

# Litterature



***Nova Scotia's Adopt-A-Highway Program***

***Fall 2015***

## **UPDATES FROM OUR ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY GROUPS**

### **ANNAPOLIS VALLEY GEOCACHERS**



The Annapolis Valley Geocachers were one of our earliest groups to complete their Spring Cleanup. Even though there was still snow in many of the ditches around the province, they arranged to do their cleanup of Exit #17E near Kingston to coincide with the World Geocaching Cache In - Trash Out Event. This was scheduled for the weekend of April 24th- 27th. Another geocaching group, the Atlantic Canada Geocaching Association, managed to complete their cleanup on Hwy #3 in Five Rivers / Timberlea that weekend as well. The Annapolis Valley Geocachers had 23 volunteers take part and

picked up 11 bags of litter in less than an hour, making fast work of their cleanup.

### **LAKE ECHO LIONS CLUB**

The Lake Echo Lions Club was joined by the Lake Echo Watershed Association; the Lake Echo Boaters Association; the Lake Echo Lakers baseball group; the Porter's Lake Schooners baseball group, their coaches, and other community members; and the Mineville Community group to clean litter from highway ramps and a car park common to all of them. The Lake Echo Lions Club group collected 100 garbage bags and two recycling bags. The most common litter was coffee cups, pop cans and other fast food waste, but they also found tires, scrap metal, car parts, electronics and even a toilet bowl. The clean up included the highway through their community, several streets and side roads, the shoreline, beach and recreation area of Lake Echo. They also tidied up the roadside shoreline of a pond that is home to many species of wildlife, and is part of the Lake Echo Watershed system. They feel that keeping their communities clean is important. They would like to help people understand it is NOT OKAY to throw away garbage.



## FRIENDS OF CRESCENT BEACH - GREEN BAY & AREA SOCIETY

This group was lucky to pick the only sunny day in the week for their cleanup of Crescent Beach Road, and the beach area. Grade 5 & 6 classes came from Portipique school to help out, so it was fortunate that the weather was favourable. The students did a great job and picked up 17 bags of litter and one bag of recyclables during the cleanup. They were treated to juice and cookies after the cleanup. They also received AAH insulated lunch bags, which they loved!



## MT. UNIACKE CLEANUP PARTY



The Mt. Uniacke Cleanup Party had a wet day for their cleanup, receiving approximately 6mm of rain. Community members, including their Fire Department and RCSCC 356 Sea Cadets, worked to collect almost 900 kilograms of litter (almost 100 bags)! Their 12 kilometre route includes Highway #1 in the Mount Uniacke - Lakelands area. They had an unusual find during their event; a large bag of coins. This was a prize winner in our Litter Sweep contest (details on the last page of our newsletter). They are thankful for the opportunity to represent their community with this event, and improve the appearance of the local area.

## ENFIELD, ELMSDALE & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB

Enfield, Elmsdale and District Lions Club also had a wet day for their cleanup. They persevered and collected over 500 kilograms of litter from their route on the Old Enfield Road and Horne Settlement Road. After the cleanup, they were rewarded for their hard work and resilience with pizza provided by Papa K's in Enfield and water and soft drinks donated by Sobey's in



Elmsdale. They also received various promotional items from the AAH program. Gloves and garbage bags were provided by Rona in Elmsdale. A big "Thank you" to The Journey Church, Enfield Scouts and Guides and various family volunteers for their participation.

## PORT WILLIAMS & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB

The Port Williams and District Lions Club had assistance from community residents for their AAH cleanup on a sunny Saturday in mid-May. The results are encouraging, and they found significantly less garbage than in other years. After all the hard work, the participants enjoyed refreshments provided by the Lions Club. Wooden



handles from broken hoes, brooms etc. can be given to local Lions, and they will be recycled into garbage pick-up sticks. Additional photos of the cleanup can be found on the Village web site photo gallery at [www.portwilliams.com](http://www.portwilliams.com) (go to "Community" and then "Village photo gallery").



