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Another Summer of Memorable Moments

Dates to Remember!

Walleye Season
May 20, 2017



Sundays
2017

The grocery, liquor
and beer stores are
closed on Sundays
and Holidays in
Atikokan.

Holidays
2017

May 22
Victoria Day
July 1
Canada Day
September 4
Labour Day



Mike Ranta Atikokan Canoeist Extreme

Mike is already the first person to cross the North American continent solo, by canoe, in one season. And he wants to be the first person to do it twice.

Mike Ranta knows what solo means... it means being in the deepest, most remote parts of Canada, in the grit and silence of the land. There, many times, death looks him in the eye. The dangers are real. There is no follow-crew, no support team paddling alongside, no -- this expedition is Mike, and his dog Spitzii.

Mike was raised in Atikokan, Ontario and spent his life watching small Northern towns struggle to receive necessary funding. This year he's taking it upon himself to help his community and raise funds for much needed infrastructure. He's a small town boy with a big dream!

You can read more at

<https://www.mikeranta.ca/about-mike-ranta>

Ranta and Spitzii on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/Mike-Rantas-Paddle-117469248331877/>



Into the Wind

Watercolour
16 x 22 inches



This painting depicts one of those days where the wind came up suddenly and we had no choice but to pick up the tempo of our paddle strokes.

**Northern Sparkler**

Oil on canvas
48 inches x 72 inches



Northern Sparkler depicts a scene on the shore of Lake Jean in Quetico Provincial Park. The sunlight refracted through the waves across the sandy bottom, giving way to the oncoming waves and brilliantly reflected sunlight that recedes to a dancing sparkle in the distance.

Bruce Herchenrader

...a Canadian artist and printmaker who has been creating paintings and serigraphs for the past forty-five years. In 1983 he accepted an invitation to do a canoe trip into Quetico. He developed a personal passion for Quetico from this trip and has returned almost every summer since, seeking out new vistas and subjects to paint. Much of his work comes from his more than seventy canoe trips into our wilderness preserves. To see more of his work visit his website at



<http://bruceherchenrader.com/>

Northern Blue

Oil on canvas
28 x 70 inches



Sturgeon, one of the Park's largest lakes.....



West of Eden
Serigraph
44 x 30 inches



This is one of the most masterful of my serigraphs that I ever created. It depicts Quetico Lake looking towards the literal interpretation of this image, "Eden Island."

The Poet Falls
Oil on canvas
42 inches x 72 inches



The Poet Falls depicts Chatterton Falls on the Trois Riviere in Quetico.



Wetasi Guardian
Watercolour
22 x 16 inches

This pine grows impossibly from a cleft in the granite rock of Wetasi Island.... One can only hope that we too may find beauty and grace in what is sometimes the chaos of our lives.



Atikokan Points of Interest

Atikokan River

The Atikokan River winds through town. It is just a short walk from our office. It is great for day trips.



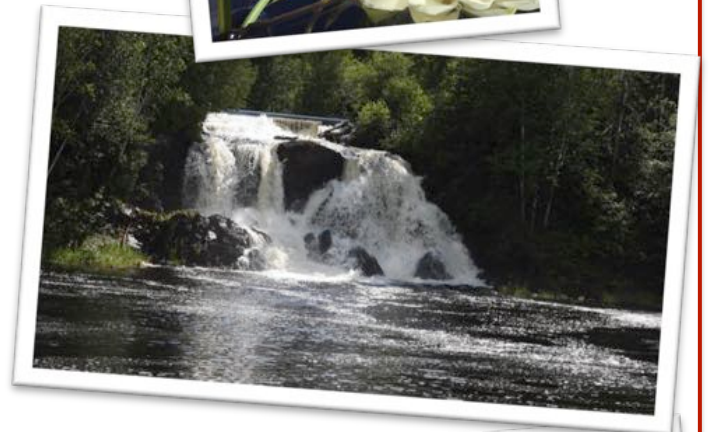
Atikokan Scenic View – Little Falls

If you get into town the day before your trip starts you may want to drive up to Little Falls. There are places to sit and a walking trail around the pond. It is just a short drive (about 10 minutes).



