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Northern High School Alumni

Where Are They Now?



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Harry H. Fox Jr.

Harry H. Fox Jr. was born in Harrisburg and lived there until he was in 3rd grade. He was the 4th child which eventually became eight and first boy. His father built their simple, humble home and worked on the railroad. In 4th grade, the family moved to Northern school district, and Harry went to the last one-room school house, Western School, in the district. There were two grades, 3rd and 4th grade, together totaling about 35 students and one teacher. Harry remembers, "We had an out-house, and there was no plumbing at all. We got our water by walking up to the neighboring farm and carrying it back in milk jugs." He spent one year there and according to Harry, "It was absolutely the best year of formal education that I ever had." His 4th grade teacher was a first-year teacher named Mr. Niesley. "I tried to find him to say thank you," says Harry, "He was the most inspirational teacher I ever had."

Harry's memories of his junior high school years were few, but he did remember getting paddled in 7th grade by Mr. Stoudnour. "I was a typical kid; gabbing, talking too much, so out in hall we went. I bent over and held my ankles and received one swat which was enough to wise-me-up to pay more attention in class." It was also the time when Harry became conscience of peer pressure. "It was the first time I thought about what clothes I would wear, and I also remember being picked on." Harry's dad lost his job when Harry was in 4th grade. His father was arthritic and couldn't work. The family was getting by on welfare, but it was very difficult with eight children.

"We had no indoor plumbing - couldn't take showers, so soon you realize that, 'Hey, I'm stinking a little bit.' I remember once a skunk fell in our well. The odor of the skunk permeated the entire house, our clothing, everything. I remember sitting in class and a kid says, 'I smell a skunk.' I figured out it was probably me, so I started looking around saying, 'I smell it, too. Where is that skunk?'" he laughs.

In high school, it is sports that Harry remembers most. He ran track and cross country, and he became aware that his class had a sense of family. Harry says, "Our class was something special. Everyone accepted each other. It was a great place to be in a good time. I remember going through the politics of the time and feeling a sense that our generation was going to be special. Music was a big part of it. We were going to change the world. In fact, our teachers even said our class of '69 had something that was special."

In addition to sports at the high school, Harry was also in a few clubs, the Varsity Club and the Library Club. He liked to go to the library. Harry added, "I haven't talked about this to anyone, but I enjoy poetry. I used to take out books of poetry, and I'd hide them. I didn't want people to know I liked reading the romantic poets."

Harry was drafted by the military in his senior year in high school, but because he was accepted to college, he was issued a student deferment. Harry went to Shippensburg and majored in secondary education social studies after high school. When he graduated in 1973, he knew he would have to report to his draft board for military service, but President Nixon abolished the draft that year so he didn't have to go.

He was hired by the Dover school district and set up their cross country program. "I really enjoyed coaching cross country," says Harry, "but I realized within a week that teaching high school was not going to be my career. I wanted to quit immediately." After a discussion with his wife he stayed until end of the 2nd marking period.

Harry decided to go back to college to get a master's degree and then a PhD in political sci-

ence. His advisor at Shippensburg told him that PhDs in political science were "a dime a dozen," and it might be wise for Harry to get some additional credits beyond the PhD. Soon after, Harry was admitted into Dickinson's School of Law in 1976. During that first year in law school, Harry kept thinking he wanted to buy some land, but he had no money. "I would lay awake at night trying to figure out how I could get a piece of land," recalls Harry, "My passion was so great that I went knocking on the doors of local farmers and asking if they had any land to sell."

Eventually, Harry found a farmer who was willing to sell two acres to him for \$500. "It was the best feeling when I became a land owner," Harry remembers, "I would walk into the middle of the two wooded acres and sit on a flat rock. I never had an experience that made me feel so happy. It created a desire for me to buy more land."

There was a neighboring farm that was advertising 58 acres for sale. Harry asked the farmer who sold him the two acres about it. He took Harry to meet the owner. The man wanted \$500 per acre. That's \$29,000 and he wouldn't sell unless Harry agreed to take all 58 acres. "I would lay awake night after night trying to figure out how I could buy that land. I started to think creatively. If I gave him a little money down, maybe he'd let me pay him over time. So, I approached him, and gentleman said yes. He wanted \$5,000 down, and that was a lot of money for me. I thought maybe I could sell my two acres and get the \$5,000. I put an ad in the newspaper. Two acres of land for \$5,000, and the phone rang off the hook. I sold my two acres and had \$5,000 for the down pay-

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Up Close and Personal with....

