

Schreiber Recreation Department programs

Listed below is the updated schedule for programs being offered by the Schreiber Recreation Department.

Aerobics

The Aerobic classes scheduled to begin Tuesday, Jan. 6 have been delayed due to poor registrations.

Those who have left their names at the office will be kept on file. Anyone wishing to register for these classes should contact the recreation office as soon as possible.

Classes will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1-2 p.m. and 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Computer Course

The Schreiber Recreation Department wishes to offer a computer course in February. However, with the numerous types of courses that can be offered, we are hesitant to do so.

A meeting will be held in Meeting Room 1 of the complex at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 21.

The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the type of program or programs that should be offered.

If you are interested in taking a computer course please contact the recreation office before 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 21.

Winter Carnival

The Winter Carnival has been tentatively scheduled for Friday, Feb. 20 to Sunday, Feb. 22.

There will be an organizational meeting on Monday, Jan. 19 at 7:30 p.m. in Meeting Room 1.

If any groups or organizations are interested in organizing an event or if you have some ideas for activities, please attend this meeting or contact the recreation office prior to the meeting.

Little Theatre Group

The recreation department is still accepting names of individuals interested

in starting a Little Theatre Group or Drama Club.

Sewing Course

The sewing course will commence Tuesday, Jan. 20, only if enough registrations are received.

Names should be submitted to the recreation office before 5 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 16.

Children's Craft Program

The recreation department would like to offer a Children's Craft Program under the instruction of Donna Mikeluk.

The classes will run for four weeks each Monday evening from 6:30-8 p.m.

The children will learn many new and exciting crafts.

Registration will be limited and is open to children between the ages of 6 and 12. For more information or to register please contact the recreation office at 824-2317.

The recreation department would like to hear from anyone with ideas or special programs or skills that might be shared with others. Please contact the recreation office at 824-2317.



Stamps

by Larry McInnis

Five-cent stamp marked 1908 Silver Dart Flight

There's an old saying to the effect that behind every successful man, there's a woman.

That was certainly the case with Alexander Graham Bell and his pioneer aviation research in Canada, leading to the first powered flight in the British Empire at Baddeck, N.S., in 1908.

The aircraft was the Silver Dart, flown on Feb. 23, 1909 by J.A.D. McCurdy.

The event was remembered with a 5-cent stamp (Scott 383) issued Feb. 23, 1959.

It showed the ungainly Silver Dart superimposed on a background of three modern jets that collectors at the time said were Avro Arrows.

The Arrow project was scrapped about this time and the then postmaster general, William Hamilton, was adamant that the jets were atypical front-line fighters of the time and did not depict the Avro Arrow.

While the man behind the Silver Dart was the inventor, Bell, the woman behind him in this venture was his wife, Mabel Gardiner Hubbard Bell.

They were married in 1877, three years after the invention of the telephone (See Canada Scott 641) and a year after the first telephone call (See U.S. Scott 1683).

During the summer of 1906, Bell and two young engineer associates, John A.D. McCurdy and F.W. 'Casey' Baldwin, worked at Bell's summer home in Cape Breton, near Baddeck on the Bras d'Or Lakes, trying to come up with a wing surface that would permit efficient powered flight.

The staff was soon joined by Lieut. Thomas E. Selfridge, borrowed from the U.S. Army, and Glenn H. Curtiss, a world famous motorcycle racer, who was given the task of designing a lightweight aircraft engine.

Mabel Bell watched as they worked hard on Bell's tetrahedral kite that he was so sure would be the perfect flying machine.

She came up with the Aerial Experiment Association, founded Oct. 12, 1907. She funded it with \$20,000, a considerable amount at the time, and gave it a one-year mandate to have a man fly.

There were terms, of course. The four would work to complete Bell's kite. After that, each would help the others on a machine of their own design.

Blue Hill

The lakes passenger steamer *Blue Hill* towed the kite across the water. It must have been a beautiful sight as it quickly became airborne and soared to 150 feet.

The kite came down so smoothly the pilot, Selfridge, didn't realize he was back on the water.

However, someone forgot to cut the towline, and the kite was towed to destruction. Selfridge narrowly escaped with his life.

Experiments with other aircraft continued, but at Hammondsport, N.Y., Curtiss's home base.

Poor Selfridge. In August 1908 he was appointed to the new aeronautical board of the U.S. Army. In September, he was killed when an aircraft in which he was flying with Orville Wright crashed.

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