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TUNED IN!

Keeping you up-to-date on all things Valley Heritage Radio



Laughin' and lovin' life in Ladysmith with VHR!

Shane Presley and Reg Carkner weren't only entertaining people at the Ladysmith Hotel to kick off our Live From the Hunt Camp series, but they were entertained themselves. Those smiles say it all, when it comes to our night in Ladysmith. We had a full house and everyone spent the night singing, dancing, laughing, sharing stories, eating wings and loving life. Thanks so much to Ernie and Cathy at the Ladysmith Hotel, and to all of the musicians who volunteered their time and talents for the evening. Another memorable event for VHR!



MERRY CHRISTMAS



Thoughts from the manager ...

With each passing year, we find ourselves saying it more and more. And that is, "Wow, where did the summer go?"

Wow, indeed! It just seems like we traded in our snow boots for sandals, and here we are again, counting the sleeps until Christmas. But they say the busier you are, the quicker time flies by. Well, when you look through this edition of the VHR newsletter, you'll understand why time flew!

I'm proud to say that Valley Heritage Radio had a busy summer. Our staff and volunteers were everywhere, it seemed. And they brought with them the pride and passion they have for their community radio station. And that's what we need to keep this "little station that could" chugging along. In every town or village we visited, we were welcomed with open arms by our supporters and loyal listeners, and along the way we brought VHR to many who joined us for the first time. We say "welcome aboard!"

As you flip these pages, we hope you'll make a connection to the people in the photos. And we hope their love for the station is contagious. We continue to grow as more and more people find out about us. So keep spreading the word!

As we prepare to flip the page on 2016, we're gearing up for an equally busy 2017. Not only is it the 250th birthday of our amazing country, but it's also VHR's 10th birthday. And we're going to celebrate with you throughout the year. Stay tuned for more on that in the days and weeks ahead.

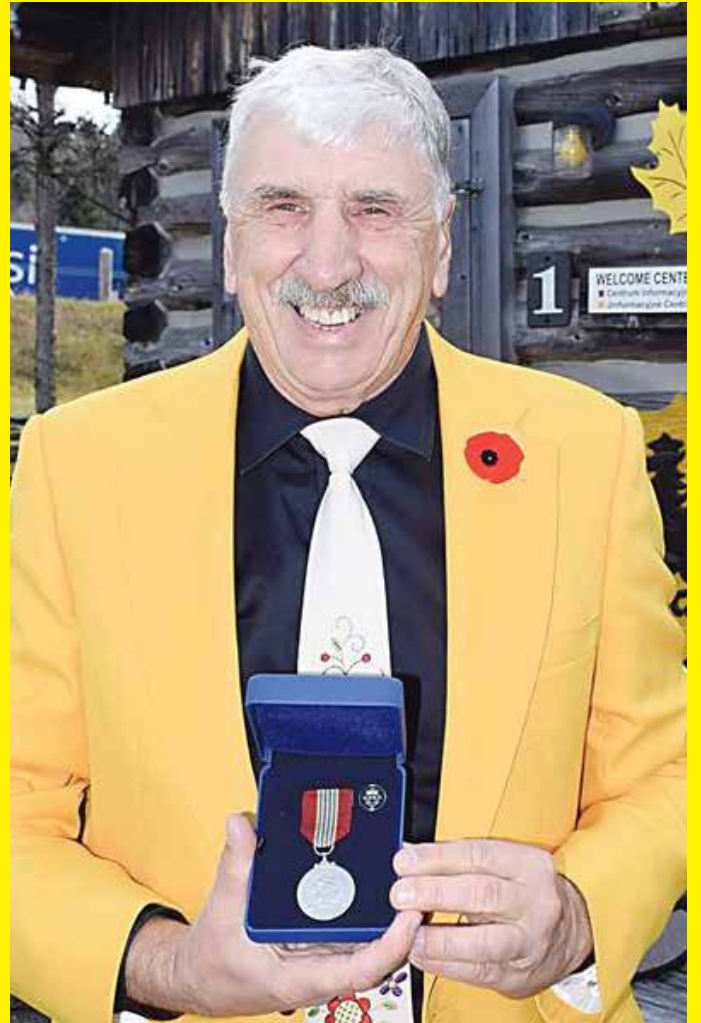
But make sure to take a look on the next page for your invitation to our 10th birthday party on January 15th at the Armouries in Renfrew. This is our kickoff to another truly amazing year here at VHR.