Harry H. Fox Jr. - Class of '69



1. What was your first job? Picking fruit. I got 20 cents for a 10 quart bucket of cherries.
2. A favorite childhood memory? Family reunions. We were poor, and reunions were the only time we got goodies. It was a very special time.
3. What TV shows did you watch as a kid? The Man and the Challenge, The Twilight Zone, Bonanza, and Covered Wagon Theatre
4. Have any unfulfilled ambitions? To see Europe and ride my bike to Florida.
5. What's your idea of relaxation? Building my stone walls - It's exhausting but so satisfying.
6. What magazines do you subscribe to? New Scientist, Science News, Fortean Times, Nexus
7. What is something people might be surprised to know? It will surprise people to know I write poetry.
8. Any hobbies? I play a guitar and I write my own songs.
9. Name a person who influenced you the most other than your parents? Ann Rand. She influenced me more as a philosopher than a writer.
10. What's always in your refrigerator? Diet Coke
11. What music do you listen to? I'm a big Gordon Lightfoot fan. The groups we grew up with like Steppenwolf, CCR, The Beatles.
12. A quote to live by? "If you see a man approaching you with the obvious intent of doing you good, run for your life." and "Simplify, simplify, simplify" ~H. D. Thoreau
13. Pet Peeves? People who do not use a turning lane when there is one, and people who think they know how it is and don't.



Honda Super Cycle Weekend: It's just racin'

Jeffrey Shultz
Reporter/Dillsburg Banner

Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course celebrates its 50th year and plays host to the AMA for the 29th year the weekend of July 8 - 10. Once again a double header was featured in three AMA motorcycle classes. Also returning was the Harley Davidson XR1200 series. The fans were treated to seven exciting races, with a different winner in each. After a short rain delay Friday, the track opened for practice and qualifying for all events.

Saturday's Supersport class Race #1 turned out to be a runaway. Dustin Dominequez disappeared from the rest of the pack early bringing his Triumph to Victory circle. His was the only Triumph entered in the event. James Rispoli finished 2nd on a Suzuki and Hayden Gillum would come in 3rd on a Yamaha.

The Daytona Sportbike event was on race with many leaders. Danny Eslick appeared to be the one to follow as he set a blistering time and took the pole position. Ducati riders Jake Holden

and Jason DiSalvo would start 2nd and third respectively. The lead swapped back and forth nearly as many times as there were laps. The front runners faded as Dane Westby and Josh Herrin finished ahead of Danny Eslick to fill the podium as 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishers. This would be Dane Westby's first ever AMA win.

Josh Hayes wasted no time in capturing the pole for Saturday's race #1. This was his sixth pole start of the 2011 season. Hayes was the series point leader up until the finish of Saturday's race #1.

From the beginning of lap one, Hayes, and series second place holder, Blake Young battled. The lead changed multiple times each lap, and sometimes from one corner to the next. Local Mid-Ohio rider, Larry Pegram was riding the new BMW S1000RR and had started on the outside of row one. The Suzuki and Yamaha powered machine were just too much for the BMW. The Hayden brothers would be very much in the mix throughout the 21 lap race. But it was Blake Young and his Suzuki that saw the checkered flag first. Hayes and the Yamaha came in second just ahead of Tommy

Hayden's Suzuki. At the podium celebration, Tommy Hayden forecast better results for Race 2 on Sunday.

Sunday's races began with the XR1200 Harleys. Chris Filmore started from the pole position but lost the drag race into turn one to Steve Rapp. The riders used all 85 horsepower available to them to make an interesting race event. For eight laps, it was quite a show. Michael Barnes led for a bit, but it was Chris Filmore who would come home in first as mechanical difficulties befell Steve Rapp. He fell from 2nd place to finish 4th behind 2nd place Michael Beck and Kyle Wyman.

Sunday's SuperSport Race #2 would prove to be equally as exciting and Saturday's race. Dustin Dominequez took off again leading until an unfortunate low-side in turn one of lap four. James Rispoli was there again and would lead the race for 12 of 17 laps. It was Hayden Gillum who led the lap that counts in racing, winning his first ever AMA Pro Road Racing race on a Yamaha. Rispoli and his Suzuki finished second once more and leads the series by 39 points. Thomas Puerta

(Yamaha) claimed the third place podium spot.

