

# MOVIN' ON



“SNOW NEWS IS GOOD NEWS”

## ★ 16th ANNUAL HANK SNOW TRIBUTE ★

It seems like only yesterday that we were at the 15th Annual Hank Snow Tribute, greeting old friends, making new ones, listening to fantastic music on the stage and taking part in the jams. We are all looking forward to this year's event, which will be here before we know it!



*Smilin' Ivan Dorey, pictured here at a recent Hank Snow Tribute, sadly passed away January 1, 2006.*

We are pleased to have **Kayton & Iva Lee Roberts** and **Roger Carroll** returning this year from Nashville. Other special guests making the trip from Tennessee this year include **Bob Burris**, co-author of “**The Hank Snow Story**”, as well as his brother-in-law, **Joe Ownbey**, who will be performing. Bob will be available to sign specially priced books and share a story or two. Making the trip from Arkansas to perform will be **David Redford**, a long-time Hank Snow fan.

Once again there will be great classic country music performances by entertainers from across Canada and the United States as well as our regular contests. In addition, we are pleased to announce the return of two new workshops from last year. **Paul Moulaison** will once again conduct a *Guitar Workshop* on Friday afternoon, and we are also very excited to have **Ray Legere** for this year's *Fiddle Workshop*. Bring along your guitars and fiddles and join these two talented gentlemen. We will once again be holding an *Open Mic* session on Friday afternoon. See **Dale Verge** to sign up by 12:00 noon on Friday.

Thursday, August 17 will feature the 2006 *Nova Scotia Country Music Hall of Fame* induction ceremony. This year's inductees include vocalists **Rita MacNeil**, **Chet Brown**, **Jim & Don Haggart**, and the late **Leonard (Len) McDonald**, an instrumentalist. Thursday's program will begin at 7:00 pm.

### Father's Day Outdoor Country Music Fest



*Finale at 2005 Father's Day Outdoor Country Music Fest, featuring Jim Crowell, Paul Moulaison, Wayne Snyder, Gibby Munroe, Dale Verge, Joyce Seamone, Gordie Giles, Chet Brown, Karl Levy, Carl Dalrymple and Carol Penney.*

**The 5th Annual Father's Day Outdoor Country Music Fest will be held on Friday, June 16th from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm, and Saturday, June 17th, from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm.**

There will be DRY CAMPING available for those who want to camp out for the festivities. We have events planned for all ages, including live entertainment by great performers from across Nova Scotia and New Brunswick under the big tent, children's activities, prizes for Dads and a homemade baked bean supper to name a few. So bring your lawn chairs and enjoy all the activities!

Everyone is welcome to join family and friends as we come together for a *Memorial Service / Musical Tribute* for **Smilin' Ivan Dorey** on Sunday, June 18 at 2:00 pm. If you have any questions, or require further information on any of our upcoming events, please do not hesitate to call the Hank Snow Country Music Centre (902) 354-4675 or email us at [info@hanksnow.com](mailto:info@hanksnow.com).

### Semi-Annual Meeting

You are invited to attend our Semi-Annual General Meeting, which is being held **Thursday, June 15 at 6:30 pm** in the Big Tent at the Hank Snow Country Music Centre. The meeting will be followed by a cold potluck and jam. Everyone is welcome! *This event will kick-off our Father's Day Outdoor Country Music Fest.*

☞ **Pre-Register for this year's tribute and save.**

*Details on Page 2.*

***Just a Reminder:***

**All Memberships Expire September 30th Each Year!**



# Passages

Since our last newsletter, we have lost a few people who have made a significant impact on the Friends of Hank Snow Society and the Hank Snow Country Music Centre.

On January 1, 2006, **Smilin' Ivan Dorey** passed away at the age of 79. Ivan was a founding director of the Friends of Hank Snow Society and long-time supporter of the Hank Snow Country Music Centre. Even though Ivan was unable to participate as often as he would have liked to, after moving to Halifax, he called before and after every meeting or event, to wish us well and to see how things had gone. Ivan was inducted into the Nova Scotia Country Music Hall of Fame in 2000. *There will be a Memorial / Jam Session on Sunday, June 18 at 2:00 pm at the Hank Snow Country Music Centre grounds.*

**Frank Carver** passed away January 20, 2006 at the age of 74. Frank was a well-known country musician who performed with his band Classic Country at a number of Hank Snow Tributes, other fundraisers and variety shows. He represented the Friends of Hank Snow Society when he performed a tribute to Hank Snow at the Annual Tulip Festival at the National Arts Centre in Ottawa. He also tied for first place with Chet Brown, in the first *Sounds Like Hank Contest* at the 5th Annual Hank Snow Tribute in 1995. He competed each year until 1999.

