

'Cheaters' come to Herongate

Herongate Barn

Herongate Barn presents the original play "Cheaters", running from Sept. 11 to Oct. 24.

"Cheaters" is about two philandering couples confronted with a most awkward situation when circumstances bring all participants into a most improbable situation.

Dinner theatre performances on Thursday, Friday and Sunday nights are \$21, which includes dinner, theatre and sales tax and \$23 on Saturday evening.

For further information and reservations, call Dawn or Cheryl at 294-0426.

What's On

Nancy Hoskin 294-2200

piano with Tom Baker who will entertain audiences this weekend at the Hobby Horse Arms, in Uxbridge.

Nag's Head North

Enjoy a tribute band to U2 tonight with Joshua taking the stage at Nag's Head North, located on Woodbine Ave.

Greens of Markham

Back by popular demand,

Sept. 10, to 12 at the new Greens in Markham is George Oliver and the Gangbusters. The Greens is located in the new 16th Avenue Plaza.

Cheer's

Join friends at Deer Park's new pub, "Cheers", open Tuesday through Friday from 4 p.m.

Deer Park Inn

Deer Park's Theatre in the

Park, on Hwy 47 in Stouffville, presents its production Boeing Boeing, a comedy about three stewardesses and their one playboy fiance.

Performances take place Friday with doors opening at 7 p.m. and dinner being served at 7:30 p.m. On Saturday evening doors open at 6 p.m. with dinner being served at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$24.95 per person. Enjoy Deer Park's Wednesday matinee, with lunch being served before the show at noon. The cost is \$16.95.

For further info and reservations call 640-6060.

Humberto's Hideaway

Humberto's Hideaway Dinner Theatre, formerly Fernando's, continues to present Bright City Lights, until Sept. 5. This musical is an upbeat tour across America, visiting with songs and skits, well-known cities and streets. Tunes featured are from Motown to Hollywood.

Bright City Lights can be seen Friday and Saturday evening. Dinner is served at 7 p.m., and the show starts at 9 p.m. For further information and reservations call 294-6523.

Markham Theatre

The world renowned Famous People Players will be at the Markham Theatre for the Performing Arts Sept. 11, 12 and 13. Tickets are now on sale this week. Prices are \$17.50 for adults and \$12.50 for seniors and children under 12. For further info call 479-0201.

Lindner's

Enjoy your favorite tunes from the '40s to today's rock n' roll with vocalist Anne Sequin. Ms. Sequin performs in Whiston's Upstairs Lounge, Markham Village Lanes, from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m., Tuesday through Friday.

Brodie's

Conrad Benjamin entertains audiences this weekend at Brodie's, located in Unionville.

Hobby Horse Arms

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All aboard for yesteryear

By BRUCE STAPLEY

Stealing a page from "The Little Train That Could", a group of local residents have set their sights on bringing an historical railroad to the Stouffville area.

The York and Durham Railway Committee held its inaugural meeting at the home of Stouffville resident Rob Pare, Aug. 25. Members hope to establish a Stouffville-Uxbridge-Blackwater tourist train comprising restored passenger cars and either a steam locomotive, (if one can be found) or an early diesel engine.

"Canada's history was built on the rails," said Y.D.S. vice-president John Weatherbee. "Many towns, including Stouffville, wouldn't have come to be without the railway."

The group plans to meet with CN in an effort to obtain the right-of-way for the seldom-used rail line that extends north from Stouffville, through Uxbridge and to Blackwater.

"We feel an historical railroad would be a fantastic plus for the area," says president Rob Pare, also of Stouffville. "It would offer local people and out-of-towners an opportunity to go back in time, along an extremely scenic route."

The group is pleased with the response so far from local governments and area organizations including the Uxbridge-Scott Historical Society and the Markham Historical Society. The committee has 15 members with the list of supporters growing day by day, Mr. Weatherbee says.

"It's like a disease," claims Weatherbee, "you can't help but get hooked."

It was during a trip to Pennsylvania last fall that Mr. Weatherbee himself got hooked on the idea of an historical tourist railway for the Stouffville-Uxbridge area. There, he saw many such operations and was impressed with their popularity.

"The Strasbourg line carries over 400,000 people a year," he claims. "We feel we have all the ingredients here to put together a successful railway." He cites in particular the old Uxbridge Station, built in 1869, when the Toronto-Nippissing Railroad was serving the area. It's a classic structure and well-maintained, Mr. Weatherbee says. "It would become the focal point."

Both Mr. Weatherbee and Mr. Pare have been railway buffs for years. Mr. Pare's a member of the Richmond Hill Live Steamers.

While admitting that their plans are indeed ambitious, they feel it can come to fruition if they obtain the necessary support.

"We'll need to be well organized and we'll need to attract railroad people, people with expertise," says Mr. Pare. "However, the

first thing we must succeed in doing is obtaining a right-of-way from CN."

Once funding is arranged, a feasibility study will be required. There are government grants available for such projects, explains Pare. He feels it shouldn't be difficult to interest the various levels of government due to the fact many jobs will be created.

While the main focus of the railway would be on the passenger

train, it could also be booked for wedding and other private functions.

The railway will give the area some new character," says Mr. Pare, "something we can all look at with pride. Everyone I've talked to agrees it would be great for the town."

The York and Durham Railway Committee meets again this month. Anyone wishing to become involved can call Rob Pare at 640-7309.

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