

# Litterature



The Nova Scotia Adopt-A-Highway Program

Fall 2005

## Litter Sweep Contest Winners

This past Spring, groups were invited to send photos of the most unusual litter found. Here are the winning entries:

### First Place (\$200): Hill n' Dale 4-H Club

Hill n' Dale 4-H Club (Bridgewater area) members found many unusual items such as a spinning hub cap, fish poster, child's straw hat, car beverage holder, badminton birdie and a large piece of carpet.



### Second Place (\$100): Earth Day Friends

Members of the Earth Day Friends group found many items during their Spring cleanup, along with five 4' x 8' sheets of paneling. The group is from Tatamagouche.



### Third Place (\$50): Hub Campers

The Hub Campers group, who clean a section of the Stewiacke Road, found more than 500 pounds of litter along their stretch of highway along with a lengthy garden hose.



Honourable Mention: Friends of the Environment

## Adopt-A-Highway Volunteer Information Session 2006

The third annual Adopt-A-Highway Volunteer Information Session will be held on March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2006, at AgriTech Park in Bible Hill, NS.

Registration forms will be sent to groups later this winter to register volunteers to take part in the 2006 session.

In 2006, we will focus on volunteer stories and will be asking participating groups in the following categories to make a presentation at the session:

- Youth Group
- Senior Group
- Partnership – two or more groups working together on one highway cleanup site
- A Family Affair – a family that has adopted a highway

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- The Power of One – an individual that has adopted a highway
- Business Cleans Up – focus on a business that participates in the program

A facilitator will also lead a workshop with volunteers on communications, how to write a press release and how to encourage the media to take notice and cover their activities.

We will also be having the popular Volunteer Round Table and each participant will have the opportunity to share their success story. We will also review basic safety guidelines.

The day will end with a session on how to create Volunteer Motivators – inexpensive ways to thank valued volunteers!

We will have a limited number of places available for participants, so register early when the forms arrive. There will be no registration fee for this event.

### **A Report from the Wolfville Lions Club by Norman Bird**

From the Lions Hall to the Grand Pre Hall we made our way for the spring 2005 cleanup. The participants were at least 12 years old or older, as is required by guidelines. Good planning is important. The Department of Transportation supply us with safety vests and garbage bags. New signs are being ordered this year.

Our area is from Wolfville town limits to the 100 series highway exit ramps near Grand Pre. As most exit ramps are in a bad state, so is ours. For now, we will continue to do our secondary road cleanup but maybe we'll consider adopting the ramp area another time. Time and other commitments play a large role in the lives of busy people. However, our area is becoming cleaner... spring brings the tourist season and it's a good time to cleanup.

A total of nine Lions, four Cadets, four people from the Junior Correctional Centre in Waterville and five from the Grand Pre Women's Institute took part. This last group we consider the most important. They are the ones that supplied the lunch at the end. What a treat! We collected 30 full bags

of garbage. No unusual surprises and nothing but garbage, garbage and garbage. What we did find were many coffee cups from a well known coffee shop, beer bottles and cigarette packages.

As always, I received a strong support from the Lions Club. Several King Lions always help. The Women's Institute is always eager and do their part. The youth groups have always shown up we present them with a certificate of thanks. This year we have Adopt-A-Highway pins and t-shirts to present to our volunteers. The stewardship shown will make Canada a cleaner place.

### **A Report from the Salt Springs 4-H Club by Carrie Fraser**

On Saturday April 30, 2005, my whole family took part in the Adopt-A-Highway cleanup sponsored by the Salt Springs 4-H Club. It is part of our community service. My older brother, younger sister, Mom, Dad and myself cleaned a one kilometre stretch of the old Trunk 4 highway.

We found a large sign advertising a game for the American Hockey League at the very start of our clean up. We figured it came off a truck or bus. My brother wanted to keep the sign and wanted to drag it along. Mom said it was too big to take along, so we put it on the side of the road to pick up on our way back. The Department of Transportation picked it up as garbage before we got back so I guess we should have ran it back to the car.

Something that we found interesting was that there were more beer bottles and cans, more than coffee cups. We filled 1½ bags with bottles and cans. We might have picked up maybe 15 coffee cups. Dad's arms were very tired by the time we got back to the car from carrying the bags.

We found some pretty strange things like little kids boots, pants, shirt, gloves and yucky, smelly socks. I think somebody must have had a barbeque because I found a spatula in the ditch, we also found broken eye glasses, broken bottles, parts of tires, a broken skateboard, a bag of acorns, bag of leaves, tips of cigars, lots and lots of cigarette butts, chip bags and chocolate bar wrappers. Some of the ditches were really smelly because there were sewer drains running into them and you know how smelly

they are. I'm glad I had my rubber boots on because most of the ditches were full of water.

