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SAFETY IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY

Here are a few tips to follow to help you take your safety responsibilities seriously. Take it upon yourself to:

- ▶ Be fully knowledgeable and comply with rules and procedures, as well as the applicable federal, provincial and municipal regulations or other relevant codes and standards;
- ▶ perform your duties in a manner that will not cause injury to yourself or endanger your own life or the lives of fellow employees and members of the general public;
- ▶ report and correct, if possible, all unsafe acts and conditions observed and make recommendations that would eliminate such hazards;
- ▶ wear approved personal protective equipment when working in hazardous areas;
- ▶ refuse to initiate a work procedure or operate equipment when there is a definite reason to believe that to do so would create a danger to your own health and safety or the safety of a co-worker;
- ▶ assist fellow employees with understanding and following safe work practices and complying with our health and safety program;
- ▶ promptly report to your supervisor all work-related injuries and visits to a doctor for work-related problems;
- ▶ maintain good housekeeping in each work area;
- ▶ promptly notify your supervisor when equipment needs repair or replacement;
- ▶ maintain a proper state of physical and mental fitness prior to the performance of assigned duties and tasks and leave the premises or place of employment if your ability to work safely is hindered or impaired.

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Chuck Blanchard Retires

On August 15 2007, Charles “Chuck” Blanchard officially retired after more than 35 years of service at the Fortress. The following week the Cultural Resources section gathered at the L’Epée Royale for a retirement luncheon attended by Chuck and his wife, Dot. Several presentations were made, including a wooden lantern from the Fortress presented by Carol Whitfield.

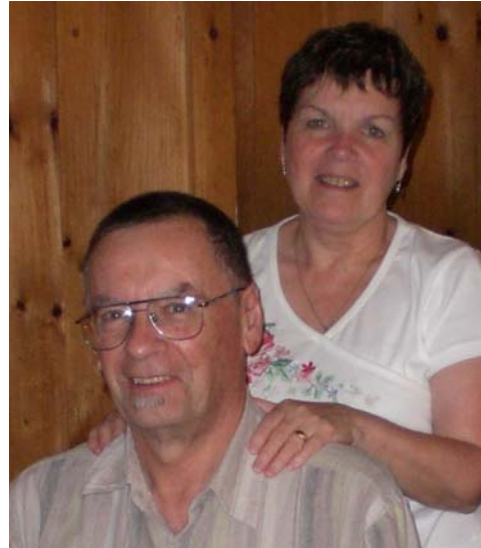
At the time of his retirement, Chuck was the longest serving staff member at the Fortress and was one of the remaining direct links to the project’s early days. During his years with the Exhibits program Chuck had a hand in the development and design of most of the exhibits on site. In more recent years, Chuck had responsibility for maintaining all of the exhibits.

Chuck, and indeed his entire family, have been great supporters of the Fortress and active members in the Fortress of Louisbourg Association. Chuck participated in many fashion shows and his transformation on stage to a period “dandy” had to be seen to be believed. His performance at one show in Saint John just about brought the house down, and received enthusiastic approval from the highest levels of Saint John society.

Chuck has long been a familiar sight on site as he made his daily round in his ever-present vest and metal “omni-bag”. I am certain that all staff join me in wishing Chuck a long and happy retirement.

Plans are afoot to hold a general gathering for recent retirees in the near

future. Chuck has indicated that he will be attending when plans are finalized so that his many co-workers will have an opportunity to extend their best wishes to him in person.



Chuck and Dorothy (Dot) his wife

News from AGB

In the days leading up to the formalization of the “Aerial Experiment Association” on October 1st, 1907, there was much discussion between Alexander Graham Bell and his associates. The following is an excerpt from the September 11th, 1907, Home Notes, Volume 51:

“Ideas concerning organization of association. Dictation by AGB taken by FWB.

The idea which is gradually developing in my mind concerning the details of an organization is the members shall form a council of experts who shall meet together & discuss ideas concerning aerial locomotion & discuss

what is being done elsewhere in the world upon this subject and decide that certain apparatus or experiments should be made at the expense of the association. Mr. Baldwin may have some idea he wishes to have tested and so with the others – quite independent of joint work. If the council should vote that these ideas should be tested practically then Mr. Curtiss as director of experiments, acting through the superintendent of the laboratory, should provide the men & material ... The workmen take their instructions from the sup. of the laboratory, the sup. takes his instructions from the director of experiments & the director of experiments takes his instructions from the council or association of which he is a member.

