is for an individual or couple who has demonstrated outstanding participation within FCRV and OPA.

Nomination Form for OPA Awards

I/We wish to nominate the following person(s) or chapter for the

_____ Award.

(Merit Award, Carling Award, Harold Wilson Memorial Award, Provincial Director's Award)

Nominee's Name: _____

Address: _____

Nominee's Chapter: _____

Number of Years in FCRV/NCHA _____

Number of Years in OPA _____

Chapter Offices Held and number of Years;

Office	# of Years Held
Past President	_____
President	_____
Vice-President	_____
Secretary	_____
Treasurer	_____
Other Elected/Appointed Positions	_____

OPA Offices held and number of years;

Office	# of Years Held
Past President	_____
President	_____
Vice-President	_____
Recording Secretary	_____
Corresponding Secretary	_____
Treasurer	_____
Voting Delegates' Rep	_____
Appointed Positions	_____

National Offices held and number of years

Office

of Years

Attendance:

Chapter Meetings—(minimum of 90% or # or years) _____

OPA Meetings—(number attended) _____

Campventions —(number attended) _____

International Executive Board Meetings -(number attended) _____

Added comments concerning Nominee's participation in....

A. Extra Service:

B. Community Involvement:

C. FCRV, OPA, or Chapter Programs:

**D. Any Added Information you feel would help describe the
Nominee's deserving of an award.**

Nominated By: _____

Chapter: _____

Feel free to add extra pages if more space is needed!

OPA Recording Secretary Needed



Our acting OPA Recording Secretary, is only temporary. A permanent replacement is needed.

The job description is to attend and take minutes at 4 voting delegates meetings

per year, plus any Executive meetings that may be required. The minutes are then typed up and emailed to the voting delegates.

If this is a job that you can do, or you know

of someone who would be great at it, contact Lynn Acre
lynnacre1957@gmail.com

Hosts for Fall OPA Campout Needed



It's not too soon to be thinking ahead to Fall OPA 2022.

Please discuss the possibility of hosting Fall OPA with your chapter.

This is a great time to partner with another chapter to get the job done.

Campout Chairman John & Shelley Scott would love to hear from you!



OPA Website Reform Coming

A new look is coming soon to the OPA website.!

Dave Warrington has been working with website designer Justin Benner, to create a sleeker, simpler website for OPA. The website will include an event calendar and the ability to complete Campout Registration Forms online.

Dave also plans to design a “Registration Template” that will consist of 2 parts. One part will identify the event and can be designed by the organizers themselves but the second part will be a fixed template that collects specific information that is consistent from campout to campout. Once everything is in place, Dave will essentially become the OPA webmaster. He is currently receiving training so as to understand all of the possibilities at our disposal. Dave is working with our new website host, who is guiding him through the proper process of divorcing us from our existing webmaster. The cost for hosting this new website is estimated at \$300 or less annually. Our website sponsor just renewed his \$250 sponsorship, so the actual annual cost to OPA is not likely to exceed \$50.

Dave will be the one who keeps the new website up-to-date, but remember, he’s totally a volunteer, and also adjusting to this new learning curve, so let’s all be patient, OK? Please do send him your announcements, photos, articles, change of email addresses etc., and he’ll do his best to get things posted in a timely manner. Dave would like each chapter to send him a photo to attach to their chapter information.

Dave and Justin hope to launch this new website on or before Dec. 1, 2021.

Thank You for All Your Efforts Dave!



Farewell to Faithful Field Directors

Long-time Field Directors Earl Swan and Neville & Dorothy Taylor have “hung up their vests” and handed in their “yellow binders” after years of dedicated service in NCHA, FCRV and OPA. We wish them all the best as they retire from camping



UP-COMING EVENTS

March 6, 2022:	OPA Voting Delegates Meeting—ZOOM
April 29-May 1, 2022:	Blue Water Mini Mixer, Pt. Huron, Michigan
May 20-23, 2022:	Spring OPA campout, Harriston, Ontario
June 13-17, 2022:	Retiree Rally campout, Norwich, Ontario
July 10-15, 2022:	Campvention, Colorado
Sept. 2-5, 2022	Fall OPA campout, to be determined
Sept. 23-25, 2022	Bluewater Mixer, Imlay City, Michigan

SEE *You* THERE