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The "Weekend" that was!"

Upon writing this "epistle" we are without any Hydro due to the widespread Hydro outage from the recent wind storm we had this past weekend. (December 11)

Thank heavens for generators!! Hope everyone is well and comfortable. With Christmas in the near future - we had quite a weekend with a flurry of activities and places to go!! First of all - we want to congratulate Don Martin & Marlene McCracken on their recent marriage that was held in Listowel on December 4th, 2021. Some of us were fortunate to be invited as guests for this evening event, which we thoroughly enjoyed with a definite "Scottish" theme.

According to their history - Marlene learned to play the Pipes as well as the drums, based out of Listowel, where she was a Pipe Major for many years. Don has always been involved with the Brussels Pipe Band in which

he was also a Pipe Major for many years.



Don & Marlene Martin and friends

So, they have known of each other for the past 50 years being involved in this type of activity, knowing their respective families, and playing in various Pipe Bands in the surrounding communities.

Marlene has just retired from "Grand River Transit" in Kitchener, driving and eventually training others on operating these

buses in & around the city. Since this summer - Don was introduced to Motorcycles & E-Bicycles - received his license -and now enjoys riding with Marlene & her contacts, who have been on Motorcycle trips in the past. Vice-versa Marlene has been introduced to the Aviation community, so a learning curve for both of them, on this new journey they have started. Marriage was a natural progression going forward as a couple.



The wedding party

In the pictures shown, the Best Man is now the Pipe Major of the Brussels Pipe Band, who was a pupil of Don's, along with the two younger gentlemen that were attendants. The Maid-of-Honour is Marlene's daughter. The young ring-bearer is Dylan - Marlene's grandson, who stole the show holding the "Ring Security" case!!

Our next event was on - Sunday Dec. 05th - with the Goderich COPA 45 Christmas gathering. We were invited to Mike Scott and Arden Farrow's new home they built recently in the Kingsbridge area on Birch Beach Road. It's classed as a "Passive House" - a brand new construction technology originating from Germany, based on certain requirements:

1. Superior high performance windows - triple pane
2. Mechanical ventilation with heat recovery
3. Thermal insulation
4. Airtight construction

"Passive" houses are built to meet some of the highest standards to optimize thermal gain and minimize thermal losses. Therefore they do not rely on traditional heating sources

like furnaces or boilers. Instead they use renewable energy sources like solar panels, geothermal energy or heat pumps.



The "passive house"

Their house is situated to take advantage of free heat and light from the sun to make the most of the sun for solar power/heat - collecting the sun's heat through their windows, with a portion of the south side of their house has an unobstructed "view" of the sun. There is shade - by an eaves trough to avoid overheating - where sunlight enters the house through the south-facing windows and strikes masonry floors and/or walls, that absorb and store the solar heat. As the room cools during the night, the thermal mass releases heat back into the house.

There is no basement, based on a solid floor cushion with foundation walls. They are built with superior energy efficiency, fire protection and indoor comfort, that delivers on energy performance, airtight, yet breathable. The window ledges are wide & deep - Plants are situated everywhere - very interesting concept for the future!! Thank you Mike & Arden for sharing this new technology with us!!



Camp Kintail for Christmas dinner

After an enjoyable social and “learning” afternoon - we went to Camp Kintail for our catered Christmas supper. What a pleasant surprise - as this campground has been around for years - as a Presbyterian Church Camp that has grown and evolved - including a building where you can book a time for a catered meal - which was very reasonable and enjoyable! www.campkintail.ca

The next day - Monday Dec. 06th - was the OFF Christmas gathering in which we had 26 OFF Members that attended @ the "Landing Gear Diner" in the Hanover Airport Terminal.



Gwen Wilson, Don & Marlene Matheson. Maxine Ribey, Marlene & Don Martin

The weatherman gave us a break, as there was a storm front that threatened this event - but kept away long enough for us to hold this gathering and for everyone to get back to their home base without incidence. It was great - to see everyone in person, to have a visit, enjoy a great meal that was catered to by Crystal, and have some “fun” with the Christmas "Gift Exchange."



Santa Jim Farrell with Marilyn Bruinsma

A big "thank you" goes to everyone involved, who came to make this event a memorable one!



Maria Hodgins, Sharon Spurgeon, Bob Rogerson, and Burt Hodgins with Gwen, Maxine and the Mathesons in the background.



Sharron Colter, Kim Murphy, Marilyn Bruinsma and Don Colter

We have been in contact with Lorraine & Paul Irwin (past OFF Members) who live on a farm in the Meaford area. Paul (retired Pilot with Jazz Airlines) and Lorraine purchased this land, and started to investigate the benefits of planting and growing Organic Garlic. They started in 2008 and have continually expanded producing 75,000 + heads of Garlic/annually.

In 2020 they added a commercial kitchen to process their own products - and have gone from their farm-gate access, to setting up their produce at the local farmers markets in and around this area - to promote and sell their garlic and Gourmet Garlic products.

Here are a couple of sites, where you can find them and the products they produce

from "Pure Music" Certified Organic Seed Garlic.

www.boarsrockfarm.ca - and their /Garlic products @ - www.puremusicgarlic.com



One item they produce from their Garlic - is called "Black Garlic!!" This was new to us - as the garlic cloves are cooked very slowly - for long periods of time - turning them black - tastes like and looks like liquorice with a hint of garlic - very good and addictive for the palate!!



Garlic products

Lorraine is constantly working on new ideas & launching new product lines. e.g. Garlic Ranch & Garlic Butter Seasoning powder - that can be added to recipes.

To Top this off - there were a couple of Door Prizes that were offered. The winners of these packages were Maria Hodgins and Barry Jones. Congratulations - hope you enjoy these products as much as we do!!

Hopefully Lorraine and Paul can give us a presentation at some time. Take a look at their web-site(s) for more information.

With the resignation of Gale Gray as Treasurer it was unanimously passed by the executive and directors to combine the secretary and treasurer positions and Marilyn Bruinsma has agreed to fill this position. Thanks, Marilyn.

We want to wish everyone a MERRY CHRISTMAS - and hope to see everyone in 2022 - hopefully at a Fly-in in the "near" future.

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2022!

Wishing everyone the best of the Christmas Season, and the best in the upcoming New Year!

Submitted by Jim & Jane Farrell

Upcoming Event IFF Convention

Sunday, February 6, 2022 9:00 AM to Thursday February 10, 2022 10:00 PM at the Holiday Inn, Research Park, 5903 University Dr, Huntsville, AL 35806

Tour U.S. Space & Rocket Center

Check website for further information

<https://www.internationalflyingfarmers.org/>



May your Christmas be merry and your new year healthy and safe!!

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