

Upcoming Events

Monthly Presentation

When: Thursday, November 28th at 1300 hours in the CRC Auditorium

"Don't Leave Home Without I.T. - Travelling with Information Technology"



Bernard Caron will share his experiences using Information Technology (IT) for travelling. He will discuss the most useful travel web sites, and relevant applications, wireless connections to the Internet, GPS and related logistics. These tools will simplify the planning of your next overseas trip.

Bernard Caron was Vice-President of the Broadcasting Technologies (VPBT) branch at CRC until he retired in September 2012. Beginning with his first trip to Europe as a student in 1976, he has travelled around the world for both business and pleasure. Those visits have included Japan, China, Indonesia, India, Jordan, Morocco, and Egypt, as well as most of Western Europe.

Many years ago, **Bernard** made his reservations using fax or printed road maps, making complicated and expensive long distance analog telephone calls from around the globe.

Today, such travel arrangements are much easier to make, thanks to all the available information technologies; internet, Smart and IP Phones, GPS and more.

This promises to be an interesting and informative presentation both for the peripatetic retired Friends' members as well as CRC personnel. All are welcome to join us beforehand in the CRC Cafeteria to meet and chat with our Friends.



Friends' Christmas Lunch



When: Thursday, December 12th at the Bistro 54, [Amberwood Golf Club](#).

Meet and greet, bar open at 1130, meal served at 1230. Spouses, friends, CRC staffers, all welcome!

Cost: \$21.95 plus tax and 15% gratuity (3 course meal)

Menu:

Salad

Bittersweet Greens with sun-dried cranberries, orange segments & toasted pecan

Main Course

Roasted Turkey with gravy, stuffing & cranberry sauce, with seasonal vegetable and mashed potatoes

Dessert Selection

Christmas Log sponge cake with meringue garnish

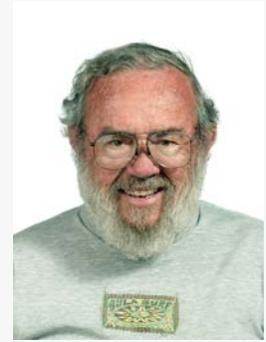
Coffee and Tea



Please confirm attendance **before December 9th** either by emailing [Neville Reed](#) or phoning the Friends' Office at **613-990-6673** and leaving a message.

Editorial from Colin Billowes

I've been brooding over modern communications. A couple of problems I have encountered recently with the internet is that I don't know where you are, nor do you know where I am and I can't do my email replies off-line because they are in the cloud.



I'll confess that I am writing this on a cruise ship in the Caribbean on my way to Florida for would never have had a clue if I didn't tell you. In the very old days, the postmark on the envelope or post card would have given me away. However, I notice that even this means of identification is vanishing as the Post Office seems to have largely dropped the use of the good old circular date, time and point-of-mailing stamp. On the phone you could get a clue as to my whereabouts from the area code if I gave you my phone number, but no longer. The cell phone, roaming and new-fangled gadgets like [MagicJack](#) are changing all this, making the origin or even ultimate destination of a phone call a complete mystery. When I'm away from Florida, I simply plug my [MagicJack](#) into the internet and whenever anyone calls my Florida number, it rings me wherever I am in the world.

Cloud email systems suffer from the fact that when you're cruising and the rapacious Cruise company charges \$0.75/min or \$40/hr for internet access, you can't do what I used to do, which was to download my emails in a minute, log off, read them and then compose the replies off-line. When everything was complete I would go back on line and upload everything in a minute or so for a total cost of a buck 50 or so. Now it costs me 15-20 dollars because I can't download my emails in a block so I have to read them on-line. What everyone seems to do is to join the crowd at the next port of call, rushing to the nearest internet cafe or bar where you can often get free access for the price of a beer or a hamburger.

So all this new stuff is not without its disadvantages. In fact, I have to confess that although I use email a lot, I rarely use Facebook which I find a confusing, incoherent and illogical system; I can't see the point of Twitter – why restrict myself to 128 characters when I have email? But worse, I still don't own a cell phone. I don't have to because on the rare occasions one would be useful, I can always turn to the stranger next to me and borrow theirs!

I suppose that the fact that nobody really knows where I am, except the NSA, really doesn't matter!