Two races remained with the Daytona SportBike class providing an excellent show. Ducati, Yamaha, and Suzuki battled the entire 21 laps. Ducati rider Jason DiSalvo broke for the lead at the start only to have riders behind him collide in a maelstrom and bring out the red flag. At the restart, Danny Eslick would lead the parade followed by Josh Herrin and DiSalvo. The lead would change amongst these three riders several times over the course of the race. Herrin would pass Eslick, only to be passed back the next turn. Cameron Beaubier set the race fastest lap while passing Jason DiSalvo. DiSalvo would have an off track experience, but managed to stay upright. He returned to the track in 10th place and finished a respectable 7th. Danny Eslick would finish first for Suzuki, followed by the Yamaha's of Tommy Aquino and Cameron Beaubier.

The final race of the day was AMA SuperBike Race #2. Similar to Saturday's race, it was cat and mouse with Hayes and new points leader Blake Young leading the charge. Passing happen-



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Jason Disalvo, No. 40, negotiating the Carrousel Turn on the Ducati.

ing corner after corner. But this race would be different with the Hayden boys right in the mix again. Roger Hayden, riding for Michael Jordan National Guard team would pressure Hayes from the 3rd position. And brother Tommy followed closely behind. On lap 16 of 21, Roger and Tommy both pass Hayes with Tommy making a double pass, setting his sights on race leader Young. Tommy would pass Young with four laps remaining and made it to the checkers ahead of Young and his younger brother Roger. Suzuki owned the podium for SuperBike Race #2. Hayes and his Yamaha would finish

fourth and 11 points behind new series points leader Blake Young.

Lead per bike was up next and Josh Hayes did not disappoint the fans or himself. Josh trailed in the points chase to Suzuki rider Tommy Hayden by a mere point. With Hayes winning Saturday's race he gained a ten point lead. Ben Bostrom and his Yamaha pushed Hayes hard for most of the race and finished second with Hayden getting third.

Sunday's Supersport Race #2 was a repeat of Saturday

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with Rockwall Performance riders winning in the same order. Huntley Nash finished third and Tomas Puerta a respectable fourth. Daytona Sport Bike Race #2 was another hard fought duel between six riders exchanging the lead several times between them. Last year's Champion Danny Eslick fought hard to bring home the win. Steve Rapp and his Ducati finished second with the final podium third place going to Bobby Fong.

Superbike Race #2 saw Tommy Hayden's win tighten the Championship race with Hayes leading by a mere four points. Hayes finished the race in second with the Ducati of Larry Pegram third. The final race of the weekend was the Vance & Hines XR 1200 series. Danny Eslick came home a two time weekend winner over Shawn Higbee and Jake Holden.

For the complete race weekend wrap-up visit www.amapracing.com.



Danny Eslick No. 69 at speed.

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ment. That was when I had an epiphany. I realized that I just bought 29-2 acre parcels. If I sold 2 acre parcels for \$5,000 each, I would get \$145,000 for the \$29,000 investment. I realized that there might be a way to be very successful at making people very happy. I would give buyers a chance to get that feeling I had that was so overwhelmingly wonderful. That's how my career as a land developer started.

Harry dropped out of law school and took the money that he had saved to do some investing. "I would drive around looking for land that seemed abandoned and neglected. Then I would go to the courthouse and find out who owned the land, and I'd call them. I couldn't afford deals with real estate brokers because they required cash, so I had to carve out my own buying niche. I woke up every day with no agenda. It was the most exciting, interesting and fun task that I had ever experienced." Harry summed it up, "There were no barriers for entry. I didn't need a degree. I didn't need a diploma. I didn't need a license. It almost seemed too good to be true."

Harry continued finding land deals and having tons of fun. "When I think back, it was the sheer enjoyment of the entire process that was driving me more than creating wealth or having material things," said Harry. "The idea that I could help a lot of people have a similar experience felt great. I feel like I've never worked a day in my life," he said, "It's just been so much fun."

