

25th annual Canoeing & Wilderness Symposium on
Northern Travels & Northern Perspectives IX

February 5 & February 6, 2010 at Monarch Park Collegiate Auditorium, One Hanson St, Toronto.

All sessions in the auditorium.

Friday evening, February 5, 2010

- 6:30 - 7:20 p.m. - Foyer: Registration, programme and name tags.
- 7:20 - 7:35 p.m. - Introductory Remarks - George Luste
- 7:35 - 9:30 p.m. - Session I - General Overview - Chair - George Luste
 - Bill Moreau Woodbridge - ON David Thompson & His Writings
 - Christine Persaud Chelsea - QC Dubawnt River Art Expedition
 - Jon Turk Fernie - BC The Raven's Gift and Wilderness Spirituality
- 9:30 - 10:30 p.m. - Reception in cafeteria.

Saturday, February 6, 2010 - 25 min per presentation

- 8:30 a.m. - Doors opened for attendees & book table opens.
- 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. - Session II - Environmental Issues -
 - Ed Struzik Edmonton - AB Big Thaw: Travels in the Melting North
 - Monte Hummel Toronto - ON Arctic Issues: Barren Ground Caribou
 - Maude Barlow Ottawa - ON Blue Covenant: Water Issues For Canadians
- 10:30 - 11:10 a.m. - Refreshment break in cafeteria + book table
- 11:10 - 12:40 p.m. - Session III - Pike's Portage Area -
 - Morton Asfeldt Camrose - AB Pike's Portage - Stories of a Distinguished Place
 - Bob Henderson Hamilton - ON
 - John Wadland Peterborough - ON E.T. Seton's Arctic Prairies
 - Larry Innes Goose Bay - NL Thaidene Nene - Land of the Ancestors
- 12:40 - 2:20 p.m. - Lunch break [Due to limited seating, cafeteria use is available to meal-ticket holders only.] + book table
- 1:15 - 2:00 p.m. - Dave Hadfield Northern Songs [Library Meeting Room]
- 2:20 - 3:50 p.m. - Session IV - Ungava and Quebec North Shore
 - Virginia Barter Toronto - ON Journey to Nitchequon: A Fur Trade Family in Ungava
 - Eric Leclair Saint-Faustin - QC Vachon River in Ungava
 - David Lee Toronto - ON Tale of Two Trips -Romaine's Final Gift
 - Dave Robinson Ariss - ON
- 3:50 - 4:30 p.m. - Refreshment break in cafeteria + book table
- 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. - Session V - Experiences & Perspectives -
 - Terrence Ryan Toronto - ON An Innocent on Baffin, circa 1950s
 - Glen Hooper Thunder Bay - ON Rocks & Sand - Sand & Rocks
 - Kevin Callan Peterborough - ON More Lost Ontario Canoe Routes
- 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. - Supper break [Due to limited seating, cafeteria use is available to meal-ticket holders only.] + book table
- 7:15 p.m. - Northern Books Table closes
- 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. - Session VI - Concluding Overviews
 - Jay Neilson & Frank Knaapen Petawawa - ON Sacred Headwaters: Paddling the Spatsizi & Stikine
 - Borealis Expedition - USA 50 mile Portage to the Rae River & some Paddling Too
 - Hermann Harbisch Bendorf - Germany Rivers in the Land of Genghis Khan
 - Claudia Moessner Speyer - Germany

Background Music Selections by Sandy Richardson.

Thank you for coming.

Web information available via <http://www.wcsymposium.com>

Participants at the 2010 Wilderness and Canoeing Symposium

ASFELDT, Morten: - is an associate professor of physical education at the University of Alberta's Augustana Campus in Camrose, Alberta. Morten grew-up in northern Newfoundland and the Yukon and has spent the last 25 years paddling, hiking and dogsledding in the Northwest Territories and Nunuvut. As a part of his teaching, Morten takes students on canoe and dogsled expeditions, having paddling rivers such as the Mara and Burnside, Thelon, Horton, Elice and Huikitak, Kuujjua and Hood. [Seat – C40]