If you're only going to get to one event in 2017, this is the one. Dust off your dancing shoes!

So to wrap up 2016, I want to wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year on behalf of the staff at VHR. God bless. See you in 2017!



Jason



Congrats to Johnny Kashub!

One of our very own Radio Kaszebe hosts, Johnny Kashub (aka Dave Shulist) has been awarded the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers, initiated by Gov-Gen David Johnston. He was chosen for his efforts to preserve and promote the Kashubian heritage. Johnny says he was humbled to get the medal, and accepted the award on behalf of those who have worked hard to preserve the Kashubian culture. Congratulations Johnny Kashub!

Double the payout for VHR Super Bingo

Attention all Valley Heritage Radio bingo players!

As a special early Christmas gift, we're holding a Super Bingo on Thursday, December 8th. As a way of saying thank you to those who support our bingo each week, the prizes are doubled with \$400 for Game 1, \$600 for Game 2 and a jackpot of \$2,000 for Game 3. Get your cards early!





YOU'RE INVITED to
a 10th birthday party For
VALLEY HERITAGE RADIO

DATE: Sunday, January 15th, 2017

LOCATION: Renfrew Armouries

TIME: 1 to 5 p.m. (doors open at 12)

COST: only \$10 (incl. a piece of birthday cake!)

Great music!
Great friends!
Great memories!

A great afternoon of entertainment featuring:

- The Rogers Family • Neville Wells • Jennifer Johnston • The McMunns •
- A Tribute to Ottawa Valley Fiddling • Howard Hayes • Mike Cloutier • Al Cruise •

And your house band for the afternoon: • The Ottawa Valley Hall of Fame Band •
(Brian Hebert, Al Bragg, Rodger Coulombe, Dale Ducharme, Mike Hamelin and Mark Lemieux)

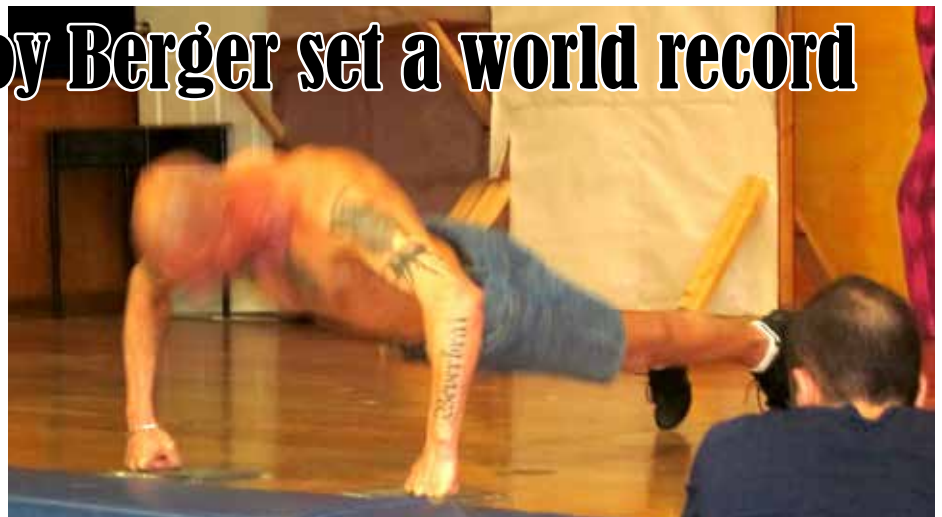
Witness VHR DJ Roy Berger's attempt at a Guinness World Record for push-ups!

Tickets available at the following locations:

- Valley Heritage Radio • Dan's Pizza, Cobden • Peebles Lottery, Arnprior Mall • Eganville Village Discount & Variety •
- Dunrobin Meat & Grocery • Nicholson's, Pakenham • Perkins Gas Bar, Pembroke • Hursty's Restaurant, Shawville •

Watch our DJ Roy Berger set a world record

We want you to come out to our 10th birthday party on January 15th (see ad above). And in addition to great music all afternoon, our own Sunday DJ Roy Berger will attempt his fourth Guinness World Record for push-ups. A world record! Roy would love your support as he goes for it!





A Hall of Fame evening!



The Ottawa Valley Country Music Hall of Fame held its 35th induction ceremony in September, and VHR was proud to be a part of this special event. Our very own Jason Marshall and Christa Pare co-hosted the gala for the second year, and we also broadcast a “red carpet” special from the lobby before the big show. A big congrats to all of this year’s inductees, performers, and the OVCMHOF group for another first-class show!





