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Leduc West Antique
Society
Newsletter

The Ignitor Newsletter

*LIVING THE PAST FOR FUTURE
GENERATIONS*

President's Comments: Keith Evenson

Upcoming Major Events

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Another summer has come and gone, a busy summer it was. To start with the station looks great with new grass planted and paint touch up. The Ohrn home is finished, new upper veranda and paint touch ups. The caboose cupola roof has been repaired; the rest has to be redone totally repainted, it's been cleaned up and there has been a fair amount of tourist interest. The station waiting room was also open with lots of interest. Most buildings were open with display set up and we are hoping to improve these set ups.

The July program went very well with some old time demonstrations. The eight bottom plow working in the field brought great interest.

The September Harvest Fest with the 1911 Holt pulling the eight bottom plow made a great showing. There was positive feedback on revitalizing the old time demonstrations. A wire tire baler is an example of what could be added.

We are now getting ready for winter storage and also cleaning up the east storage area.

Let's work together and make the 2013 year a great showing.

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A VERY QUICK LETTER FROM THE EDITOR – Pam Bakker

If you have any interesting hobbies, experiences or events that you would like to write about and/or include in Leduc West Antique Society's premier newsletter "The Ignitor" please contact me at:

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Edmonton Power Historical Foundation – Ed Spezowka

What a wonderful summer we had this year and it's carrying over into autumn. All the LWAS events were well attended. The attendance at our museum during the July show was considered the best to date. The EPCOR Zap Truck presentation of the potential hazards of electrical shock was very interesting and informative.

Work on the HP cover and cladding for the Rossdale #10 turbine display is almost complete. The LP cover works is also nearing completion. The governor cover has been built, ready for painting and mounting. A canopy and roof frame over the HP cutaway section is in progress. We plan to use polycarbonate white opaque sheets for the roof.

On September 26th fifty students from the Richard Secord School in Edmonton toured our museum. In an email the teachers and students expressed their gratitude for the work, time and effort the volunteers did to make the field trip a success.

The EPHF Annual General Meeting will be held at the Millwoods Golf Course, 4504-50 Street on October 25, 2012. The evening will begin with cocktails at 5:30 PM, dinner at 6:30 PM, with a meeting to follow. A \$35.00 fee includes dinner and 2013 membership. Election of Directors will also take place at this meeting. If any members are interested in letting their name stand for election, please let John Byron know at Bonnie and John Byron jbsk@shaw.ca, or call him at 780-487-8671.

Did you know?

- There are discreet surveillance cameras on the LWAS site? Make sure that you always are smiling. You just never know when your picture is going to be taken.
- Do not bring your personal garbage to the LWAS site! Old couches, mattresses, and other household garbage are not welcome. The landfill is on the other side of Leduc, and is open convenient hours. If you do not want the items any longer, LWAS probably does not want them either! The place for them is the landfill. We are a public site, open for the enjoyment of the public, let's keep our site clean, and beautiful.

OUT OF THE OFFICE WINDOW- Pam Bakker

It has been a busy and exciting time at the Leduc West Antique Society. When I was elected as Secretary in February of 2012 no one gave me a description of what my role at LWAS would be. On September 29, 2012 I received a lesson on how to properly load bundles out of the field onto a wagon; this after losing part of the load. Thank you to Jake Lange who came along and rescued me. It was an enjoyable day spent picking up bundles of wheat and safely storing them for next year's threshing demonstrations. My son Josh was thrilled when he got to drive the tractor pulling the binder with President Keith sitting on the binder. When a rock was encountered which Josh judged too large for the binder to encounter, our President climbed off of the binder and removed the rock. I must say that the field that we were in had a very interesting mix of obstacles; rocks, barbed wire, cable, mud flaps, coffee cups, fence posts, and on and on.

The Leduc West Antique Society has been on the road promoting this year. We have had a presence at the Founder's Day Festival in Camrose with a follow up article in the Camrose newspaper, a table at the Leduc #1 Discovery Centre celebrations in August, and The Leduc-Nisku Economic Development Authority breakfast in September. I will be attending the Leduc Chamber of Commerce Luncheon in October to bring awareness to LWAS. I also am in the process of starting a new program called "Museum in a Suitcase". We will take artifacts from the LWAS collection and take them to palliative and long-term care residents. We will spend the afternoon/morning visiting with the patients. I have one volunteer already for this program, thank you Marie, but if this is something that you would like to participate in, please let me know.

Our new website www.leducwestantique.com has been well visited and has the most current tractor pull results, newsletters, and information. I am in the process of adding some photos which have been provided by the Pitter family.

