

May 2008

May 2, 2008



A quick trip to Milverton included a visit to the LCBO where Percy was very happy to see the ladies and did not hesitate to give them kisses.

We took his jacket and "leader" off as soon as we could. Percy then went for a visit to the beer cooler!



Next we stopped by the school and said hello to Charlie's old teachers and friends at the after school program.





May 3, 2008

Back at the farm Sarah and Keith celebrated their birthdays





May 5, 2008

Maureen joined Francine at the nursing home in Goderich for a day of re-orientation as Maureen is going to work one day a week for the next 2 months to give Francine a much deserved rest.

May 8, 2008

Today is the day that we have been waiting for with anticipation and mixed emotions, as Percy goes back to the Lions Foundation to begin his formal training.



We wish Percy good luck in his training and look forward to his graduation when he is paired up with a hearing impaired handler.

Percy's trainer plays tug with a toy

After dropping off our little four legged friend, we drove to Stratford to join the Lions and the Blind Bowlers for our annual bowling tournament.







Between sets everyone enjoyed pizza. Prizes were presented to the winners by Lion chief Bill.





May 10 to 16, 2008

Spent time at the "farm" helping Marty and Heather.

May 17, 2008

Heather and Maureen headed off to Waterloo to meet up with family and celebrate Kerry's upcoming wedding.





*Kerry got
lots of cool
stuff.*



*Mason
enjoyed
helping to
open the
presents.*

*The food was
fabulous and
it was a great
chance to
reunite
with the*

*Salter side
of the family and
meet the newest
additions.*





May 21 to May 25, 2008

Unfortunately our rig developed a leak, so we headed off to Can Am (south of London) where we "camped" for five nights while the techs fixed this as well as many small problems that had developed over the winter. While there, we met other couples who were also getting work done. Both the staff and the management at Can Am were very conscientious and insisted that we stay on until all of the major work was completed.

May 26, 2008



We moved to Indian Line Campground in Brampton. This is a Conservation Area in the midst of the city. It has the mandatory trains and

planes that most campsites seem to have, but the green space is surprising for a spot that is so urban.





We camped on a corner lot that included lots of room for our rig, truck and a car that we rented to minimize the amount of fuel needed for travelling

around the city. It had two huge bleeding heart bushes that provided both beauty and shade.



May 28, 2008



The campground is situated on a small lake that includes a view of a temple on the far side.

We drove through an industrial area to get a close up look at the Swaminarayan Hindu Temple and Complex



Located on a 7-hectare site just off of Highway 427 and Finch Ave, it includes a Hindu temple, a complex and Haveli (meeting hall).



Opened in July 2007, the \$25 million 1,800-square-metre museum is designed to showcase and preserve the heritage of nearly one million Canadians who trace their roots to the Indian subcontinent.

Construction of the museum is based on Vedic engineering principles, without using steel or nails and using 10,000-year-old traditions from India.

Several tonnes of Turkish limestone, Italian marble, Burmese teakwood and Indian sandstone were shipped to India, where 1,500 sculptors crafted them, cutting and polishing, using techniques passed down through the generations from father to son.



The final step was hand carving intricate symbols of nature such as peacocks and elephants and lotus flowers into the stone and wood. The pieces were then shipped to Toronto for assembly by 101 artisans, who were flown in from India.

For more information

<http://www.thestar.com/News/article/209686>

May 29, 2008

The MDA convention began today at the Holiday Inn Pearson, which is only a ten minute drive from the campground. The first night featured the PDG dinner which was very well attended.

May 30, 2008

The Friday luncheon celebrated "We Serve." Service people included police, fire and emergency personnel.

A piper started things off. The head table, included Lions Clubs International First Vice President All Brandel and his Wife Lion Dr. Maureen.



Much to the chagrin of President Elect Brandel, Lion Maureen Murphy held up the procession in order to greet Mike and Maureen. (lots of Maureens!)

Each table was hosted by a member of a local service provider. Our table had the only female representative. Sue has been a police woman for 34 years.

Mike explained how Lions provide service to people all over the world.



The afternoon was spent outside have a super time, listening to music, and eating!





May 31, 2008



*The Election - and the
winner
Carl Young.*

*Lion Carl will represent
Canada
as our International Director
for two years (2009-2010)*

*For more pictures -
check out the MD"A" photo
album*