Valley country music in spotlight!

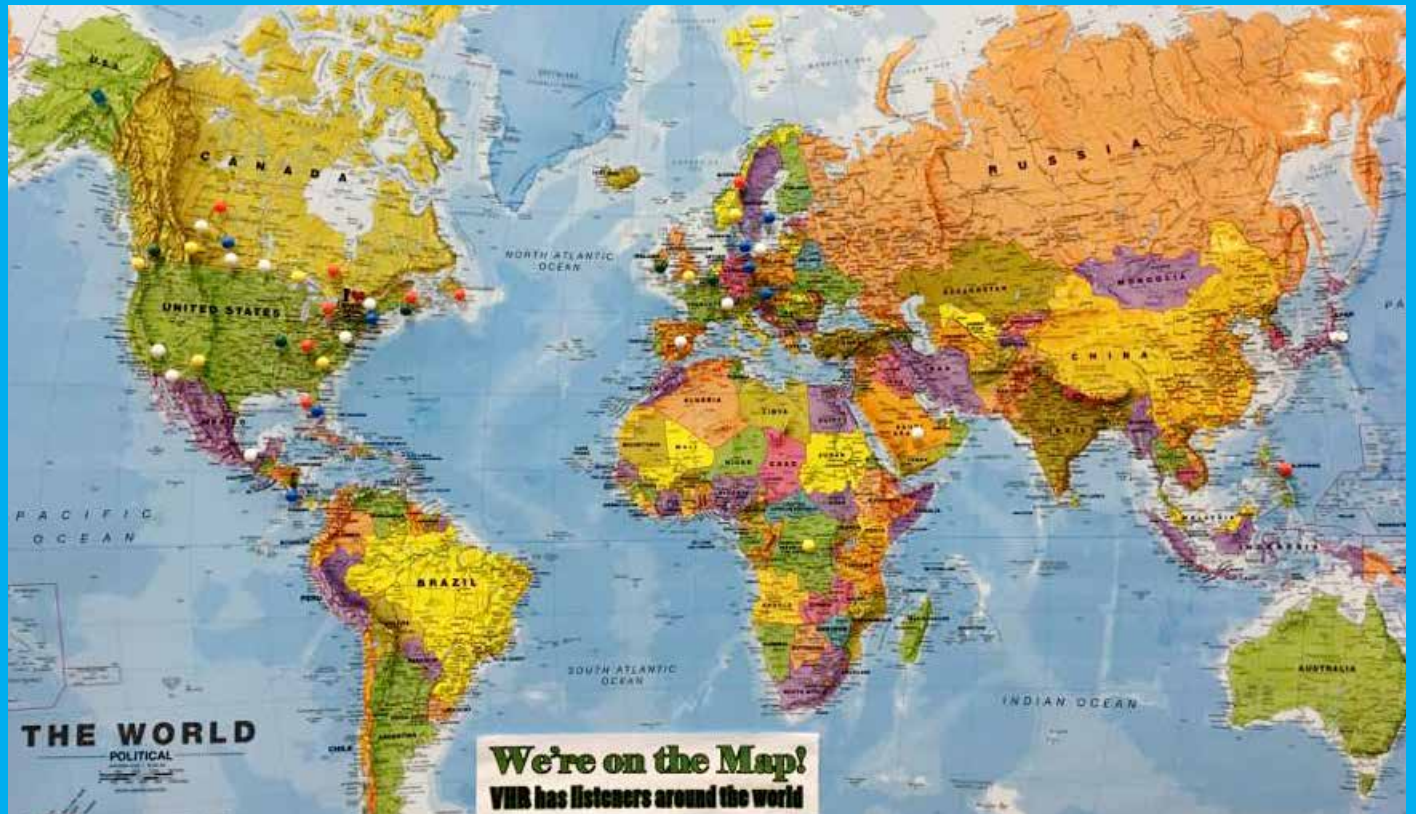


Congratulations to everyone involved with this year's OVCMHOF show at CentrepoinTE. And a tip of the hat to 2016 inductees Gord Barnes, Clarence Bowes, the late Jim Hickey, and the Countrymen.



Lesley celebrates 10 wonderful years at VHR!

