



# The River Round Up

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## Bobby & Anita Boucher



Robert (Bobby) Joseph was born July 18<sup>th</sup>, 1947 at the home of his grandparents Emily (Agnes) & Alex P. Boucher of the Church Point. His early school years were a bit of a problem as his mom Bernice and/or his grandma Agnes would take Bobby to the East End School and for two years he would return home with them as he refused to stay. Finally the third year he stayed for six months and then the Stella Maris School, which was just a few minutes from home opened and he became a happy student. Bobby quickly caught up with the other children by double grading in Francis Digout's class. He graduated from St. Peters High in 1966 and went on to St. FX for two years studying Business Administration. During his high school and university years, Bobby worked weekends and summers at Stora in Port Hawkesbury. He left St. FX to seek employment in Ontario and after several months he returned to RB to work for Charlie Robertson. In the winter of 1969 while skating at Jim Boucher's rink he met a beautiful young lady named Anita Forsythe.

Mary Anita was born on May 25<sup>th</sup>, 1952 the eldest of three girls to Ernest & Mary Josephine (Burke) Forsythe of White Rock, Kings Co. She went to

school in Welsford until 1966. Henry & Lena LeBlanc of RB were friends of the Forsythe family and while visiting them in Welsford convinced them to move here. They lived for a year in the trailer that was later turned into William Robertson's Canteen before purchasing a home which was previously owned by the family of Amable Fougere on Wharf Road on Church Point. Anita and her sisters, Irene and Bonnie went to Stella Maris School and in 1969 Anita went to St. Peters to take a commercial course. In the winter of sixty-nine Anita was skating at the rink when she took a bad fall on the ice. Bobby immediately came to her rescue and Anita fell in love with her knight in shining armor.

On July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1970 Bobby & Anita were wed in Ottawa where they had recently moved. They have two children, Tammy & Chris and two treasured grandchildren Shawn & Shania. They remained in Ottawa for the next nine years where Bobby worked as a landscape designer and did stonework. In 1979 Anita, Bobby and the children returned to RB to his grandparents homestead. He worked for Breton Industry in the shipyards but the job was short lived as the company went bankrupt. He then worked at a plant for nuclear submarines located where the Heavy Water plant used to be but two years later the government scrapped the project.

A trend was beginning to form so Bobby decided it was best if he was self employed so he worked as a carpenter for the next twelve years. In 1994 he went to work for Robert Wambolt renovating old homes for resale and still works there on days when his health allows. Meanwhile, Anita herself was keeping busy as she worked for six years at the school as a para professional. In 1982 she opened *Richmond Gardens and Crafts* selling garden seeds and crafts. Bobby cut the wood and Anita would do the finishing and the selling. The name later changed to *RB Crafts* and among the items made were: custom made clocks, cribbage boards, benches, albums, shelves, coffee tables and they even created a roll up desk. The shop closed in the mid-ninety's.

These days Bobby enjoys crossword puzzles, cards & gardening while Anita enjoys collecting bells and driving grandson Shawn to his hockey games. They recently celebrated their 37<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Many friends also gathered in celebration of a surprise (except Bucky blew it) birthday party for Bobby's 60<sup>th</sup>. Anita & Bobby, we the people of River Bourgeois all wish you well. *Sharon Chilvers*

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### Damaged Ego



"The all mighty captain can even crash a boat on land or sea." This was a quote from one of the onlookers as the boat landed in the ditch. Thanks to Mathew Touesnard for the picture and lots of thanks to all that came to the rescue. Community spirit is alive and well in River Bourgeois.

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### Happy 91<sup>st</sup> Birthday



Evelyn Burke asked us to thank everyone who called, sent masses, birthday cards, prayed, and visited on the occasion of her 91st birthday on July 30<sup>th</sup>. Her daughter Debbie sent along this picture and said they took her mom & dad lobster sandwiches for supper. Victor still loves them very much and he sure did enjoy! They are feeling ok and they hope to be in Richmond Villa in St. Peters sometime in the near future.

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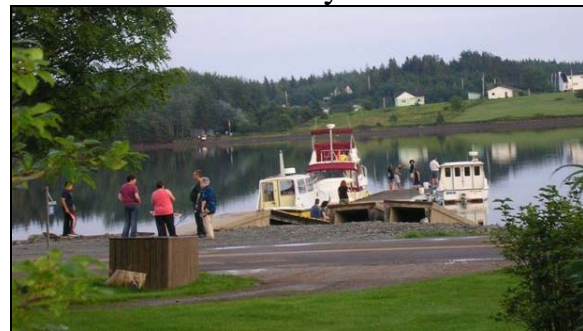
### Bob Pettigrew accepting Award



As mentioned in last month's Round Up Bob was awarded the The Legion d'Honneur Medal by Mr. Olivier Nicholas, Consul General of France at a presentation at the legion in Grand Anse on July 29, 2007. Bob is settling in to his new home in Richmond Villa and once again we congratulate him on this prestigious award.

