



# 100th Anniversary Ingersoll Pipe Band

## 30 Days and Counting



### Anniversary Events by Jon Arthur

As we are quickly approaching our anniversary weekend, I'd like to highlight the events of July 30th - August 1st.

#### July 30th

##### Fish Fry and Ceilidh

- 6pm - Social Hour
- 6:30 - Dinner
- 8:00 - Speeches
- 8:40 - Ingersoll Pipe Band
- 9:00 - Poor Angus
- 9:45 - Indianapolis Gordon Pipers
- 10:00 - Poor Angus
- 10:45 - Massed Bands
- 11:00 - Poor Angus
- 11:45pm - Amazing Grace

#### July 31st - Tattoo

- 11:00 - Lunch with Indy
- 12:45 - Form up for Parade
- 1pm - Massed Band Parade
- 1:30pm - Tattoo
- 1:30 - 1:45 - Speeches
- 1:45 - 2:05 - 1st Band
- 2:05 - 2:25 - 2nd Band
- 2:25 - 2:45 - 3rd Band
- 2:45 - 3:05 - 4th Band
- 3:05 - 3:25 - 5th Band
- 3:25 - 3:45 - 6th Band
- 3:45 - 4:05 - 7th Band - Ingersoll
- 4:05 - 4:25 - Massed Bands
- 4:30 Back at Band Hall
- 5pm - Supper

#### August 1st - 9am Brunch

We will be looking for a full turn out that weekend and will also be asking for assistance cleaning up and helping out. I'd like to thank everyone for their help so far and for their help as we pull off these events.

Ingersoll Pipe Band 100th Anniversary

### Fish Fry and Ceilidh

featuring Poor Angus  
Ingersoll Arena, July 30th, 2010

Social Time - 6pm  
Dinner - 6:30pm

Entertainment starts at 9pm  
Featuring Poor Angus

Ticket Prices

\$20 each  
\$10 under 12  
Free under 6

100 years  
of  
continuous  
service



For tickets contact:  
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Come celebrate with us!!!!



The Original Ingersoll Pipe Band of 1910

## 2010 Parades & Events

**July 10th**  
Canterbury Folk Festival

**July 21th**  
Harvard Association  
Wings & Wheel Show

**August 14th**  
Tillsonburg Air Show

**September 18**  
Delhi Harvestfest

**September 5**  
Port Rowan Bayfest

**September 12th**  
Richmond, Michigan  
The Great Michigan Parade

**September 18**  
Delhi Harvestfest

## 100th Anniversary Events

**July 30**  
Fish Fry and Ceilidh  
Ingersoll Arena  
Tickets

\$20 each    Adults  
\$10 each    Under 12  
Free        Under 6

**July 31**  
Tattoo and Pig Roast

**August 1**  
Sunday Morning Brunch

**September 04**  
Reunion Day - Music  
Pictures  
Memorabilia, Stories

**September 05**  
Brunch



## Piping give it a Birl by Jim Muterer

Once again we have reached the beginning of the piping season. While the weather may not be quite what we want, too hot or too cold or too raining or all of these at once we must still press forward with our scheduled engagements. Already May 24<sup>th</sup> has come and gone, and we welcome Doug Glover, our newest piper as a bandsman. We also welcome back Allison Harkes to the band. These two members will help fill the ranks and add much to the band for years to

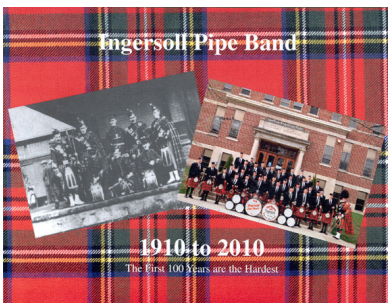
come. Before the season is over we may have more new comers to add to the band roster. Keep working hard.

Just a word again about coming events .. Fish Fry, Tattoo, Pig Roast, and Reunion in September. All will require everyone's help to make them a success. You will be called on for assistance for large and small tasks. All of our parades and engagements, have to be fitted around the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events, so it will be a busy summer. I hope

everyone enjoys everything this year and you will remember them for all of your life. The "BOOK" is at the printers so we should be able shortly to give a price it can be sold at. You can start taking orders.

Now a bit of poetic culture ....

**Willie on the railroad track,  
The engine gave a squeal,  
The engineer just took a spade,  
And scraped him off the wheel**



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## Ingersoll Pipe Band Practice

**Ingersoll Pipe Band Armoury  
Thursday Evenings  
Students 7:30 pm  
Members 8:00 pm**



## Loud Drums save Pipes by Gail McKay

Further Musings .....

Over the years we have had some very interesting members of the drum corps. Joe Balfour, Bass Drummer, was noted for his ability of putting on a show by swinging his sticks, beating the drum over the top and bottom and even from behind his back. Charlie Worrall also a Bass Drummer was noted for other reasons. He was noted for numerous faux pax. One time we were playing in Port Burwell and

he had booked off sick. Unfortunately the TV cameras were there and he lost his job. Henry Trickey, Side Drummer, could also play the pipes and accordion. He later became an officer in the Salvation Army. Campbell Johnson, Side Drummer, went on to play with a higher grade band and still turns up once or twice a year to visit Ingersoll. Archie Bailey, Tenor Drummer, was certainly a character. His Irish background did affect his

disposition and he was eventually put on a train only to return unannounced. On the train again and gone again. Many other drummers have lasted over the years and some have even moved away and then returned. I'm sure that those in the Drum Corps will continue to have fun and progress. We are always looking for new drummers, young and old. Come on out and have some fun with us.