Atikokan Centennial Museum

Another place of interest is our museum park. It is just a short walk from our office. The museum building is just before the park and they would be happy to welcome you in.



Hudson Bay Bread

**This is the basic recipe for Hudson Bay bread.
Add whatever you want to make even better!**

2 cups margarine
2 cups sugar
1/3 cup light corn syrup
1/3 cup honey
9 cups of Quaker Quick
Cooking Oats
1 cup coconut

*Combine all ingredients and press into a jellyroll pan about 3/4 inch thick. This is the basic recipe. You can add nuts, molasses or dried fruit, etc.
Bake at 350 F for about 25 minutes.
Let the pan cool until you can cut and remove squares without crumbling.
Don't wait too long or they will stick.*



Fishing

Andrew Trembath and I spent the better part of the week fishing lake Irene, and two of its surrounding lakes, Sanford and Doan. Much of the week we were plagued by strong winds, which often dictated where we could fish. Despite that I felt we did well. Andrew "batted for the cycle" during the week catching a Whitefish, a Ling, several Northerns, Walleyes, Lake Trout and lots of smallmouths. Andrew, I might add is also an excellent cook and possesses MacGyver like skills in his ability to create and repair stuff.....Bob



The sunrises are always beautiful; I seem to take a picture every morning. Had a great time, we caught a lot of fish.....Mike



Denver Jim here. Thx for the help on the trip with my sons and nephew. Had a blast as usual. Be back next to do B chain.....Jim



Fishing

Just wanted to drop you a line to thank you for helping us plan another awesome trip! You guys are the best in the business, and we couldn't have asked for a more wonderful experience (other than the huge storm on our last night!). We're already planning our next trip. You have 3 new paddlers that are hooked!..... Bart