**Dr. Howard Locke** passed away in May 2006. Dr. and Mrs. Locke donated a portion of their property, adjacent to the Hank Snow Country Music Centre, to the Friends of Hank Snow Society in 1991. The combined properties will make it possible to hold larger festivals, accommodate RV parking and will make a great location for hosting community and regional events. A portion of the land was dedicated in 2005 as Great Oak Park, in memory of some of his friends who gave their lives in both World Wars. The Friends of Hank Snow Society are forever indebted to Dr. Locke and his family, for the donation of this property.



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## PRE-REGISTRATION 16TH ANNUAL HANK SNOW TRIBUTE



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You are once again invited to pre-register for the Annual Hank Snow Tribute, being held at the South Shore Exhibition Grounds in Bridgewater, August 17, 18, 19, 20, 2006.

The price remains the same as last year with a reduced rate of **\$65.00** (includes all entertainment and camping on Friday, Saturday and Sunday for two people) if pre-registered and paid by August 1, 2006. *After August 1st the price will be \$75.00.*

You are welcome to pay your pre-registration amount of **\$65.00** by calling 1-888-450-5525 to charge your Visa or MasterCard, or by sending a cheque to the Hank Snow Country Music Centre, PO Box 1419, Liverpool, NS B0T 1K0. *There is a \$15.00 administration fee if cancelled after August 1st.*

*This year's individual rates (without camping) are as follows:*

**Thursday, Aug 17 - \$7** – NSCMHF Night Induction.  
★ ★ *Please Note that this is not included in the weekend package. Tickets to this event will go on sale on Thursday afternoon at 4:00 PM.* ★ ★  
**Weekend Walk-In Pass: \$30.00** (a saving of \$3.00 if purchased separately); **Friday, Aug 18 - \$8;**  
**Saturday, Aug 19 - \$17; Sunday, Aug 20 - \$8.**

*The Camping Gate opens at 10:00 am on Wednesday, August 16.* As in previous years, early bird camping is available on Wednesday and Thursday nights for a rate of **\$10.00 per night.** Anyone who would like an electrical hook-up will be charged a flat rate of **\$10.00 for the weekend.**

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Hank and Min Snow, aboard the "Golden Rocket".

## ROCKET RESTORED

Country legend **Hank Snow**'s former 1939 *Chris Craft Commuter*, believed to be one of four produced and the only one still afloat, has gone through an extensive restoration. Lakeside Marine owner **Dan Meals**, said that what began as a touch up quickly became an elaborate process which included re-caulking the entire 41-foot boat. His crew worked between 400-450 hours on restoring the boat for its current owner **Bobby Garrison**, a retired firefighter who bought it from the bank for \$10,000 in 1987.

"The original cost on them was \$38,000 back in 1939. You could buy a house for \$3,500 and a car for \$700 so you can imagine how much money was involved," Garrison said.

"Hank Snow had it named *The Golden Rocket* after the song and he said he made enough money off that song to buy the boat, that's the story." The *Golden Rocket* hit number one in 1950.

Everything on Snow's old boat is original, including the engines, although Garrison had added modern amenities such as air conditioning, a refrigerator and a generator. The mammoth structure is all mahogany and weighs 16 tons.

"Bringing a boat in is similar to going to the dentist, you may have a cavity but you don't know what the extent of the damage is until he gets in there and starts drilling," Meals said of the restoration. "There is infection and disease within the wood or structure of the boat and, until you can uncover it to find out what that is, you don't know what you have. We were going to come in here and sand it down, smooth it up and shoot it with some paint."

The boat's value was estimated at around \$250,000 as far back as 10 years ago but Garrison says he has no plans to sell. "How can you set a price on a one-of-a-kind?" Garrison asked.

