



Halton 4-H Roundup

Livestock Photography

BY JEFF MCENERY

The Halton Livestock Photography club held its first meeting on March 23, 1998 at the OMAF office in Georgetown. First we welcomed our leaders, they are Marie Martin, Julie McEnery, and Patty Lasby.

Then when got into the election of officers

The Elected president is: Chris Haliburton

The Vice President is: Scott Martin

The Secretary is: Lindsay Rogers

And the Press reporter elected is the multi-talented Jeff McEnery. That's me!

We talked about what we hope to achieve in this club. Our achievements will be displayed at Georgetown Fall Fair.

Not all pictures turn out the way we want them to. Common mistakes are not getting all of the livestock your shooting at in the picture, (I think I have about 50 decapitated horses in my photo collection), shaking the camera while your taking your picture, and distortion where it's head looks bigger than it's body.

In future meetings we will have a chance to photograph farm animals such as pigs, chickens, horses, cows, and various others.

Our second meeting was held at Molincroft Farm on April the 27th. Each member was happy to receive a disposable camera donated by Mr. Don Crowe on behalf of Fugi and the Loblaws Photo Lab.

We used the cameras to take pictures of horses and their babies roaming out in the fields. This was when I discovered an important fact; don't wear hats around horses! As I was trying to get the attention of a horse by waving my hat up and down, it slipped out of my hand and the horse trampled on it! Despite the destruction of my hat the meeting went very well.

As the sun set we came into the barn to take more of the horses and even some baby chicks. We recited the 4-H pledge. After Lindsay Rogers said the role call and the last meeting's minutes Marie Martin told us more about Mr. Molinao's farm.

After that we signed a thank you card for Mr. Crowe and one for Mrs. Brooks who had got us a 10% discount on film at the Acton Photo Lab. Thanks again to Mrs. Brooks and Mr. Crowe.

Halton Beef 4-H

BY HALTON 4-H BEEF CLUB

The Halton Beef 4-H club was held at the Sharps Feed Mill in Moffat. Paul Sharp gave us a tour of the mill and Elaine Pomajba (Sales Representative for Feed and Grain, Fertilizer, Feed, Chemicals) explained how some feeds will hurt our animals and some will help them and you look better.

They have many different feeds that cover from bird feed to horse feed and all in between. They also gave all members of the Halton Beef Club a \$10.00 gift certificate for each member for a show feed for our calves which will help them get ready for the Acton Fall Fair and Showfest. After we were at the Sharps Feed Mill we went to the Lasby's home and there we did the business part of our meeting. The Lasby's and Sharp Feed Mill supplied pop and donuts with a lot to choose from and seconds.

Thanks from the Halton Beef 4-H Club!

Sheep Club

BY JEFF MCENERY

The Sheep club's second meeting was held at the Lasby's on April 30th. The meeting was opened by Scott Martin. Patty then told us about her sheep. We then talked about the signs of sick lambs. After that we docked (shortened) some sheep tails. Then some of the less squeemish members stab the sheep with needles. (Just kidding, they were vaccinating them for white muscle.) We then trimmed the sheep's hooves, while Marie flipped sheep over. (Kidding again, she was showing us how flip a sheep on it's back. We also discussed the proper food for your sheep. We then went in the house and the roll call, and the minutes from last meeting. Then we talked about our next meeting (sheep focus) that will be held in Markham on May 31st.

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"GOOD LUCK TO ALL 4-H MEMBERS IN HALTON"

New 4-H Projects for this Fall

Marketing 4-H

Leader: Lorna Wilson (905) 876-1937

- Looking for Assistant Leaders
- This is a new club

Proposed Forestry Club

Leader: Mike Haliburton

- Book early - maximum number of members.
- This is a new club.

4-H Future Talk

Weekend of learning, fun and new friendships

What is 4-H Future Talk?

4-H Future Talk is a unique program that provides hands on training for senior 4-H members. Future Talk focuses on building verbal and non-verbal communication skills. Through active learning activities, 4-H members learn about introducing and thanking guest speakers, being active and attentive listeners, speaking with confidence to one or one hundred, creating and giving professional presentations.

Why attend Future Talk?

Participants at Future Talk gain confidence in public speaking and share with other participants in active learning opportunities. Participants will have a chance to learn how to do pre-

sentations and think on their feet, get new ideas from peers, learn from the expertise of trained facilitators, gather valuable resources to take home as well as meet new friends.

Who can attend Future Talk?

Future Talk is open to 4-H members 15 years and older by January 1, 1998. Applications will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. NEW for 1998: Previous participants in Future Talk may return for one additional time.

Where and when is Future Talk?

Mark October 23-25, 1998 on your calendar for this exciting opportunity. The conference will be held at Albion Hills Conservation Field Centre in Bolton.

How do I register?

The program is open to the first 38 registered delegates. Complete the accompanying application form and return it along with the registration fee to the Ontario 4-H Council Office, R.R.#1, Thornloe, Ontario P0J 1S0.

Registration fee:

There is an early bird registration of \$65 for those registering by September 1, 1998. After

that and until the final registration deadline of September 18, the fee is \$75. Get your application in today and save.

July 6 (new date)

Halton Peel Holstein Club Twilight Meeting

Mia Farms, Trafalgar Road, Georgetown, 7 p.m. Contact your leaders.

July 8

West-Central "Open" Judging Conference

Burbacher Sales Arena, 9:30 a.m.

Contact your leaders.

July 29

Halton Peel 4-H Judging Competition

James Far, Steels Ave. W. of Hornby

Pre-register contact Marie McNabb (905) 877-3760.

