Weather: sunny/hazy, calm, LM 34 C; FCF 29 C

Purpose: maintenance and birthday **Participants:** Pat, Kee, and Nic

Nic and I watered the trees in the station, the island and the triangle, an operation that took almost two hours. Pat looked after Junior and did some bird-watching. When we finished the watering, Nic groomed 50 metres of trail as a birthday present.

At supper, before we were fairly finished, in fact, Eva, Edgar and Nina descended upon us for birthday cake. Nina gave me a loaf of bread for a present and Eva gave me a box of blueberries.

We had promised Nina that we would all drive down to the West Elgin Prairie project to see the Compass Plants. There were over a hundred, tall sunflower like plants with flowers occurrin g all the way down the stem.