Harry disclosed that "owning his own time" was what he didn't have as a school teacher. Being controlled by bells and buzzers didn't appeal to him at all. "There was a sense of confinement and restriction that just didn't work for me," says Harry. "That's what I was missing with a conventional type of job. I didn't have the freedom and ability to structure my time as I wanted. The best thing for me was to discover my passion and go do it."

"Once the basic business model was established in my mind, the only limitation financially was deciding where and when you wanted to stop," explains Harry. "The one thing I learned is that academic knowledge is a wonderful thing, but in terms of its value for creating wealth, it has severe limitations," emphasizes Harry, "Most of the knowledge I utilized to create wealth, to be financially secure, and to achieve the things I wanted did not come from inside the academic setting."

He continues, "In my experience, the knowledge that has the greatest potential for giving financial freedom and opportunity is not going to come from within the academic realm," reemphasizes Harry. "If you are going to walk through someone else's door, then the credentials, degrees, and diplomas are absolutely essential, confirms Harry, "but if you're willing to build or discover your own door, anyone can be successful, but first, you must discover your passion," says Harry, "Then you need to apply some creative problem-solving to your unique venture. Many types of knowledge are out there waiting to be discovered."

"Is retirement in my future?" repeats Harry, "I'll never retire. I'll probably slow down and instead of eight to 10 deals a year, work on just one or two. I'd have a huge degree of emptiness in my life if I tried to stop entirely." Looking at retirement from more a philanthropic perspective, Harry thinks for a moment, smiles and says, "Honestly, I feel so blessed. When we're dying all bets are off, but I hope the last emotion I feel on this earth is a deep sense of gratitude for a wonderful life."



Curt Werner/Dillsburg Banner

Sophomore Jack Armstrong takes aim and fires during a clay shoot and chicken BBQ sponsored by the Northern Lacrosse Boosters on Saturday, July 23 at the Central Penn Sporting Clays, Wellsville. The clay shooting course took about two hours to complete.

Local student to compete in track and field games

The Hershey's Track & Field Games North American Final Meet will take place Saturday, August 6, on the Milton Hershey School campus in Hershey. Jacki Bowman, of Harrisburg, will be competing in the games in the boys 13 and 14 softball throw.

There are 480 kids expected to compete in the 2011 North American Final Meet. Now in its 34th year, 10 million kids ages nine to 14 have participated in The Hershey's Track & Field Games. In 2011 alone, 400,000 children in 4,000 communities from across the country competed to earn a chance to compete in the North American Final Meet.

Volunteers needed for rappelling fundraiser

Gaudenzia will host a rappelling fundraiser on Sept. 24 to benefit addiction treatment. The event is being led by Chair Sheila Ross, Co-chair Jim Ross and Gaudenzia's Over the Edge Overcoming Obstacles Planning Committee.

Participants will have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to rappel down the side of the Sheraton Harrisburg Hershey. Rappellers need to register in advance; a minimum of \$1,000 in fundraising is required per participant.

Event sponsorships range from \$100 to \$10,000 and is an exceptional promotional visibility.

A VIP reception will be held and is underwritten by C&J Catering and JPL. Celebration brunch held post event to recognize top fundraisers.

For more information contact Julie Girsch, Capital Area Community Affairs Manager, Gaudenzia, jgirsch@gaudenzia.org or (717) 579-3636. To register go to overtheedgeburg.dojiggy.com.



Repellers coming down a building at a Baltimore event held last year.

NORTHERN SCHOOL NEWS



Last Minute News This Week

Mon. - Thurs. - "Yo Ho Ho- It's A Pirate's Life" Dillsburg Elementary

From July 25 through 28, students in 1st through 3rd grades climb aboard an imaginary ship for a four-day trip on the high seas from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. each day. Students will design their own deserted island, create a pirate flag, create and learn to read maps, participate in a treasure hunt and enjoy pirate snacks such as Grog (root beer) and Tack (oyster crackers). Upon completion of their journey, students will receive a treasure chest of goodies. Instructor will be Michele Brymesser.

Mon. - Thurs. - "Storybook Baking" Dillsburg Elementary

First through third graders are seeing their favorite stories in a delicious new way when they create snacks based on books by author Laura Numeroff. The course runs July 25-28, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Students will enjoy picture books, writing activities and a related cooking activity each day, including cookies, muffins, pancakes and cupcakes. All participants receive daily snacks, a keepsake apron, and a recipe book. Instructor will be Michele Brymesser.