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### Community Dock



The first stages of the Community dock on the North Side Road are now completed thanks to Carl Grimes, his Economic Development Committee & Harold Landry, head of Property Services for the River Bourgeois Community Services Society. They want to thank the many elves who have volunteered their time.

The dock is available to everyone for boating, fishing, swimming etc at their own risk. If you have not seen it yet, drop on down.

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### Weddings

Congratulations to the following couples:

**Aitken/Sampson:** Wendy, daughter of Cathy & Brian Aitken, & Leon, son of Lenova & Bernard Sampson were married in Ottawa on April 14<sup>th</sup>. On August 11<sup>th</sup> they celebrated their wedding at the Tara Lynne center with relatives & friends.

**Boyd/Otley:** Joanne, daughter of Deirdre & Blaise Boyd, was married on August 18<sup>th</sup> to John, son of Carolyn & Roger Otley in Weymouth, NS.

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## The 60's



Lucy Voss gave us this picture which was taken when she was practice teaching at the Stella Maris School in 1960. For the past several years, Lucy and her husband Brian have joined in the NS Bird Society sponsored trip to Point Michaud Beach and take part in lunch at the River. They live in Ottawa and spend summers in Whiteside. Pictured on the left are Billy Sampson & Hubert Fougere, sitting Joan Babin & Audrey Pottie and in the back Sr. Prisca & Elaine Richard.

## Where are they now?



*Pictured here is Carole Aitken, daughter of Cathy & Brian in the cockpit of Boeing 737. Carole has agreed to share some of her very busy life story (to date).*

I graduated from St. Peter's District High School with both a Gliders Pilot & Private Pilot License. I'd completed both on summer scholarship programs as a member of our hometown Air Cadet Squadron 824 Silver Dart. Finishing top in my class, it seemed that I was well suited for a career in aviation and so began my great adventures.

I started as the Port Hawkesbury Airport Manager, running the airport during the day and studying for my Commercial Pilot License & Flight Instructor Rating at night. My favorite memories of those days are when I would look down on River Bourgeois from my little Cessna airplane to see people waving

up at me. I think I've logged more hours circling my parents' house than anywhere else.

Once I finished my training I got my first teaching job in Thunder Bay, ON. I wasn't there for very long considering my boss was a lunatic and would have me fly even if the propeller fell off. Over 3 ½ years I taught at several schools but spent most of it in Winnipeg. I've had students cut the fuel off to the engine in flight and others touchdown nearly sideways on landing. All the while I managed to complete two instructor upgrades and finish qualifications for my Airline Transport License to fly for an airline someday. Not an easy task on a shoestring budget.

It was while I was teaching in Winnipeg that I met my next boss. He had offered me a job flying a slightly bigger six seated aircraft in Northern Ontario. My boss was great but his mechanic left a little to be desired. I had been complaining about an engine vibration the last few flights. After each run the mechanic would look at it and tell me that he fixed it. About fifteen minutes into the next flight, it started vibrating again. Annoyed that it wasn't fixed I decided to turn around and head back. Thank God I did because it was not long before my engine started to overheat and lose power. It sputtered the whole way back to the airport and was the longest 15-minute flight I ever had. In the end someone forgot to tighten some bolts. On the plus side, since the engine on my plane was thoroughly cooked and needed repairs, I was upgraded to a larger twin-engine aircraft. That little bit of twin-engine experience was enough to take me to my most interesting job to date.

I was hired as a Captain for an international survey company. I spent the first year flying contracts all over Canada. On my way to Baker Lake, NT I got to fly into Churchill on the shore of the Hudson Bay, where there were so many whales cresting the water it looked like white caps on a windy day. I flew in the Chibougamau, QC where more than once it had taken us so long to sweep snow off the plane and shovel it out of a snow bank that it would start snowing again and we couldn't take off. Also, I flew just west of Calgary over the Rockies to see glacial lakes that seemed an unnatural clear blue. After that first year, most of my flying was in Africa.