## Inside the Pipe Band by Mary Ellen Muterer

Another parade season is off to a good start. Victoria Day saw us, once again, in Woodstock and Thamesford. The hot weather seemed to have caused more than a few band members to spring leaks in their skin during the day. In years past we used to play a third event in the day ... the Victoria Day fireworks in Ingersoll (oooh, aaah). I was happy that we did not have to do that this year as I was a little soggy and not as fresh as I was at the start of the day. I wasn't the only one. There was a rumour going around that, between parades, Chris and Juanita went for a swim in their pool ..... next year I say we follow them. It was nice to see a big band for both parades and also to see our Anniversary banner brought out of retirement. Good job to Hamish, Alister and Duncan for carrying it in both parades!!

The following weekend saw some band members in Indianapolis for the Tartan Ball, parade and race. The band played at the Tartan ball on Friday night. They got the opportunity to talk with the race car driver Dario Franchitti. Two years ago some of our band members met him at the parade (you might have heard a story of two

about this). That year he won the race. After meeting him again this year he, once again, won the race. I think our band deserves a cut of his winnings ... or at least the opportunity to travel around with him. Maybe he will come to some of our anniversary events. As in past years the band played the parade on Saturday (no pre-parade this year) It was a hot race to the finish. The pace was a little faster than it has been for a while. Remember in years past the blisters some of us used to get on our feet. (What was wrong with us? Was it our shoes? Our tender feet? Those blisters were huge). Sunday saw the band at the track; They don't play around the track any more so that makes it a little easier. The weather was good, the company was good and everyone seems to have had a good time (I'm sure some stories will be told over the next little while).

It will be great to see the Indy band up here in July for our celebrations. Let's try to show them

the same hospitality they show us year after year.

Some of the band members that did not travel to Indy, made their way up Oxford Street in Ingersoll to play for the veterans' church parade. Travelling from the library to the Anglican Church was not quite as taxing as the Indy parade but was appreciated by the veterans.

In closing I would just like to mention the landscaping we have been doing around the band hall. You will notice two more trees have been planted in, what is now our memorial garden. We had planted trees in memory of Don MacKay and Dave Moyer. Now we have added trees for Iain MacRobbie, who passed away in December and Jack McGachie, who passed away in May. In addition, we will soon have the new flag pole installed in the same area, in memory of Bob Collins.

We are on the look out for a large memorial stone that we can inscribe with all of their names and hope to have everything competed this summer. Let the summer begin!!!!!!

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## On the Bonnie, Bonnie Banks By Eleanor Duncan



On the bonnie, bonnie banks of Lake Timiskaming, a seventy-two mile long waterway in Northern Ontario, draped on either side by pine trees and rolling hills, is the small town of Haileybury nestled on its steep, steep banks. On Wednesday evenings the sound of the pipes wafts over this place bringing fond memories of the heather covered mountains of home (Scotland) where stands a lone piper playing tunes that roll down hillsides, hopefully into the ears of travellers who will wend their way up the single track road and drop their money into the piper's hat, no longer on his head but skilfully placed at the roadside....Scottish entertainment, i.e. giving money away!

The Haileybury Highlanders Pipes and Drums, eighteen strong, practice and drone away attempting to master beautiful pipe tunes.....defeated by the MacNeils of Ugadale, a pace too far for the young ones. It was this band that I followed to ask, "Can a fifty-seven year old woman learn to play the bag-pipes?" The answer was a resounding "Yes" and a warm pipeband welcome. There was no mention of the amount of 'puff' needed to blow the practice chanter. The tension was so great I developed blisters on my fingers, followed by dread when I thought of blowing those pipes.

Fond memories of my first parade, where the message was, "At all costs do not let the folks on the side-walk see you not playing, fake it if you have to," still linger with me. Knowing only six tunes, faking it sounded good. My Scottish pride rose as I marched along, amazement on the faces of the locals as they spied this gray-haired woman, whom they knew, playing the pipes....almost!

We have marched along gravel roads with pot-holes filled with rain water deeper than our shoes, black flies like raindrops filling the air, and mosquitoes biting our ears. Oh, the joy of piping! In LaSarre, Northern Quebec, where most of the population had never seen a live pipe band, where Scotland is a dream, and kilts an amusement....that is, what is under them, offers of \$2.00 a peek are refused and \$2000.00 is suggested. Walking sticks are strategically placed under the hem of the kilt only to discover there is too much tartan to lift it high enough. All of the while attempting to object in French.

The Haileybury Highlanders is a Canadian Legion Band, therefore a military band with full matching uniform, including a plaid which, when worn correctly, threatens to maim for life any normally shaped female. As you march to the Cenotaph on a chilly -10c November 11th morning, mis-shapen for life becomes of no importance as you notice that the top half of your torso is warm and all other body parts are numb. Nothing compared to the hardship of the soldiers we were honouring.

What a memory....McLaren tartan kilts swaying in the breeze, the skirl of the pipes and the Northern scenery.....never to be forgotten.

