

Subject: OXTONGUE LAKE - Finally, the film of the August 7, 2011 celebration of Ted Keown's 42 years of service as a firefighter

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Dear friends —

Well, it took 14 months, but Betz and I finally have produced a movie from the footage we took at the August 7, 2011 grand celebration of Ted Keown's 42 years of volunteer service as an Oxtongue Lake Firefighter. For those of you who were unable to attend that celebration, it was held at Wolf Ridge, the home of our ever-generous host at the north end of the lake, Joe Guerrieri. The celebration was planned and executed impeccably by Ken Williams, with loads of support from spouse Chris and various community members; and the party was indeed a total surprise to Ted.

Betz and I each used a hand-held video camera with microphone (sometimes using a tripod, sometimes not) to capture the event. Together, we took well over two hours of footage, which was edited down to this 1 hour 8 minute film. This past week, we had the great fun of surprising Ted and Carolin Keown, and Ken and Chris Williams, with a private showing here at Chape Inn of the

finished movie. How wonderful for us all to relive that very special day with Ted — and what a very special day it was for the entire Oxtongue Lake community!

I have posted the film online, at the following link.

<https://dl.dropbox.com/u/23163251/TedKeownCelebration.m4v>

1) Upon clicking on the link, a browser window will open on your computer screen, and the film will play automatically after taking a few moments to begin streaming. The faster your connection speed, the better your chances of viewing the film without the occasional “buffering” of the stream, during which action stops while the video stream downloads some more. You must have a broadband connection of some sort.

2) Your monitor will look like this after you click on the link and as the film begins to play:



(At the lower right of the screen, you can click that box to expand the film to fill up all your acreage on your monitor.)

3) If you want, you can download the film to your desktop and view it later (it will take some time to download, possibly as much as a half hour). To do this, right-click anywhere in the window (or control+click on a Mac) and choose "Save Video As..." from the pop-up menu — the film will download to your computer, and you can watch it using any one of several media players. Just double-click on the downloaded file, and your default media viewer will fire up and begin playing the film. It is in the format .m4v, playable by virtually all media players.

A few comments and caveats:

It was impossible to interview everyone there at the celebration, and we're sorry if you did not get the chance to say a few words of thanks and appreciation to Ted. You can always do so in person, even now!

The two cameras we used were different makes, and the microphones were different as well; so there is some difference in sound quality as the film goes from one camera's footage to the other's.

A word to the wise: you may want to have a box of tissues nearby when you watch the brave men and women of Station 70 in procession, led by pipes and drums.

Speaking of Station 70: While this truly was a celebration of Ted Keown and his service to the community, implied throughout the film is the valiant role played by each and every member of the

Oxtongue Lake Volunteer Fire Department. All of us on the Lake salute them now and always, for coming to our aid when needed, and for keeping us safe. *Thank you, Station 70!*



Remember that this film is 1 hr 8 min in duration! So pop up some popcorn, pour yourself a nice glass of something, and, most important of all, watch this with a friend.

Cheers to all!

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