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I would like to offer my deepest apologies to all the former subscribers of “the Canadian Rover, EH!” who have been waiting hopefully and patiently for refunds on the remainder of their subscriptions. Unfortunately, after all the bills were paid off, there wasn’t enough left to issue any refunds that would mean anything.

It wasn’t common knowledge, but we were operating under a deficit budget for a long time. Our operating expenses kept rising, but our subscriber base and the number of ads we took in didn’t keep up. I had been holding out against raising the subscription rates, because I realized that for most of our readers, financial choices might make you decide NOT to renew if the cost went up.

During the last year of our existence we were able to get a substantial break on our postage, and the cost per edition for the three editions prior to the final one were finally on the plus side of the ledger. We felt that with the way things were going, it would take us about a year to get our finances back to where they should have been.

However, because of the “agreement to disagree” with Scouts Canada, we had to pay full price for postage on the final edition, which just about wiped out the balance of our account. In effect, we went bankrupt, with assets far lower than our liabilities (the refunds due to subscribers for the unused portion of their subscriptions). If we had continued in operation, in the long run things would have worked out, because we were looking at other ways to cut costs and ways to increase revenues and we had started to make a *slight* profit on each edition.

Again, my personal apologies to all of you who supported us for so long. You suffered with us in our struggles to improve, and seemed to enjoy the way the magazine grew in size and style. I was a pleasure to be your editor and a disappointment that it came to an end.

*Stan Kowalski Jr. — Ye Olde Editor*

# Looney Tunes 2004



The weekend of April 23- 25 2004 was an exciting weekend, bringing with it the 13<sup>th</sup> year for Looney Tunes Moot. With a total of 215 participants including many crews new to moots; fun was had by all.

The Friday night casino, featuring black jack, poker and Looney Tunes exclusive "the puckin' game", gave everyone a chance to collect Looney money and win some great prizes.

Saturday brought on one of the first "hot enough to burn" days, resulting in many red faces after playing the exciting group games in the morning and crew events in the afternoon. A lesson nobody seems to learn is that sunscreen is needed even when having fun. Lunch was a cheap hamburger and hotdog barbecue, which lead into the afternoon car expedition, which sent crews through the maze of country roads around camp and to some challenging checkpoints. Saturday finished off with the dance at the Acton community center.

Although Sunday was rainy we managed to hand out awards and badges before saying good bye for another year. Looney Tunes Moot staff would like to thank everyone who came out and participated. We hope to see you all next year!

*Sarah Feeney*

*Black Panthers Rover Crew*

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