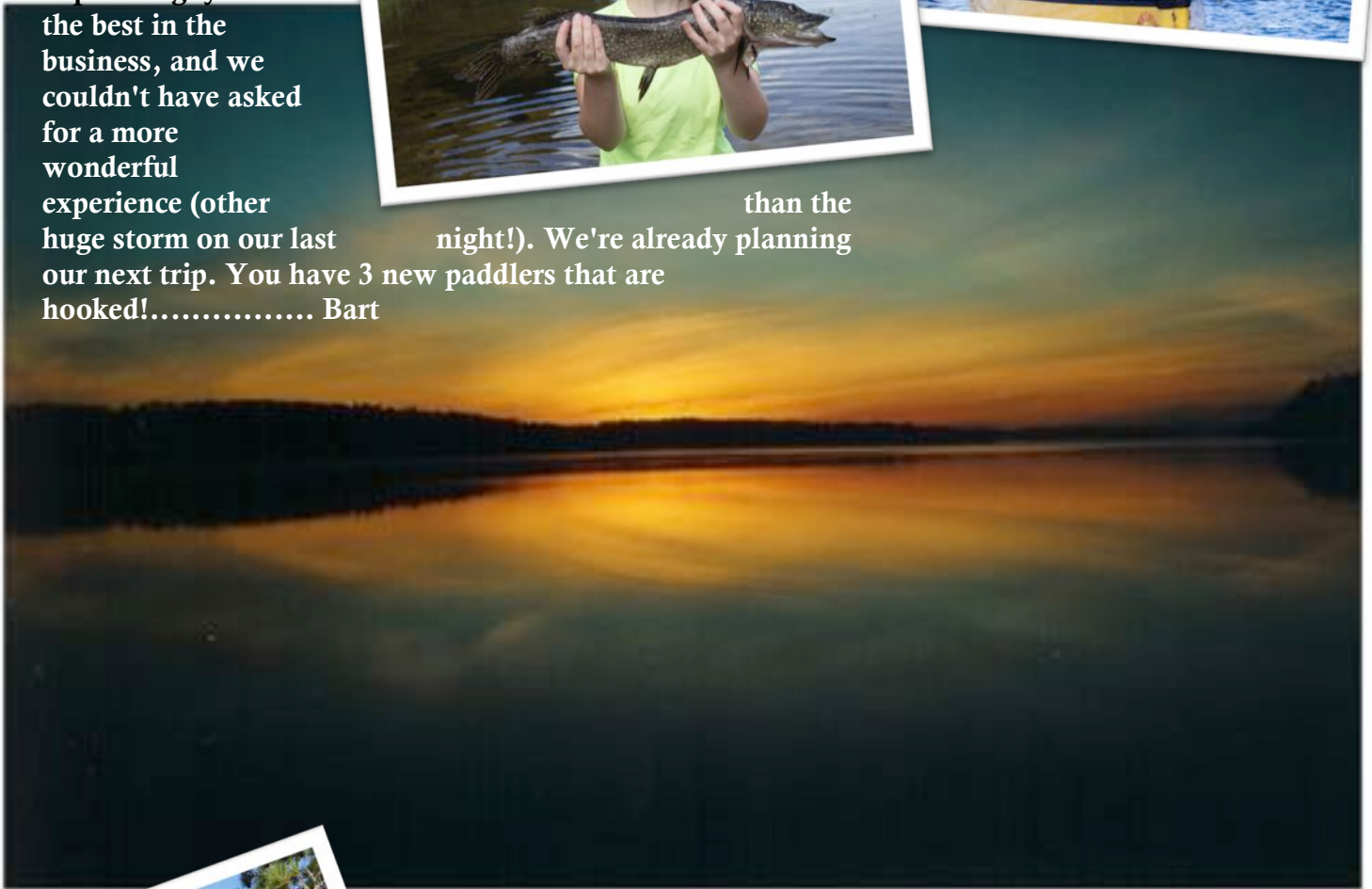
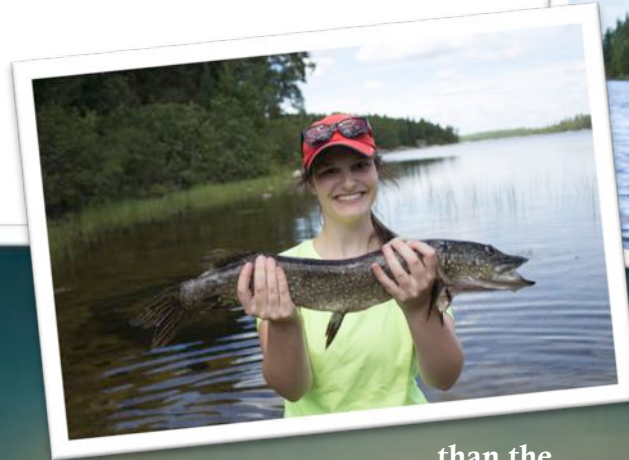


Photo of the 46" pike we caught in the slot on Sturgeon. Although we target walleye and smallies, that is the 4th pike over 42" we have caught in that area the last 2 trips.

Once again, thanks for the canoes and transportation for what was another great Quetico trip.....Mike



Tidbits

Two in One

Double bass hook-up on the same broke-back rapala in the portage lake at Mercutio.....Brian



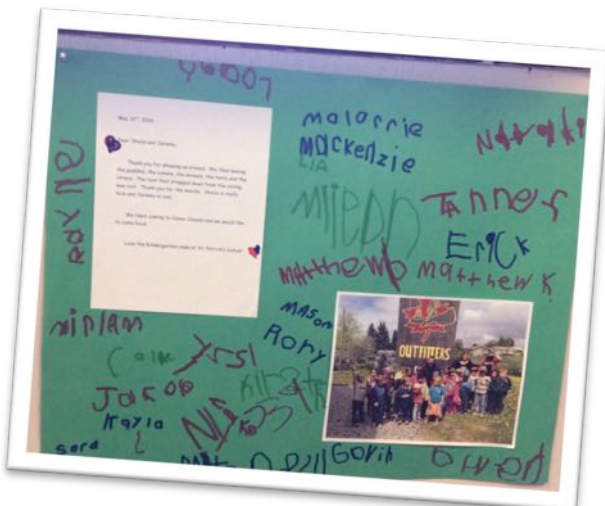
Jim Clark

In case you're wondering what Jim is doing now that he's retired.....



