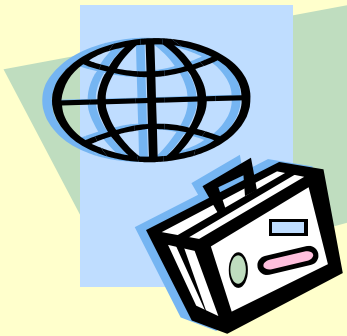




# What Travel Writers Say Newsletter

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## Outward Bound: Mike Keenan



It's been a busy summer taking in plays at both the Stratford Shakespeare Festival in Stratford, Ontario and the Shaw Festival in Niagara-on-the-Lake. Shaw's *Born Yesterday* and *The Devil's Disciple* are highly recommended, and if you don't mind heavy duty drama, O'Neil's *Moon for the Misbegotten*, Tremblay's *Albertine in Five Times* and Osborne's *The Entertainer* will plunge one into a deep morass of despair making Stratford's *Macbeth* and *Julius Caesar* seem tame in comparison. At Stratford, *West Side Story* and *Bartholomew Fair* will cheer you up as well as *The Importance of Being Ernest*. Also, Brian Bedford is excellent in *Ever Yours Oscar*, a tribute to Oscar Wilde.

In early summer, I visited Clarington to take in both the Bowmanville Zoo and Jungle Cat World, each remarkable for their creature content and access. In fact, at the Bowmanville Zoo, it was the first time that I ever saw an elephant swarmed by excited children, all rushing to touch its coarse trunk.

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*If you wish to travel far and fast, travel light. Take off all your envies, jealousies, unforgiveness, selfishness and fears.*

*Cesaire Pavese*

## Focus on Teachers

Yes, it's September, and all good things, namely the so-called lazy, hazy days of summer, must regretfully end; however, astute teachers know that travel is loaded with learning opportunities; hence the importance of single-day field trips, outers clubs that brave the wild for a weekend and extended cultural visits to cities and countries located all over the world.

In conjunction with the above, congratulations to Rotary Club International in their promotion of student exchange visits that forever change the world-view of those lucky youngsters fortunate to be selected:

<http://www.rotary.org/en/Pages/ridefault.aspx>

Teachers will appreciate the following cross-curricular lesson plans by subject:

<http://www.whattravelwriterssay.com/tipslessonplan1.html> as well as the

following Global Village lesson plan featured in our tips section:

<http://www.whattravelwriterssay.com/tipslessonplan.html>

## Featured Tip

Worried about deep-vein thrombosis on long plane flights? Check: <http://www.whattravelwriterssay.com/tipsthrombosis.html> for the latest information.

*No amount of travel on the wrong road will bring you to the right destination.*

*Ben Gaye, III*

Also for consideration, do you want to:

- Engage in family travel?
- Know the fertility rate in Canada?
- Attend Festivals?
- Fish in Wales?
- Learn the flight status of a plane?
- Obtain a list of forts?
- Quench a desire for free accommodation?
- Try a freighter cruise?
- Check frequent flyer programs?
- Compare fuel prices?
- Know the countries in the G-20?
- Take a trip to a game reserve?
- Learn about Gay & Lesbian Travel?
- Try Geocaching ?
- Take a Geography\_quiz ?
- Seek golf trips?
- Try Google Earth mapping?
- Know the gun ownership stats in the UK?

Well, that's just the "F-G" list of travel tips at [www.whattravelwriterssay.com](http://www.whattravelwriterssay.com)

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More information can be acquired at these URL'S:

Bowmanville Zoo: [www.bowmanvillezoo.com](http://www.bowmanvillezoo.com)

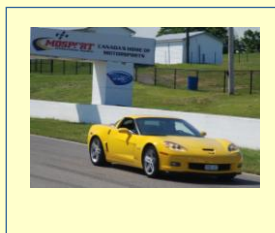
Clarington Tourism: <http://www.clarington-tourism.ca/>

Jungle Cat World: <http://www.junglecatworld.com/introduction.html>

I also visited Clarington's Mosport, Canada's 47-year-old home of championship racing, where I tried to capture high speed images with my trusty Nikon. I stayed at Our Valley Bed & Breakfast, a delightful B&B with a gorgeous view, owned by Petra and Martin Schwartz. There were pictures adorning walls, autographed by racers. An entire team stayed there last year as Mosport is only 10 minutes away. Martin volunteers to work in the pit, and is a ready source of race information.