## SPRING 2015 CLEANUP REPORT

A big thank you to all the groups and individuals who participated in the Spring 2015 cleanup, including this member of the Port Williams & District Lions pictured at right!!



- 250 Vimy Air Cadets, Tantallon—Lewis Lake
- 569 Colonel GN Henderson Air Cadet Squadron, Brookfield
- 719 Stora Air Cadet Squadron, Port Hawkesbury
- Alexander Family, Stanley Section
- Annapolis Royal Lions Club, Allan's Creek
- Annapolis Valley Geocachers, Kingston
- Antigonish Kinsmen 378 (with Port Hawkesbury Antigonish Swim Club),
- Antigonish Lions Clubs & Cadets
- Atlantic Canada Geocaching Association, Five Rivers - Timberlea
- Annapolis West Education Centre, Annapolis
- Bass River Heritage Society
- Bedford Lions Club
- Bluenose Coastal Action Foundation, Mahone Bay
- Bridgetown Lions Club & Army Cadets
- Brierly Brook Road Group, Antigonish
- Broad Cove Community Association
- Brookfield Community Assembly
- Clarence 4-H Club
- Coastal Cruisers, Bridgewater
- Coldbrook & District Lions Club and Leos
- Community of Lawrencetown Beach
- Dartmouth PigDogs RFC, Burnside
- Dartmouth Rotary Club
- Dillon Consulting, Halifax
- Earth Day Friends, Tatamagouche
- East Bay Area Community Council
- Enfield & Elmsdale District Lions Club
- Englishtown Community Hall
- Eric & Joyce Higgins, Higginsville
- Fables, Tatamagouche
- Fellowship Lodge #112(AF&AM), Bible Hill
- Forest Heights Community School O2 Students, Chester Grant
- Freeport Development Association (with Islands Track and Field)
- Friends of Crescent Beach / Green Bay & Area Society
- Friends of Route 245, North Grant
- Friends of Taylor Head Park, Spry Bay
- Gospel Light Baptist Church Youth Group, Harrietsfield
- Great Village & Area Community School and Friends of the Community
- Guysborough Waste Management, Monastery to Bolyston
- Harley Owners Group – Central Chapter, N.S., Elmsdale - Lantz
- Hill n' Dale 4-H Club, Newcombville
- HMCS Halifax, Halifax Stanfield International Airport
- Hopewell 4-H Club
- Hub Campers, Lanesville
- Islands WI (with Islands Track & Field) Tiverton
- Kingston Lions Club
- LRHS Key Club, Liverpool
- Ladies Auxiliary, Sluice Point
- Lake Echo Lions Club
- Laura Lee & Gil Johnson, South Brookfield
- Lawrencetown Lions Club
- Linden 4-H Club, Linden Corner to Shinimicas
- Lismore Community Hall
- Lower River Road Group, Cleveland
- MacPherson's Mills Women's Institute
- Maxxam Analytics, Bedford
- Medway River Salmon Association, Charleston Bridge to Greenfield
- Michelin Health & Safety Group, Granton
- Michelin North America, Waterville
- Middleton Lions Club
- Milford & District Lions Club & Air Cadets
- Millennium1 Solutions, Hebbville
- Mortgage Managers, Hammonds Plains
- Moschelle Community Circle
- Mt. Uniacke Clean-Up Party, Mt. Uniacke- Lakelands
- Musquodoboit Harbour Lions Club
- Nailed It Construction, Sheet Harbour (ongoing)
- New Germany & Area Lions Club
- North Shore Volunteer Fire Dept., Cribbons Point to Malignant Cove
- Northumberland Regional High School, Alma
- Nova Scotia Jeep Club, Upper Sackville
- Oakland Indian Point Residents Association
- Point Aconi Generating Station, Bras d'Or
- Port Williams & District Lions Club & WI & Community
- Porter's Lake Cleanup Crew
- Remi Roy, Stewiacke
- Rhyno's Ltd., Bridgewater
- River John Consolidated School & 4-H Club
- River John & Area Lions Club
- River Phillip Community Hall
- Rotary Club of Sackville and Area, Lower Sackville
- Rotary Club of Sydney - Sunrise
- Rotary Club of Truro
- Salt Springs 4-H Club
- Second Paradise Retreat, Second Peninsula
- Sobey's – Bridgewater, Dayspring
- Someone Cares Committee, St. Andrews
- Spa Springs Women's Institute
- Springhill 2011 Lions Club
- St. Andrew's 4-H Club
- St. James United Church, Antigonish
- St. John's United Church Men's Club, Wallace
- St. Margaret's Bay Lions Club
- St. Paul's Church / Spryfield Scout Troop
- Stillwater Community Group
- Stop the Proposed N. Construction Quarry Near Miller Lake Group, Fall River
- Sunrise 4-H Club, Truemanville
- The Baha'i Community of West Hants, Windsor Forks
- The John Howard Society (2 routes - Dartmouth and Halifax)
- The Rascals, Portipique
- Tidy Highway 245, North Grant
- Toney River Community Centre (Continued on next page)

