

The ECHO

Glen Echo Family Nudist Park
Spring 2005

Propane Safety

Joan and her sidekick, Jim, (that's because he gets kicked sideways, you know!) attended a very important safety course last September on the care and transport of propane tanks and cylinders. They wish to pass on some important information to you.

First, be constantly aware that propane is an explosive gas. It is kept in liquid form (under pressure) in tanks that may not be used past the expiry date. If you have your own tank, please find out whether your tank is safe to continue using. If the date on the collar of the tank is past, you must not use the tank, by law, unless it has been requalified.

When the gas leaves the tank as a vapor, it is close to -42°C in temperature. That temperature is cold enough to cause major freezing of exposed skin. You are advised to wear neoprene gloves when hooking up the tank to your gas line.

Bottles and tanks are filled to 80% of their capacity with liquid. The other 20% is for vapor. The valve of the bottle or tank is fitted with a neoprene seal that must not be immersed in liquid propane. Therefore, you must not lay the tank on its side. You must store a tank in the upright position se-

curely so that it will not fall down. Secure your tank or tanks with a chain around a post that is set firmly in the ground to ensure that it or they will not fall down. Do not have an open flame near the tanks.

Improperly burned propane can produce carbon monoxide. CO is a highly toxic, invisible and odorless gas that has caused hundreds of deaths. Therefore, check your refrigerator, furnace and stove annually to ensure that they are working properly. Do not tamper with the safety features of your equipment. They are designed to keep you alive. To help you in this regard, we shall ask Panda Propane to come in one day this season to inspect and repair your gas appliances for a fee. Watch for the announcement in the clubhouse.

Because propane is heavier than air and can accumulate in low places, tanks must be stored outdoors. (Many boaters have been blown to Kingdom Come by the ignition of propane in the cabins of their yachts.)

Generally, tanks and cylinders must be transported in a trailer. The tank or cylinder must be kept secure and upright during transportation. However, you may transport one 30-pound tank in the trunk of your car. Again, do not let it lie on

Property Taxes on Cabins and Trailers

To those members who have a cabin or trailer at Glen Echo, you may have heard already that the Province of Ontario through the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) is preparing to tax cabins and trailers at private campgrounds. Though the assessment has not taken place at Glen Echo, you should be aware that it is inevitable. According to our information, Glen Echo will be presented with the tax bill and be responsible for payment. Glen Echo will pass the amount owing to each member with a cabin or trailer. The good news is that the amount of tax one has to pay will be rather modest. The bad news is that the tax will be payable from 2004. An information sheet is available for pick-up at the office.

The sale of Glen Echo Park

You read it here first! Glen Echo is for sale. Mary and Eddy have decided that it is time to hang up the tools and pass Glen Echo to younger hands. To this end, they have been discussing the sale with a few interested members. Several things you should know: Glen Echo is to remain nudist after the sale. Membership fees are still payable when due. You need not worry about paying your fees twice for a year, once the sale is finalized.

50 Years at Glen Echo

Glen Echo will be 50 years old! Fifty years is a long time for a nudist club, and it is a tribute to Eddy and Mary that they have nurtured it for so long. They will have many memories of those years. Literally thousands of people have visited Glen Echo or have been members.

We shall have a special day of celebration on July 9. Past and current members are invited to take part. If anyone wishes to make a reservation for the barbecue/pot luck dinner, they should contact the office by June 18. Please plan to be at Glen Echo on July 9 to show your support for this special celebration. More details will be posted as the day draws near.

Did you move?

If you have changed your mailing address since last year, please let Joan know. We would also like to have your telephone number and the name of an emergency contact. Please be assured that we exercise discretion with this information.

If you would care to give us your email address, we can use it to broadcast a general message on short notice.

The email list will not be used for any other purpose, nor will it be sold, rented or otherwise distributed. You can send a message to info@glenecho.ca for this purpose.

Care of your campsite

Everyone who has a campsite is responsible for its cleanliness. All cabins, trailers, decks, etc, must be maintained in good condition. No structure may be left in a state of disrepair and under no circumstance is a structure to be left unsafe. You are advised to have insurance for your structures, as well.

You may wish to hire someone to have your site cleaned, or your structures repaired. Glen Echo members, Jamie and Ingrid Nye, are available to help you with these tasks and more. Their telephone number is posted in the clubhouse..

West Nile Virus Prevention and Control

Please note that Glen Echo will be treating all standing water with Aquabac, a larvicide containing Bti. Bti is a bacterium commonly found in many environments. It produces a toxin that disrupts the gut of mosquitoes and black flies in the larval stage. Bti is essentially non-toxic to almost all humans, other mammals, birds and fish. It is rapidly degraded by sunlight.

2005 Events Calendar

Sat, Jul 9: Special celebration dinner. Details soon.

Sat, Sep 3: Bingo

Mon, Sep 4: Lisa's Beer & Wine Garden

Please watch for additional events to be posted in the clubhouse. Glen Echo would welcome volunteers to organize other events for the club.

RECOVERY: We are looking forward to **Chloe Russell's** return to camp after a major operation this past winter. Give her a big hug when you see her.

