

**Hackberry Heckler**  
**VLIII**  
August 2023  
Hackberry Men's Shed,  
Carleton Place, Ontario.

\*\*\* FIELD REPORTS \*\*\*

Another flying machine photograph from **Fergie**:



\*\*\* PROJECTS \*\*\*

**Al** has some tractors and trailers back in the works:



**Ross** has just a few more Fokker cylinders to turn and is now working on the crankcase at home:



This **Delta Robot** is a work-in-progress and presently waiting for six 10-pin connectors to be wired. It's a fascinating mechanism with three saddles riding six vertical rails and three universally jointed arms connected to a 'floating' triangular platform. Funny but the platform stays horizontal however you move the saddles!



\*\*\* TOOLS \*\*\*

\*\*\* FACILITIES \*\*\*

\*\*\* MISCELLANEOUS \*\*\*

**Fergie** visited his brother in Chelsey the other day and was greeted by his granddaughter and her continental giant rabbit Thumper who weighs 28pounds. The big boy is house broken and is good friends with Bianca the dog.



**Key Conundrum:** My keys went missing after our last shed breakfast. I must have had them to get back into the house. Later in the morning I cleared another heap of branches from the back lawn and thought they'd likely fallen out on one of my many stoops. First I raked all of the lawns then I dragged a large magnet around. Doug mentioned a wheeled magnet he'd donated to the shed.



That found lots of treasures, but no keys! Finally I asked if someone had a metal detector and Five Oaks Farm delivered one to the shed. As a test I threw a Tooney down but that's all I found. Doug thought I should look in my coat pockets, I already had. Doug never mentioned my 'Lab Coat pocket' which I wear in the basement; but that's where they were!

The above collection is from a sweep with the wheeled magnet. Some of these from the middle of the back yard, not a place I do much carpentry, especially with 3" nails? Is it time you swept yours?

**\*\*\* MEMBERSHIP \*\*\***



On Wednesday, August 30th MSO Outreach Coordinator, Nick Fry, and MSO Operations Team Leader, John Peters presented the Men's Shed story to a group of 85 at the



**Aurora Seniors Centre.** Among those attending were the Mayor of Aurora, the secretary to the Ontario Minister of Health and reporters from two local papers. The new Shed in Aurora already has a coordinating team in place and for the price of a membership at the Centre (\$35 per annum), the Shed has access to meeting space, a well equipped

workshop and is insured under the Seniors Centre Insurance. As things stand now, the Aurora Men's Shed is poised to be the largest Shed in Ontario.

And yet another with **John P.** shaking hands with Mayor Mrakas.



**\*\*\* WEB \*\*\***

We watched the TVO Train 185 on Youtube again but this time with the sound OFF and a second channel playing Gordon Lightfoot.

**\*\*\* ARCHIVES \*\*\***

May 2023 - The **Hackberry Haulers** cartoon was created by **AI** using Midjourney on the Discord platform. The prompt used to create the logo would not generate the same image now.



"a sports logo for a moving company run by old men with walkers --q 2 --s 250 --niji 5"

--q 2 represents a request for a higher quality image.

--s 250 requests an increase in the stylized nature of

the image vs a photograph.

--niji 5 is a specific model within Midjourney trained to have a vast knowledge of different anime styles and aesthetics.

When **Tudor** recently repeated the prompt four versions of the above image were generated.

With thanks to those who've seen fit to send in photographs, articles etc.

*se non è vero, è ben trovato*  
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