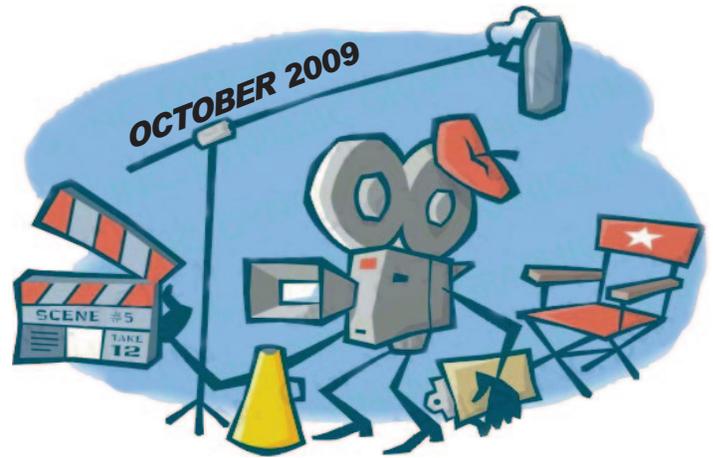




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IMPORTANT NEWS FLASH “FUTURE” COMES BEFORE THE “PAST” FIRST TIME IN RECORDED HISTORY THAT THINGS TO BE WILL APPEAR BEFORE THINGS THAT HAVE ALREADY BEEN

THE FUTURE

Thursday, October 1st 2009 will be the one and only time this year that the Hamilton Video / Film Makers club will have their annual “**VISITORS NIGHT**”. This yearly event, which has a reputation far and wide, will once again appear at the Stoney Creek Legion during the October meeting. With an international reputation as the best place to get free food in a Legion Hall on a Thursday night under the careful and critical eye of Carolyn Briggs and her legendary team of culinary cohorts it is expected that a MASSIVE turnout will manifest itself that evening.

Speedy and carefully worded invitations have been sent to clubs far and wide and even into foreign countries such as the USA. It is expected that aficionados of the legendary night will pour into the city by plane, bus, train and even overpacked minivans. All to partake in the food, entertainment and information that will abound by the ton.

WARNING..... WARNING..... For the first time in a long time the film program has not been fully selected in advance. This means that it is possible for a previously unknown production from a club member will surface during the program and totally astound the gathered multitude. WILL THAT PRODUCTION BE YOURS????? Will you show up with your best ever work to dazzle your peers and the visitors with? Do you remember

that short productions are preferable over ones of multiple minutes? Do not let the side down. Be there with the entry you would put before the Oscar selection committee if you had the chance.

VIDEO CLUB FIRST - If all goes well, as it is expected to, we will be showing the world video club premiere of a “Made In Hamilton about Hamilton” film trailer. Identify scenes of Hamilton and people you may know. Prepare to ask questions and receive answers. Support our newest members work.

MAYBE YES, MAYBE NO.... That is where we stand at this moment with the possibility of a speaker at the annual visitors night production. The invitation has been sent out and now we wait with baited breath to see if the response we anticipate will be forthcoming or not. Show up at the meeting and be surprised.

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The Beginners Corner has a regular crew who show up to listen to Harold's suggestions on the world of video.

***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.***

THE PAST

Now that the future is finished with, we can go back into the receding days of the past month. Do you remember that long ago?

What was the name of the first film we showed? Did anyone remember that it was Shawn Brush TKC (The Krooked Cowboy); an Iphone production by Dan Copeland. The two minute production was shot and played back on the Iphone. Isn't technology wonderful.

Our guest speaker was Jacqueline Norton, Manager, Film & Television Office, Economic Development & Real Estate Division, Planning & Economic Development Department, City of Hamilton (now I know why she does not answer the phone... a person could die of old age by the time she identifies herself). The intention was for Jacqueline to speak for about 15 - 20 minutes on the new City of Hamilton By-Laws that related to filming in the city. With all of the questions and answers that arose from this topic "She who controls the Permits" finally was able to sit down after an hour of comments, questions and critiques from the members. I, personally, was very pleased to see such interest from the crowd in a subject that was expected to be dry.

