



# FALLINGBROOK Newsletter

Fallingbrook Community Association ~ Association communautaire de Fallingbrook

## Fallingbrook Family Sails Around the World

by David Villeneuve

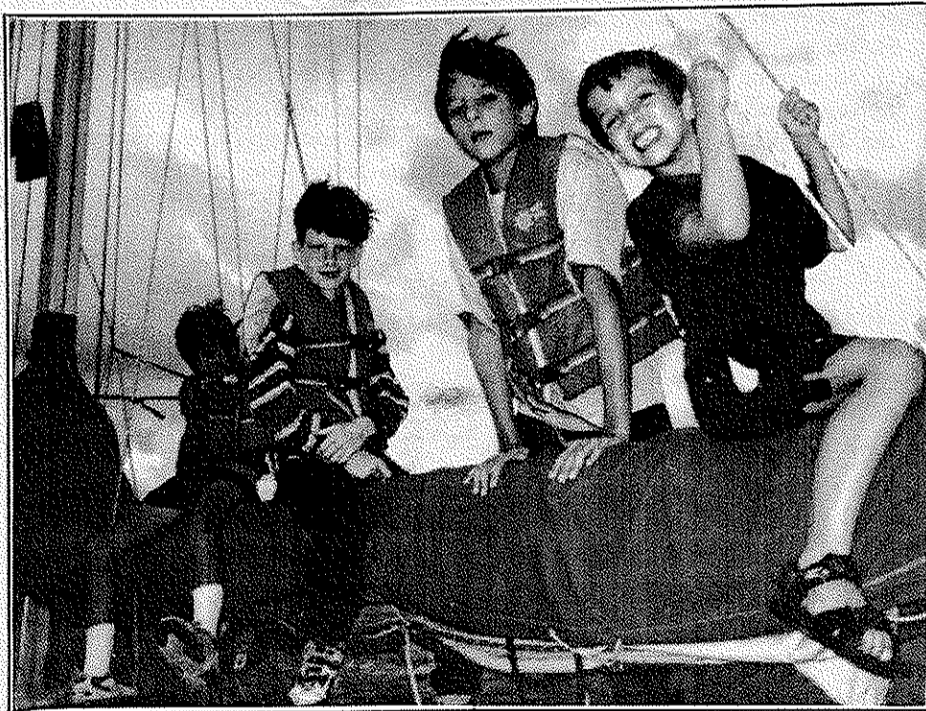
Many of us have been following the exploits of the Stuemmer family each weekend in the Ottawa Citizen. Last summer, the Stuemmer's rented out their Brookridge Crescent house, sold their advertising business and cars, bought a 42-foot sail boat, and began their around-the-world voyage. Herbert, Diane, and their three boys Michael, 12, Jonathan, 10, and Christopher, 6, are doing what many have dreamed of but few actually do.

The first few months of their voyage were full of technical difficulties as they learned how the sailboat worked, fixed broken equipment, and made the boat shipshape for sea. They also had a time constraint to arrive at a family reunion in North Carolina in November. But once they left Florida they began to enjoy their freedom.

They spent several weeks in Cuba, then several more weeks in Grand Cayman Island. Fallingbrook Elementary School grade 6 student Ian Villeneuve, and best friend of Michael, was able to join them in the Caymans during the March break. Ian delivered a video greeting from the Stuemmer's neighbours, friends, a tour of the snow-filled streets, and greetings in French from M. Gosselin's grade 6 class. In return, the Stuemmer's sent their own video compendium of the voyage to date, with views of the Statue of Liberty, a space shuttle launch, Cuban hospitality, and Stingray City. They also included a tour of their boat, the Northern Magic, and replies to questions from students of a Kanata school.

In spite of all the modern electronic equipment, the Stuemmer's find that keeping in touch with Canada is not easy. Their ham radio transmitter works for free, but propagation is limited to a few times during the day, and can be quite poor. They have e-mail that works with their ham radio, but they have had equipment problems. Their most reliable means of communication is through their Inmarsat-C satellite terminal. E-mail messages are sent to them within seconds anywhere in the world, but at a cost of about a penny per character. An article like this would cost about \$30 to send.