## SPRING 2015 CLEANUP REPORT (CONTINUED)

- TOPS NS #2045 East Jeddore
- Truro Lions Club / 2<sup>nd</sup> Truro Scouts and Venturers, North River
- Unama'ki Voyageurs Métis Trail, Louisdale
- Valley Kemptown & District Fire Department, Valley
- West Branch United Church
- Western Kings 4-H Club, Somerset
- Weymouth Lions Branch Club
- White Point Beach Resort, Liverpool
- Wilson Family, Port Howe to Riverview
- Wolfville Lions Club, Wolfville-Grand Pré
- Yarmouth Area Community Fund, Grove Road - Overton



Lake Echo Lions Club (pictured at right) had a good turnout for their cleanup this year.

### MESSAGE FROM OUR CO-CHAIR



Greetings. It is a pleasure for me to send a message to all volunteers whether it is as a committee member, volunteer of Adopt-A-Highway or an interested person.

What an exciting year we had with Adopt-A-Highway whether it was at the Committee meetings where we listened to the many reports presented by the members in attendance or at the Volunteer Information Session where volunteers from throughout the province of Nova Scotia meet to discuss and share their many experiences.

Volunteers are so very important and the volunteers related to the work of Adopt-A-Highway are equally important in helping make Nova Scotia's countryside beautiful and something for us to be so proud of. We are all so proud of the work by Gina Bain in the office and the way in which she does her job with dedication, professionalism and in such a pleasant manner.

Lastly, and most importantly, thank you to all who climbed up and down the ditches to remove waste and thank you to those who not only work one or two weekends over the year but continue to be on the lookout for waste throughout the year. Your dedication is greatly appreciated.

Ellen MacGillivray Simpson  
Co-Chairperson Adopt-A-Highway

### SPRING CLEANUP TOTALS !!

Our groups have had another very productive Spring with more than 52 tonnes of litter and recyclables being picked up off our roadways, streets and interchanges. Our gratitude goes out to all of the 1,575 volunteers who took the time to join in on this monumental effort to improve the appearance of our beautiful province!

We also heard from several groups that they had made plans for their cleanup, but had to cancel because of wet conditions or inclement weather. Hopefully things will work out for their next scheduled event.

Counties	Region	Kilometres Adopted	Bags of Garbage	Bags of Recyclables	Volunteers	Individual Hours	Total Volunteer Hours	TONNES OF LITTER
Cape Breton, Inverness, Richmond, Victoria	1	37.0	85	2	61	15.5	172.5	1.31
Antigonish, Guysborough, Pictou	2	201.0	805	91	435	61.0	1223.5	13.44
Colchester, Cumberland, Hants East	3	126.0	863	25	268	69.0	857.0	13.32
Halifax, HRM	4	111.5	870	27	370	90.0	1159.5	13.46
Annapolis, Kings	5	70.0	204	3	194	35.5	419.5	3.11
Hants West, Lunenburg, Queens	6	103.5	409	20	210	52.5	574.0	6.44
Digby, Yarmouth	7	26.0	96	4	42	10.0	107.0	1.50
<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>		<b>675.0</b>	<b>3332</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>1580</b>	<b>333.5</b>	<b>4513.0</b>	<b>52.56</b>
		<b>9 Exits</b>						



## **EXTRA EXTRA, READ ALL ABOUT IT - NEWS FROM AAH!**

### **Looking for Volunteer Information Session Hosts**

We really enjoy holding our Volunteer Information Session in different areas of the province. Next Spring, it will be time to come back to the central portion of the province, as we plan to do this every three years. If you would like to host our V.I.S., send a proposal including a venue, caterer, cost estimates, and a possible tour site/idea. We will decide on the location for our 2016 V.I.S. in late January.

