



Hamilton Video/Film Makers

REEL NEWS

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Welcome everyone to another evening of great videos!

The MC for tonight is Ray Bayliss

The MCs for the following month is listed below:

April will be Anne Thompson

May will be TBA

June will be Ernest Gibson

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Christine has asked if I would put this in the newsletter:

Join the Raindance Tuesday Tips and Tricks newsletter, where each week a member of the Raindance team will answer pertinent questions about all aspects of film, television, documentary and VR filmmaking.

It's free - and it's governed by you, our low-budget, independent filmmaking friends.

I started Raindance a quarter-century ago as

thought experiment: can you make movies without finance, without film training or without film experience?

Their mailing list is here.

<http://raindance.us12.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=7bc5cc69c3a6980ee-c357a06b&id=5cf7307452>

ELECTIONS:

Just a reminder that elections are coming up in May. There will be several positions available. 1 for the President and 2-3 on council.

VIDEOS SHOWN THIS WEEK:

RAF RED ARROWS by Harold Cosgrove

We see the pilots walk out to their planes enjoying the bright sunshine. They get into their famous Red Arrow planes to take off for another flight. We see them keeping their planes in flight formation, through various in air maneuvers, amazing the crowds and coloring up the skies with red and blue trails. This video was shot in the Isle of Mann towards Douglas Bay.

Harold showed us his new toy. It was a new type of knockoff of a GoPro called a Vicsing. The price is around \$107.00 Canadian. The picture quality is very good and it comes with lots of attachments.

**Meetings held the 1st Thursday every month at the
Royal Canadian Legion Hall – 12 King St. E., Stoney Creek
Videomaking Basics – 7:00 p.m., • Regular Meeting – 7:30 p.m.**

CONT'D

NID (National Immunization Day) by Jim Cox

This video shows the work being done to immunize the children in India against polio. They are under 5 years old. We see health workers searching through the unsanitary habitats to find the children. The homes may be dirty and ragged but the families dress in their most colorful clothes. Throughout the district hundreds of children have gotten immunized.

THE HAMMER by Jon Soyka

Created in a Mickey Spillane type atmosphere, the video is a Nighttime PI type video. We see the private investigator stopping to get gas and in an over dub of his voice, he talks about how hard it is to make a living in this day and age. We see him traveling around Hamilton showing off the different areas of the city.

This video was part of a video competition for the 24 hr Hamilton Film Festival. The prep, shooting and editing had to be done within 24 hours to qualify.

THE BATTLE THAT NEVER HAPPENED
by Jon Soyka

This video was shot in Winnipeg at a week long festival. Known as the Red River Skirmish, the battle involves Lord Selkirk's men against the French Northwest Company. We see the soldiers walking through the snow covered woods and suddenly getting fired upon. The battle rages on and men from both sides fall to the ground. Eventually the battle ends and the soldiers march off.

The festival welcomes visitors to the park where different activities such as ice sculptures, music and sweet treats are found at the Sugar Shack.

COFFEE BREAK:

The coffee break brought a lot of interesting conversation, great snacks and good coffee and tea. Let's all thank Paula for her wonderful work in providing the goodies, coffee and tea for our meetings.

The 50/50 draw tonight was won by Anne Thompson



Paula insists to Miro, putting a cord in the sink doesn't clean the pots any better



Jim Cox wants to know if the food is this way or that way.



Miro is amazed how well Paul Dovey can balance a clock on his head.

SHI'ITE PROCESSION by Jim Cox

Shot in 2004, it involves the Sunni and Shi'ite clans in a celebration as penance for assassinations done to both groups in the past. We see many Muslims walking the streets during the parade representing their guilt and shame. When Shia Muslims publicly celebrate Ashura, especially in a Sunni-majority country like Iraq, old wounds re-open. The mournful, sometimes bloody, commemoration may be interpreted by non-Shiites as a blatant statement against all those who are not of "supporters of Ali".

Shia Muslims, however, attest that their somber Ashura celebration of the martyr Hussein honors the pain he suffered on the day he died.

There are parades of temples, decorated elephants walk in the parade. Among the people mingling in the streets are drummers and people located along the walls watch the parade. We see flagellants beating themselves as penance. We know that six bombs went off that day, killing 100 people in the Karbala Temple.

LOIRE VALLEY IN FRANCE by Jon Soyka

This is a teaching video where Jon shows us better ways to set up video shots to make your videos more interesting. We see a bridge being lowered over the Loire River (which is the longest river in France). We see hunting chateaus and we find out that the area is famous for its castles. The main aspect of this video is to teach you how to shoot exceptional views and scenery.

We are introduced to a plaque about Joan d'Arc, Leonardo Da Vinci visited the area and we saw where he lived during that time.

Many chateaus took a long time to build – some over 100 years. Jon talked about assassinations, gardening skills and hunting hounds and recreation hunting back in the days of the owners. We see spectacular gardens and a double helix staircases created by Leonardo Da Vinci. There were beautiful wall designs, we saw the Poison study of Katherine de Medici, the Lady's Castle and viewed Gargoyles decorating the walls.

With all these shots Jon showed us the best way to highlight and effectively present the locations to their best advantage.

VERY IMPORTANT

Just a reminder that all video lengths must be kept to no more than ten minutes. If the video is longer, then a portion shall be shown and the rest of it will be shown at the next meeting. There may be exceptions but that will be decided at the time. Please do not try to "sneak" in one that is longer than ten minutes unless special permission is given. Otherwise, only half will be shown and the other half will be shown next meeting. We need to be able to show as many videos from the members as possible and keep the subjects fresh and new. It would not be fair to keep showing videos with the same subject content, repeatedly.

To reiterate again the theme for next year's awards is "a free ride".

Come on everyone let's get out there and make some great videos and keep our title as the Video Capital of Canada!



Paul explains to Henry...do not use white out or pens on cell phones



Brenda Bayliss congratulates Anne Thompson on winning the 50/50 draw.



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