Snow had painted the interior mahogany all gold and Garrison has left a small portion of Snow's paint job to help tell the story of *The Golden Rocket*, now named "Coffee Break."

"When I got the boat it was really rough, a songwriter had been living on it and writing songs, so it has quite a history with the music people. There were several songwriters who were on this boat and unfortunately I don't know who they were," Garrison said.

Garrison said he has always wanted to take the boat to New Orleans and now that it is restored he is planning that trip soon.

## PIG & WHISTLE



Tara Knox (aka Diamond Lil) and Maurice Larkin winners of this year's Pig & Whistle Best Dressed contests.

A full capacity crowd took in our popular Pig & Whistle event in March. David Burbine & Traditional Country, Barbed Wire with Gibby Munroe and Bob & The By's provided the entertainment.

From all of the positive comments received this year, regarding the addition of a dance floor, we will definitely be adding it to the event for next year. **Holly Boutilier** from Sackville, NS was the winner of our annual Seafood Feast draw. **Mary Nickerson** was the winner of the VIA Rail trip which included tickets to the Rainbow Ranch Boys concert in Moncton on May 20. **Tara Knox**, aka *Diamond Lil* was voted best dressed female and **Maurice Larkin** was voted best dressed male. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped to make this event so much fun, as well as all of the Canadian members who helped sell tickets on the Seafood Feast raffle.

## DONATIONS APPRECIATED

The Friends of Hank Snow Society and the staff of the Hank Snow Country Music Centre, would like to thank the following people who donated items to the Hank Snow Country Music Centre this past season:

**Michael T. Wall, Marion Faye, Lauren Tutty, Charlotte White, Eleanor Crowell, Mary Young, Betty Lou Brown, Gail Tutty, John Thompson** who donated a Automatic "Keyer" for Morse Code to our Train Memorabilia, **Lottie Levy** who donated a Canadian one dollar bill autographed by Hank Snow and Ronnie Prophet, **Daphne Ackerman, Alex Taylor, Martin Field, Sue Borgenson, John T. Minarik, Joe Maday, Anthony Weagle, Guy Myre, Rosa Brehm, Douglas Johnstone, Jim Dean, Peggy Roberts, Roger Rafuse, Kim Whynot, Jack Smith, Yvonne Porter, Wilf Montan, Thelma Currie** and the Late **Ivan Dorey**.

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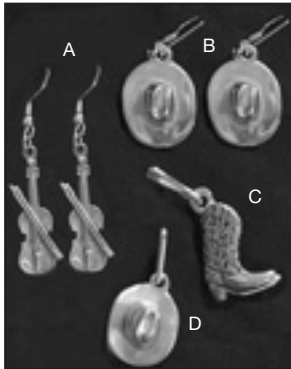
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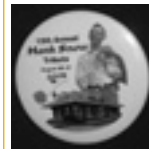
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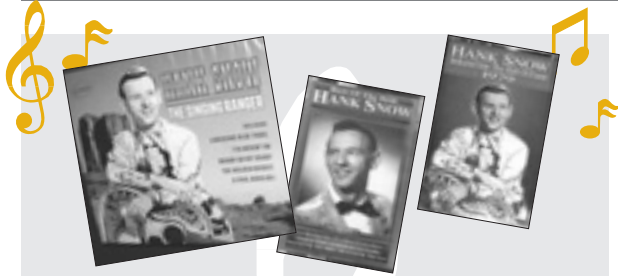
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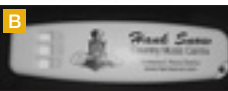
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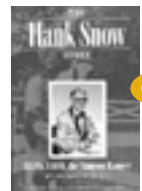


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## The Ballad of Hank Snow

For a mighty long time Hank rambled; went to sea and sailed back home,  
To and from Lunenburg he traveled; across Nova Scotia where he did roam.  
Back in '35 his music career started; on CHNS Halifax near the old Atlantic,  
He rode to Montreal on the "Ocean Limited"; to play and sing and record many a disc.