It started to rain just a few drops when we started but it really didn't rain hard at all. Mom said we still have to clean the highways rain or shine because we are not made out of sugar.

My sister had a good find. She found a big yellow ball. We found most of the garbage at the ends of people's driveways. They couldn't be bothered to pick up their own garbage. We also found a dead deer and a dead partridge. They looked gross. We went back to church after the highway cleanup for hot dogs, pop and chips. We had 35 people turn up that day. I found after doing the Adopt-A-Highway cleanup the road looks great. I hope people will stop throwing out their junk. I look forward to the fall highway cleanup.

### **A Report from the Central Chapter Nova Scotia Harley Owners Group by Norm L'Heureux**

Thank you for the copy of the Adopt-A-Highway newsletter, which I enjoy reading. It is nice to see so many groups and individuals participating in such a worthy project. The totals of bags of garbage and recyclables, kilometres cleaned, numbers of volunteers and hours donated, and weight collected is truly amazing. What a great program!

I thought I would drop you a note describing how our clean up went this spring. On May 14<sup>th</sup> we agreed to meet at the Tim Horton's at Exit 8 of Highway 102. Andrea Sutherland, myself and our two friends, who were visiting from New Brunswick offered to lend a hand, arrived at Tim's at 8:45 in the morning to meet an eager Harley Owner Group member already there.

Over the next ½ hour another 16 H.O.G. members showed up. As the temperature was only about 5 degrees Celsius, most of us had a coffee before we left at 9:15 to go to the old school parking lot at the junction of Highway 2 and Highway 227, which is the midway point of our 5 km section of Highway 2, Elmsdale/Lantz. We set up the signs warning of the cleanup underway, at each end of the 5 km. We then broke into groups of 2 and spaced ourselves out along the route. With 4 people starting

at each end and 8 people starting in the middle, all working towards each other, it takes about 1½ to 2 hours to cover the route. Each person is equipped with a safety vest and 2 to 3 garbage bags. The remaining 4 people came behind with trucks, and picked up the bags.

Our cleanup yielded 36 bags of garbage, one bag of recyclables and various pieces of barbeques, lumber and old bicycles too large for bagging.

As is our practice on all of our cleanups we then headed to Curly Portable's Pub to reward ourselves with a delicious lunch after our morning's work. A good time was had by all. It is great when you can socialize with your friends and also do something positive for your community at the same time.

After lunch it was my job to deposit the garbage in the dumpster at the Milford Transportation and Public Works yard and to return the signs, vests, and unused bags. We're forward to our next cleanup in the fall.

### **Volunteer Photos Received Westchester Ladies Auxiliary and Fire Department**



Judy Moore, a member of the group reports 'We are very proud of our clean community and we work hard to keep it clean'. Names of participants above: back row, left to right, Troy Moore, Steven Chapman, Forest Merland, Darlene Chapman, Fire Chief Charles Moore, Harvie Montrose, front row, Crystal McNutt, Olivia Merland, Quinton Merland, Noah Moore and Mike Carter.



## Royal Canadian Legion Branch 26 – Truro

Each spring and fall members of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 26 and Cadets assist with cleaning interchange 13 on highway 102. This year a veteran's garden

was developed at interchange 13 by students of the Nova Scotia Agricultural College in honour of the Year of the Veteran. The Veteran's Memorial Highway sign is featured at this exit area and the garden of ornamental grasses, shrub roses, red maples and white spruce are planted near the base of the sign. Frank Works is pictured above during the Spring cleanup.

## Pictou County Solid Waste Management



During Environment Week in June, Pictou County Solid Waste Management staff and students adopted interchanges 22 on highway 104 and interchange 1A on highway 106. More than 2300 pounds of garbage was picked up by the group at these two sites!

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## Canning District Leo's and Lions Clubs



Heather King, secretary of the Canning District Lions Club reports the group had a lot more fun doing their spring cleanup this year with the addition of five Leo Club members. 'The 5 km trek took less than two hours and the energy bursting from the kids made it all worthwhile!'

## Zonta Club of Amherst Area & Fort Lawrence Tourist Bureau Staff



Vicki Randall, a member of the Zonta Club of Amherst Area, wrote that their fall 2005 cleanup was accomplished with the assistance of the staff from the Tourist Bureau in Fort Lawrence. Both sides of LaPlanche Street from Fort Lawrence Road to the Town of Amherst line were cleaned and 18 bags of litter were collected. Pictured above, left to right, Shirley Haller, Margie Harrison, Misty Baxter, Jennie Calder, Barb Thompson and Vicki Randall.

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