BARLOW, Maude: - is the National Chairperson of the Council of Canadians and chairs the board of Washington-based Food and Water Watch. She is also an executive member of the San Francisco-based International Forum on Globalization and a Councillor with the Hamburg-based World Future Council. Maude is the recipient of eight honorary doctorates as well as many awards, including the 2005 Right Livelihood Award (known as the "Alternative Nobel"), the Citation of Lifetime Achievement at the 2008 Canadian Environment Award, and the 2009 Earth Day Canada Outstanding Environmental Achievement Award. In 2008/2009, she served as Senior Advisor on Water to the 63rd President of the United Nations General Assembly. She is also the best selling author or co-author of 16 books, including the international best seller *Blue Covenant: The Global Water Crisis and The Coming Battle for the Right to Water*. - [Seat – B9]

BARTER, Virginia: - is a Toronto based historical writer/musician/storyteller and filmmaker. Her fur trade family history, "*Searching for the Silver Fox*" is published as part of an anthology, *The Long Journey of a Forgotten People: Métis Identities and Family Histories*; Wilfred Laurier University Press. (2007). She will share the stories about the Ungava region of northern Quebec and Labrador, the rare unpublished images of aboriginal life in Eastern James Bay and how the "*Beads and Spencer Map*" of 1841 helped shape the modern map of Canada. Virginia's interactive art piece, "*Four Directions*" will also be on display at the symposium. This unique style of storyboard visual art combines historical images, texts, and maps from Ungava to tell a history of the four cultures – European, Indian (Cree), Inuit and Métis – and how they came together on that land. - [Seat – B22]

BOREALIS: - Paddling Expedition members at the Symposium are: Meg **CASEY**, Nina **EMERY**, Karen **STANLEY** and Emily **STIRR**. In 2008 they made their second multi-month canoe trip to the Arctic Ocean in efforts to raise funds for their connective and beloved Camp Manito-wish YMCA. The five women are currently pursuing various careers in water law, medicine, outdoor science education, philosophy, and YMCA administration...thus striving to be the most well rounded group of female travelers in the Arctic. Our website is at <http://www.borealspaddlingexpedition.com/2008blog> - [Seats – B23, B24, B25 and B26]

CALLAN, Kevin: - is the author of twelve books, including the best selling *The Happy Camper*, the incredibly popular series of paddling guides, and his latest *Wilderness Pleasures: A Practical Guide to Camping Bliss*. His latest project is an on-line Happy Camper show at www.kevincallan.com. On a regular basis he presents across North America and has been a key speaker at all the major canoe events for over 20 years. Callan is also a frequent guest on radio and television, and field editor for Explore. - [Seat – A33]

HADFIELD, Dave: - 52, from Barrie, Ontario, is a canoeist, a canoe-builder, and a winter camper who has been writing songs all his life. His first 2 recordings, "*Northern Breeze*" and "*Wilderness Waltz*", have been widely distributed amongst paddlers and wilderness enthusiasts everywhere. Dave is a storyteller, and his songs, deeply rooted in the North and its people, are enriched and enlivened by his personal wilderness experiences across Northeastern Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario. [Seat – B41]

HARBISCH, Hermann, from Bendorf / Germany. Born in the Rhine Valley he learned to swim and to paddle in and on Germany's long river. As a little boy he got poliomyelitis, and so has walked on crutches all his life. First river trip was on the Moselle River from France to the Rhine. Further trips were trips in Sweden, Finland, South France. The Churchill River was his first trip in the Canadian Wilderness in 1973, followed by voyages on rivers in the Mackenzie Mountains and the Barren Lands, including South Nahanni, Natla / Keele, Redstone, Mountain, Anderson, Horton, Coppermine, Kazan and Back Rivers and others. After the opening of the so called iron curtain came additional trips to Mongolia and Siberia. He spent most of his working life as a teacher in the German Metal Worker Union, and has been retired for several years. - [Seat – A29]

HENDERSON, Bob: - teaches outdoor education at McMaster University, Hamilton, ON. He is the author of "*Every Trail Has a Story: Heritage Travel in Canada*". Bob can be found sharing a good campfire story of the trail, on the trail, and occasionally in the trail as the knees and hips start to buckle. - [Seat – C33]