Soon was called "Hank, the Yodeling Ranger"; he came from down near Liverpool way,  
Known from St. John's to Vancouver; across Canada was heard on the radio every day.  
Hank's hero was the Singing Brakeman, Jimmie Rodgers; after whom he did play,  
Pretty soon became married to Minnie Aalders; and they lived near the bay.

Many trips to RCA in Montreal; from '36 to '47 produced many a song,  
With Johnny, Teddy, and a yodel; he was destined to enthrall many a throng.  
"The Blue Velvet Band" on the Bluebird label; would become one of his big sellers,  
Along with "Polka Dot Blues" by Raymond Hall; a tribute to Jimmie Rodgers.

On to New Brunswick he wandered; with Min and little Jimmie on the trip,  
Went back to Montreal where he performed; he and Johnny Beaudoin let'er rip.  
For years the songs and music continued; on WWVA he played with Big Slim,  
Toured Canada and Shawnee paraded; they did tricks nightly in many a gym.

"I'm Movin' On" brought Hank great fame; in country music he was the top name,  
All over the world it was the same; to his shows millions of fans came.  
From Nashville, Tennessee he toured all over; out to California and up to Newfoundland,  
Hank would play his big Martin guitar; sing "I Don't Hurt Anymore" with his band.

Now fifty years came and went; Hank wrote, sang, and recorded 'til '85,  
Bad luck never made him bent; he took all in stride and never did dive.  
For him the "Opry" was heaven sent; where there never was a stranger,  
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Written by Jack Smith of Kingston, Ontario on June 11, 2003.

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Susan Goodwin and Gordie Giles performing at the April 2006 Classic Country Showcase in Canning. Special thanks to Betty Lou Brown and her team of volunteers for putting together an awesome show.



Thanks to Cindy Peach, Ricky Dorey, Brian Dorey and Bridget MacKinnon who ran the canteen at this year's Pig & Whistle.



Wes Weldon, one of the performers at this year's Country Gospel Concert in March.



Shirley Olmstead & Spur of The Moment performing at our Mother's Day concert at the Astor.



The Memories of Hank Snow concert held recently in Moncton included performances by Iva Lee Roberts, Paul Moulaison, Ray Legere, Lynne Crowell, Roger Carroll, Joyce Seamone, Kayton Roberts, Denise Murray, Bobby Burke, Chet Brown, Daniel Maillet and Bernie LeBlanc. Special thanks to Bernie Leblanc for putting together an awesome show!



Skip Collier and Lauren Tutty playing their flyswatter guitars at the recent Potluck/Jam.



Dale Joudrey, Karl Levy and Roy Cooke, were among the performers at this year's show in Chester Basin. Special thanks to Bernice Levy and her volunteers for a wonderful concert.



Thanks to Marie Davis and Juanita Ball who represented the Society at this year's Senior's Extravaganza held in April at the Liverpool Fire Hall.



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We are excited about our upcoming raffles. We are having a "Draw-A-Month" raffle for the next 12 months. Each month, beginning on Saturday, June 16th at the Father's Day Outdoor Country Music Fest, there will be a draw for a prize. *The great thing about this raffle is once your name is drawn, it is put back in for additional draws so a ticket holder can win multiple times.* Prizes include: Fifth Avenue Jewelry; Grafton Street Dinner Theatre Tickets; Sherman Hines Prints; Upcoming Event Pass package which includes a \$20 Discount for Fox Mountain Country Weekend, a Pass for two to the NSCMHF Induction Night and a Hank Snow Tribute Total Weekend Pass (including camping); One Night for Four at the Quarterdeck Beachside Villas; a Ski Martock Pass for two including lessons and lift tickets; a Harvest Basket (which includes homemade wine, preserves, chocolate, etc); 20 lbs of Lobster; and *much more!* **Tickets will be available at the Hank Snow Country Music Centre and at all upcoming events for the next year!**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Semi-Annual General Meeting/Potluck /Jam**

June 15, 2006

Hank Snow Country Music Centre, Liverpool

**5th Annual Outdoor Country Music Fest**

June 16-18, 2006

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**16th Annual Hank Snow Tribute**

August 17-20, 2006

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**Last Weekend Camp-out & Jam**

September 29-October 1, 2006

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**NEW EVENT**

**Country Legends Impersonator Show**

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**Country Christmas Show**

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