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Want to attend Markham Fair this week but leave your car at home? It's easy. Just take the bus. The (exact) adult fare is 50 cents each way and 25 cents each way for children (up to 15 years) and senior citizens.

Two to five buses will operate a constant shuttle service from Markville Shopping Centre (the shelter in front of Eaton's), to and from the fairgrounds. Parking is available in the outer perimeter lots of Markville. Fair buses can be flagged down anywhere on Main St. and along Hwy. 7 or as they travel north on the Kennedy Rd. bypass in Unionville.

Hours of continuous service are Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., Thursday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 12:30 a.m., and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Times of some events changed

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Unfortunately, several events were incorrectly listed in the Markham Fair '84 supplement distributed Sept. 19.

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The nail-hammering contest, which was indicated as progressing at various times on the weekend, will be held in its entirety at 3 p.m. Sunday.

But whatever time you attend the fair—as shown elsewhere in today's paper—there'll be plenty to enjoy.

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Fair's new logo

The Markham Fair has a new logo designed by Markham artist Pat Wheeler. It's the first time the fair has had its own distinctive insignia. It will be used on signs and stationary and will be the official symbol of the fair.

MacDonald's Farm a hit at the Fair

By EILEEN ATKINSON

With an oink-oink here and a moo-moo there, Old MacDonald's Barn will again be one of the most popular attractions at this week's Markham Fair.

Who can resist baby animals of any kind? Who can keep a smile from their face as they watch piglets climbing over each other to nurse or a new calf trying to stand up?

And nursing piglets and new calves there will be. Dr. Terry O'Connor is the committee chairman for Old MacDonald's Barn. He says he expects to see two live births during fair week.

Dr. O'Connor, a Stouffville veterinarian, said the pigs are expected Thursday and the calf Friday.

"Interest in last year's calf delivery was high," he said. "Everyone was thrilled to see it."

One hundred busloads of school children will be at the fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day, he said, and he would like them to be able to see the births.

The perennial children's favorites, chicks and rabbits, will also be on display, along with most common breeds of cattle, a heavy horse and its colt, donkeys, geese and ducks.

There will be two or three kinds of sheep, goats and kids and probably the odd puppy or two. In fact, just about anything you might expect to find on a working farm.

Outside the barn, there will be up to 15 demonstrations a day, including cow and goat milking, horseshoeing, sheep-shearing, butter and ice-cream making and cream separating. Check the calendar on the barn door for times.

The animals and equipment are all on loan from farms in Markham and the surrounding districts.

Dr. O'Connor stressed that Old MacDonald's Barn is not just a petting zoo. He said the aim is to demonstrate what goes on day-to-day on a working farm.

Posters and other information will be available on such topics as milk production, genetic improvement and the various breeds of cattle.

First-hand information will be provided by the retired farmers who volunteer their time to man the barn and from the 4H Club members who help them.

The T-shaped, hip-roofed barn is located on the north side of the fairgrounds.

Villeneuve's Can-am car on display at Fair

Car racing buffs will be able to feast their eyes at Markham Fair next week on the car that helped Jacques Villeneuve win last year's Can-Am series Championship.

Villeneuve, who is sponsored by Canadian Tire Corp., was the first Canadian ever to win the overall championship. It consists of six races run in Canada and the U.S.

He won the season opener at Mosport easily, and was in the lead at Lime Rock when mechanical problems forced him out of the race. Britain's Jim Crawford won at Lime Rock, putting him ahead in the point total.

At Road America, it was Crawford's turn to have mechanical problems and British racer John Fitzpatrick won, with Villeneuve close behind.

Villeneuve's win over Crawford on his home ground at Trois Rivieres put him in the points lead again but Crawford held

him off to win the second Mosport race.

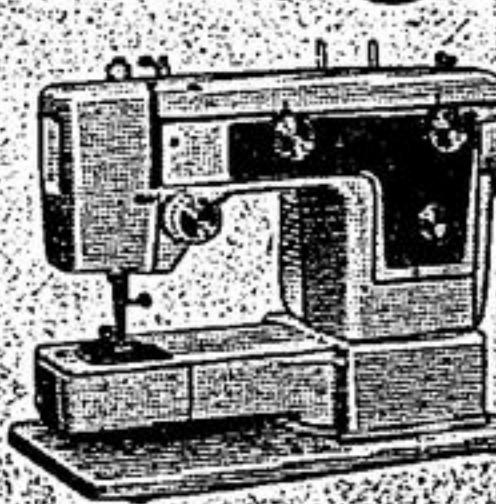
The final meeting at Sears Point, California came down to a three-car race between Villeneuve, Crawford and Michael Roe of Ireland. The lap record was broken several times during qualifying. Villeneuve won by just 1.5 seconds over Crawford giving him the Can-Am victory.

This year, Villeneuve is racing with the Canadian Tire team on the Indianapolis circuit and in the C.A.R.T. (Championship Auto Racing Teams Inc.) races, most of which are run in the U.S.

His GR3-Can-Am car will be on display at Markham Fair September 28 to 30. The 5-litre, 300 HP Frissbee, named after its aero-dynamic shape, will be located south and east of Old McDonald's Barn, near the poultry and livestock building.

Canadian Tire transportation team members will be there to describe the car's features and answer questions.

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