HOOPER, Glen: - The great Arctic Barrenlands landscape often looks like the glaciers just vacated the landscape yesterday. Everywhere is "Rocks and Sand – Sand and Rocks", worked and moved by ice, wind and water. Fields of exotic erratics, eskers, sand dunes, giant deltas and outwash plains, young rivers cutting through the valleys of extinct rivers, isostatic rebound and erosion exposing the bones of the earth, are all there to see, and fluvial processes that we paddle through continue to shape the land. Glen lives and works in northwestern Ontario, and is a wildlife ecologist by training and profession, but has an amateur passion for geomorphology. Glen spent the summer of 2009 solo paddling Contwoyto Lake and the Burnside River, and turned his camera to interpreting the surficial geology of the landscape. - [Seat – A24]

HUMMEL, Monte: - was raised in the bush in northwestern Ontario in a hydro camp north of Kenora. He holds Masters degrees from the University of Toronto in Arts (Philosophy) and Science (Forestry), for 26 years was President of WWF-Canada, and is now President Emeritus, for life. Monte is a former canoe tripping guide, author of six books on the North and its wildlife and over 100 technical and popular chapters/papers, and is an Officer of the Order of Canada. [Seat – B11]

INNES, Larry: - After more than a decade as an advisor, negotiator and lawyer with the Innu Nation, Larry Innes backed into becoming the Executive Director of the Canadian Boreal Initiative. He now works with a wide range of groups towards the protection of at least half of Canada's Boreal Forest, and is particularly engaged in First Nations conservation and land use planning initiatives. When not crisscrossing the North, he is at home with his wife and two daughters in Goose Bay, Labrador – and plays outside every chance he gets. - [Seat – C31]

LECLAIR, Eric: - works as a geography teacher at Ahuntsic College in Montreal and also as a whitewater and river rescue instructor for the Quebec Canoe and Kayak Federation (FQCK). Over the years, Eric has gathered more than 10 000 km of experience as an expedition leader. He paddled about twenty of the biggest rivers in Quebec and Canada. Since 1989, he has worked for several adventure expedition producers of Quebec and other places. - [Seat – D25]

LEE, David: - Despite growing up with a love for the wilderness, David has had a rather late and delayed love affair with the canoe. Within the last decade he has gone from a single canoe trip to over a dozen every year spanning up to 70 days. His relentless passion for paddling (and photography) has him looking for any and every opportunity to paddle. The Romaine River was David's biggest trip to date and despite the river's fate, it has spurred his passion to not only paddle further afar, but to support and protect our waterways. Read more about the Romaine River trip and others at: www.passionatepaddler.blogspot.com - [Seat – C21]

LITTLE, Jim: - is on the faculty at Laurentian University. His students, as a University course requirement, are required to embark on a 2 week long canoe trip into a remote region of Ontario/Canada. This past year Jim, his co-instructor (Shawn), 12 students, and two clients journeyed down the Wakwayowkastic River to Moosonee. Catch a glimpse of what really happened on this “student run” expedition. [Note from GL: Jim has graciously agreed to be back up presenter in case of a cancellation. The title: The Wakwayowkastic River – A Student Experience] - [Seat – B31]

LUSTE, George: - continues to be engaged at the University of Toronto as head of the Faculty Association. – even though a decade ago, during his long solo canoe venture from Yellowknife to Baker Lake via the Back River, he was seriously considering early retirement. I share with many others here the melancholy reality of ‘so little time and so much northern wilderness I still desire to experience’. I am reminded that as a young undergraduate student I first read Albert Einstein’s words: “*We are all here for a brief sojourn, for what purpose we know not, though we sometimes think we feel it.*” - [Seat – A12]

MOESSNER (Mößner), Claudia: - from Speyer, Germany: - started with rowing (which she still does) to sailing and kayaking during her high school years. Since the time working at the National Research Council in Ottawa during the 1990s, she has sought more and more remote wilderness for canoeing in Ontario, Yukon, Scandinavia, Mongolia, and Alaska. Up to now there wasn't an animal call more bewitching than that of a loon. She has a growing canoe fleet at home (the boats somehow bred now) and needs the escape of ever more remote rivers and lakes as a recipe to stay sane within the overcrowded and restless places where she lives and works. - [Seat – A28]

