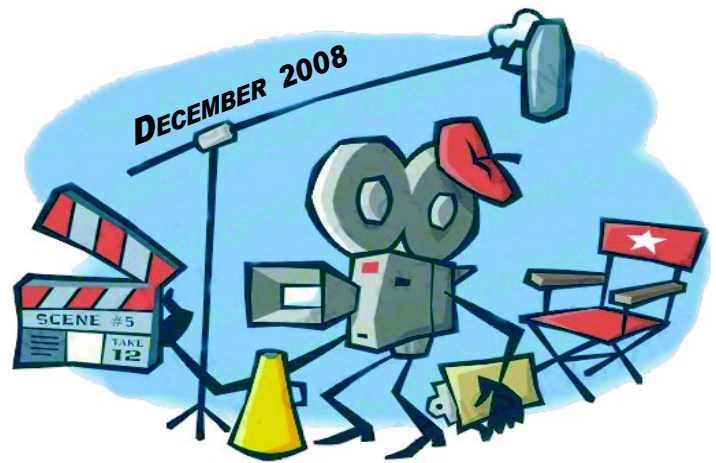




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November at a Glance

It was a dark and reasonable night. The wind blew, but not too much. Any snow swirling about the atmosphere failed to reach the ground.

Inside the white stuccoed building the main floor room was bright, warm and just plain friendly. Harold Cosgrove spun some genuine down-home video advice in the far corner as the attention and ears of the regulars in the “Beginners Corner” class hung ravenously on his every word. Dan Copeland and Barron Thompson toiled away at the front and centre as they tried to arrange part of the evenings entertainment in anticipation of a flawless performance to come. Joe Bochsler circled ceaselessly around the room taking photographs with his trusty high tek digital camera knowing that one day in the future new members would be able to look at the club archives and, because of Joe’s work, know what had happened in the past. Mary Cosgrove, resplendent in a stunning turquoise sweater, smiled sweetly at three miscreants who to date had not paid their dues and without missing a beat she stripped them of their excess Canadian funds and told them they were now fully paid up members who could vote on contest films, all the while she suffered in agony over a sore back which had resulted from a recent fall when she was leaving a movie house. Carolyn Briggs and Agnes Houston were models of industry as they toiled over the coffee and tea pots, stacked the pop cans and prepared the sugar and cream for later use.

If only they knew what lay ahead!

The call to order was made about 7:40 PM at which point the assembled mass made their way to the various soft grey/blue metal base seats carefully arranged for

maximum viewing in the room. It is interesting to note that most people have their favourite spot and tend to plunk down their in the same place each month.

Within seconds the program was under way and in a flurry of motion, image and sound Barron Thompson rose and started his presentation of the BREVIS 35mm lens adaptor for video cameras system. After presenting a few words in perfect English, Barron encouraged his trusty laptop to spew forth a video of a short black & white film that was rapidly followed by a PowerPoint presentation of the item in question. Barron explained “depth of field” after some prompting by Jon Soyka, who proceeded to interrupt Barrons presentation with questions and comments. That Soyka guy has no sense of decorum. A lively discussion ensued throughout the room as various bodies weighed in with their comments, critiques, observations and general thoughts. Barron provided more details including how expensive the product was and the PowerPoint show went back and forth. To learn more about depth of field go to www.cambridgeincolour.com/tutorials/depth-of-field.htm

In the end a fully worn out and satiated audience slapped their hands together in a show of confirmation for Barron and his oratory skills leaving no doubt that further presentations by Barron Thompson would be well appreciated.

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***Meetings held the first Thursday every month at the
Royal Canadian Legion Hall – 12 King St. E., Stoney Creek
Videomaking Basics – 7:00 p.m., Regular Meeting – 7:30 p.m.***

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In rapid succession (*but not necessarily this order*) the members viewed "Ice Dive" by Rick Doelle, "Harley Ride" by Rick Gaunt, "The Art of Mums" by Dan Copeland, "The Burlington Jazz and Blues Festival" by Jack Simpson, 1994 HV/FM Garage Sale" and "1993 HV/FM Open House" by Joe Bochsler, "War Hero" by Alex Szatmary, "Rocks" by Mary Cosgrove and finally, from the man who started the evening off with his class we ended it with the same person, "A Chat With Pam" by Harold Cosgrove. Your author had to leave for Toronto part way through the proceedings and did not get a chance to see portions of the events and is therefore unable to give a detailed review.

By 11:00 PM that night the Stoney Creek Legion Hall was in darkness as the members stole out into the black of the night and safely home to their warm comfy beds.

Regards
Jon Soyka

FOR SALE

CANON GL2. This camcorder has been well looked after and I have enjoyed using it. Lately I have used it in 16:9 format.

FULL AUTO also called the "Green Zone". This is the ideal selection for General shooting.

MANUAL MODE. If you want to make all the decisions, this is the mode to use. Select your own combination of shutter speed, aperture, white balance and gain.

I am offering this well kept camera with case and spare battery and accessories for \$1500.00, original cost was just under \$4000.00.

Joe Bochsler



HVFM December Program

The December meeting will be a mish-mash of food, videos, food, talk, food, questions, food, answers and finally, cake.

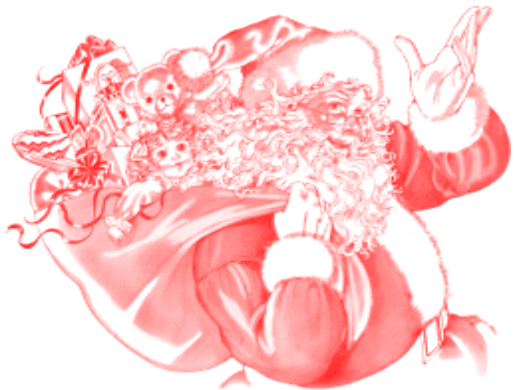
REMEMBER to bring with you a DONATION of non-perishable food items that will be donated on behalf of the HV/FM to a local food bank. This event is a club tradition and this year we would, in light of the current economic conditions, like to put on a good show for the community in need. DO NOT FORGET.

The theme for the night is "No Specific Subject" - show us something you have been working on, but nobody knew about (*except yourself of course*). Works in progress or finished, colour or black & white, digital or analogue.... bring something with you.

As a special event we will, subject to time constraints, be showing a presentation of "Meet Me At The Brant Inn". This is a production of the Burlington Historical Society and its President Ken Davy. Copies of the production as well as the BHS book of the Brant Inn will be available for sale to those who are interested so remember to BRING EXTRA MONEY with you. As a matter of fact, since this is the Christmas Show for the club, bring lots of money with you so you can buy extra 50/50 tickets from Les Carter, donate extra coins to the coffee fund and buy copies of Kens book and video.

It does not matter how bad the weather may get, or whatever excuse you may think that you can come up with.... do NOT miss the December meeting of the Hamilton Video / Film Makers.

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