



Suzanne Schroeter's
Scrapbook
Travels with Charlie

After two beautiful weeks at a log cottage near Parry Sound, we were not looking forward to the long trip home. We chose a scenic route through Algonquin Park, hoping to make the 305 miles pass quickly.

The stationwagon was loaded to the rafters with dog Benji, baby Leslie, Michael, us, golf clubs, life preservers, sleeping bags, the whole bit. We didn't realize we had another passenger, Charlie, with us until we had been on the road about one hour.

Charlie is a 5 inch long chameleon which raced into the back of our car one day as Steve loaded some old boxes to take to the dump. He has a shiny body of blue and red and moves faster than a speeding bullet.

There was no sign of him as we packed the car, so perhaps my wish had come true, that after a week in the car Charlie had been forced to seek a more favourable habitat. Had I known at that time that chameleons are able to go for long periods of time without food, I might have been more cautious.

Michael was the first to spot Charlie's head peeking out of the air vent below the dash. "Look at the little animal," he exclaimed gleefully. I sprang up to see Charlie's red-black head warily surveying the scene. Our five-hour game of hide-and-seek had just begun.

We stopped many times when Charlie was in full view, trying to direct his rapid movement towards open doors, but to no avail. He enjoyed popping down a tiny hole in the carpet in between cautious forays under the front seat.

Needless to say, four-legged creepies are not my favourite carmates, so I armed myself with a roll of paper towels ready to beat him away should he venture near the back seat where I sat hugging my knees.

Charlie was becoming quite brave and seemed intent on exploring the back part of the car as we approached Russell. You can guess who was the first one out of the car as our trip ended. That night we left the car doors open, but we don't know if Charlie took the hint or not. If, (spare the thought) he should rear his ugly head again, does anyone know how to get a chameleon out of a car?



HAM AT THE READY

Ham radio operators from the Castor and Ottawa areas gathered for a field day last month on the farm of Paul Cooper near Metcalfe. Highlight of the event were radio exercises in preparation for emergencies such as natural disasters. Here, Ron

North, whose call sign is VE3HD, is shown here relaying information to operators in the field. The Ottawa Valley Mobile Radio Club hosted the event. (Photo by Rowsell)

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WEDDING RECEPTION

Open reception in honor of Pat Cowan of Ottawa and Pat Weatherall of Russell, following their marriage July 14, 1979. Neighbors, relatives and friends are cordially invited to share this happy day. Dancing from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Russell Legion Hall.

BIRTH

Maurice and Shirley are happy to announce the arrival of their son, Jeffrey Wallace, 8 lbs. 6 oz., May 22, 1979. A brother for Carole.

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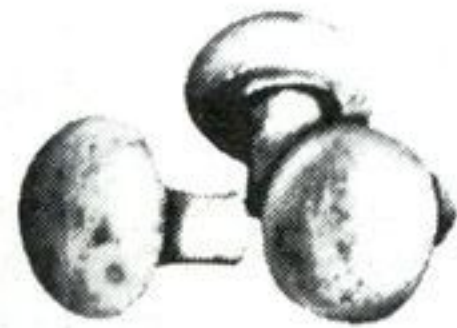
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Metcalfe
4-H beef
it up

Metcalfe 4-H Agricultural Club assembled at the home of Ken Kingsbury on June 13th, 1979 for the monthly meeting.

On this occasion, roll call involved guessing the combined weight of member Susan, and her 4-H calf. Martin Patterson was the lucky winner of a calf brush for his answer.

The meeting carried on at a holding area in the barn, where members could observe several head of the Kingsbury beef herd. Leader Keith Jeacle discussed with his group the many qualities to look for when judging a beef animal.

The evening turned from serious to fun time with a baseball game — no, not the ball and bat game. Teams were chosen and leader Keith had a variety of agriculture questions waiting. When each player was called to bat, he or she picked a question and had to answer in only a few seconds. The team led by David Hall chalked up the victory.

This group will be going to the farm of Mr. & Mrs. John K. Campbell on July 11th, 1979 at 8:00 p.m., where the topic to be discussed will be Dairy.

A second meeting for June was called on the 19th at the home of Art Stanley, where plans were put in motion for the 4-H Demonstration Competition to be held in Stittsville on August 9th.

A further meeting on this Competition is planned for July 3rd, 1979 at the Carss home.