



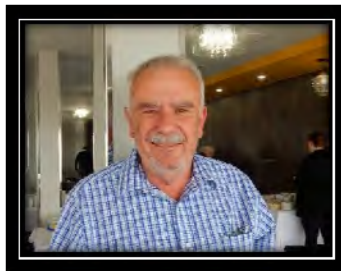
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Frank McCarey

Saint John N.B. PROBUS Club

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The PROBUS meeting on June 19th is our

AGM meeting.(annual general meeting)

A financial report for the past year,2023-2024, will be presented in addition our new Executive, will be voted in. The June meeting will be our last meeting as there are no meetings in July or August.

Hope to see you there.

PRESIDENT'S MESAAGE

President's Remarks for Phoghorn

As I approach my final meeting as president of our local PROBUS Club, it is time to pass out some kudos. First, I wish to thank my executive this year for both their advice and guidance over the course of my term. They helped me deal with several issues and were always available when needed. Next, I want to thank the active members for their attendance at meetings and for their support of the Club. I especially need to recognize Bev Harrison, and nonmember, Harold Wright, for their efforts in organizing our recent outing to Gagetown which was a wonderful experience for all who attended. Finally, any congratulations for support must include our coordinator, Tom Craig, who provides essential background when asked and who always keeps on top of things, ensuring there are no surprises. Also, his Phoghorn publications are a great read and a real Club enhancer. Please give your new executive, who will be inducted at our next meeting, your support for the new PROBUS year. Frank McCarey.

As you will recall, our May meeting was much different than normal. Our normal meeting location was in use for another function. Taking advantage of the situation, a Group Tour took place instead.

We were going to **Base Gagetown**.The tour was arrange by a number of people, namely **Bev Harrison, Harold Wright, Carl White, Paul Meier** and a few others I'm sure.

A large size bus with a capacity of 30 was obtained. Twenty three members were able to attend.The bus left Lilly Lake around 8:30am and arrived at **Base Gagetown** at 10:00am.

Harold Wright arranged a greeter and tour host. His name was **Major Skaarup**, a retired Intelligence Officer who walked the group through several Army vehicles used during the years in the military. Several of these vehicles have seen action during the WW2, Peace engagements and the Afganistan conflict and others, at overseas locations.

Part way through the tour, the group broke for lunch. We were breaking for lunch to the mess hall.

I don't think anyone expected the sight when we entered the hall. It can easily seat 1,000 persons at once we are told. It was huge. (see picture below)

There were three main food stations, for the lack of a better description, that served three completely different meals or a combination of. It was well laid out, staff were fast and very courteous. The cost of the meals was very reasonable at \$12.50.

We were told during the busy period. They can serve up to 4,000 meals per day.

After the lunch meal we went back to the museum. Several people wanted to see some of the exhibits in more detail. I myself took a lot of pictures and will share them with the members in the coming months. There was equipment for viewing outside and the instructor said if you were thin enough you could open up the hatches of a T72 tank, Russian, and he could not guarantee that you could be able to come out very easy as you went in.

One of the interesting things about it is our tour bus driver stated that he was from Afghanistan and for a period of time he drove one of the Russian T72 tanks, when he was on the good side of course and he said they were quite the vehicle to drive. He had a few stories and shared it with some of the members, it was very interesting.

We also managed a tour of the **Engineers Museum** that was interesting, showing all of the latest equipment used at present and from the past.

In July, I will produce the newsletter for the Phoghorn Newsletter from the June AGM. I will also include the normal amount of pictures from that meeting.

I'm hoping in the August edition, I will be able to place considerable number of pictures from that tour of **Base Gagetown** in that issue only.

A lesson in politeness.

A professor was walking along a very narrow street when he came face to face with a rival professor.

The street was too narrow for two to pass.

The rival, pulling himself up to his full height, said haughtily:

"I never make way for fools!"

Smiling, the professor stepped aside and said:

"I always do."

