



Olden Days & Antique Cars street festival

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The Queen's Jubilee Committee unveils marker

Above: A permanent monument was unveiled August 12th by members of council and assisted by the Queen's Golden Jubilee Committee during the annual Cornell picnic. See story on page 6

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Over 300 classic & antique cars rumble into Markham Village

By Helen Walter

The Markham Village BIA hosts the sixth annual Olden Days & Antique Cars street festival, Sunday September 10, 2006 from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm. Over 300 antique and classic cars will be joined with

antique dealers, craft vendors and a general party atmosphere.

"What could be a nicer way to spend a September Sunday than to bask in the romance and history of the automobile," says Keith Thirgood, chair and founder of Olden Days & Antique Cars.

At the centre of the festival are more than 300 antique and classic vehicles, which line the closed street from Highway 7 to Bullock Drive. Dozens of makes and models show up every year, and our car club sponsor, the Thunderbird Club of Ontario, will be bringing dozens of their classic Thunderbirds.

Antique lovers are not left out, as the Festival presents

"Antiques on the Road Show". At this booth, antique appraisers Andrea & Martin Swinton from Take-A-Boo Emporium will appraise any antiques and collectables brought to them. All proceeds raised go to Evergreen Hospice. Bring your items, big and small, for appraisal and help a good cause at the same time.

Entertainment will be provided on five stages featuring Jazz, Blues, Folk, Celtic and rock music. Kids can have fun in the bouncy castle or create some great crafts with the Bead Boy. As in the previous years, there will be specially selected antique vendors showing their wares along with craft and food vendors.

Markville Ford and Concepts on Wheels again share the

honour of being the festival's marquee sponsors. Markville will have its newest models for 2007 on display, while Concepts will be showcasing their innovative custom cars. The Markham Economist & Sun and, local marketing agency Capstone Communications Group continue with their major sponsorship.

Car owners are competing for the coveted *Best Vehicle* plaques in the following categories: pre-war, 1939 to 1950, 1951 to 1960, 1961 to 1965, 1966 to 1970, 1971 to 1980, and Other Vehicle. And they all hope to win the trophy for *Best Thunderbird in Show* and *Best in Show*.



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Craig Riley: *The man behind the business*



Story and photos by: Stephanie Heathcote

The name Craig Riley's Markville Lincoln Ford has been around for over

15 years and has become a well known name throughout the community. What most people do not realize, is the amount of generosity the man behind the business exudes. Craig Riley first got involved with the Markham community in the 1980s and has been giving back ever since.

To give you a brief idea of his contributions, Riley gives to the community by sponsoring six different sports teams of various ages and has also

been a title sponsor of the Olden Days & Antique Car Show since its conception six years ago. Craig Riley has also taken 28 kids from the Big Brothers organization to a leaf game in 2003, sent children and their mothers from the yellow brick house for battered women to Disney on Ice, donates to Markhaven and the YMCA, and has been a title sponsor for the Wine and Cheese event at the Markham Museum for 5 years, and that's just for starters.

Craig Riley was also the president of the Canadian International Auto Show

in 2005, which is held annually at the Rogers Centre and the Metro Toronto Convention Centre and was a columnist for the Toronto Star in 2004.

It's clear that Mr. Riley's contributions to the community are something that we should all strive towards. Giving back inspires a sense of community pride and unity. When asked why he believes in philanthropy, Mr. Riley says "I like to give back to the community whose loyal service and sales keep me in business. It's just the right thing to do."



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The Origin of Concepts On Wheels

"It used to drive me crazy," says Howard Meyer, the burly Chief Enthusiast and Founder of Concepts On Wheels. "I'd walk into an automobile restoration shop and find one of my cars buried in a corner, with an inch of dust on it and a collection of coffee cups and cigarettes in the gutted interior."

Focused solely on real estate development at the time, Howard was continually surprised that despite a willingness to pay to have the restoration job done right, he found himself pressed to personally manage the progress of his car restoration projects. "When you take into consideration my time and effort into the real cost of the project, especially managing the project between shops" Howard winces, "it created a lot of pain."

And so begins the story of Concepts On Wheels

"The first thing that was clear, was that you could reduce a lot of the pain and streamline the process by having all of the required restoring and modifying restoration disciplines specialties under one roof. And that's what we did. We merged five established shops, into one team that was capable of creating anything."

"Our next challenge was to develop and refine the organization's overall processes, which included everything from unifying our information systems to

streamlining our sourcing. If you don't get this stuff right, things can quickly get side tracked."

Fortunately, while every vehicle—and every customer—is different, the overall process of restoring and modifying a vehicle is based on the same principles. "It's process, process, process", Howard drills, "that's the key and that's where my personal focus has been during the last year."