As a survey aircraft, we were granted special permission to fly only a few hundred feet over the ground, which made for some spectacular photos of herds of wildebeest, zebras, elephants and more. We also saw little huts called rondavels, homes built out of cow dung and termite mounds topped with the traditional thatched roof. But it wasn't all wildlife and exploring. In the northwest part of Africa it was mostly desert and HOT. It was 36 C at night! Given

the short supply of water some days, we were forced to draw straws to see who would get to shower. We ran low on food and had to buy and kill our own goat for dinner. We even had a coup attempt right in the area I was supposed to fly. Luckily some locals that were working with us had seen the tanks and bombers on the news that morning and stopped us just before we headed out to the airport. It was an interesting 4 ½ years working survey. It also granted me the opportunity to work in Germany, Portugal and Peru all with stories of their own. Part of me still misses the adventure of it all but each new country only further solidified this well-known truth. "There is no place like home". I left the survey world in pursuit of a job closer to home.

I came back to Ontario for a year and flew for a small airline before getting married and returning to as close to home as possible and flying. My husband Neil (also from Cape Breton) and I are both grateful to be near family & friends. We now live in Halifax where I fly a Boeing 737 for Can Jet Airlines and have a whole new set of challenges. I don't know if this will be my last stop in my career in aviation but before I'm through I want to get back in my little Cessna and do one more victory lap around my parents house, my biggest supporters. Thanks Mom & Dad (Brian & Cathy)! I couldn't have done it without you. Carole Aitken Cameron

*(Thanks Carole-We enjoy receiving stories like this. Send yours to [rbcap@stpeterscable.com](mailto:rbcap@stpeterscable.com))*

## Births

**O'Toole/Baker:** Vernon Taven, 7lbs 4 oz, born June 4<sup>th</sup> to Vernon & Tracy of Janvin's Island. Congratulations to the parents, grandparents Lawrence & Janet Landry and Vernon & Mary O'Toole and great grandparents Maurice & Lucille Landry.

## Deaths

**Smith:** Lois Patricia "Pat" - 73, Antigonish, passed away on August 11, 2007. Born in Seaview, she was a daughter of the late Thomas & Florence (Boyd) Morrison. Our condolences to her immediate family, her sister Casilda and to her many cousins in RB.

## Bits & Bites:

- **Festival Events continue this weekend** with the Men's breakfast, heritage walk, ball tournaments, flea market, children's fun time & dance on Saturday and ball games, canoe races, pot luck supper & variety concert on Sunday. Check your schedule for times.

- **It is time to say thank you to Heidi Stone** who is finishing up her final summer at the Capsite. Heidi is entering her last year in the B.Ed program at St.FX. She was honored by the Richmond CAP Society on Aug 23<sup>rd</sup>. The CAP committee wishes to thank her for dedication, patience, sense of humor & hard work.
- **Congratulations** to Joseph Baccardax and Tiffany Simpson-Frost who were both awarded Elsie Jean Lambert Memorial Scholarships (\$1000 each) by the Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command of the Royal Canadian Legion. Joseph is going into his second year of Marine Engineering at the Marine Institute of Memorial University of NL. Tiffany is going in to her first year of Business Administration at NSCC in Port Hawkesbury.
- **Congratulations** to the newly elected East Rich. School Board Rep-Francine Boudreau.
- **Cribbage** Seniors Bldg Mondays at 7pm.
- **45 Card** game Seniors Bldg. Sundays-7:30 pm.
- Seniors 50+ Club phone # is now 535-2563.
- **Senior's club** meeting on Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1:30 pm.
- **CWL meeting** on Sept 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm following mass. Deirdre is having an executive meeting at her house at 7pm on the 10<sup>th</sup>.
- **CAP site meeting** on September 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.
- **RBCSS meeting**-Sept 26<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm.
- **Seniors Mini Bingo**, Sept 12th @ 1:30 pm.
- **CAP site hours are** 2-4 & 6-8 Monday – Thursday & 2-4 on Friday for the fall months. Phone # is 535-3251 and FAX # is 535-3638. Anyone looking for Heritage Walk booklets, shirts, souvenirs or used books and for all your computer needs drop in. Email address is [rbcap@stpeterscable.com](mailto:rbcap@stpeterscable.com) and our website is [www.stpeterscable.com/~rbcap](http://www.stpeterscable.com/~rbcap).
- Anyone wishing to book the TLC should call Mike Fougere at 535-3308. People requiring use of the Funeral Home, call Marie & Conrad Fougere at 535-2621. Call Georgie or Harold Landry at 535-2939 to open the church for any special functions i.e. weddings, baptisms etc.
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