You know the voice. You know the face. You know her awesome personality! But did you know that production manager Lesley Galbraith was the first employee ever hired at VHR? It's true! Lesley celebrates her 10th anniversary with the station on December 5th. VHR went on the air six weeks after she was hired! Way to go Lesley. We love ya!



VHR truly on the world map!

Valley Heritage Radio has thousands of listeners in the Ottawa Valley and the Pontiac, but thanks to online streaming, people listen from all around the globe. We have a big map at the station, with push pins showing where people have tuned in from. Check it out, and if you know someone who listens abroad, please ask for a pin and make sure they are on the map!

Cheers to VHR!

Jason and local syrup producer Rob Dodge toast VHR with a glass of maple syrup. Honest, it is maple syrup!

We wanted to acknowledge faithful listener Rob who donated some delicious syrup to our annual pancake breakfast fundraiser. Thanks Rob for a sweet donation!





From host to performer!

Mike Cloutier has hosted VHR's Kitchen Party Live for years, and has brought hundreds of talented musicians to the Thomas Cavanagh Stage. But he had never performed on KPL, until this summer. Mike took to the stage and did a wonderful job. It was a long wait, but it was worth it. Great job, as usual, Mike!



Saying 'seeya' to Live From The Hunt Camp

Gerry, Lesley and Jason say 'seeya' and wave goodbye to our Live From the Hunt Camp series. After six highly enjoyable seasons, we are saying goodbye to our hunt camp series as you know it. But watch for a new show next hunting season! Until next time ... seeeeeyaaa!



Reaching for the Rainbow!



For the second year in a row, the Sunshine Coach had a hugely successful radiothon on VHR, as they raised \$70,000 in one day!

Thanks to all who took part in the Reach for the Rainbow Radiothon, especially host Art Jamieson!

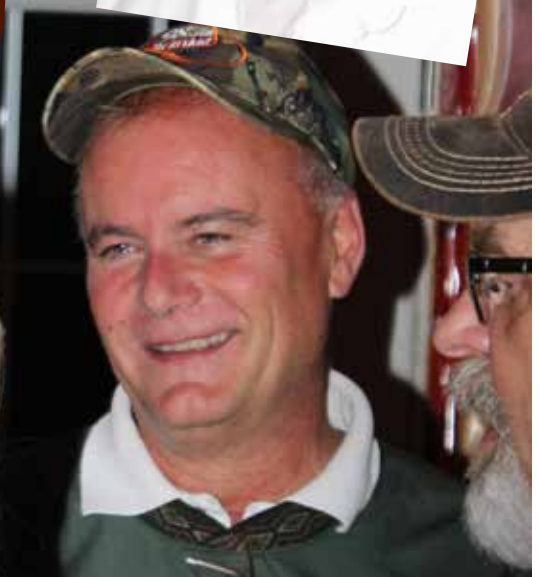




Live From the Hunt Camp



Welcome Valley
Heritage Radio
Guests
to the Black River
Hunt Camp







Mike on radio and TV

Our very own super volunteer Mike Cloutier was featured on CTV Ottawa's Regional Contact earlier this summer. Host Joel Haslam popped by the station to interview Mike and share his story about his life journey and his connection to the Ottawa Heart Institute.

In typical Mike Cloutier fashion, he insisted that Valley Heritage Radio be a big part of the story, as it's a big part of his life. And is truly in his heart!



Congratulations!

Renfrew County's newest judge is Justice Mike March, after he was appointed to the bench in late August. We want to congratulate Mike and his family. All have strong ties to the radio station as daughter Emma and son Will have performed for us numerous times at events and on the air. As well, Mike's wife and former law partner Mary Fraser is a volunteer board member at VHR!

