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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please mark your calendars for Saturday September 27, 2014 for our next general meeting and potluck supper, don't forget your favorite dish. The location is the same at the Severn Bridge Community Centre. The doors will be open at 6:00pm, supper will start at 6:30 and the meeting will be called to order at 7:30.

The speaker for the evening will be Mark Douglas who will be giving us the history of the Fish Weirs at the narrows between Lakes Couchiching and Simcoe.

This will be my last news letter and I want to thank all those who have contributed material. I have enjoyed bringing you these stories over the years, but I have run out of inspiration and it is time for a new perspective. Steve Stanton will be taking over and he will be posting the news letter to the web site. Arrangements will be made to download it from the web and produce printed copies for those who do not have computer access.

### PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

This issue of our newsletter will be the final work of our editor -George Page. We are grateful for his outstanding efforts on our behalf and the fine articles produced. Our thanks also go to Jeanne who saw to it that envelopes were stuffed and postage applied. A great hard working pair!

Our executive will continue to be blessed with their input in the next year as we roll into our 31st anniversary. Steve Stanton has agreed to produce the next series and we look forward to his participation. We'll need to

have your articles forwarded as these are the backbone of keeping up our readership. Have a great winter and keep all fingers crossed for an easier six months.

### A DIPPY DO DOWN THE SEVERN

On Saturday August the 16<sup>th</sup> Jeanne and I had the pleasure of taking part in a flotilla of Disappearing propeller boats from Sopher's Landing to Swift Rapids organized by Robert Clipsham, and despite the incessant rain the twenty five odd people including us seemed to enjoy themselves. People came from as far away as North Bay to participate and there was a family from Germany traveling with friends.



DOWN THE RAMP



TAKING STOCK



MARY IS READY TO GO



A LITTLE HISTORY



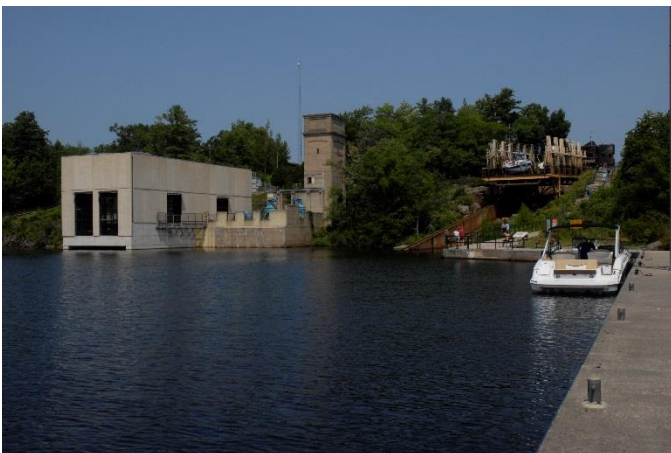
THROUGH THE CUT



LUNCH AT PAGE'S COTTAGE

## SUMMER OUTING

Our summer outing this year was a trip to Big Chute on the Severn River. The site of the only marine railway on the Trent Severn Water Way. The turnout was very small but those of us that did attend enjoyed visiting the preserved remains of one of Ontario Hydro's earliest hydro-electric generating stations and watching the boats traveling up and down the railway.



## GOOD NEWS

Betty Chish – Graham advises that there has been some renewed interest in the book she put together of family stories about Kilworthy “A Legacy Almost Lost”. As a result the S.L.H.S. has agreed to have a limited number of copies printed.

## NEXT SPRING

Lori Oschefski ( a resident of Orillia) CEO of the British Home Children Advocacy & Research Association will be giving a presentation on the history of British Home Children in Canada at our spring meeting. I saw this presentation recently at the Orillia Historical Speakers Association and it was absolutely riveting, and I know that some of our members have connections to some Home Children – a presentation not to miss. Lori will also talk about author Cecilia Jowett (who was a home child) who had connections to Orillia, Stephen Leacock, Longford Mills and I believe Sparrow Lake.

Best regards and thanks to all George.

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