Friday October 23 to Sunday, October 25

Future Talk

Albion Hills Conservation Field Centre

Bolton, Ontario

Applications: contact A. Carpenter

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4-H Farm Safety day

BY REID KENNEDY
NORTH HALTON COMPASS

Members of 4-H Clubs from Peel, Dufferin, Wellington and Halton Counties recently participated in a "Farm Safety Day" featuring safety and education.

The day was sponsored by Elmira Farm Services at its Ospringe location, at the intersection of Highway #24 and #25. Over 100 4-H members participated in the event.

The 4-H Club Members were divided into different age categories and took turn visiting the five "topic stops" in 30 minute intervals. The safety stations included: PTO and Grain Bin Safety conducted by Steve Matisz of the

Farm Safety Association and Helen Broadfoot; Lawn Mower Safety manned by Mike Howard and Dave Orr of Elmira Farm Machinery; Electrical Safety manned by Dale Dingwall of Halton Hills Hydro; Fire Safety Demonstration performed by the Erin Volunteer Fire Department; and Constable Dale Gear of the OPP, Guelph Detachment, gave an overview of street safety, home alone, first on the scene of an accident and motorized safety.

Elmira Farm Service's Bill Lasby, who coordinated

the event with Sheila Crowe, says the day was a success.

"We've received calls from parents saying the day was all their kids talked about for a week."

Bill adds Elmira Farm Services is considering more Farm Safety Days in the future, "at least on a bi-annual basis."

All participants enjoyed lunch sponsored by the Halton and Peel Farm Safety Associations and Elmira Farm Services. At the end of the day, all 4-H members received a certificate from Elmira Farm Service's Dave Shaw.

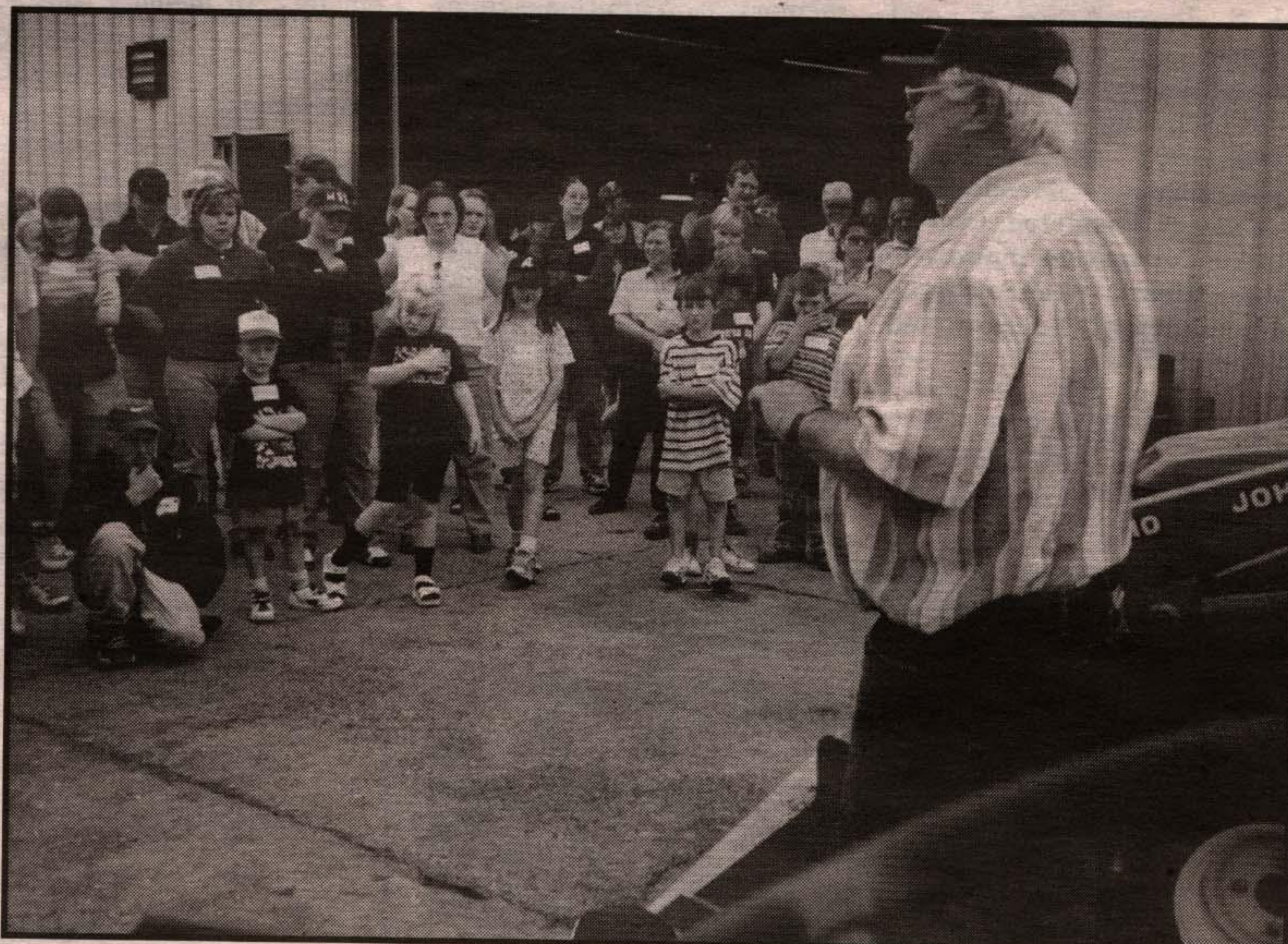


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4-H FARM SAFETY DAY - An attentive audience listens as Stephen Matisz of the Farm Safety Association Inc. explains the dangers of P.T.O. shafts on farm equipment. Mr. Matisz manned one of five safety stations at Elmira Farm Service's Farm Safety Day at its Ospringe location on June 13th.