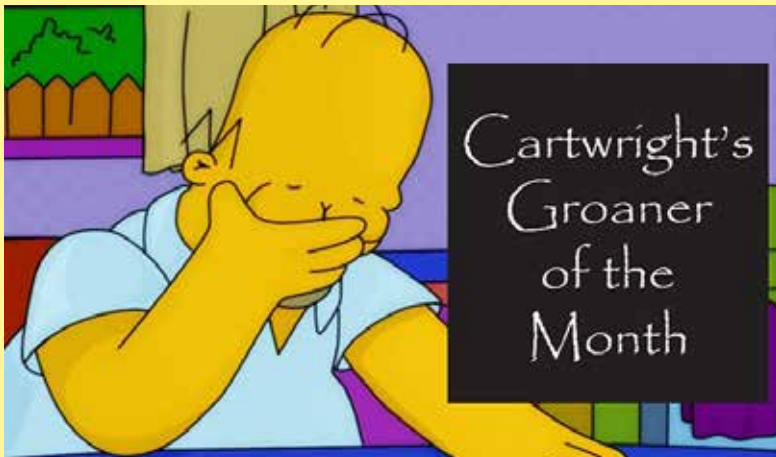
VHR at Antrim Dec 9

Are you in the Arnprior area on Friday, December 9th? If so, then pop on by the Antrim Truck Stop between 10 and 2, as VHR will be there selling our Christmas raffle tickets. And we'll have musicians with us including Johnny Spinks, Pat Hallet, John Henry Lacasse, Mike Cloutier, Bobby Schwartz, Ilean Cruise and more. Pop by to buy your tickets, listen to some tunes, or just to say G'day!



Valley Heritage remembers

VHR volunteer Jean Calberry lays a wreath at the Renfrew Cenotaph on Remembrance Day, on behalf of the station. We also broadcast the ceremony live for the third straight year. Thanks to Jean and other volunteers who laid wreaths across the Valley.



**A postman came to my door and said, “Is this letter for you? The name is smudged.”
I said, “No. My name is Andrew.”**

**I went to the doctor and told him I was having problems with my hearing. He said, “Can you describe the symptoms?”
I said, “ They’re yellow. Homer’s fat and Marge has blue hair.”**

-AC



Who Am I?

Anyone recognize this valuable VHR member? You need to picture him WITHOUT the mullet!

~ See page 20 to find out ~



Fiddlin' around in Pembroke!



The 41st Pembroke Old Time Fiddle and Step Dancing Championships were another huge success. And VHR was proud to be part of the event. We broadcast live from Fiddle Park on Friday, and carried the finals live! Congrats to all!





Happy birthday, young lady!

Our own afternoon drive host Christa Pare was surprised on air in August as we showed up with a cake and to sing 'Happy Birthday' to her!

Special days

Congratulations to:

SEPTEMBER

- Sept 14 - Heather & David Taggart anniversary
- Sept 23 - Pat Watters Bday
 - Sept 23 - John & Jean Taggart anniversary
 - Sept. 23 - John & Helen McMaster anniversary
- Sept 25 - Al & Ilean Cruise anniversary

OCTOBER

- Oct 7 - Pat & Gerry Blandford anniversary
- Oct 7 - RA Cameron Bday
- Oct 8 - Cathie Hendley Bday
- Oct 29 - Rob Jamieson Bday

NOVEMBER

- Nov 5 - Guy Jamieson Bday
- Nov 13 - Ken Matacheskie Bday
- Nov 23 - Denny Ferguson Bday
- Nov 25 - Reta & Gary Behm anniversary
 - Nov 27 - Paul Kilby Bday
 - Nov 27 - Larry and Daisey Mae Lennox anniversary

DECEMBER

- Dec 8 - John Taggart Bda
- Dec 8 - David Taggart Bday
- Dec 9 - Cora Matacheskie Bday
- Dec 27 - Charlie Dunlap Bday

If we missed your special day, let us know!

Email Jason or Reta!

Order your VHR cookbook!

In January 2017 Valley Heritage Radio will be 10 years on air. In celebration the station is excited to offer for purchase our Collector's Edition Valley Heritage 10th Anniversary Cookbook.

We anticipate this book to sell like **hotcakes!**

It **preserves** the highlights of our station's history: **mixes** in memories from our first 10 years; and **combines** it with favourite recipes from Valley artists, radio personalities, members and volunteers.

It's a great Christmas gift idea for family and friends.

\$15.00 each – order yours today!

PRE-ORDER YOUR COOKBOOK TODAY BY VISITING VALLEYHERITAGERADIO.CA

On the website, follow the "Cookbook" link!





Notice anything?

Do you notice anything different about our production manager Lesley Galbraith? Take a close look. Closer. Ahhhhh yes, she got new frames for her glasses. Lookin' simply smashing, Lesley!



VHR buddies everywhere

Jason was asked to help at this year's Eganville Mudder mud run and mud drags, and when he was there he ran into a huge VHR supporter from Palmer Rapids. Richard pops by our events from time to time, but always has the dial locked to 98.7. He also loves his new VHR ball cap!