Up and Coming Paddlers

Canoe Canada hosted a school field trip for the St. Patrick's kindergarten class. It was an enthusiastic group and we enjoyed their visit!



Jeremy Outpost Manager



Jada has been asking me to write something for our annual newsletter for the last few weeks and, of course, I have put the job off for other important things like marking up maps for all of our wonderful guests!

This morning, however, I'm in the mood to write. I'm currently sitting on our dock at the airbase. We only had one group fly in this morning but we needed all three planes so it's just me here. The air is chilly and feels like fall as I breathe it in. A flock of geese is flying south in a V formation directly above me. I'm getting a feeling of profound peace and yet also loneliness, even the geese are leaving 😊. This is what fall is about. Soon the leaves will change colour and fall off the trees, all of our camps will be winterized, and our camping gear will be stored away with "good for 2017" tags on them.

Canoe Canada has had a lot of changes this year. Jim Clark retired, and Bud came back to work as an occasional driver! Shane Selman filled Jim's shoes quite well with his own style of trip planning. Incidentally, Shane and Jim are planning a fall canoe trip.

The geese may be leaving us but as it turns out, neither Bud nor Jim are! These two guys are absolute legends in the outdoor industry. Both left their mark with our guests and our peers. I am fortunate enough to call one of them Dad, and the other one Uncle Jim. I would like to thank them for building an amazing business and brand that Shane and I have the honour of caretaking for them.

So, back to neither of them leaving, I

wasn't too sure how much or how

little Jim would like to help out this year. He spent most of the summer doing retirement stuff like building a canoe, but he did make a point of stopping by and visiting as well as offering advice now and then. Last week Shane took his oldest daughter (and our food packer) to University. Jim filled in at the trip-planning table while Shane was away. Hopefully, we will see a little more of him next summer!

Bud found himself with a somewhat lighter workload from his other job (in the mining industry) so he did a lot of pickups and drop offs for us. I'm sure that those of you who were fortunate enough to have him as your driver were at the receiving end of a barrage of stories!

Typically, I have tales of trips and big fish for all of you in our newsletter. We will save those for sport shows this winter and trip planning sessions next summer.

I hope that you all have a great winter and I look forward to seeing you in the upcoming years. Thank you for your patronage, loyalty and friendship. All greatly appreciated.

My best to you all!

Jeremy Dickson

Outpost Manager

Current Caretaker of the CCO Wilderness Tradition

Shane Canoe Manager

For those of you who made it up this summer I want you to know that I enjoyed seeing you. I hope our newsletter finds everyone doing well and looking forward to their next Canoe Canada wilderness trip.

Fall has arrived - the mornings are cooler, leaves are starting to change, beavers are busy working on their feed beds, and we are winding down. There are still a few canoe trippers heading out into the park enjoying what fall has to offer.

The staff at CCO are busy getting gear ready for next

year's paddle season, seam sealing tents, making sure all the packs are good to go, and looking at new options for gear. I greatly appreciate the

response from everyone this past season, it was definitely an interesting and enjoyable summer. It was a pleasure helping everyone plan their canoe trips, and having coffee with the outpost guests before they visited with Jer out at the seaplane base.

I don't have any solid plans for this fall, but I'm hoping to take a short canoe trip with Jim Clark, and of course, some time out on the trap line.

