## THE IGNITER NEWSLETTER

## January 2014

#### **Upcoming Events**

• February 22, 2014

#### **Annual General Meeting**

**Potluck Meal** 

6:00 P.M.

50/50 Draw

**Door Prizes** 

• May 24, 2014

Swap Meet & Tractor Pull

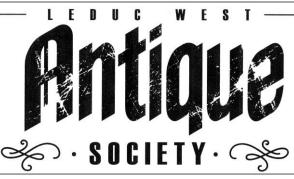
• July 26 & 27, 2014

24<sup>th</sup> Annual Exposition

**Featuring: Allis-Chalmers** 

• September 13, 2014

Fall Harvest & Provincial Tractor Pull Championships



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Top Picture: 1937 Rolls Royce Phantom III – Bottom Picture: 1936 Rolls Royce Phantom III

Both of these automobiles have been added to the LWAS collection – Donated by Lloyd Reddington. Thank you Mr. Reddington for your generous donation.



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YOUR 2013 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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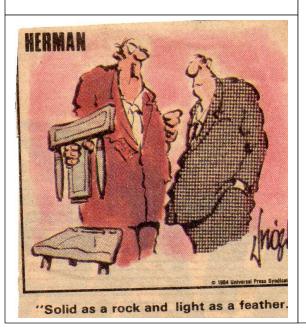
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# elections 2014

## **Election Committee:**

Howard Lengert - (780) 985-3384

<u> Rick Loose – (780) 986-9547</u>

The Annual General Meeting of LWAS will be held on Saturday, February 22, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

Call the election committee if you would like to be on the Board of Directors, or to nominate someone.

The Board of Directors requires people with:

- IT experience
- Financial background
- Administrative background
- HR experience
- Non-profit committee experience
- Policy Development
- Grant Application experience
- Passion and Vision for LWAS

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month in the Train Station at 7:00 p.m.

#### Notes From the Chair

### By Ron Bodnar

Hello from your President, we are well into the New Year and with that I wish a belated Happy New Year to everyone.

I would like to say that the Executive and the Membership at Large made a commendable effort in running the affairs of Leduc West Antique Society through 2013. I would like to thank the Membership at Large for giving the Board of Directors the opportunity to carry on with the sometimes overwhelming responsibility of seeing the Society through another year.

LWAS is a "work in progress" and I am sure we often wonder where 'will it all end'. Well, the show must go on. We are no different than any household or business; there are those responsibilities that must be tended to each day, each month, and so on. Then there are those that come up now and then and need special attention to get through.

There are normal responsibilities, the cooking, cleaning, mowing, painting, weeding, spraying, trimming, cleanup and removal of stuff we no longer need. Thanks to everyone who put in an effort to do these jobs.

Besides, these, there are a number of large projects we would like to do.

At our recent meetings, we had discussed LWAS Concession Facilities. We generate a good part of our yearly income through the Concession and the Board has approved a remake of the Founder's Building Concession. We will spend around \$18,000 to construct a new one room facility with lots of power, light, counter space, cabinets and even some heat for those days when weather is not the most pleasant and one of our events is on. We will be doing most of the work ourselves and hope to have it ready for the May Meet.

We are looking at doing more work on the Club Building. This involves a considerable amount of money and we hope that we can qualify for a Provincial Community Enhancement Grant. We currently do not have enough money to come up with our half of what we need.

Financially, LWAS is doing well, received the final payment from the Edmonton Power Historical Foundation for the Engine Building and we received a good sum of money from the Leduc Breakfast Lions Club from their Bingo and Casino funds. We will be having another Casino in late 2014 which should give us another \$17-18,000 to add to our building fund. We would like to thank EPHF and the Leduc Breakfast Lions for their contributions.

Our Bingo efforts are well along in 2014 we will have 11 Bingos for LWAS and another 7 for the Lions Club. As always, volunteers are needed so please consider putting your name on our list for both the Bingos and the Casinos.

Our Site Rental has given us a considerable income from groups wanting to use LWAS for weddings and as a photo site. Again, this requires a large effort on LWAS's part and we could use additional help in overseeing these events.

That's all there is, no small task, thank you and see you at our annual meeting, February 22, 2014.