Congratulations Kent! Great job!

Valley Heritage Radio board member Kent Smith recently received a special award from the Renfrew Fair Board. He was recognized with an award of appreciation for his many years of service with the fair board, and for making a difference through his volunteer efforts.



VHR gets around!



VHR staff and volunteers had another busy summer, taking part in a number of events across our listening region. (Top left) Eganville held a parade for Olympian Melissa Bishop and we were there to broadcast the historic event live. (Top right) Team VHR left a trail of divots at the Greater Arnprior Chamber of Commerce golf tournament. (Above) John McMaster and Gerry Bimm havin' fun at the Palmer Rapids Twin Music Festival and (below) Christa Pare hosted the Art in Your Woodpile event in Killaloe!





CHRISTMAS CASH RAFFLE

DRAW DATE: DEC 15

1st \$2000

2nd \$1000

3rd \$500

GET YOUR TICKETS

TODAY !!!!

\$2 EACH

3 FOR \$5

VALLEY HERITAGE RADIO

DRAW DATE: DECEMBER 15, 2016 AT 11 AM



AVAILABLE AT

VALLEY HERITAGE RADIO

RAY'S FLOWERS - RENFREW

SIS'N BRO SMART BUY - ALMONTE

METRO (call station for schedule)- BARRY'S BAY

DUNCAN MCQUITTY @ FOODLAND, EGANVILLE

PEEBLE'S LOTTERY—ARNPRIOR MALL

GOOD TO GO LOTTERY—WALMART, RENFREW

ROBBINS CONFECTIONERY—BRAESIDE

DAN'S PIZZA—COBDEN

DUNROBIN MEAT & GROCERY—DUNROBIN

PERKINS GAS BAR—PEMBROKE

\$2.00 EACH OR 3 FOR \$5.00



Live from Arnprior's White Pine Festival

Valley Heritage Radio was live on location at Arnprior's White Pine Festival this summer at the AABA ball diamonds on the shores of the Ottawa River. (Left) The King himself paid a visit to our tent, as Elvis came by to say hello to Jason. We're pretty sure the King dedicated his performance of Hound Dog to our station manager. (Right) VHR volunteer DJ Denny Welburn and friend Betty Kennedy swung by to say G'day before they performed live with The Fabulous Heartbeats!



International visitors to VHR

Donna Campbell, our host of Barnyard Breakdown, had some special guests in studio as members of the 4-H International Exchange program popped in to share their experiences with our listeners. Great relationships always start with 4-H!



Happy Bday!

'Angry' Reta was all smiles on this day, as she gives a hug to our Morning Man Andrew Cartwright. He called it a hug. She called it a chokehold. Either way, looks like it was a fun night. Hope you had a great birthday, Reta! 50 is a big year!



Helping Fort Mac

Johnny and Lana Spinks wanted to do something to help the good folks in Fort McMurray after the devastating fires in Alberta. So they organized a benefit concert in Almonte with a number of the Valley's best musicians to help raise some much-needed funds for the cause. VHR was involved as Johnny asked Jason and Christa to MC the evening. Great job, Johnny & Lana. Well done!



You never know what we'll find at VHR, and we found this wonderful 8-track of the Country Gentlemen. Talk about a walk down memory lane with this OVCMHOF duo, the late Al Uttronki and the late Harry Ferguson. More music for VHR!



Did you recognize me?

~ From page 13 ~

Did you figure out that it was our ad man Gerry Bimm? Really, it was! But the whiskers make him look debonair!



Recognize any of these lads?



This photo was taken almost 50 years ago, and it features the 1957 junior boys' basketball team from RCI. Among these good looking student-athletes are four of our valuable volunteers: Art Jamieson, Denny Ferguson, Kent Smith and Bob Johnston. Can you spot them?

Here's who is in the photo: Back row (l-r): Denzil Ferguson, Dudley Fraser, Bob Johnston, Gerry Burgess, Art Jamieson, Don Gagan, and Coach T.J. Egan. Kneeling are: Don Reynolds, Dave Tucker, Mike Moore, Kent Smith, John Goldsmith, and John David.



Take-out time!

Our very own John McMaster made a stop in Quadeville while he was on the road. Gerry snapped this photo of John, and we couldn't pass up the opportunity to show you the very reason he carries a cell phone with him everywhere. You never know when you'll have a craving for take-out!