### **Annual Report / Brochure**

We have published an annual report for our program with a wrap up of our activities and highlights for the year. We also have an updated brochure available for anyone that would like to help spread the word about our program. If you would like either of these items, let us know and we can send them out.

### **OOPS!**

We missed reporting on one group that did their Spring Cleanup in 2014. The Baha'i Community of West Hants had 15 adults and youth take part in their event. They picked up 22 bags of garbage along their 3 kilometer route. Thanks to all involved for continuing with their traditional Spring cleanup.

### **Getting the Word Out...**

One of our AAH groups, the Port Williams & Area Lions Club & WI, had an article about their cleanup in the Kings County Advertiser. Pictures of the event can be viewed on the Port Williams town website.

A letter from AAH Program Coordinator Gina Bain was printed in the 'Feedback' section of Saltscapes magazine. The letter was written to express thanks for the "Fouling the Nest" article concerning litter that was featured in their January/February issue.

An information booth was placed at the N.S. provincial Exhibition in Truro during the week of August 18th - 22nd. Brochures and applications were available to the public who were interested in learning more about our program.

Many groups have placed notices on their website and Facebook pages about their cleanups. This is a great way to let others know about various cleanup events.

## **WHAT ARE THE EFFECTS OF LITTER?**

- ◆ Litter can cause a whole range of problems for everyone in the community. Litter discarded along our road can even travel to our rivers and oceans, where it can cause harm to wildlife.
- ◆ Litter costs money. Removing litter from the environment costs Nova Scotia taxpayers thousands of dollars each year.
- ◆ Litter is a threat to public health. Litter attracts vermin and is a breeding ground for bacteria. Items such as broken glass and syringes can be a health hazard in public places.
- ◆ Litter can be a fire hazard. Accumulated litter and carelessly discarded cigarette butts are potential fire hazards.
- ◆ Litter looks bad. Litter negatively affects the image of places, especially tourist locations.
- ◆ Litter attracts litter. Litter sends out a message that people do not care for the environment and that it is acceptable to litter.
- ◆ Litter can harm or kill wildlife. Plastic litter can choke or suffocate birds and marine life. Carelessly discarded containers can trap small mammals.
- ◆ Animals can be attracted to roadsides by litter as a possible food source, and could be hit by a car. Wildlife near the road can also create a hazard for passing motorists, cyclists, and motorcyclists.



*Some of the litter picked up by the Lake Echo Lions Club.*

### **New Contact Information**

We now have a new item in our mailing address. We are required to use our Suite number on the address for our letter mail. The revised address is:

**Suite 207, 90 Research Drive,  
Bible Hill, NS B6L 2R2**

## NOTICES FOR OUR AAH GROUPS



### Promotional Items

All volunteers are eligible to receive various Adopt-A-Highway promotional items for carrying out their roadside clean-up! Groups can request these items when they send in their

completed Litter Cleanup Permit. We have refillable pocket hand sanitizers, tape measures, bandage dispensers, and pens. New items that have been added recently include a thermal lunch bag and magnetic clip.

### Electronic Newsletter

If you would like to help reduce the use of paper, and reduce postage costs, please sign up to receive our newsletter electronically, via email! Simply send an email stating your request, and your email address, to [aah@eastlink.ca](mailto:aah@eastlink.ca) and you will be added to our electronic mailing list. Another option we have added is to receive the newsletter by regular mail, and to receive other correspondence, such as notices and Volunteer Information Session information, by email.