Thursday - "Math You Can Eat" Northern Elementary - Final Session

On Thursday, July 28, elementary students will learn geometry, probability and other math topics through activities involving food. Sessions include measuring the circumference of circular food items such as crackers and cookies, telling time using pretzel pieces as hands on a clock and much more. Instructor will be Karen Pomeroy.

Thursday - "Multiplication Facts/Games" Northern Elementary - Final Session

From 10:15 to 11:15 a.m., Karen Pomeroy helps students work faster with multiplication facts using flash cards and other games.

"Summer Happenings"- Week of August 1, 2011

"Creative Writing" Dillsburg Elementary

Students in grades 2 through 5 will learn how to write and publish their own stories Monday through Thursday, August 1 through 4 from 2:45 to 3:45 p.m. Attendees will refine their writing skills as they create fairy tales, adventure stories and much more. A second course runs August 8 through 11, Instructor will be Emily Reed.

"Reading is Fun!" Dillsburg Elementary

This course emphasizes phonics, fluency, comprehension, vocabulary and writing skills with fun, hands-on learning activities appropriate for each elementary grade level. Classes will be held Monday through Thursday, August 1 through 4, from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m., 10:45 to 12:15 p.m. and 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. The final sessions run week of August 8. Instructors will be Emily Reed, Lindsay Acornley and Monica Cornett.

Mt.Olivet Campmeeting

July 29 - August 7, 2011

300 Campground Rd. Dillsburg, PA
(just off Rt.15/ then Rt.74 North in Dillsburg)
Christian Worship Services 7:30 PM Nightly
Plus daily Bible studies & other activities
For details call (717) 432-9936 or 503-8520
or www.mt-olivet-pa.org

Camp Evangelist Pastor Steve Musser

Preaching Sat., July 30-Sun., Aug 7

and

Worship Leader Tab Beechler

Experienced Worship Leader / Vocalist / Pianist and Keyboardist
Leading Worship Mon., Aug 1 - Sun., Aug 7
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Christian Worship Services 7:30 pm Nightly

135th annual gathering at this beautifully wooded center for Bible-believing, Christian preaching, singing and inspiration, offering daily activities for ALL: Children, Youth and Adults.
M-F (Aug.1-Aug.5) Bible Studies: Adult 10am, Children 1pm,
Youth: Sun-Sat (July 31-Aug 6) 6pm. Nightly Services at 7:30pm.
No cost or registration! No cost...everyone welcome!

- An open air tabernacle with seating for 400 is the center of the campground's 50 cottages
- Handicap Accessible
- Community Dining, Restroom & Bathing Facilities
- Covered Pavilion with seating for 100
- 2 Playgrounds, Basketball Court, Artesian Well and more!

SOUNDS OF FREEDOM from Freedom Village, NY

LABOR DAY WEEKEND FREE CONCERT - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2011
AT 7:30 PM AT MOUNT OLIVET CAMPMEETING
300 Campground Road Dillsburg, PA 17019

Mount Olivet welcomes the public to a concert in our open air tabernacle. Our teen guests will inspire, challenge and bless through their testimonies and singing. A free-will offering will be collected for Freedom Village.

NFL Sanctioned Punt/Pass/Kick Competition



Thursday July 28

5:30 at S. Mtn. Elementary Practice Fields
Sponsored by NYRA

FREE and OPEN to ALL - AGES 6-15

Compete with other boys and girls across the country in punting, passing and place kicking. **Maybe you can be featured during halftime at an NFL playoff game!** Register online using the PPK link at www.nyrapolarbears.org. Non-NYRA members should bring a copy of their birth certificate to the competition to show proof of age.

For more information about the PPK competition visit us online at: www.nyrapolarbears.org



Polar Bear Football Fundamentals Camp

Sponsored by NYRA

FREE and OPEN to ALL AGES 6-13

You DO NOT have to PLAY for NYRA to attend!

July 25 to July 27

South Mtn. Elementary Practice Fields

Mon. (5:45-8:30 pm) Basic Intro & Fundamental drills

Tues. (6-8 pm) Offensive Night

Wed. (6-8 pm) Defensive Night

Wear T-shirt, shorts, cleats or sneakers. Bring a water bottle.

For more information about the Fundamentals Camp visit us online at: www.nyrapolarbears.org