VALLEY HERITAGE RADIO



WANTED

Nine years have quickly flown by since VHR 98.7 hit the air waves. There were many years work before that to build the foundation for our station. Right now that history is in your head, in your photo albums, in a drawer or in a box! We would like to bring together, in a central location, as much of the station history as possible. This is a huge but important undertaking and we need your help! This will be an on-going project. Only with your input can we preserve our history for generations to come.

You are a part of the history of VHR. Send us your story, and any station related material. Share the history, help identify individuals in pictures. We accept hardcopy or electronic submissions by email or on USB sticks or cd. See the list of some of the topics we hope to include. Suggestions are welcome.

Call to make arrangements for picking up/dropping off material or someone can drop by and record your information interview style.

Contact: Terry MacHardy 613-623-6436 (home) 613-327-6332 (cell)
Both have voice mail

Email: scotchthistle@hotmail.ca

REWARD

BE A PART OF RECORDING AND PRESERVING STATION HISTORY
FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS - HELP BUILD OUR FUTURE



A Rose and a thorn! :)

Charlie Dunlap, host of the Celtic Sessions on Wednesday evenings, welcomed a special guest to tour the station and for an on-air interview. Sarah Griffin, the Ottawa Rose, represented the region in Ireland this year at the prestigious Rose of Tralee event. Some would say there are two Roses in this photo, others would say a Rose and a thorn. Awww, we love you Charlie, whatever you may be!



Special guest

Morning Man Andrew Cartwright and midday host Al Cruise had a special guest pop by for a tour. Amanda Lorbetski, who proudly calls Barry's Bay home, swung in for a visit. She was working at Moose FM and is now at 95.5 Hits in Belleville. She admits she's a VHR listener, but we won't tell her bosses! Thanks for the visit! You're welcome back anytime!



Did someone say BBQ?

Sometimes guests pop in to just say G'day, and other times they bring a big honkin' BBQ to feed the staff. Kyle Miller popped in with his Big Red BBQ this summer and the food was amazing. No wonder Jason, Lesley, Jim and Gerry (in the background grabbing a third helping) were smiling!



Visits to loyal listeners

Andrew Cartwright, top, and Christa Pare, below, two of our awesome DJs, made a point to visit two of our awesome listeners this summer. Andrew popped by to see Reta Lafrance and get some goodies, while Christa stopped in to see Ethel Hache in Pembroke! We love our listeners and our DJs. Way to go, guys!



VHR on display

Local musicians Romeo Gaudet, above, and Johnny Spinks are loyal and faithful VHR listeners. And they also like to share that with the world. Romeo sports a bumper sticker on his guitar, while Johnny is ready for any outdoor concerts this winter with his VHR toque. Thanks for wearin' the VHR colours, gentlemen!





Renfrew Fair



**Dunrobin
food drive**

VHR is everywhere!



**In a field or forest
near you!**



Bonnechere Paddle & Fiddle



**Taste of Valley
Barry's Bay**



**Killaloe Irish
Gathering**



Local musicians on VHR

We can always count on local musicians to provide music for our listeners. (Above left) Christa is joined by Tony True and BBQ Bob. Gerry Bimm is in there too, but he only plays the radio. (Above right) John Henry Lacasse pops by to play a tune in Dunrobin with Christa. (Below left) The April Verch Band stopped by the studio to perform live on the air after a chat with Jason about all things VHR. (Bottom right) Ken Ramsden plays a fiddle tune at the Cobden Taste of the Valley, joined by VHR volunteers Bunny and Mary Alice.





Hang in there!

We launched our annual '12 Days of Turkey' this week, and everyone enjoys it. Except Carol-Ann in our front office. Whenever listeners hear the turkey gobble, the phones light up. And keep ringing. And ringing. Hang in there, CAF. Only another week to go!



45 years together!

Dot and Art Jamieson reached a milestone this summer, as they celebrated 45 years of marriage. We want to wish these two great VHR supporters all the best, and to clarify that Dot has yet to be awarded a medal for her efforts! We love you both!



Bluegrass!

VHR board member Bob Johnston and his family hosted another very successful Valley Bluegrass Festival at their home in Horton Township this summer. Over the years more than \$80,000 has been raised at the festival and put back into the community. This year it was for RVH and Hospice Renfrew.



BINGO—Dec. 8th, 2016



TWICE THE MONEY



GAME 1—\$400



GAME 2 —\$600



GAME 3 —\$2000

Let's Play

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