As of this writing, Northern Magic has passed through the Panama Canal and is en route to the Galapagos Islands. Then begins the longest sea crossing of their voyage as they head towards Australia. The timing must be chosen to minimize the danger of hurricanes.



Left to right aboard Northern Magic at Grand Caymen Island: Jonathan Stuemmer, Ian Villeneuve, Michael and Christopher Stuemmer.

<u>Annual General Meeting</u>	<u>Assemblée générale</u>
Monday May 4 at 7:30 pm Ray Friel Centre	le lundi 4 mai à 19 h 30 Centre Ray Friel

## Fallingbrook Canada Day Needs Volunteers

The organizers of Canada Day in Fallingbrook need your help to put on the largest all-volunteer-run Canada Day celebration in Canada. We particularly need people for 2-4 hours on July 1, but we also seek people who like to organize things to get involved now.

For younger teenagers, this is a great way to get some of that dreaded job prerequisite known as "work experience". Last year, quite a few teenagers enthusiastically helped with site setup (hang up flags and banners, move picnic tables in place, setup traffic controls, setup fireworks fencing) and the running of the Kid's Fair. For all teenage volunteers, the Canada Day committee will issue you a certificate to add to your résumé.

### Organizers Needed Now

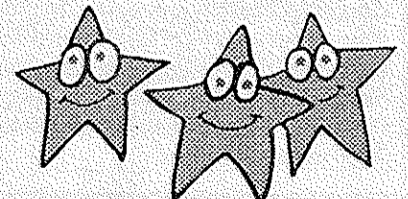
- Bicycle contest coordinator:** recruit judges, decide categories, get prizes;
- Kids Fair organizer:** plan, build and setup games for the under 12's, get prizes;
- Afternoon entertainment coordinator:** booking acts, organizing stage times;
- Pet show organizer:** look for sponsor, judges, plan the format, categories;
- Anything new you would like to see in 98.**

### Volunteers Needed on July 1

- Light stick sellers:** help sell the popular light sticks that help pay for the fireworks display, between 8:30 and 9:45 pm (adults only);
- Ball hockey shootout:** supervise ball hockey games for 12-and-ups.
- Basketball supervisor:** supervise the games;
- Sign making:** help write signs, 10-11 am;
- Decoration hangers:** hang flags, etc.
- Kid's Fair setup:** help set up the games (ring toss, shooting gallery, etc.) and the maze, 8-12 am;
- Kid's Fair supervisors:** supervise the under-12 games for a 4-hour shift;
- Kid's Olympics supervisors:** supervise relay races, sponge runs, etc., for the under-7 age group, about 1 hour;
- Fireworks Perimeter supervisors:** Patrol the perimeter between 9:30 and 10:00 pm.

If you would like to help, please contact Debbie Parent at 830-5433.

**Come on.  
Lend us a hand!  
Call 830-5433 today!!**



L'exécutif de l'Association communautaire  
Fallingbrook pour l'année 1997-98

Fallingbrook Community Association  
1997-98 Executive List

L'Association communautaire Fallingbrook aimerait vous souhaiter la bienvenue dans notre communauté. Nous invitons toute personne intéressée à une de nos réunions. Les réunions ont habituellement lieu le troisième lundi du mois au centre Ray Friel.

The Fallingbrook Community Association would like to welcome you to the neighborhood. If you would like to attend one of our executive meetings, they are normally held the third Monday of the month at the Ray Friel Centre.

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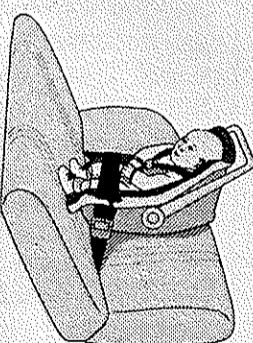
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## Car Seat Inspection

Cumberland Fire Department staff have been trained to inspect child car seats for defects, and installation deficiencies and the department is offering drive-in inspections on a daily basis at Fire Station No. 1, 500 Charlemagne Boulevard. Due to the terrific response to our child car safety seat inspections, we can only perform them now by appointment. You will have to call us at 824-5777 and speak to the on-duty Captain to make an appointment.