PROBUS CLUB OF SAINT JOHN
FINANCIAL REPORT JUNE1/23 TO MAY31/24

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|--------------------------------|------------|----------|
| Bank Balance June1/23 | | \$572.74 |
| Plus income: | | |
| Dues 46 @\$35. | \$1,610.00 | |
| Phoghorn Brewery-June | 32.00 | |
| Trolly Tour \$30-pictures \$28 | 2.00 | |
| 50/50 Ticket draw | 427.35 | 2,071.35 |

\$ 2644.09

Less Expenses:

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| PROBUS Canada 45 @ \$3. | \$135.00 | |
| Website maintenance | 190.26 | |
| Pins & Name tags | 93.15 | |
| Xmas entertainment-4gift cards | 80.00 | |
| Office Supplies | 404.81 | |
| Club Banner | 500.00 | |
| Anniversiary cake | 41.99 | |
| - Registration PROBUS meeting in Sept. | 150.00 | |
| Villa Madonna-- | | |
| Meeting room @86.25 +1@57.50, , | 403.50 | |
| Meals (gtee of 18)) | 397.38 | |

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| Gagetown Tour-May | | 600.00 |
| Bus | | |
| 3 Gift cards | 75.00 | |

675.00

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| Income-21 (of 30 that signed up) @ \$25 | 525.00 | |
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| | ----- Loss 150.00 | 2546.09 |
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| Bank Balance May31/2024 | | \$ 98.00 |
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Ed Creaser, Treasurer

Here are a few pictures taken of the base *Gagetown Military Base* in May of 2024. In August I hope to add most of the pictures taken that day. I can not identify all the equipment shown but I am sure some will recognize certain vehicles/tanks/equipment.



Entrance to Base Gagetown



View of the Base Hospital



Administration building on the left with a Chapel on the right.



Our tour guide, **Major Skaarup**, addressing the group.



The three tanks show are at the entrance the main gate. Our tour guide gave a fantastic description of each.



This is the entrance to the New Brunswick History Museum.



Wall of fallen soldiers—**Sappers** – during peace time and war. Sappers are “**Combat Engineers**” Their duties include the following: *Breaching fortifications, Demolitions, Bridge-building, Laying, or clearing minefields, Preparing field defenses, Road and airfield construction and repair.*



A display of a “dug out” manned by two soldiers from WW1 period. Very realistic.

It occurred to me a while late that my niece was one of three people hired to do the

graphics layouts at the base a few years ago.



A display of a command trench during the First War 1914-1919.



This is the view we saw once inside the “mess hall.” Clean as a whistle as the saying goes and the kitchen staff/servers were well organized. They can set at one setting about 1,000 persons. During the summer when troops or cadets are on the base, they serve meals up to 4,000 per day!

Some FUNNIES

Joke of the Day

The manager of a large office noticed a new man one day and told him to come into his office. "What's your name?" he asked the new guy.

"John," the new guy replied.

The manager replies "Look... I don't call anyone by their first name.

I refer to my employees by their last name only... Smith, Jones, Baker... That's all.

Now that we got that straight, what is your last name?" The new guy sighed and said,

"Darling. My name is John Darling."

"Okay John..."



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**Paddy says to Murphy
"Why do scuba divers
fall of the boat
backwards",
Murphy says "Ya thick
twat. If they fell
forward they would
still be on the boat"**

I am still going to get Coffee.



Joke of the Day

A young executive was leaving the office at 6pm when he found the CEO standing in front of a shredder with a piece of paper in hand. "Listen," said the CEO, "this is **Urgent, and my secretary has left.**



Can you make this thing work?"

"Certainly," said the young executive.

He turned the machine on, inserted the paper, and pressed the start button.

"Excellent, excellent!" said the CEO

"I just need a copy."



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- **How does the ocean say hello?**
It waves.

- **What starts with E, ends with E, and has only one letter in it?**

An Envelope.

- **A wife comes downstairs before a dinner date with her husband.**
"Do I look fat in this dress?" the wife asks.
"Do I look dumb in this shirt?" the husband replies.

FACT:

*Did you know, a panel of batteries arranged for installation on a small “electric” car are actually **double AA** batteries and are arranged in a tray or panel.? A panel has hundreds of these batteries for a standard electric car. Any yes, they are rechargeable up to a point, years.*

June 19th will be the next meeting date.

Time and place –Villa Madonna, Rothesay, 10:00 am.



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