## "Thanks A Latte"

#### LWAS Volunteer Appreciation Night - October 26, 2013



Ongoing sponsorship is vital to the financial health of LWAS. At the Volunteer Appreciation Night Helen & Ertman Miller and Ron & Danin Bodnar are presented with plagues recognizing their valuable and ongoing support of LWAS.

#### Here is What Happened by: Pam Bakker

September 10, 2013 – Meeting Highlights

- Linda Balzer donates: 1940 typewriter, adding machine, and crystal radio set
- A freelance photographer contacts LWAS offering photos for a possible calendar. The cost of production of the calendar prohibits LWAS from continuing with this venture.

October 15, 2013 – Meeting Highlights

- Paid Administrative position discussed along with potential grant applications
- New members: Blaine & Judith Price and John Buchko are added
- A motion is made to donate wooden chairs that are no longer used by LWAS to be donated to the Onoway Historical Society
- An agreement is reached with The Leduc Representative for advertising

November 12, 2013 – Meeting Highlights

- LWAS Board members attend an insurance workshop historic buildings will only be insured for debris removal since they cannot be replaced
- Upgrades to the Founder's Building concession area are discussed

December 10, 2013 – Meeting Highlights

- A 1936 Rolls Royce valued at \$305,000 and a 1937 Rolls Royce valued at \$75,000 will be added to the LWAS collection
- New member: Henry (Hank) Schlogel

## Out of the Office Window – By: Pam Bakker

2014 is shaping up to be a very busy summer at LWAS. Every weekend in August except for one is booked with a wedding. We continue to receive inquiries for weddings and other functions on a daily basis. Some statistics that might interest you are:

- 1,000 emails are answered through the LWAS office
- Approximately 10 messages per week are returned during October to April and 10 messages per day are returned during May to September
- The website continues to be an integral part of communication and promotion receiving 2,000 visits even in January

The LWAS Board of Directors will be attending a Board Development Workshop on March 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014. This workshop required each board member to fill out a confidential needs assessment form for the instructors. The workshop will be tailored to meet LWAS needs and focus on policy development, board structure, and governance.

The snow has been a challenge this winter but with the aid of a newly purchased snow blower I am able to clear the way to the train station and maintain the boardwalk. A large volume of snow and ice came off of the Hooper Building onto the gas meter and broke the meter off. This was discovered when I came to the office and heard a very loud hissing, called Alta Gas and they repaired the problem which required a stay at the LWAS very cold train station for the day.

If you are a lifetime member and receive the newsletter by hard copy (mail) the \$10 fee is now due for 2014. Once the fee is received you will then receive the new membership card. If you receive the newsletter by email there is no fee.

Total LWAS members: 216 as of January 2014

- 25 LWAS members receive the newsletter via mail
- 75 LWAS members receive the newsletter via email
- 116 LWAS members are Inactive

## In Memory

The following Leduc West Antique Society members passed away in 2013. We take this time to acknowledge them and their contribution.

Ken Knipelberg, Mike Dobko, Harvey Richards, and Tom Makepeace

You will be missed.

## Auction – June 7, 2014 – 10:00 a.m.

## Ken & Edna Wilson



There will be a number of Antique tractors and parts for sale, 2 riding lawn mowers, hand tools, power tools, large air compressors, numerous pull type garden equipment, motor cycle trailer, snow blower, antique piano (Bell Sr33545) antique furniture, house hold furniture and appliances, H.D. car hauler T/A (7000 lb axles) 1999 GMC <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> ton SB 454 (7.4 ltr) truck; 250,000 km and too many more items to list.

Directions to site: Blue County sign is: 20001 Twp Rd 462A

- From Hwy 771 @ RR20 (Pigeon Lake Provincial Park Rd) south 6.0 km, across from (Blue) Battle Lake Park sign.
- OR From Junction 771 and Hwy 13 go west 1.6 km to RR14; quick left turn (west), go 3.5 km around bend, shop and house are on left hand side of road. (Blue grey color with white trim)
- OR From Junction Hwy 2 (QE II) 29.5 km west on Hwy 13 to RR 14; quick left turn (west)
  3.5 km around bend, shop and house of left side of road.

#### **Miller's Auction Service (Alvin Miller)**

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