### Please Send in your Permit

To guarantee your group is listed in the latest edition of our newsletter, please ensure a copy of your permit is forwarded to the Adopt-A-Highway office. This permit gives us important information such as the number of hours spent on the cleanups, amount of garbage collected, etc.



If your group is missing from this cleanup list, please notify our office, and you will be included in the next newsletter.

### We Like to Hear from You!

We love to have pictures of your group doing your Spring & Fall Cleanups. Snap some photos of your group and send them to the AAH office (as the Lake Echo Lions Club have done) when you submit your cleanup permit. They may be included in the upcoming editions of **LITTERature!** You could also include “before and after” shots of your highway or interchange area. Send in your suggestions and ideas and we may pass them along in a future newsletter.

## FALL CLEANUP PREPARATIONS

Now that summer is coming to an end, it's time to start thinking about your upcoming Fall cleanup. Here is a check list of items to help you prepare.



- ✓ Discuss with your group the best day to perform the cleanup.
- ✓ Request an Adopt-A-Highway Program Cleanup permit at least one week before your cleanup from the local TIR depot (or HRM office). They will arrange to have the supplies ready for your group.
- ✓ On the day of the cleanup, **review the safety guidelines with all members of your volunteer group.**
- ✓ Fill out the information on the Litter Cleanup Permit after your cleanup. Keep a copy of the permit for your records, give the Department of TIR depot a copy **and send a copy to the Adopt-A-Highway office.**
- ✓ Return the safety vests and unused garbage bags, etc. in the next day or two. This is important as there may be another group that needs the supplies for their scheduled cleanup. We have had reports that a group cannot carry out their cleanup because the supplies have not been returned in a timely manner. Please have consideration for other volunteers and their plans, and return the items to the depot as soon as you can.

## TIR DEPOT STAFF NOTICE

The Dept. of TIR is our most important partner, and we have received many complimentary reports on how great the TIR staff are when working with our AAH Groups. Please let us know if your dealings with the local depot staff, or HRM office, have been outstanding during your cleanups. We may mention them in a future edition of our newsletter.



# UPDATES FROM OUR PROGRAM PARTNERS

## CLEAN FOUNDATION

This spring and summer was a busy one with the **Great Nova Scotia Pick-Me-Up**. Over 16,000 people have participated in over 300 events since April and nearly 9,000 bags of garbage and over 1,000 bags of recycling were collected by teams.

### PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS

Congratulations to all seven winners in the 'Glad to Clean-up' photo contest held earlier this summer.

Region 1 – The Downtown Sydney Trash Busters

Region 2 – Paqnek First Nations

Region 3 - Gladys O and the Glad Bag Handlers  
(pictured below)

Region 4 - Mount Uniacke Clean-up Party

Region 5 - Waterville Baptist Church Youth Group

Region 6 - JC Wickwire Academy Green Team

Region 7 - Yarmouth Life Skills

All seven groups did a great job engaging with their communities and we are happy to say that every winning team plans to put the prize money towards local community projects. These projects range from operating funds for local organizations to new environmental projects in their community.



We want to thank all the individuals, families, school groups and workplaces who participated in the contest as well as the Great NS Pick-Me-Up! Your hard work, stewardship and passion has helped spread the word on litter issues and contributed to a healthier and cleaner province!

## WHAT HAVE WE FOUND?

To date, the most common litter items found by groups participating in the Great N.S. Pick-Me-Up this year have been disposable coffee cups, plastic bags, drink bottles and cigarette butts. To prevent these items from entering the environment, we suggest switching to reusable coffee mugs, keeping litter bags in your vehicles and encouraging your friends and family to do the same. Also, start considering what you buy before purchasing, ensuring the item is recyclable and determining if there are alternate options with less packaging.

## RRFB NOVA SCOTIA REPORT

Entry forms soon will be distributed to schools throughout the province for the **NS Recycles Contest**. \$55,000 in cash, prizes and scholarships is available for students and school in various categories.

