



# Rideau Township Historical Society

October  
2021

## Newsletter

Preserving and Promoting Local History for the Former Rideau Township

### Meeting Announcements

Given current and anticipated COVID conditions, we regret that until further notice, all RTHS meetings will continue to be held via ZOOM.

No one wants to get together more than your executive, but we must do our part to ensure everyone's safety.

### October Meeting Details

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Presents

## What's in a Name?

An exploration of naming conventions for the City of Ottawa, and the journey to renaming Rideau-Goulbourn Ward

featuring

### Scott Moffatt

City Councillor for Ward 21



Join us on October 20th at 7:30 via Zoom as Councillor Moffatt discusses the history of conventions used by the City of Ottawa to name Wards, and the more recent emphasis on profiling landmarks in the naming process.

Of particular interest will be a discussion of the process that led to the review of the Rideau-Goulbourn name, the choosing of an alternative, and the recent Council decision to approve Rideau-Jock as the new name for our Ward.

#### Why Rideau-Jock?

"...the Jock River runs through the entire northern portion of Ward 21 from Ashton in the west, flowing by Munster and down to the edge of the Marlborough Forest before snaking its way through Richmond and finally winding through Nepean before feeding into the Rideau River at Jock Landing." (Implementation Report, 2021)



Join Us Via ZOOM  
October 20th, 7:30 p.m.

To register, or for  
more information visit:  
[www.rideautwphistory.org](http://www.rideautwphistory.org)



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"Think of history...as a pool, sometimes benign, often sulphurous, which lies under the present, silently shaping our institutions, our ways of thought, our likes and dislikes." (Margaret MacMillan, 2008)

### 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Kars

The Kars Community Recreation Association is organizing a celebration of the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Village of Kars, planned for July 16, 2022. They are considering activities such as a softball game/tournament, children's games, face-painting, a farmer's market, and others.

Sandy McNiece and Susan McKellar (Kars residents) attended an initial planning meeting this summer, and agreed to help with the historical aspect of the event. We thought of things like a display of local history books, Kars historical artifacts from the Rideau Archives, a walking tour of the village. If any RTHS members would like to help with this, or have ideas, please contact Sandy or Susan.

#### Looking Back:

#### The Kars Sesquicentennial Celebrations (1972)

Some may remember the week-long Sesquicentennial Anniversary celebrations held in July of 1972. Planning started a few months earlier, with an organizing committee of Bill Tupper (chair), Larry Renton, Hugh Lindsay and Bill Pratt.



The *Ottawa Citizen* devoted a full page spread to it at the end of June, reviewing the history of the village and whetting people's appetite for the celebration.

*The RTHS gratefully acknowledges the financial support received from the City of Ottawa.*

(The content of the *Ottawa Citizen* newspaper spread was recently posted on the RTHS Facebook page. For those with access to Facebook you can read the post by following this link → <https://www.facebook.com/rideautown-shiphistory/posts/2680496585585051>)

**KARS** 150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
 JULY 9<sup>TH</sup> TO JULY 16<sup>TH</sup>  
 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL FAIR  
 JULY 14<sup>TH</sup> & JULY 15<sup>TH</sup>

**TUESDAY** - CHILDREN'S HORSE SHOW  
**WEDNESDAY** - HORSESHOE CONTEST - TUG OF WAR - BEARD CONTEST  
 STREET DANCE  
**THURSDAY** - PLOWING MATCH 10 A.M.: FIDDLERS CONTEST  
 AND STEP DANCING 7 P.M.  
**FRIDAY NIGHT** - WESTERN CLASSES HUNTER CLASSES 7:30 P.M.  
 9 P.M. GREASED PIG CONTEST (GIRLS ONLY)  
**SATURDAY** - 9:30 A.M. HORSESHOW - 1 P.M. PARADE - BAR-B-QUE  
 SUPPER 3 P.M. TO 7 P.M.  
**SUNDAY** - REGATTA 1 P.M.

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**HORSE SHOW** RECOGNIZED UNDER C.H.S.A.  
 FRIDAY NIGHT 7:30  
 SATURDAY 9:30 A.M. & 7:30 P.M.  
 PRIZE LIST - MRS. L. CHAMBERS - KARS ONT.

**CHAMPIONSHIP DOG SHOWS**  
 FRIDAY - 8:30 A.M.  
 SATURDAY - 8:30 A.M.

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**FUN FOR ALL**  
 AMUSEMENTS - SARA ZIN MIDWAY GAMES - RIDES - ANTIQUES ON  
 DISPLAY - CHICKEN BAR-B-QUE SATURDAY 3 P.M. TO 7 P.M.

One of a number of event schedules produced for the celebrations.



Clergy for the all-churches service at the United Church grounds



Great turnout for the all-churches service



Anniversary banquet in the Public School



Children's choir, drawn from the four churches, and led by Audrey Renton.





Reddest Beard (Hugh Lindsay)



Blackest Beard (Laurence Miron)

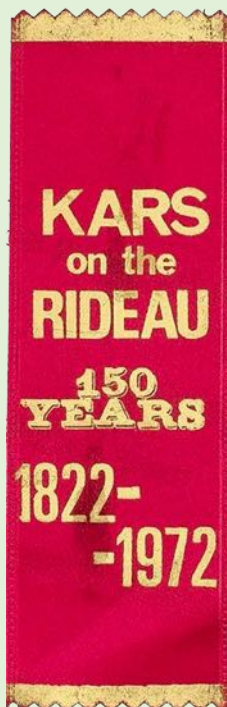


Greyest Beard (Lionel Chambers)



Bushiest Beard (Wendell Hyland)

Judging by the large crowds attending the many events, the Sesquicentennial celebrations were a great success!



## How to Connect with RTHS



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## Did You Know?

That a new item or article about Rideau Township history is posted daily (Monday to Friday) on the Rideau Township Historical Society's Facebook Page (see web address above.)

Since 2018, the number of people "Following" the RTHS Facebook Page (those who "subscribe" to our daily posts) has grown from under 50 to over 600, and the "Reach" of our Posts (the number of people who actually see any of our posts) has grown from under 100 to over 1,000!

If you haven't visited our Facebook yet, we invite you to check it out at [www.facebook.com/rideautownshiphistory](http://www.facebook.com/rideautownshiphistory). We promise you'll find something of interest, and likely something you didn't know about Rideau Township history and heritage.

*And while you're there, don't forget to "Like" and "Follow" us!*

# Sign me up as a member of RTHS



Members of the Society enjoy:

- Monthly meetings featuring engaging presentations, followed by refreshments
- Group excursions to historical points of interest in Eastern ON
- Local books published by the Society, and a monthly newsletter
- Opportunities to participate and contribute as volunteers

For more information visit <https://rideautownshiphistory.org> and facebook.com/rideautownshiphistory.

Please **mail** this form with a cheque for membership dues payable to: Rideau Township Historical Society, Box 56, North Gower, ON, KOA 2T0, **OR** pay by **e-transfer** to [rideautwphistory@gmail.com](mailto:rideautwphistory@gmail.com) and email a scanned copy of the form to the same email address.

Name:

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Address:

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City & Postal Code:

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Telephone:

Email:

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Date:

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Are you a new RTHS member?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

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Individual Membership \$15 \_\_\_\_\_

Life Membership \$100 \_\_\_\_\_

Family Membership (2 adults & school-age children) \$20 \_\_\_\_\_

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Donation \$50 \_\_\_\_\_

Other Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Receipts for paid memberships will be issued when we are able to meet face-to-face, but tax receipts for donations will be issued at the end of the year.*

**Thank you for supporting RTHS!**