



# Rideau Township Historical Society

North Gower, Box 56, Ontario, K0A 2T0

## February 2008 Newsletter

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- **Meeting**      **Wednesday, February 20, 2008, 7:30 p.m.**  
at the Rideau Township Archives  
6581 Fourth Line Rd. (Main Street)  
North Gower

**Speaker:**      **Paul Kitchen**

**Topic:**      **125 years of professional hockey in Ottawa**

Mr. Kitchen, a retired librarian and a noted hockey historian, has captured the fun and facts of our hockey history in his upcoming book, "Win, Tie or Wrangle". His presentation of photos and other illustrations will include the connections with Thomas D'Arcy McGee, Archibald Lampman, Mayor Nelson Porter, the name "Senators" and the first radio broadcast.

Bring a friend

Light refreshments

For a ride call Brian Earl  
613-692-2371

- **Last meeting:**

George Hobson enthralled the 40 or more members and guests with his personal trips to the Canadian Arctic since the 1960s and the unsolved mysteries surrounding Sir John Franklin's final expedition. Where are the submerged ships? the library books? the grave markers? And what did George mean about "new blood"?

- **Coming events:**

February 19:      **Heritage Day**, Tuesday, February 19, at noon  
in Ottawa City Hall, 110 Laurier Ave. W.  
We will have a table to sell books and a laptop with  
"Barns of Rideau" photos. Please join us.

February 21:      Thursday, February 21, 7:30 p.m.  
Trinity United Church, Kars  
**"Canada in Afghanistan: Mission Impossible?"**  
Talk by author Don Martin.

Don spent eight weeks in Kandahar and Kabul last summer embedded with the Canadian military and exploring southern Afghanistan on his own. He will discuss his experiences and observations in words and pictures as Canada wrestles with the question of continuing its deployment in the fight against the Taliban insurgency. Donation at the door. Silent auction to follow.

- May 21: Wednesday, May 21, at 1:30 p.m.  
Rideau Township Archives, North Gower  
**“Ancestry” Workshop**  
A genealogy workshop with instructor Diana Hall will be held in conjunction with the Ottawa Public Library. More information to follow.
- June 21: **Trip to Upper Canada Village**  
The Loyal Orange Lodge at Kars is moving to Church Street, Upper Canada Village, soon. The cornerstone will be placed on Saturday, June 21, 2008. Let’s go!
- 2009: The **Manotick 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** will be held in 2009. Peter Piers of the Manotick Messenger is chair and there are 9 committee members looking for suggestions for the celebrations. Read the Messenger and the RTHS newsletter for more information.

- **New members:**

Several younger members have joined this year but special mention must go to 14-year-old Scott Cameron of Manotick who is a Grade 8 student at Rideau Valley Middle School. Welcome, Scott. Scott is a piper in the Sam Scot Memorial Pipe Band. Well done.

### **News from the Rideau Archives . . .**

**Hours:**

The Archives is open every Tuesday from 9:30 am to 4:30 p.m., and at other times by appointment. (613-489-2926).

**New display:**

Volunteers have begun work on a display on the churches in Rideau Township over the years. Any contributions of information, photos, etc. are welcome.