

**FUNDRAISING:
 HERONGATE
 BENEFIT, SILENT
 AUCTION, AND
 MORE...**



Herongate Barn Theatre has been a landmark on the Duffins-Rouge agricultural preserve for 43 years. Once the Hornshaw farm, it was expropriated by the province but survives as an outstanding example of the sort of agri-tourism business that could thrive on the Federal Lands if our vision became reality. Steve Graham and

Ann Ward, shown here in the dining room, support food over flights and are generously hosting a one-time **benefit dinner-theatre show for us on March 9**. The event will include a silent auction with awesome offerings. Please contact us for tickets to Herongate’s “Sylvia,” or visit our website and donate to our fundraising campaign. We’re nearing 75% of our \$85,000 goal and urgently need to raise the rest, so that our consultants can produce their report before the feds release theirs.

**OUR TURN,
 INTERNATIONALLY**

In UPDATE #38 we reported that the UK’s magazine *International Airport Review* had just carried an interview, with York U. business professor Fred Lazar, in which he stated that a Pickering airport “makes no economic sense” and went on to explain why. You can read the full interview on our website, at Be Informed > In the Media > Focus On The Lands 2017. The article’s title: “Does Toronto need another airport?”

But the story doesn’t end there. Our Chair posted words of praise for the article on the *IAR* website, and the result was an immediate invitation from the editor for us to submit a follow-up article.

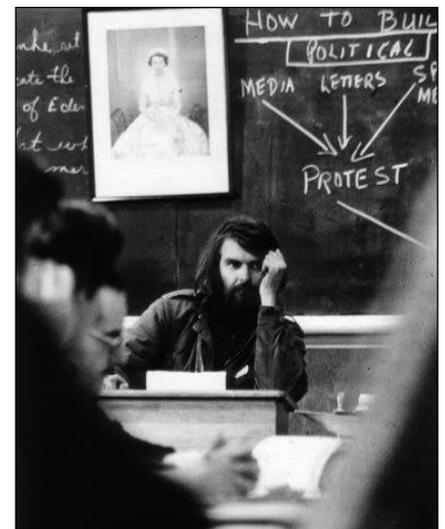
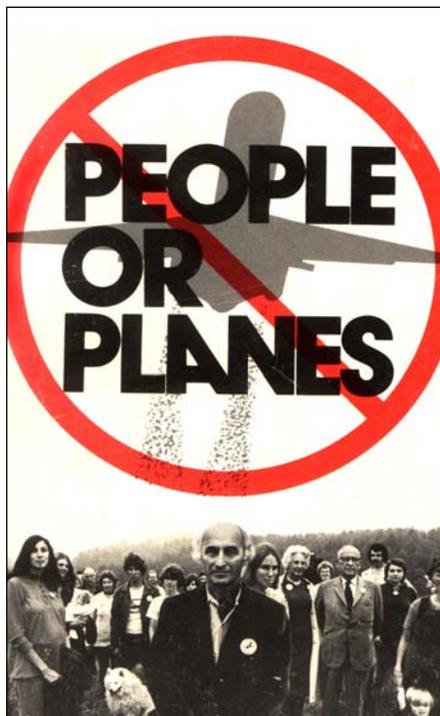
Needless to say, we were surprised and delighted to be asked to contribute to an airport review, and jumped at the chance. Our article, “Pickering airport, Time to reset,” was posted to coincide with the 45th anniversary of the airport announcement. A link to it is on our website, too, same page as the Lazar article.

And here’s the thing: Our story isn’t just local: it will resonate far and wide. People everywhere are fighting plans for new or expanded airports. The reasons? Variations on a theme: the protection of heritage, of historic villages, of clean water sources, of prime farmland, of wetlands and forests, of sensitive ecosystems supporting endangered species, of established resting places for migratory birds, of plain old peace and quiet.... and not least, the protection of our planet from rising GHG emissions.

WHERE WERE YOU IN '72?

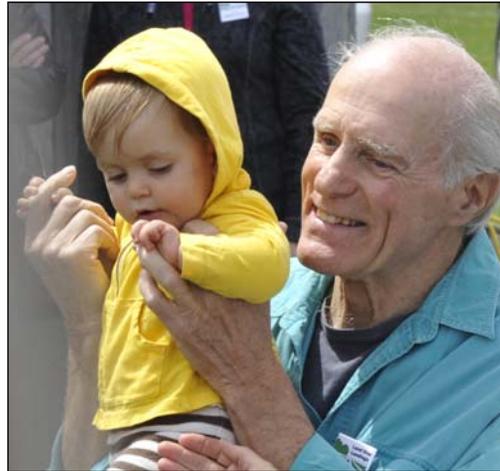
We can’t believe it’s been **45 years**, but the images in this article don’t lie. Blackboards have given way to e-mails and tweets; party lines to smart phones; long hair has become grey hair. Young men and women then

are grandparents or even great-grandparents today. And we doubt that Her Majesty could still fit into that gown:-) So here’s to People or Planes, who rose up in 1972 to take





a stand on protecting the land, and to all those who have kept the campaign alive and strong ever since. With half the land saved within the national park, let's keep smiling and keep winning together! Now, more than ever, it's a cause we really have to win, because Food is a **GROWING** concern!



On p. 1, Dr Charles Godfrey, Bill Lishman, 1970s. On p. 2, Bill Lishman and Michael Robertson as POP's Pickering Fusiliers and as LOL members today.

A MESSAGE FROM THREE TRENT U. PROFS



"Collectively, the three of us have taught Environmental Studies and Canadian Studies at Trent University for nearly a century. In fact, John and Bob started teaching here just around the time that a Pickering airport was first proposed, in the early 1970s. As we've explained ever since to generations of students, the southern Ontario countryside is a precious place: one of Canada's most productive farming regions, with an irreplaceable natural heritage of woods, streams, and wetlands. It deserves protection, not transformation into an airport that makes no economic sense. So we are so pleased to be able to support Land Over Landings and all its efforts."

L-R: **Stephen Bocking** (School of the Environment, including Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems); **Robert Paelkhe** (founding editor of the *Alternatives Journal: Canada's Environmental Voice*), and **John Wadland** (co-creator and long-time chair of Trent's groundbreaking Canadian Studies program, begun in ... 1972!)

RNUP CLOSER TO REALITY

On February 22, the House of Commons approved amendments to Bill C-18 at Third Reading, giving more protections to ecosystems, wildlife, and farming within the Rouge National Urban Park.

Said Environment Minister Catherine McKenna: "When I came to this file ... there were concerns expressed by the farmers about two things. First, what would it mean if the concept of ecological integrity was introduced, and second, what would it mean for leases? We were able to address both concerns ... and they will now get the long-term leases in the park that they so desired."

The Bill now goes to the Senate and then, if passed there, to the Governor General for Royal Assent, and will become law.

Great news. But now it's time to start talking about the elephant in the room: the fact that airports have a responsibility, on and around airport land, to control wildlife by scaring, trapping, even killing, to ensure aircraft safety. A Pickering airport's wildlife hazard zone would span much of the RNUP, an entity mandated to protect its wildlife. The Park exists, the airport doesn't. RNUP: 1; airport: 0. *How many more times?!*

Food for Thought

"The land is not merely the stage on which the human drama is enacted: it's the leading player in the play."

~ Dr John Wadland
describing the essence of his iconic Trent course, "Canada: the Land."

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