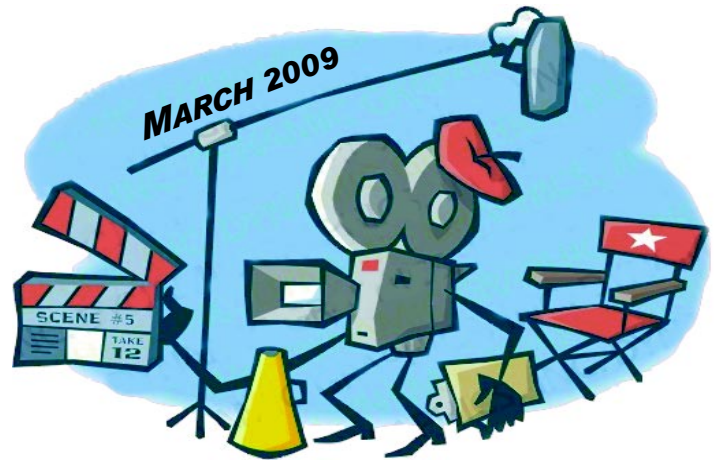




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The secret to writing a report on the happenings of a club meeting is to do it right after the meeting so you do not forget all of the important details such as who was there, what was shown, was the weather nice or rotten, did the equipment work and I could go on forever in this vein but I assume that by now you have worked out that I am typing this report just three days before the March meeting and in light of everything that went on this month including shooting a large job in Kitchener, Ontario every couple of days, editing last years Mardi Gras video for a client and a week spent in Winterpeg shooting a video that will be due out next year and explaining to client why I have not finished editing a video that I shot last June and trying to gently make them aware that I have not even started editing it and all the while trying to finish putting up the drywall in the basement and making repeated trips to Home Depot to pick up things that I forgot the first time I went there which added to my advancing age and tendency to forget things quickly means that I have basically nothing to say this month. But, like any good politician, I know how to take up a lot of space while saying nothing.

The February meeting got underway at the normal time with about the normal or average number of members in attendance. After some cursory comments and greetings the meeting started with "The Truth About Monogamy" which was brought by Robert Prince. It involved a woman sitting on a couch in a living room with a large black object beside her and a window directly behind her which lends itself to being described as the perfect shot to not use in your video. While we tried to work out what was the dark object the woman drank wine and vented to a video camera about her husband and his extramarital life. The film

included flashbacks that were presented as scenes on a previously recorded video tape and graphic language and lots of whining and wine-ing. The ten minute production elicited numerous comments from a wide number of members with a variety of viewpoints while Mr Prince stood at the front and absorbed the plethora of words being sent in his direction. I am not going to comment on what the dark object was or who was murdered. If you want to know these things then you will have to show up at a meeting. Every meeting.

Next up were three 3D adverts brought by Dan Copeland that he had recorded from the satellite reception of the 2009 Super Bowl Football game. Dan also provided the appropriate 3D glasses. The third presentation, also brought by Dan, was a promotional video produced by Dan and Jim Unsworth called "Smartshine". A spirited discussion about the various production methods and results followed.

The fourth production was the "2008 Walk for MS" by Evelyn Rosa. Evelyn was adamant that she wanted to hear every possible comment about this production and every possible suggestion as to how she can improve the 2009 version. Jon Soyka suggested that maybe several HVFM members would be interested in going to Simcoe this year and helping with the production. If you are interested, and if not - why not, then please contact Evelyn Rosa or Jon Soyka at the next meeting and let them know.

Barron Thompson entertained the assembled throng with his version of the "Soyka Witch Project". This three minute production was the result of his being invited to a meeting of the Golden Horseshoe Woodcarvers. He was instructed to bring his camera along and to film a project, so he filmed Soyka filming his

***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.***

project. It drew a laugh and several comments from the crowd. Soyka took home the copy and just last week was speaking to his lawyer.

The final entry of the night was presented by Dave Stewart and involved his shooting a singer at a birthday party. The resulting pandemonium was made up of suggestions and comments about how to do it next time, if there is a next time.

All in all, 50/50 tickets were sold and prizes handed out, coffee was drunk and donuts were consumed, information was passed out and comments were made by many. Les Carter was conspicuous by his absence and we hope to see him at the March meeting feeling strong and ready to go. We also thank Evelyn Rosa for handling the ticket sales while Les was away. Manfred also was gracious in using his camera to good stead and providing the images to Liz to put in this newsletter while Joe and Joan were absent due to feeling under the weather. Assuming they have not drifted down the Grand in the recent floods we expect to see them on Thursday.

I do not know what to expect for March in the way of programming, but that is par for the course, so be there and see what happens. You might actually enjoy it.

Regards
Jon Soyka




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Annual Business Meeting
Thursday, April 2, 2009

Nominations for our executive have been received for the following members:
MARY COSGROVE JIM SMALL DAVE STEWART

Further nominations, if any, should be mailed to **Ralph Trouten**
58 MacLennan Ave., Hamilton, ON L8V 1X4, given to Ralph before
the April Business meeting or phone **905-385-5127** and leave a message.

