

Happy Birthday Canada

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Today is Canada Day, our day to celebrate this fine country that we are so fortunate to live in and it is a day I am very proud of. Whether or not we like our politicians, our tax bills, our climate or our roads, I'd rather be a Canadian than any other nationality and based on the number of immigrants we welcome annually, I am not alone.

Last night Bill and Laura came up from their home in Markham to spend the weekend with us and late this afternoon we all went into [Barrie](#) . The city is hosting "Promenade Days" where the main street is closed to vehicular traffic and the city comes alive with vendors displaying their wares outside and spectators and shoppers can stroll the street at their leisure. As we proceeded along the length of Dunlop Street, the many bars and restaurants extended outdoor patios were brimming with eager consumers of food and beverages. Some establishments offered live entertainment and there was a fair set up for kids of all ages. Our main reason for going was to watch the [Cascar](#) pit crew competition slated for 5:00 PM along the waterfront.

First the Cascar drivers drove their impressive cars to the waterfront in a parade and the noise of their "mean Machines" accelerated the adrenaline in all the avid race fans in attendance. We then watched as each Dodge crew consecutively took turns changing two tires, each trying to do it in the shortest length of time. For Cascar followers, it was very entertaining and they were then treated to a reception where they could get their favourite drivers' autograph. We had the opportunity to see Mark Dilly (Taunja's husband) and his fellow Cascar drivers give us a sample of what is in store for Sunday when the Cascar race will be held at the Barrie Speedway.