[Colin Billowes](#)

Obituaries



BODE, Len

2013

A detailed obituary will follow in our December Newsletter.



GOW, Donald Henry

1933 - 2013

Passed peacefully on Tuesday, October 29, 2013 at age 80.

Don was a long time employee, working with Charlie Sheppey in Drafting and Design at CRC.

[Ottawa Citizen online obituary...](#)



QUICK, Norman, CD, C.S.C., Canadian Film and Photo Unit

1921 - 2013

Passed away peacefully on Saturday, September 14, 2013 at the Ottawa Civic Hospital with his family at his side. Beloved husband of Dora (nee Mead) for 64 years. Loving father of Fred, Holly and Ken (Lori) Quick, and grandfather to Brian and Daniel. Dear brother of Fred (Sheila) Quick.

Norm was best known for his film work during the second World War. He worked at CRC in the Photo Lab until 1980... in fact, it was his retirement that opened up the position that was subsequently occupied by John Brebner.

[The Canadian Film and Photo Unit has a detailed and illustrated obituary.](#)

Obituaries

John Charles (Charlie) Sheppey

1931- 2013

Charlie was one of the original old-timers from Montreal Road. After working for many years at DRTE/CRC in Technical Drafting, he retired in 1989. Always active in the disabled community with such organizations such as [STRIDE](#) (who collect wheelchairs for the needy); he was a character at CRC. His second wife, **Connie**, talked with me recently, and told me how much he enjoyed working at CRC. She admitted that, despite being easy going, he could have a temper when facilities for the disabled refused to perform as promised!

I can recall an incident in 1984 as a photographer at the scene just before a visit of the then Communications Minister **Flora MacDonald** to CRC. CRC had just installed an external wheelchair lift at the entrance to Bldg. 2A. **Charlie** was the first official user. The elevator went down, and stopped before reaching ground level. No amount of button pushing could move that device. Plant Engineering were called, and it was about to become an embarrassing incident when **Charlie** started expressing his vocal disapproval of the new failed lift in less than flattering terms! The assembled staff at ground level, waiting for **Flora** to arrive, could see only the top of **Charlie's** head and his shaking fist... but they could certainly hear that torrent of **Charlie's** X-rated invective!

Fortunately, **Charlie** was rescued before **Flora** arrived, and the day was saved! All was forgiven!

Charlie was both amazed and a little saddened when computers were about to take over in his field, making those analog drafting tables go the way of the dodo!

John Brebner, November 2013

[Ottawa Citizen obituary...](#)



Views of the Drafting Office in 1975; left: Don Gow; right: overall view including Ethel Moore, Don Gow, Mark St. Germain, Bill Richmyre, Charlie Sheppey and Wayne Edwards.

Photos: Bill Townson

Recent Events: CBC Transmission National Alarm Centre Visit



Our October 31st meeting took the form of a field trip to the [CBC Transmission National Alarm Centre](#) in Carp. The Friends had an informative visit with manager **Dave Poulin** and his staff, who were eager to show us the changes and automation that have improved the efficiency of the Centre during the past decade.

Thanks both to Dave and his staff, and our Friends' Board member **Andre Kennedy** who arranged our "Fall Field Trip". Perhaps such an event could become part of the Friends' regular calendar.