The result? A growing company of enthusiastic artisans that cross all of the trade disciplines: paint, bodywork, electronics, performance engineering, metalwork, trim, fabrication, certified mechanics, and welding. The goal? To provide efficient and well-managed services for any customer's project, from concept to completion...



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2005 has been Concepts on Wheels' best year to date, seeing the creation of many fabulous customer vehicles including a '65 Impala SS, a '67 Chevelle, and a '68 Cutlass.

Memories Relived – Peter's '65 Impala SS

Peter's first "new" car was an Impala that he purchased back in 1964.

Selling it after only 2 years of ownership, Peter never did forget the fond memories that the vehicle had brought him (or forgive himself for letting it go). Forty years later, he decided to search for a similar vehicle that could be restored—hoping to relive the warm memories from an early part of his life.

After purchasing the '65 Impala SS, Peter meticulously researched many

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Anniversaries...

Village Wellness Clinic celebrates its 4th anniversary on Joseph Street



Nubian Hair Supply is celebrating their 1st anniversary in the Village Lanes

Time Art is celebrating its 1st anniversary on Main Street



Pulse Dance Works is celebrating their 1st anniversary in the Village Lanes



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OurTown: Markham



Our Town: Markham Premiers Monday September 11

Through the popular "Our Town" series, produced by the regional public broadcasting station WNED, community members share a week in the life of the place they call home. The latest installment (premiering September 11 at 8 pm and rebroadcast at 9:30 pm on WNED) features a video scrapbook of Markham, Ontario.

"The Markham I have come to know is a thriving modern community, rich in history and culture, with residents who truly love their hometown," said Producer Christy May. "I hope viewers discover Markham in much the same way I did—through the eyes of the volunteer videographers. Their interviews, combined with the video they shot, create a wonderful mosaic of the people, places and happenings of Markham."

The 28 volunteers are:

Trevelyan Beard, Beatrice Barbarian, Cassandra Barbosa, Marjorie Bielawski, Michelle Sukul-Chan, Roger Clements, Serena Chin, Julie Christian, David Conforti, Louise Conforti, David Coppola, Sue Firsler, Dan Henderson, Josh Henderson, Carmelina Karas, Sam Karas, Amanda Lewis, Tracy MacKinnon, Greg McCormick, Tina Murphy, Hélène Paquin, Judy Dawson-Ryan, Lorne Smith, Joanna Solyom, Catherine Jenner-Tranter, Rebecca Timol, Andrew Trussler, and Romila Verma.

Project partners are the *Markham Village Voice*, Varley Art Gallery; and the Town of Markham, Corporate Communications Office.

We Need Your Help!

The Markham Village Businesses are seeking local residents to participate in a focus group to learn more about our customers and their needs.

The Group will meet at the Old Curiosity Tea Shop (93 Main Street N) on Wednesday September 13, 2006 at 5:30 pm. There will be refreshments served for all those that participate. If you are interested please contact the Markham Village Business Association Office at **905-472-2462** or email markhamvillage@on.aibn.com

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Markham Calendar of Events

September 2006

4 Labour Day
4 Varley Gallery - Labour Day Art Activities
4 Markham Museum - Open 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.
4 No waste, recycling or green bin collection today. Consult your collection schedule.
7 Markham Guild of Village Crafts-Class Registration/Open House 4 p.m-8 p.m
8 Markham Museum - Annual Wine Tasting
9 Milliken Mills Children's Festival
10 Grandparents Day
10 Markham Village Olden Days & Antique Cars Festival 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

11 'Our Town' video scrapbook of Markham airs on WVED @ 8 p.m.
16 Thornhill Village Festival
16-17 Markham Museum Applefest
21 United Nations International Day of Peace
23 Rosh Hashanah
23 First Day of Autumn
24 First Day of Ramadan
28 Oct. 1 Markham Fair

October 2006

2 Yum Kippur
5 Varley Gallery - Limitless Potential & Ernestine Tehedl: A Retrospective

7 Markham Village Farmer's Market - Last Day for the season
8-14 National Fire Prevention Week
9 Thanksgiving Day
9 Markham Museum - Open 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.
9 No waste, recycling or green bin collection today. Consult your collection schedule.

16-22 Ontario Public Library Week
21 Eid al-Fitr
26&29 Markham Museum - Haunted Museum
27&28 Markham Museum - The Monster Bash
29 Daylight Saving Time ends (clocks back)

29-Nov 5 Canadian Children's Book Week
31 Hallowe'en

November 2006

1-9 Holocaust Education Week
4 Markham Guild of Village Crafts-Bells & Bows Christmas Sale 9 am - 3 pm