## Inspection de sièges d'auto

Le personnel du Service des incendies de Cumberland a les compétences nécessaires pour déceler les défauts de sièges d'auto pour enfants et les erreurs d'installation. Les parents peuvent faire vérifier les sièges en se rendant, tous les jours, à la caserne de pompiers n° 1 du 500 boulevard Charlemagne. Suite à la popularité de nos inspections de sièges d'enfants, nous devons maintenant fixer des rendez-vous. Composez le 824-5777 et demandez le capitaine en devoir pour fixer un rendez-vous.



## President's Word

Spring is finally here! Just a reminder to residents that it's time once again for the **Annual General Meeting**. The meeting will take place on **Monday, May 4th**, at the Ray Friel Centre's main level Community Room. The evening will start at 7:30 p.m. On the agenda will be the election of the 1998-99 executive as well as a revision of our by-laws. All residents are welcome and are encouraged to attend. Hope to see you there.

Last year I stated three goals that the FCA would be pursuing, and it is with great pleasure that I can say we accomplished them all. It has been a very busy year as we have introduced new programs and events to the community. The first achievement is that the Association can be reached via e-mail; the second is that the web site has finally been launched. The most difficult and third challenge for the FCA was approved just before Christmas - the **Fallingbrook Community Centre** will open its doors in the fall of '99, colocated with the school being built at Portobello and Provence streets.



Another event that is customary this time of year is the **Volunteer Awards Gala**. This is an opportunity for your Association to thank the many volunteers within the different organizations. From School Councils to Scouts and Guiding, we try and recognize outstanding community service within the Fallingbrook neighbourhood. The Award Gala will be held **Saturday, 9 May** at 7:30 pm at the Ray Friel Centre. As we have so many volunteers in Fallingbrook, we would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your devotion to your community.

As everyone knows by now, the **Citizen's Panel** has been disbanded. The Panel decided that there was just no sense to continue due to municipal interference. Although after speaking with them they could not confirm whether Cumberland Township was a contributor to their frustration, one thing that was mentioned to me, however, was that the Cumberland workshops were very constructive and the residents were quite cooperative. The Mayor's Forum and the Region will now be responsible for determining the future of our municipality. Residents, as taxpayers, are encouraged not to remain quiet in this crucial time. It is up to each one of us to express our views and help decide what kind of governance would best lead us into the millennium. If you haven't voiced your opinion or still have not gotten involved, I urge you to contact the Mayor, your Regional Councillor or Municipal Councillor and remind them that you care.

Our next **Community Garage Sale** will be held during the weekend of **May 23-24**, rain or shine. Your Association will provide the publicity and all you have to do is put out your stuff and wait for the customers. Participation in this event is free.

## ICE STORM CLEAN-UP AND YARD WASTE COLLECTION

Monday May 4 to Saturday May 9

Residents are asked to put waste material at the curb on Monday, May 4 for pick-up sometime during that week. As with the first phase of the storm clean-up, normal preparation and set-out requirements for brush will be relaxed.

## COLLECTE SPÉCIALE DE DÉTRITUS DE LA TEMPÊTE DE VERGLAS ET DE DÉCHETS DE JARDIN

Lundi le 4 mai au samedi le 9 mai

Les résidents sont demandés de sortir les déchets le lundi le 4 mai pour la collecte durant cette semaine-là. Comme pour la première phase du ramassage des débris de la tempête, les règles habituelles de préparation et de sortie seront relâchées.

Mother's  
Day  
Sunday, May 10

**Mot du Président**

Le printemps est enfin arrivé. Ce bulletin sera le dernier avant l'Assemblée générale annuelle le 4 mai au Centre Ray Friel, dans la salle communautaire au rez-de-chaussée. La soirée commencera à 19h30. L'ordre du jour comprendra les élections pour l'exécutif 1998-99 ainsi qu'une révision de nos règlements. Tous les résidents de Fallingbrook y sont les bienvenus. En vous attends en grand nombre.