See: Mosport International Raceway: <http://www.mosport.com/home/home.asp>

Our Valley View Bed & Breakfast: <http://www.ourvalleyviewbnb.com/>



Corvette

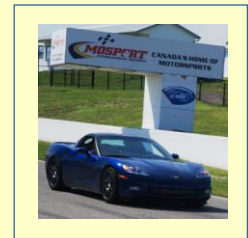
## Travel website of the month: Chamber of Commerce Directory - USA

The Chamber of Commerce Directory – USA <http://www.2chambers.com/> features a listing for each State, including contact names, suggestions for travel and everything that you might need to plan a vacation. This site is a valuable resource for both industry and traveller.

USA



Pictures (left to right): San Francisco's Golden Gate Bridge in moonlight, Washington's Capitol Building, Badland's National Park, South Dakota, Canoeing in Minnesota (Photos courtesy of respective Chambers of Commerce, Tourism Division)



Mosport Corvette

## Outward Bound, continued

Mosport is a 750-acre, multi-track facility in Clarington, recognized as Canada's "Home of Motorsports," for 47 years. It has hosted just about every class of road racing on its famed 4 km circuit, including F1, Indy cars, sports cars, stock cars, endurance racing, motorcycles, motocross, showroom stock, historic vintage racers, "Big Rig" trucks and karts.

Gerry Priddle, VP Marketing, filled me in on the history as cars whizzed by outside. The name is a contraction of the words Motor and Sport, pronounced "Moe-sport," with no connection with Stirling Moss; that came later when Moss suggested the layout of corner 5, which was named "Moss Corner." Moss then won the first professional race in his 2.5 litre Coventry Climax-powered Lotus 19, attracting 40,000 spectators.

The layout has remained unchanged since the first race, a testament to Toronto designer, Engineer C. Alan Bunting. The 2.459 mile/3.957 km track has 10-turns, a long back-straight, (not really straight) and pits for 30 cars. Many improvements have kept the track current and safe.

Mosport's 2009 schedule features Canada's top national championships and many of North America's best road racing series.

*I never travel without my diary. One should always have something sensational to read in the train.*

Oscar Wilde

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where there are 400 more links to every conceivable travel related question that you might have. Be sure to bookmark the site to assist you in the future.

If you have additional travel tips that you would like to share with others, please send them to us for inclusion on our site:

<http://www.whattravelwriterssay.com/indextips.html>

*Thanks to the Interstate Highway System, it is now possible to travel from coast to coast without seeing anything.*

*Charles Kuralt*

## Industry News

For the latest travel industry news, visit: <http://www.whattravelwriterssay.com/indexnews.html>

In Stratford, I try to stay at *A Hundred Church Street Bed and Breakfast*, owned by Tim Dwyer and partner, Garry McCubbin who both are knowledgeable about the Festival and are terrific hosts:

[www.ahundredchurchst.ca/](http://www.ahundredchurchst.ca/)

Niagara-on-the-Lake has some expensive hotels owned by Vintage Inns, and is over run with B&B's, many listed in the Shaw Festival program.

One of the more popular eateries favoured by locals is Willow Cakes at 242 Mary St. at Mississauga. 905-468-2745; a bakery that caters and has a small café. Their tarts, croissants, chocolate caramel cheesecake, white chocolate raspberry cake, quiche, cafe royal cake, tomato herb bread and New York fruit cheesecake are delicious

Shaw Festival: <http://www.shawfest.com/>

Stratford Shakespeare Festival:

<http://www.stratfordfestival.ca/>

In Huron County, I recently visited Goderich and Bayfield, both situated along Lake Huron. I stayed and ate at the Benmiller Inn & Spa set in a sheltered, wooded valley on the banks of Sharpe's Creek. The Inn is only one hour north of London and two hours from Toronto. My room overlooked the Maitland River where one may fly-fish the day away in a lovely, tranquil setting.

The Ivey Dining Room is winner of the CAA Four Diamond Award and Toronto Life's Dining Guide. A seasonal cuisine showcases the best of Huron County 's bounty. (I tried wild boar.) The wine list has been awarded the Wine Spectator Award of Excellence as well as the Ontario VQA Restaurant Award of Excellence.

<http://www.benmiller.on.ca/>

Bayfield has a funky shopping area featuring local art, clothes and accessories. Goderich enjoys a large accessible beach with marine museum artifacts added along the way.

In nearby Blyth, I attended the Festival's production of *Hockey, Mom, Hockey Dad*, wherein a divorced dad pursues a single mom in the stands at a house league hockey game. Michael Melski's seemingly simple play suggests larger themes centered on the issue of violence, and artistic director, Eric Coates, laces 'em up to play the hockey dad, turning in a fine performance as the Festival celebrates its 35<sup>th</sup> season.

<http://www.blythfestival.com/index.php>

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