Photos: John Brebner

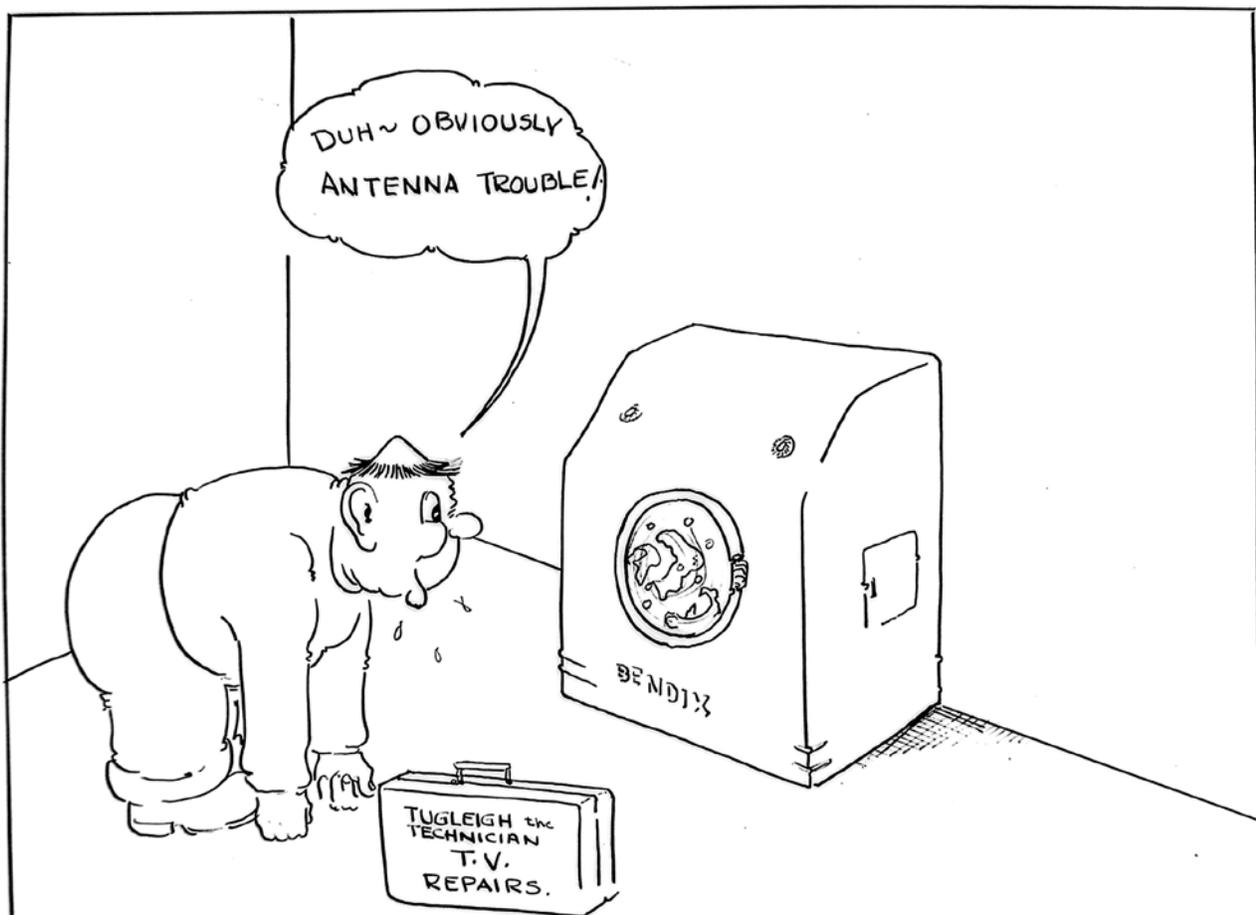


Memories of the Past

During the summer, **Doris Jelly** catalogued several boxes of documents and photographs given to her by the estate of the late **F.T. Davies**. Before sending that material to the [Canadian Science and Technology Museum](#) to enhance their existing collection of **F.T. Davies** documents and memorabilia, it was decided to make a digital copy of this collection.

John Brebner agreed to take this on, and to date has digitized nearly 2000 of the almost 3000 documents in that fond. Completion of that project is expected in February 2014, at which time some selected and most interesting portions will be made available on the [Friends Website](#).

Among many of the images already digitized in the DRTE and CRC image collection, as reported in an earlier newsletter, are several cartoons drawn by the late **Art Adams** of the Graphic Arts Department. His "Tugleigh the Technician" series followed the communications-related mis-adventures of the hapless Tugleigh!



THE FURTHER ADVENTURES
OF
TUGLEIGH the TECHNICIAN

Thanks from the Board

The Friends' Board would like to thank all our members who made donations recently to support our monthly activities in Ottawa.

While the costs of mailing newsletters and our website are still being generously supported by CRC management, they no longer provide refreshments for our monthly talks, so your donations are essential in allowing us to provide coffee and cookies for our guests at our monthly speakers' meetings in Ottawa!

It's never too late to contribute; please make all cheques for an *optional* \$10.00 annual membership payable to:

The Friends of CRC, at the address shown below.

We'd also be happy to receive any contributions for the Friends, at our upcoming Christmas luncheon!

Thanks!

[John Brebner, Chairman](#)



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