Lors de mon discours l'année dernière, j'ai identifié trois défis dont l'Association voulait achever et c'est avec plaisir que je peux dire que nous avons accompli ces buts. Nous avons eu une année très chargée et nous avons introduits de nouveaux programmes et événements dans la communauté. Tout d'abord vous pouvez maintenant rejoindre l'Association par courrier électronique; nous avons aussi réussi à s'enregistrer sur l'internet. Finalement, le dernier défi que nous voulions atteindre a été approuvé avant Noël 1997. Le Centre communautaire de Fallingbrook ouvrira ces portes en automne 1999 au coin des rues Portobello et Provence.

Un autre événement traditionnel à Fallingbrook est la soirée des bénévoles. C'est une occasion pour l'Association de remercier les bénévoles de différentes organisations dans notre milieu. Par exemple, un scout, une personne qui aide à l'école, un membre de l'Association, un entraîneur dans les sports, enfin une personne dont il ou elle aurait donné plusieurs années de service et de temps et effort. Avec tellement de bénévoles dans

Fallingbrook nous aimerions tous les reconnaître à cette soirée. Mais malheureusement il nous est impossible. Alors nous profitons de cette occasion pour remercier chacun et chacune de votre dévouement à la communauté.

Comme vous le savez déjà, le Comité des Citoyens n'existe plus. Ce Comité a décidé qu'il ne serait pas avantageux de continuer étant donné l'ingérence des municipalités. Mais suite à une discussion avec ce comité, ils ne pouvaient pas nous confirmer que le Canton de Cumberland était autant impliqué dans cette ingérence que les autres municipalités. Un des points mentionné, par contre, était que les groupes d'activités à Cumberland ont été très productifs et les résidents très coopératifs. Le Forum du Maire ainsi que la Région seront maintenant responsable pour l'avenir de notre municipalité. Les résidents sont encouragés à se faire entendre durant cette période critique. C'est nous en tant que contribuable de décider la meilleure structure gouvernementale qui nous emportera dans l'an 2000. Si vous n'avez pas donné votre opinion ou si vous n'avez pas encore participé, je vous encourage fortement à communiquer avec soit le maire, votre Conseiller municipal ou le Conseiller régional.

La prochaine vente garage à Fallingbrook aura lieu durant la fin de semaine du 23 et 24 mai 1998. Votre Association s'occupera de faire la publicité et vous n'avez qu'à sortir vos trésors et attendre les clients. Cet événement est gratuit.

**Neighbourhood Watch**

**What is the Neighbourhood Watch Program ?**

The intent of the program is to prevent crime, and we all have that common goal of protecting our possessions.

The Neighbourhood Watch Program provides a coordinated effort against that crime.

The police requires 80% of our residences to be registered in order for the Neighbourhood Watch signs be installed at all streets entering Fallingbrook. These signs warns criminals that this community is an active crime fighter.

**To register you we need:**

- the name of one adult per household; and
- the home telephone number (indicate if 'unlisted').

**\*\* NOTHING TO BUY \*\***

When a Street Captain visits you, he or she provides you with useful security information on how to improve your own security.

**We need Street Captains:**

We need many more Street Captains to cover the over 100 streets of our Community. Call me if you are interested.

Neighbourhood Watch reduces crime, but only because of your participation. Without your vigilant eye, there is no success. Continue your vigilance, and do not hesitate to call me if needed.



**Surveillance de Quartier**

**Qu'est le Program de Surveillance De Quartier ?**

Le but du program est de prévenir le crime, et nous avons tous ce but commun de protéger nos biens.

Le Programme de Surveillance De Quartier fourni Un effort coordonné contre ce crime.

La police exige 80% de résidences enregistrées pour que les enseignes de 'Surveillance De Quartier' soient installées sur toutes les rues entrant dans Fallingbrook. Ces enseignes avertissent les criminels que notre communauté combat le crime activement.