BIRTH: **Marianna and Guenther** are overjoyed with the birth of their first great grandchild, a healthy boy.

In Memoriam 2004

Mary and Eddy, Joan, and friends are saddened by the passing of the following members of Glen Echo Park: **Merrilan Brown**, a former member died May 25/04. **Irene Jackson**, widow of *Steve Jackson*, both long time members, died on August 16/04. **Fred Dietrich**, husband of *Barbara*, died Jan 24/05. We express our sympathy to the families.



Merrilan

Some things you should know!

Joan's notes

By Joan Hodder



Joan & Jim

Please be reminded that my work hours will be 8:30 to 4:30 Monday to Wednesday, and Friday. On Saturdays, my hours will be from 10:00 to 4:00, and from 9:00 to 12:00 noon on Sundays when we have our "Sunday Breakfast at the Clubhouse".

We shall be providing our all-inclusive breakfast special on Sunday, May 22 and Monday, May 24 of the Victoria Day weekend. Then our popular breakfasts will resume on Sunday, June 26. Your favorite servers will be back to provide you with a nutritious meal to keep you going for most of the day. Serving time is from 9:30 to 11:00, but orders stop at 10:50.

No Parking Please!

A reminder to all members: Please use the designated parking areas only. Do not park your car in the camping area unless you have rented a tent site. Parking behind the motels is for motel customers only. Finally, please do not park in the spot in front of Denis' cabin, or beside the clubhouse, where Eddy parks his vehicle.

General Maintenance

We will try to do our maintenance of the swimming pool and whirlpool with as little disruption as possible. The pool will be closed for 2 hours on Thursday mornings. The whirlpool must be emptied and cleaned every three to four weeks. We will try to do this maintenance early on a Friday morning. We are also closed every night at 10 PM.

Lawn Maintenance and Spraying Schedule

The grass of the sunning lawns and sports areas has to be cut and trimmed every week during the growing season. We will try to do the cutting as early, and as quickly as possible, weather permitting. Simcoe Weed Control will do the fertilizing and weed control. Signs will be posted two days in advance of spraying.

Fee Increase

There will be a modest increase in our campsite fee for 2005. The increase will help to offset the surcharges levied by our garbage pickup company and energy suppliers.

Trees

Members are reminded that no trimming or removal of trees and shrubs is permitted without Eddy's prior approval.

Kids' Day

I wish to thank Glenna and her helpers for a successful Kids' Day in 2004. We look forward to a repeat in 2005. If you have any bright ideas to enhance this day of fun for our children, please see Glenna.

Cabins for Sale

We have a few cabins for sale. Please speak to me for details.

General Announcements

- A member has offered to give a self-defence and safety course for women..
- Be prepared! Learn how to use a fire extinguisher. First Link is willing to provide a course for a small fee at Glen Echo. The course will take approximately two hours.
- Are you are interested in taking a first aid course at Glen Echo?

Please speak to me if you are interested in any of these courses.

Flora and Fauna

Glen Echo is situated in one of the most sensitive zones of the Oakridges Moraine. Please do not pick the wildflowers or harm the animals. Glen Echo is their home, too.

Finally, thanks to Stephen Crowley for his gift of *Loxie & Zoot* naturist comic books.

2005 T R E S

The annual membership fee covers the use of all outdoor and clubhouse facilities, including tennis courts, volleyball courts, sauna, showers, heated indoor swimming pool, pool table, ping pong tables, snack bar, etc for the year.

Flat rate membership (One payment covers the whole year.)

Family	\$620.00
Single Man	\$500.00
Single Woman	\$400.00
Children of single parent (per child)	\$50.00

Associate fee (for members living more than 160 km or 100 miles away)

Single person or family	\$425.00
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Note: New members are subject to a \$25.00 initiation fee. Lapsed members are also subject to a \$25.00 fee on rejoining.

Ground space rental (One payment covers the whole year.)

Tent, camper or cabin space	\$425.00
Propane tank rental (per tank)	\$30.00
Camping per day	\$12.00

Please advise the management if you plan to continue renting your campsite; otherwise, the spot might be allocated to someone else

Visitors (per day)

Family or couple	\$30.00
Single man	\$25.00
Single woman	\$20.00

Motel Units (Reservation required – 15% PST and GST are extra)

Sleeping unit	1-4 persons	\$45.00/day	\$270.00/week
Housekeeping unit	1-4 persons	\$55.00/day	\$330.00/week

Notes:

- **Please add 7% GST to the total, except where noted.**
- Cabins and trailers are for weekend and holiday use only. Members who do not wish to renew their membership must sell or remove their trailers or cabins by the expiry date. Otherwise, their dwellings will be assumed to be abandoned and will be disposed of within 60 days.
- The management of Glen Echo reserves the right to suspend, revoke, or not renew any club membership, with or without cause.

Trailer for Rent

- Available from May 21 to Oct. 11, 2005
- Cost is \$1,500 plus membership
- Sleeps 6; has water hook up and hydro. Propane extra.
- Excellent location

Propane Tank Delivery

There will be a \$5.00 charge for delivery of a full propane tank to your campsite and pick-up of your empty one.