



### Classic car cruise

Rus Redicker and his wife Suzanne, stand in front of their 1957 Ford Fairlane during the Classic Car Cruise at Georgetown McDonald's restaurant on Saturday. The event drew many different vehicles from around the area, including a 1925 Ford Panel

Delivery Truck and a 1951 Mercury. The exhibitors often take their vehicles to many shows around Ontario, with many of them going to another event in Owen Sound this weekend. (Herald photo)

## Acton GO station is now a reality

Acton will definitely get a GO train station and the objective is to open it the day the line is extended to Guelph, said the manager for information services at GO, Tom Henry.

Mr. Henry predicted the station would open sometime this fall or "as early as possible."

There is a 90 per cent chance the station will be located on the site of the Old VIA Rail station across from the Olde Hide House on Eastern Avenue, said Mr. Henry.

GO is currently determining if the proposed site will have to undergo an environmental assessment before final approval for the location is given, he explained.

Initially, the station will be a "minimal facility" because "we

(GO) don't have the time to do anything else," he said.

Halton Hills Mayor, Russ Miller, said the VIA rail land is the only possible location for an Acton GO stop. "We want people to be able to walk to the GO station," he said Monday.

Mayor Miller said he has been assured by Halton Regional chairman and GO committee member, Peter Pomeroy, that he will be included in any further meetings that happen concerning the Acton GO station. "I've also been told I can bring the players I want to the table," said the mayor. These would include Halton-Peel MP Garth Turner since the VIA lands are owned by the federal government and at least one if not all Acton town councillors, he said.

## Water guidelines approved

New well water testing guidelines governing those who want to build on a piece of property that Halton Council approved Wednesday, could only be the first of several more restrictive guidelines.

Milton Regional Councillor, Bill Johnson, argued during council meeting that the Region will only know for certain where in Halton there is enough water to service development if a Region-wide hydrogeological study is done.

Indeed, the Region's planning staff indicated in a report submitted to council Wednesday it will soon submit a report outlining the scope of such a study. A deadline was not given.

Coun. Johnson referred to the guidelines as "not going far enough." He predicted the guidelines would not prevent some approved wells from going sour and the "Region ending up in the

courts." But Burlington Coun. Barry Quinn argued the guidelines are "a step in the right direction." To send them back to committee would be wrong," he warned.

Highlights of the guidelines include:

- a municipal building department, such as Halton Hills, can't issue a building permit until the Regional Health Department is assured a particular well meets the Region's and province's quality and quantity standards.

- developers must finance a water tank for extra well water needed to service a development before receiving a building permit.

- developers of a rural estate subdivision must conduct hydrogeological tests on all of the wells surrounding the subdivision to ensure that the new development won't draw down the wells to an unsafe level.

## Alternating sites considered by Highland Games Assoc.

The Georgetown Highland Games Association is still trying to determine why the annual locally-based June Scottish festival lost \$3,000 this year, said association treasurer, Colin Munro.

Mr. Munro, along with the executive's three other members, decided after a meeting last Thursday that the loss should either be attributed to poor weather the night before the festival, or the high cost of inviting championship piping bands to participate in the festival.

This is the second time in two years the festival has lost money, said Mr. Munro. This year the group spent almost three times more on advertising, he explained. The association had a \$5,000 advertising budget in 1990, he said.

Mr. Munro ruled out the possibility of the event's demise. But he suggested, in upcoming meetings the association might consider alternating the Georgetown location with sites in Brampton, Oakville and Burlington.

Although most people recognize the festival's organization as the Georgetown Highland Games Association, the group's official title is the Halton-Peel Highland Games Association, said Mr. Munro. Alternating the festival's location could give it a higher profile, he explained. But Mr. Munro

said no final decision has been made.

If the group determines the high cost of the championship pipe bands caused the financial loss, the association plans to approach the Ontario Piping Association to renegotiate the contract between the two groups, said Mr. Munro.

The cost of the pipe bands used up 50 per cent of the festival's revenue. "That's too big a percentage," said Mr. Munro.

To attract championship bands to the festival, he explained, the Georgetown association is required to provide prize money that is set by the Provincial Piping Association, and cover the expenses of each of the bands attending the event. The championship piping bands have been a festival attraction for the last few years. Before that, any pipe band could attend the festival, said Mr. Munro. That meant the organizer could set the prize money and

wasn't required to cover the bands' expenses, said Mr. Munro.


Members of the Georgetown association are currently approaching the organizers from similar games in Southern Ontario to find out if they would join forces with the Georgetown organization to convince the Provincial Piping Association to reduce the cost of the championship bands, said Mr. Munro. "If we act together we might have more weight," he said.

Another question mark concerning the event is the effectiveness of this year's advertising campaign. A survey conducted by the association during the festival shows "a lot of first time visitors heard about the games through word of mouth" and not by advertisement, said Mr. Munro.

Community sponsorship was one financial highlight at the 1990 games, said Mr. Munro. He called 1990 "the best year for community sponsorship."

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