

Bill Bramah and his Ontario . . .

Every year I try to get out for a day of ice fishing. Sometimes I get out on Penetang, a few miles from our farm.

Right now I'm in Pompano Beach north of Miami. It's sort of a working holiday. I'm down here writing another book about Ontario and our rambles throughout the province.

But next month I'll be able to get back in stride for my annual foray with the fish. If I feel particularly energetic, I might take a run up to North Bay and plod over the ice to one of the hunts on Lake Nipissing. If I'm in an expansive mood, I'll drive over to Beaverton to one of the fish hut camps and go out on Lake Simcoe by taxi!

The taxis aren't of the usual variety. They're more like a small bus with skis and tracks. They skim across the ice to the huts which are about two miles out on the lake.

I remember one blustery day when Floyd Hales, a veteran operator, was taking us out. On the way back we hit a series of white-outs. That didn't bother Floyd a bit. He knew exactly where he was going. His secret was simple. Fish hut operators blaze a trail with small pine trees they plant in the ice when the season opens. On stormy days they just follow the pines to the shore.

When Floyd retired, Bill and Gale Viven bought the business. Bill has been fishing the lake since he was a boy, and is quite an authority. He knows the spots the perch and herring frequent and where the white fish and lake trout roam.

The last time Terry and myself

went ice fishing with him, Bill drove us out to meet a group of fisherman from Michigan. Terry has shot film in various parts of the world and has all sorts of adventures, but he'd never been ice fishing!

As we left in the taxi, he seemed a bit sceptical about the whole thing. But when we arrived at the site and went into one of the roomy huts where the Americans were fishing, his eyes lit up.

The seats of foam and leather, the propane furnace in the corner, the coziness of the hut and the fishermen looking over their catch of several lake trout were impressive. The group had lived there for three days.

"This isn't what I had expected," said Terry. "I couldn't see the point in sitting in the cold waiting for fish to bite. But this is sheer luxury."

I suppose he had a point. On the other hand, most huts I've been in provide lots of protection. They look cold and barren from the outside, but inside you get a feeling of solid comfort and solid isolation.

Announcing three new CITC programmes

The Durham Region Action Committee for Training and the Durham College Management Centre are pleased to announce three new courses. No tuition fees are charged for these courses, provided the applicant is employed in the Durham Region at a company which is not already receiving training subsidies.

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Recently there has been much concern expressed regarding the excessive speeds and other traffic violations occurring on Hwy. 401 and other multi-lane highways.

A review of collision data from our three detachments responsible for policing Hwy. 401 - Brighton, Cobourg and Newcastle - indicates that "speed too fast" continues to be the main cause of motor vehicle accidents.

Increased speed also increases the severity of injuries sustained in accidents. Excessive speed leads to other forms of aggressive driving behaviour such as unsafe passage maneuvers and reduced following distances.

In conjunction with Ontario Provincial Police officers along the length of Hwy. 401 and the Queen Elizabeth Way, members of No.8 District O.P.P. will be patrolling Highway 401 with the intention of strictly enforcing the rules of the road.

In addition to attention to moving violations, the motoring public should expect strict enforcement of seatbelt violations. An analysis of the 1989 fatal motor vehicle accidents within the district revealed that 50 percent of those killed, who had seatbelts available to them, were not wearing them.

This enforcement initiative begins immediately and will run until May 20, 1990, in an effort to change driver behaviour prior to the beginning of the high traffic volume summer season.

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