It may have helped that the assembled crowd was advised that there would be a test at the end of the presentation with five prizes available should anyone come up with the right answers. All five Hamilton Film Office tote bags went very quickly as it turns out YOU GUYS ACTUALLY PAY ATTENTION to the presenters. Who woulda thunk it.

It was acknowledged that most of our members would never need a permit to shoot in the city, but just knowing what you can and cannot do is helpful. Christine Whitlock and Dan Copeland are two members who do get the required permits when they are shooting on the city streets. Forewarned is fourarmed, or something like that and yes I know it is spelled wrong. It's a joke, OK.

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Christine Whitlock and Alex Szatmary ignore Harold Cosgrove and have their own "stare off".



New members wait for the show to start.



Adam Houston and Joan Bochsler discuss the finer points of amateur movie making.



Guest speaker Jacqueline Norton entertains and informs the assembled crowd.



Dan Copeland on the left and Rick Doelle discuss the finer points of making a video with an Iphone.

After the break, during which Les Carter once again relieved the members of their hard earned cash for the 50/50 draw and Carolyn and crew put out the refreshments and then cleaned up after youse all made a mess and of course Joe Bochsler snapped some pics and our priceless Mary Cosgrove forced members to cough-up their annual dues.... we then watched some films.

The first film up after the break was "Way Out West", a five minute wide screen extravaganza of something or other out west. I think it was - way out - but I did not make full notes and Harold is away and I forget what it was about. We followed that with "Batu Caves" by Rick Doelle. This three minute short was a documentary of some caves just north of Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia that Rick visited in 1823 or sometime thereafter. For those who are interested, the full name of the caves is - Batumalai Sri Subramaniam Swamy Devasthanam and they were built in 1891. Rick had to climb 272 steps to get shots of this cave interior so if you are thinking of going there, you can practice by climbing the Wentworth Street stairs in Hamilton which has over 300 steps. Lots of interesting details are available on Wikipedia about the caves.

Following that we went on a cruise and trip around "Beautiful Bermuda" with Ken & Iris Davy. At twelve minutes this well shot record of Kens trip told everyone all they needed to know about Bermuda. Next up was Alex Szatmary's "Shattered", a four minute animation of earth and space.

The fifth film was another Rick Doelle production called "Clean Up". Three minutes of fish picking up straws from the ocean bottom in Belize. You had to be there. Belize, formerly British Honduras, is a country in Central America. It has a diverse society, composed of many cultures and speaking many languages. Although Kriol and Spanish are spoken among the population, Belize is the only country in Central America where English is the official language. Isn't edumication wonderouse.

Production number six (which was actually the seventh film that night) was DitchWitch 2 by Dan Copeland. Dan put a security camera in an underwater housing and added various things to make his own ROV (remote operated vehicle). The objective was to film a sunken boat about 100 ft down in some cold water. However, the lines got tangled and the ROV is still at the bottom of the lake. Attemps will be made in the near future to retrieve the ROV and see if the camera still works.

That was pretty much it for the night and everyone went home happy. See you on October 1st, 2009.

Jon Soyka



Ken Davy looks like he got caught with his hand in the cookie jar while Jon Soyka tries to find out where the last chocolate donut went to.



Les Carter says he is sorry to his Boston Creme donut before devouring it.

CALEDONIA FALL FAIR

The Caledonia Fall Fair takes place on October 1, 2, 3, 4, 2009. The Directors have offered \$100 for 1st prize, \$50 for 2nd prize and \$35 for 3rd prize for the best video productions of the 2009 fair.

Joe Bochsler won the last 2 years by default. It is hoped that other HV/FM members will enter and spend some time recording the events in a bid to try to capture first prize. Make a prize winning DVD and take home some cash. Please check with Joe for more details **905-765-5408** (Caledonia).