**Pour vous enregistré nous avons besoin:**

- du nom d'un adulte par résidence; et
- du numéro de téléphone de résidence (indiquer si 'non-listé').

**\*\* RIEN A ACHETER \*\***

Quand un Capitaine de Rue vous visite, elle ou il vous fourni(e) de l'information sécuritaire utile sur la manière d'améliorer votre sécurité.

**Nous avons besoin de Capitaines de Rue:**

Nous avons besoin de beaucoup plus de Capitaines de Rue pour couvrir les plus de 100 rues de notre Communauté. Contacter moi si vous êtes intéressés(es).

La Surveillance De Quartier réduit le crime, mais seulement à cause de votre participation. Sans votre oeil vigilant, il n'y a pas de succès. Continuer votre vigilance, et n'hésitez pas à me contacter si nécessaire.

Roger Lapointe 837-6067

**Contact us by Internet e-mail!**



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**2001 International Plowing Match**

(Metcalfe ON) 9 April 1998-At their April 2 meeting, the Ottawa-Carleton Plowmen's Association (OCPA) elected a Chair to head up the 2001 International Plowing Match and Farm Machinery Show. The Chair of the OCPA 2001 International Plowing Match and Farm Machinery Show, Mr. Sam Dagg, was elected to this extremely challenging position.

Mr. Dagg, who resides in Navan, headed up the Committee that successfully obtained the Match for the Ottawa-Carleton region. The 2001 Match will be held during the week of September 18, 2001. Mr. Dagg will be organizing

some information sessions throughout the region to solicit volunteers for the various Committees and Subcommittees required to organize a Match of this magnitude. Details will be publicized as soon as they are available.

The Ottawa-Carleton Plowmen's Association is looking forward to their regional plowing match which will be held on Saturday, September 5, 1998, at the Ferguson Farm in Dalmeny. Put this date on your calendar and come and meet the Match organizers.



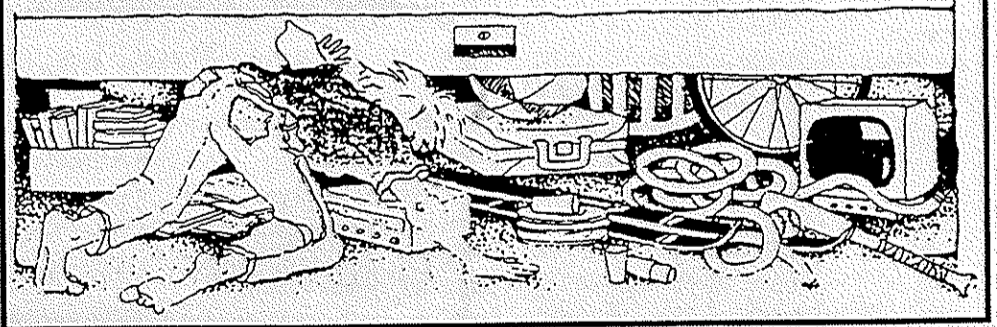
**Fallingbrook  
Community Garage Sale**

**Saturday and Sunday, 23-24 May 1998**

To participate, simply put out your goods for sale as if it was a private garage sale. We will advertise the event, and because of the large number of "garage sales" going on at the same time, there is always a lot of traffic and plenty of customers.

**So be sure to join in!!**

**The sale starts at 8 am each day, rain or shine.**



### Golfing Danger

This memo was sent 7 Apr 98 to fellow members of the Fallingbrook Community Association, Fallingbrook councillors and the Mayor's Office.

Earlier this afternoon, while my wife was at the kitchen table on the phone to me at work, a golf ball shattered the top of the kitchen window 3 feet behind her. She was showered in glass. My daughter was at the opposite end of the table and also hit. Luckily neither were hurt - not even a scratch. We have spoken to the teenage golfer. He saw the damage, was sincerely apologetic, freely gave id and volunteered to pay all damages.

Of course things could have been much worse.

The purpose of this memo is to see if, in our community, we can try somehow to appraise the public of the folly of golfing in our parks. I know there is a bylaw - I have strongly reminded amateur golfers in Fallingbrook park almost every season of that fact. They have always packed up the clubs and moved on.