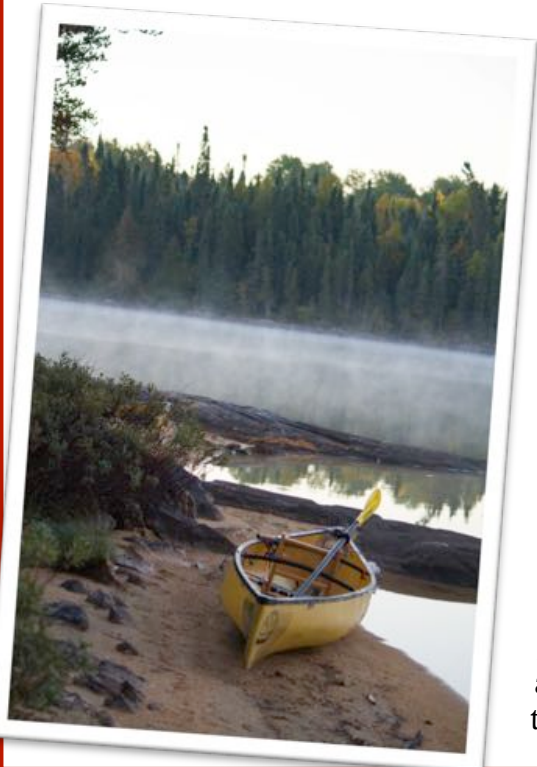
We have some projects planned for this fall and next spring around the shop and the outpost cabins. Jim will be helping Jeremy and me get the canoes ready for the upcoming season in 2017.

I am really looking forward to visiting with all of you at various Sport shows throughout the winter months. Have a great fall and winter! Take good care and please keep in touch.

All The Best

Shane Selman

Manager
Canoe Canada Outfitters

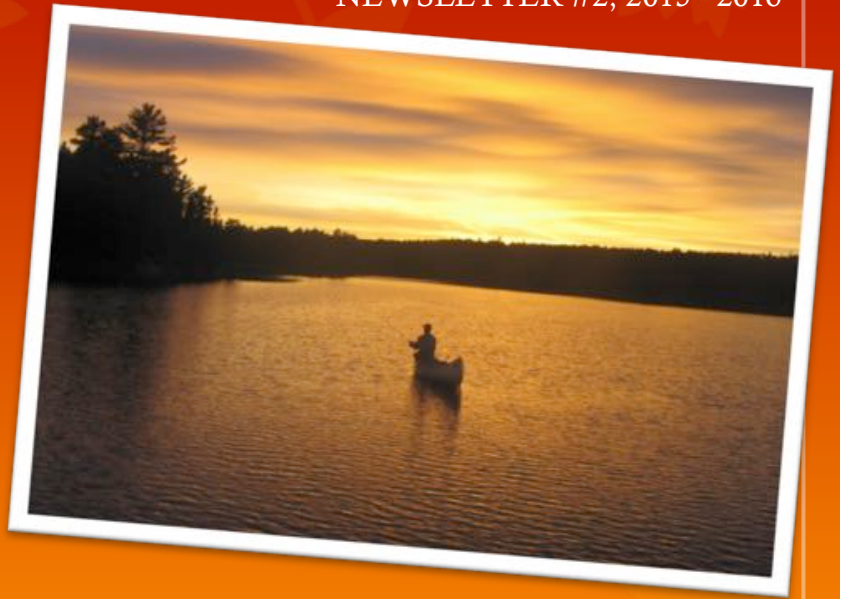




2017 Sport Shows

<u>Let's Go Fishing Show</u>	The Gateway Center in Collinsville, IL	January 6 - 8
<u>All Canada Show</u>	Pheasant Run Convention Center in Chicago, IL	January 12 - 15
<u>All Canada Show</u>	Radisson Conference Center (Oneida Casino) in Green Bay, WI	January 19 - 22
<u>Kansas City Boat and Sports Show</u>	Bartle Hall	January 19 - 22
<u>St. Louis Boat and Sports Show</u>	America's Center and the Dome	January 26 - 29
<u>Chicagoland Fishing Travel and Outdoor Expo</u>	Schaumburg Convention Center	January 26 - 29
<u>All Canada Show</u>	Canterbury Park in Shakopee, MN	February 9 - 12
<u>Indianapolis Boat, Sport and Travel Show</u>	Indiana State Fair Grounds	February 17 - 26
<u>Milwaukee Sports Show</u>	Wisconsin State Fair Park	March 8 - 12
<u>Wisconsin Desert Turkey Expo</u>	Allianz Energy Centre in Madison, WI	March 31 - April 2

Another summer has come to a close and winter is a good time to dream and plan for 2017. We enjoyed seeing all our customers, new and returning. Keep those pictures and stories coming! Thank you for spending your time with us. We hope to see you again!



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