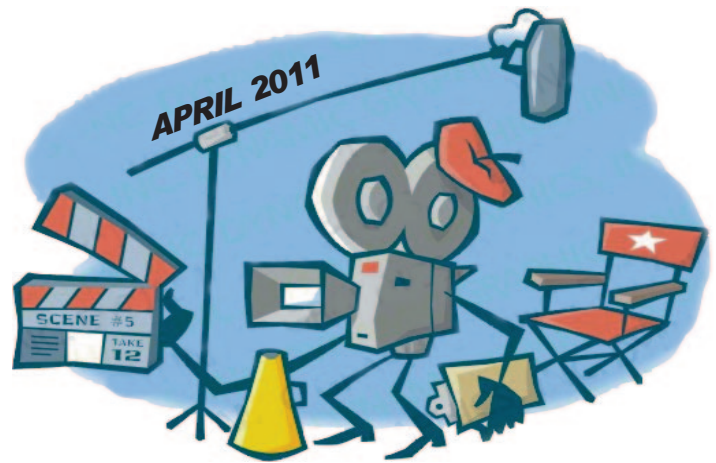




REEL NEWS

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This March meeting we had two new guests, Paula Cutulle and Ernest Gibson.

Both visitors had just recently found out about the club, and came to check us out. Paula only lives 10 minutes away from the club, and didn't know that we even existed. She had expressed an interest in video and has some ideas she would like to share with some members. She's looking to make a documentary with the help and guidance of some of our members. Let's hope she found the help she needed and joins us again soon. Ernest (Ernie) Gibson is a member of the Factory in downtown Hamilton, and like Paula, has just found out about our club. He came to our March meeting hoping to meet some new people in our film/video making community. The new visitors were a pleasure to meet, and all the members seemed to enjoy their company as well.

An announcement came from Christine Whitlock this month, reminding us to check out her informative script readings. Every third Monday of the month from 7 to 10 p.m. you can come in, and for only \$5.00 you can be part of the script workshop at the Blue Angel on James Street South in Hamilton. You can learn how to write scripts, get some tips on acting, and there's always a producer and director on hand looking for some new cast and crew members. For more

information you can check out Christine's website at www.cjcpinc.com/sript-readings.

This March meeting Ralph announced to the club that elections are coming up. There are 9 positions available, and we'd like to see some new faces running this year. The club is always looking for some new blood to join the Exec, so if you have ideas and would like to take part in some of the decision making, it would be great to see some of you up there.

New project

We have a new project due in May. Jon says this one's going to be "more difficult". The requirements are as follows:

- Doing an interview
- Cannot be your spouse, but has to be a club member
- B-roll is a must
- No more than 5 minutes long
- There has to be a story feel to the interview (a start, middle, and an end)

Again this project is due at our May meeting, and we expect everyone to take part in this new challenging project. Pick up those dusty camera's, pull out those lights, and let's have fun with it!

Happy Easter!



***Meetings held the first 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.***

Videos shown at this March meeting

The videos that were due this March meeting were limited to taking place in one room (all the shooting), and the video including music and credits could not exceed 7 minutes. Other than those 2 restrictions, you were free to do whatever you wanted. You could have your choice of genre and subject matter. Listed below are the video's shown in order of appearance and our own little [informative] critique:

Video #1 Mirror, mirror on the wall *by Alex Szatmary*

- Great music, and was made in Budapest (see what you can make while on vacation?)
- This video was over the time limit and was disqualified
- Good subject matter for a male audience (models on a runway)
- The camera movements were a little shaky, but the lighting was great for what was available.

Video #2 Helene's horror story *by Rick Doelle*

- Helene was in a riding accident and was sharing her experience. It was a great way to show visually what happened.

Video #3 Roseneath Carousel *by Fred Briggs*

- Informative video (40 historical horses made of wood)
- Didn't really have a story (beginning, middle, end), but great to hear it's a part of a documentary (box set)

Video #4 Billiards *by Harold Cosgrove*

- Surprised to hear that cruiseliners pay \$50,000 each for those billiard tables - great information in your video
- We can't even tell that you didn't use a tripod, good use of angles

Video #5 The garden *by Tom Schope*

- This video was a gift for his parents. It was an historical documentary that shows how generations have grown since the purchase of the home 50 years ago. You can tell that a lot of time was put into making this video.
- Very smooth panning, and great variety in the angles.

Video #6 Santorini. This was footage of a Volcanic cauldron in Greece - which is now a series of islands *by Ken Davy*

- This was a reshewing of a previous video
- Historical and informative

Video #7 Demonstration of how to film a choir *by Fred Briggs*

- Brought it in as a demonstration to some members (particularly George), showing how to zoom and pan
- Fred spent a lot of time explaining the process, and George seemed quite receptive to the friendly demonstration

Video #8 Ice boating video found on internet *by Jon and Dan*

- About Ice boating on Lake Superior at Thunder Bay. Great visuals but terrible music
- Great depth of field

Finally after 3 months of no batteries in our remote, we have batteries now!!! Thanks to the battery donation by Manfred. Everyone is happy to hear we have a fully functioning remote now. Hope this makes our video viewing much easier.

Annual contests are due in May

Your annual contest entries will be due at the May meeting, we expect a large number of participants this year. The lovely videos will be shown in June at our favourite banquet facility, the Kings buffet!

The Winner of the 50/50 this month was Carolyn Briggs. Congratulations for the win!