**Norm Ryder**

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| Norm Ryder started his address by telling us that he has been happily married for 39 years to Betty and has two married daughters and two granddaughters.  Norm is a retired secondary school principal, having been principal at Annandale School in Tillsonburg and before that vice-principal at IDCI and at Huron Park.  His teaching career before administrative positions involved technical education--machine shop, welding and wood shop.  | E:\2013 12 Probus booklet Photos\Ryder, Norm.tif |

Norm is an entrepreneur with many interests and he outlined these ventures, starting at a very young age.  Consider these ventures growing out of his farm background:

* at age 11, started working in tobacco, mastering most jobs in the industry
* at age 13 he raised rabbits with his own kill line to supply  various butcher shops
* dabbled in drag racing at Sparta
* as a teenager, bought and sold many cars, some classic and antique
* bounty-hunted wild dogs for Windham township
* learned carpentry skills working for Backus Lumber
* pit-roasting of pigs, sides of beef, turkeys in barrels
* constructed fiberglass canoes as a night school course 63 in one year. (Your scribbler still has one of these conversation pieces!)
* starting raising rainbow trout in 1981 on four ponds on my property, currently experimenting with raising Koi
* at the shop on my property recently installed a spray paint booth, restoring a 1931 Plymouth, design and make furniture and prototype equipment
* flying remote-control planes
* making wine
* curling at Norwich, including building maintenance and club director
* a Mason for 26 years and a Shriner
* steward on Board of Management at Burgessville United Church

Thanks Norm, we can see why your friends call you "Stormin' Norman".