The members of the council or association should have specific duties assigned to them (some of them at all events – I am not so sure about myself).

Lieut. Selfridge as secretary of the association should keep the records of the meetings ...and make it his duty to see that the literature of the world relating to aerial locomotion is rendered accessible to the members so that all might have the opportunity of studying what has been done elsewhere...

Douglas McCurdy in addition to acting as treasurer of the association & rendering financial reports from time to time might be assigned the special duty of keeping photographic records of apparatus and experiments ... it should also be his duty to make calculations for the association & generally to verify weights & measures & calculations & act as assistant engineer.

Mr. Baldwin should be recognized as engineer in chief in charge of theoretical construction to see that all structures made should be designed on sound engineering lines. He should also have charge of drawings, plans, and design for structures and the engineering drawings made by him should be placed on file in the engineers office...

Mr. Curtiss should be recognized as the chief executive officer of the association ...and also have special charge of motive power, the designing of engines, propellers and their accessories consulting with the engineer in chief regarding structures to the strains produced by their operation ...

A.G. Bell to act as general advisor to the association without specific duties assigned. To preside at the meetings as permanent chairman & in his absence the members present to appoint a temporary chairman.”

Aerial Experiment Association

Plans are underway to celebrate the formation of the Aerial Experiment Association in Baddeck on Monday, October 1st. Among the day's events is an assembly of Grade 6 students from across the Island at Baddeck Academy to enjoy a talk by Roberta Bondar, Canada's first female astronaut and a talk by A.G. Bell's great grandson Hugh Muller followed by a fly past of three CF 18s. We are hosting an Open House from 2-4 pm and CBC Mainstreet is broadcasting from here from 4 – 6 pm.

Judith Tulloch's new book ***The Aerial Experiment Association, Aviation Pioneers*** will be launched during our

Open House. There is a ‘by invitation’ evening event as well.

ArtReach

We currently have on display a set of prints from the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia (AGNS). They are here as part of the Gallery’s ArtReach program which includes print making workshops at the time of installation and take down. Close to 100 students from Baddeck Academy and Wagmatcookewey Schools did the workshop in our Discover area. The print art produced at Wagmatcookewey School will be on exhibit at the AGNS during October which is Mi’kmaq History Month. Students from other local schools will have the opportunity to do the workshop at the end of October.



Explorer Quotient

The wrap-up of the AGB-FOL Explorer Quotient pilot project 2007 has taken place. Jennifer Barrett-Parker, Kim Whytock and Greg Danchuk are putting together a report. We look forward to the findings and next steps. At AGBNHSC 365 visitors did the quiz and of those 115 were Authentic Explorers.

Flights of Fancy

Our “Flights of Fancy” lesson plan will have its pilot test in October at Baddeck Academy and Étoile de l’Acadie. Our evaluation forms are ready to go.

Training

All AGBNHSC staff have completed the Harassment in the Workplace training.

Marconi & Canso News

Marconi and Canso Islands National Historic Sites of Canada closed for the season on September 15th.

Harvest Home

Harvest Home was enjoyed by all who attended. The Maritime Marionettes performance of the “Lonely Leprechaun” was excellent - a real treat and learning experience for the audience.

Special Visitors

Almost 20 staff from the eastern region of the Nova Scotia Hearing and Speech Centres enjoyed a museum visit on September 18th followed by the special opportunity of a guided visit to Beinn Bhreagh courtesy of the Bell descendants.

Photo of Observatory

A grandson of Bessie Safford who was a secretary to Alexander Graham Bell visited recently with a scrapbook of memoirs, letters and photographs related to her time working for the Bells. We were able to photocopy and scan all of the material. We were very pleased to find among the items a photograph of the Beinn Bhreagh Observatory as all that remains today is the brick foundation.



Filming at AGB

A film crew from Germany was on site Monday, October 24th, to take photographs of shore excursion opportunities for cruise promotional material.

GOC Workplace Charitable Campaign

It's that time of year again when we ask all employees to remember those less fortunate than themselves. Public Servants are well known for their generosity to this campaign. Anne Marie Coutinho will be looking after this campaign again this year and she will be contacting you over the next several weeks.

Condolences

We regret to announce the death of Gerard Romard on August 31, 2007. This was Gerard's first season as an interpreter here at Louisbourg. Our sincere condolences to his family and friends on his death.

Anyone wishing to submit an article to the Hear Ye! Hear Ye!, please contact Donna MacNeil at donna.macneil@pc.gc.a or by telephone at 733-3551.