We had four weddings at LWAS this year and two school tours. The latest school tour was 54 students from the Richard Secord Elementary School. Carol Ann McKell did an outstanding job of coordinating the tour volunteers and activities for the day. We have received a "Thank You" card from the students thanking LWAS for the great day. We would like to compile a list of volunteers that would not mind being called for the school tours. Please call the office at: 780-986-5912 if this is something that interests you. Carol Ann is working on compiling information for each heritage building, so you will not be left making up information.

Most of the adults would not notice the improved kid's barrel train; it was refurbished with new seats, and some pretty snazzy paint jobs depicting the Massey-Harris, Harley-Davidson, John Deere, and a Holstein cow theme. The kids thought that they were very cool and received the brightly colored train with enthusiasm. Thank you to Ken Wilson for taking the time to pay attention to the details. Ken also refurbished the kid's sleds for the kids pedal tractor pull.

On September 18, 2012 LWAS became part of the Edmonton Regional Tourism Group. This group promotes noteworthy destinations that visitors to the area should take in. We will be working with the ERTG to showcase what LWAS has to offer.

It may be cooler weather now and the activities are done for 2012, but I am still available for your ideas. The office phone will still be active and messages will be received by me, any ideas, just call and of course you can always email: leducwestantique@live.ca

**WE GRATEFULLY
ACKNOWLEDGE THE TIME
AND DEDICATION THAT
LYLE KAUSE EXHIBITED
WHILE A MEMBER OF THE
LEDUC WEST ANTIQUE
SOCIETY BOARD. LYLE
SUBMITTED HIS
RESIGNATION ON AUGUST
21, 2012. WE HOPE THAT
AT SOME TIME LYLE WILL
BE ABLE TO REJOIN THE
BOARD AT LWAS. THANK
YOU LYLE.**

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A Survey was conducted during the September 15 Harvest Show. Here are the results: Ten people in total were surveyed.

Q: Are you involved in the tractor pull events?

A: None were involved in the tractor pull events

Q: Would you recommend this event to your family and friends?

A: All said they would recommend this event

Q: Have you visited our website?

A: 5 yes and 5 no

Q: How did you hear about this event?

A: Regularly attends and live nearby were the two responses

Q: Would you consider volunteering?

A: Most respondents wanted to attend events only; others were physically incapable

Q: How would you rate this event on a scale of 1 – 10 compared with other events that you attend?

A: 5, 9, 8, 7, 5, 9, 5, 7, 6, 7

Other Comments:

- Bring back the clay oven
- Could raise the camping fee to \$15 per weekend
- More kids activities

Included with your newsletter is a revised copy of the LWAS Bylaws. The changes of the bylaws were ratified at the February 25, 2012 AGM of LWAS. The bylaws were revised based on the Alberta Community Development, Office of the Minister, Policy on Disposition of Museum Collections and Objects which in part is quoted as follows:

As the Minister responsible for protecting Alberta's heritage resources, I am concerned about the disposition of heritage objects, specimens and documents. I am also accountable for public dollars provided to heritage institutions to assist in the curatorial care of such items. This obligation is further strengthened in cases where objects were given to public institutions with the assumption that they would become a part of the "public trust". In this circumstance, moral ownership rests with the people of Alberta, although legal ownership and responsibility can lie with a host of public institutions. Most of these public institutions acquire at least part of their financing from the Government of Alberta, whether from the General Revenue Fund or Lotteries, regardless of Ministries involved, or whether the funding is supplied directly through another intermediary body(s) such as the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation and the Alberta Museums Association. For their investment of public dollars, Albertans expect certain things from their public institutions including responsible care for heritage objects in the public trust.

On behalf of the Leduc West Antique Society

We look forward to seeing you at all

Our upcoming events!



Here is What Happened – Pam Bakker

August 14, 2012 – Executive Meeting Highlights

- Income & Expense Report presented for 23rd Annual Exposition shows a profit
- 4747 visits to the website from July 16, 2012 ; the new website launched until July 31, 2012

September 11, 2012 – Executive Meeting Highlights

- 1861 visits to the website from August 1 – 31, 2012
- Surveillance Camera installed
- Donation of Farmall Super A with offset wheels from Wayne Rosentreter
- Welcome New Members: Bob Lee and Reed Howell
- Bill Smith Estate finalized
- Charities application has been reviewed and renewed
- 15 new 8' tables are approved to be purchased
- Documentation from Alberta Registries received approving new bylaw amendments

September 18, 2012 – Executive Meeting Highlights

- Presentation from Edmonton Regional Tourism Group – Membership for LWAS approved
- Fall Harvest Profit & Loss Statement shows profit