MOREAU, Bill: - his expeditions have largely been confined to libraries and archives. He completed a doctorate in the Department of English at the University of Toronto in 1997, with a thesis on David Thompson’s writing of his Travels. He is currently preparing three-volume edition of Thompson’s writings for the Champlain Society and McGill-Queen’s University Press; Volume One was published in 2009 – *The Writings of David Thompson – The Travels, 1850 Version*. Bill works as an elementary school teacher and part-time university lecturer at the University of Toronto at Scarborough. - [Seat – A31]

NEILSON, Jay & Frank KNAAPEN: - have been paddling Canadian Rivers for over 20 years. Both long time WCA members, Jay and Frank hugely enjoy spring whitewater. This summer they are planning a 5 week 700k expedition on the Thlewiaza in Nunavut from Wallaston Lake in northern Manitoba to Arviat on Hudson Bay. Paddlers Wanted < Details - <http://jneilson.freehostia.com> - [Seats – A25 and A26]

PERSAUD, Christine: - is an established award winning filmmaker, photographer and artist based in Chelsea, Québec. She is currently developing other film projects while continuing assistance with humanitarian aid organizations around the world for both natural disaster and conflict related emergencies. Christine is a seasoned canoeist and sea kayaker who has paddled a number of northern Canadian rivers and lead several two month long expeditions in the north. - [Seat – A22]

ROBINSON, David: - first put paddle to water over 30 years ago when he was invited to join some friends on a trip to Algonquin Park following his graduation from University. After taking a moving water course 12 years ago he has discovered the joy of exploring some of Canadas rivers with his wife Dawne. So many rivers, so little time. - [Seat – C23]

RYAN, Terrence: - was a long time resident of Nunavut having sailed north in 1956 to reside at Clyde River and to go onto Greenland in 1959. He arrived in Cape Dorset in 1960 at the request of government to assist Jim Houston in the development of a graphics studio. On Houston's departure in early 1962, Ryan stayed as gm/arts advisor to grow the co-op and remained until 2000, when he exchanged his position to become the director of marketing with the association's offices in Toronto. After commuting to and from Dorset until 2009, he retired to accept the title of director emeritus. His talk today is about a 1964 winter dog team trip from Clyde River to Arctic Bay and back. The purpose of the trip was to meet the Inuit people and to encourage them to draw. - [Seat – B27]

STRUZIK, Ed:- is an award-winning writer/photographer whose articles have appeared in various journals, magazines and newspapers, including Canadian Geographic, Equinox, Yale 360 Environment, Foreign Policy Review, Merien (Germany), Geo (Russia), Report on Business, and newspapers like the Toronto Star, Edmonton Journal and Globe and Mail. He is author of the book *Northwest Passage*, published by Key Porter Books and the Canadian Geographic Society, *Ten Rivers*, CanWest Books, and "*The Big Thaw*", which was published in April 2009 by John Wiley and Sons. Ed has paddled more than 35 rivers in Alaska, Yukon, Nunavut and Northwest Territories over the past 30 years. - [Seat – B29]

TURK, Jon: - received his Ph.D. in chemistry in 1971 but hounded by restless spirits, he kayaked across the North Pacific and around Cape Horn, mountain biked through the Gobi desert, made first climbing ascents of big walls on Baffin Island, and first ski descents in the Tien Shan Mountains in Kyrgyzia. His two-year kayak passage across the North Pacific Rim was named by Paddler Magazine as one of the ten greatest sea kayaking expeditions of all times. Jon has chronicled his adventures in three books: *Cold Oceans*, *In the Wake of the Jomon*, and, most recently *The Raven's Gift*. - [Seat – A30]

WADLAND, John: - is Professor Emeritus in the Department of Canadian Studies at Trent University. That means he is retired and forgets most of what he meant to say. He gets out in his canoe as often as possible, but tales of his explorations would elicit little more than a yawn from most of those present here. John published his Ph.D. dissertation on Ernest Thompson Seton in 1978. Now, moderately wiser, he returns to where he started, to retrace Pike's Portage with ETS and (apologies to T.S. Eliot) to know the place for the first time. - [Seat – C29]