**The Mobius Awards** will be presented in mid-October for Excellence in Waste Reduction. This is a great time to recognize individuals, groups and businesses around the province that are doing an outstanding job with reducing the amount of material that is sent to our landfills. Information is available on their website at [putwasteinits-place.ca](http://putwasteinits-place.ca).

For updates and news from RRFB Nova Scotia, check out their latest newsletter, **The ReCap**, which is also on their website. They have extensive information about recycling, reducing, reusing, composting and funding programs for community groups as well.

## LIONS CLUBS OF NOVA SCOTIA

As one of our founding members, we are appreciative of the great participation from the Lions Clubs in our program (such as the Weymouth Lions Branch Club, pictured here). Twenty Lions Clubs in N.S. carried out a roadside cleanup this Spring.



This accounts for almost 20% of our activity this season. We appreciate this major contribution to our program from this service group. The clubs are busy with many beneficial projects across the province, and around the world!

## DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL

As most people around the province will appreciate, The Dept. of TIR had a very trying winter. With the colossal amount of snow that we received, the staff and equipment had to work longer and harder than most winters. The snow lasted long into Spring, and therefore the Dept. went right from plowing snow, into repairing roads and potholes. This left very little transition time from one season to another. Because of this, the department was not able to carry out Spring litter cleanups as they have in other years.

Also, because of the large amount of snow, there was quite a bit of sign damage. If your AAH recognition sign was damaged or knocked down this past winter, please let the office know, and we will contact your local depot for replacements or repair.

We send a big Thank You to the TIR staff who worked so diligently over the winter to clear the snow from the roads, sometimes barely having time to clear the snow from one storm before another one hit.

## UPDATES ... CONTINUED

### NOVA SCOTIA ENVIRONMENT

Nova Scotia Environment has had a busy year, and is considering changes with regards to solid waste regulations. They had previously released a document called "Revising Our Path Forward: A public discussion paper about solid waste regulations in N.S." They asked for feedback to proposed changes, and they compiled the comments into "What we Heard". Both of these documents contain many worthwhile ideas, and it will help to create the path they will take in the future to best serve Nova Scotians and their environmental needs. These documents can be found on their website at [www.novascotia.ca/nse/waste/consultation.asp](http://www.novascotia.ca/nse/waste/consultation.asp).

### WOMEN'S INSTITUTES OF N.S.

The Women's Institutes of N.S. continue to be active in our program with five participating branches. Some of the branches are partnering with, or sponsoring, youth groups to help out with the cleanups because of an aging membership. We are glad that they continue to support AAH, along with their many local, national and international projects.

### HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

We have 18 groups active in HRM, and this Spring over 2.5 tonnes of litter was picked up within their boundaries. Over 100 volunteers have picked up litter on the streets and roads in this area so far this year. Our volunteers work closely with the HRM Public Works office and we thank Tina Boyd and other staff for assisting with garbage pickup and supplies for the AAH groups.

### NEW GROUPS

We are pleased to welcome **Milleium1 Solutions in the Bridgewater area** (pictured at right) to the AAH program. They have adopted Highway #3 in the Hebbville. We are thrilled that the following groups have recently joined the AAH program as well:



- Oakland Indian Point Residents Assoc., Mahone Bay
- Brookfield Community Assembly
- Valley Kemptown & District Fire Brigade, Exit #17, Highway #102, Valley
- The Rascals, Portipique area
- Unama'ki Voyageurs Métis Trail, Louisdale
- The Co-Operators-Elmsdale Office, Enfield-Grand Lake
- Enfield Rugby football Club, Elmsdale/Belnan
- Fire Stop Enterprises, Tatamagouche
- The Grove of Nova Scotia Druids, Halifax
- Cape Breton Paramedics, Sydney River

## UNUSUAL FINDS

You never know what you might find in the ditch, and our groups found some unusual items on their cleanups this Spring. They include a bag of six cooked lobsters, washing machine front (Annapolis Valley Geocachers, above), moose whistle, \$5 bill, juicer, toaster, roasting pan, animal jaw (Rhyno's Ltd., below left) back pack, beach ball, motorcycle helmet, pill cutter, gutter shark (H.O.G. Central Chapter N.S., below right) tub surround, vinyl siding, plow shoe from snow plow, bag of Styrofoam™, laundry basket, toy pick-up truck, \$20, chairs, rooster mug, kids fireman's helmet, microwave oven, hockey pads, hair dryer, portable organ, patio cushion, wig, keyboard, bag of coins, exercise bicycle, and a working air conditioner.