Fallingbrook park is especially dangerous since it is large enough to be tempting but too small to avoid any risk of injuring bystanders. Cyclist and pedestrians coming down the south side hill would not have a chance. The golfer would have launched the ball before seeing them rounding the corner. There is also the chance a ball could ricochet off the asphalt walkway at great speed and random direction.

Common sense should dictate that golfing in a small well used park is not right - but it is obviously not enough. The sometimes vigilant resident is not enough. I would recommend a strong media campaign at the start of the nice weather. The message would get to some golfers and also to residents who may not yet be aware they have every right to challenge offenders. I also recommend signs at park entrances and frequent by-law officer patrols. I have only seen youngsters or teenagers golfing out back. This would suggest that warnings could also be channelled through Elementary school (say grades 6 to 8) and High Schools. These are only my ideas. Perhaps you will have others. I welcome any input from council and township staff as to what resources can be applied to the problem.

Tonight, I regret not acting on this situation sooner. I hope this is a regret you won't experience.

Sincerely,  
Paul Pelletier

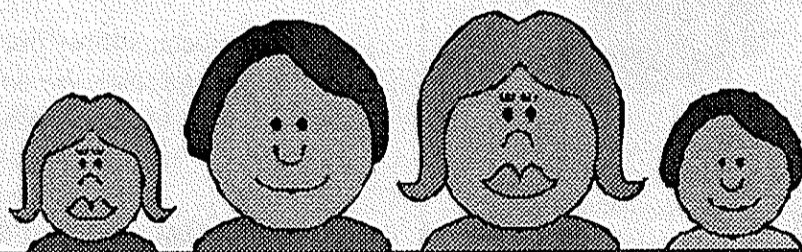


## Fallingbrook

# Fête du CANADA DAY



Decorated Bike Contest



### Canada Day: Fun for the whole family!!!

- Kids' Olympics
- Face Painting
- Pet Show
- Kiddy Kars
- Amusement Rides
- Decorated Bike Show
- Ball Hockey
- Garage Sale
- Canada Day Cake
- Soccer Tournament
- Beer Garden
- Fire Engine Display
- Local Talent Show
- Fireworks
- and more .....

First class celebrations right here at home!!! Watch local papers for further details.

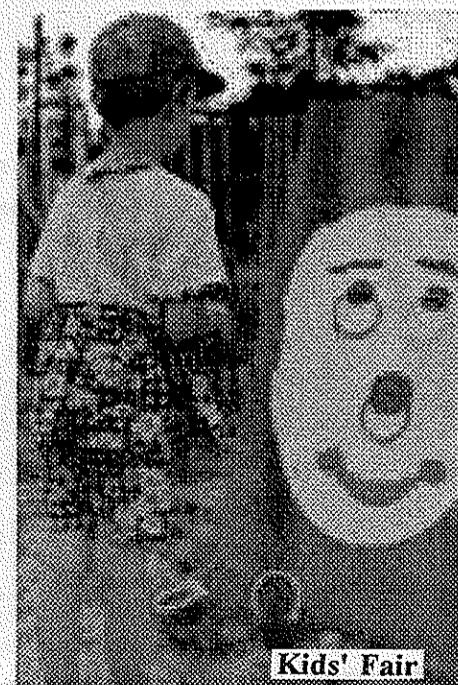
### Talent Search



As part of Canada Day in Fallingbrook, we are seeking local talent to perform on the stage on the afternoon of July 1. We're looking for singers, musicians, choirs, magicians, etc. This may be your chance to get some public exposure!

Applicants must submit an application to Debbie Parent, 1356 Falling Brook Ridge (off Princess Louise Drive), 830-5433. The deadline is June 10. In lieu of an audition, you must submit an audio or video tape of your performance or a similar one. Only those who have been selected will be notified, by June 20. The committee's decision is final.

Performers must supply their own equipment, instruments, etc. Those who have been chosen will be told of what electronic equipment is available on the stage.



Kids' Fair