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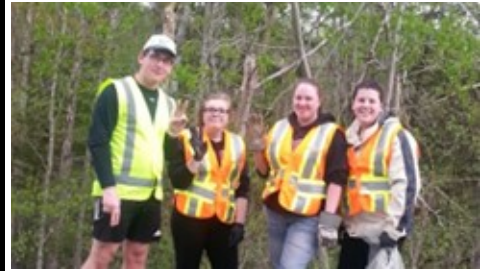




This year, Salt Spring 4-H Club changed their route to a nearby section of Hwy # 4. They had a good turnout with 28 volunteers picking up 35 bags of trash. They found many unusual items during their cleanup



St. Andrews 4-H Club held their annual community cleanup, including a section of Highway #316, in early May. They collected 37 bags of garbage and 5 bags of recyclables during their 2 1/2 hour event.



Milford & Area Lions Club & 652 R.C.A.C.S. are seen with some of the items found during their cleanup of Highway #2 in Milford.



HMCS Halifax completed their annual cleanup of Bell Blvd., near the Stanfield Halifax International Airport. They had better weather this year for their cleanup of this busy thoroughfare.



Isabelle and Sophie Lamoureux of 250 Vimy Air Cadets in the Tantallon area pose with the recognition sign for their group.



Linden 4-H club recently rejoined our program, after taking a break because their members were too young to carry out the roadside cleanup. Their members are older now, and they had a great turnout for the cleanup. Approximately 15 people helped out, and they ended up with about 15 bags of garbage. The most unusual item they came across was a cooler full of ants. Their route is Highway #6 from Linden Corner to Shinimicas.

## MILLENNIUM1 SOLUTIONS



Millennium1 Solutions is a brand new group that has adopted Highway #3 in the Hebbville area, near Bridgewater. They spent five hours on their cleanup and picked up 45 bags of garbage. This group was thrilled to have participated and support their community in this way. They are looking forward to the fall when they get to do it all again.

## HARLEY OWNER'S GROUP - CENTRAL CHAPTER - N.S.

During their cleanup of Highway #2 in the Lantz area, the H.O.G. collected many unusual items, including the motorcycle helmet that they entered in our Litter Sweep Contest. They collected 54 bags of garbage, which filled the dumpster at the Milford TIR depot. This group had some lunch bags to give to the volunteers, and they were a big hit. Extra bags were handed out to some young people in the area to help spread the word about our program.



## SPRING LITTER SWEEP WINNERS

### FIRST PLACE (\$200): WEST BRANCH UNITED CHURCH



This young member of the cleanup group from West Branch United Church decided to have fun with their unusual find. After discovering the top of a discarded electronic organ, she pretended to play the abandoned instrument. The judges of our contest

thought this was the most unusual item submitted this year, and awarded it first place in our contest.

### SECOND PLACE (\$100): MT. UNIACKE CLEAN-UP PARTY

The Mt. Uniacke Clean-up Party had a great turnout for their community event despite very wet conditions (see write-up on page 7). They had help from their Fire Department and RCSCC 356 Sea Cadets. One of the teams found a fairly large bag of coins!! Our judges wondered how a bag of money, which seemed like it could add up to a fair amount of change, could end up in the ditch. This



group not only got the proceeds from their find, but they also will receive \$100 for their second place prize. Congratulations!

### THIRD PLACE (\$50): H.O.G.- CENTRAL CHAPTER, N.S.

It seemed very appropriate that the Harley Owner's Group would find a discarded helmet during their cleanup of Highway #2 in the Lantz area. They found other unusual items as well, but a helmet is not often discovered by AAH groups. We hope they enjoy their \$50 third prize.



*Thank you to everyone for participating in our contest, and congratulations to our winners!*