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A VERY QUICK LETTER FROM THE EDITOR – Jennifer Bodnar

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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Please note that all articles are subject to an editing process.

A big thank you to all contributions - you have helped make this issue of "The Ignitor" the best yet! Also, a special thanks is extended to Danin Bodnar for volunteering her time to complete the grueling task of proof-reading!

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### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE** – by Walter Burak

Let me begin by wishing everyone all the best for 2011. The Society has a very successful year in 2010. A recap of some of the highlights (both good and bad) would include:

- 1) Re-building of R.R. #260 for one mile by the County of Leduc.
- 2) Cancellation of the Spring Swap Meet due to rain and poor road conditions.
- 3) Our first Spring Tractor Pull event in June did very well.
- 4) More mature elm and ash trees planted throughout the Site.
- 5) A very successful July Exposition with 91 tractors represented in the tractor pulls.
- 6) Return of the Draft Horses Super Teams.
- 7) Successful Fall Harvest and Provincial Tractor Pull with 46 tractors.
- 8) Well attended volunteer Appreciation Night in October.
- 9) Extension of the North Entrance road to the exhibitor parking.
- 10) Enlarge the parking area by planting grass in the north field.
- 11) Winter wheat planted on a trial basis in the north field.
- 12) Purchase of a hand fed thresher. Restoration being done by Elmer Shukalek. It will be ready for the July Exposition and donations of \$5,000.00 have already been received for this purchase.
- 13) Purchase of a 6' rough cut mower for the CAT Bobcat.
- 14) Purchase of a 20' 3-point hitch weed sprayer.
- 15) Submission of a CFEP Grant Application for the restoration/workshop building.
- 16) Bodnar Building bathrooms and heating projects completed.
- 17) Start of the Edmonton Power Historical Foundation Rossdale turbine project.
- 18) Mike Bott taking over the website development.
- 19) Mike Zon donation of a restored Model T Ford.
- 20) Donation by Darrel Schwab of a 1928 McLaughlin Buick that needs restoration.
- 21) Donation by George Mucha of a TD 9 Cat, static display.
- 22) Aerial photos by Gerd Jaurnich.
- 23) \$20,000.00 in GST refunds received.
- 24) Digital tractor sled measuring system was purchased and installed.
- 25) There is nothing new to report on Bill Smith's will. The Will has been challenged.

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During the AGM there is a requirement to fill two director positions, along with the positions of President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary. Please contact Tom Makepeace, Chairperson for the Nominating Committee at (780) 955-2437 if you are interested in a position or know of any member that would be interested. We are looking for new blood!

One topic to be discussed at the annual General Meeting is concerning the Barn Project. We have had two special Executive Meetings in November, and it was also discussed at the last Executive Meeting in January. This is a large project that will require many volunteer hours and extensive financial resources. Be prepared to express your feelings and ask questions so a decision can be made.

We have received a written request by a member to occupy the Railroad Station and act as a Caretaker. Over the years, we have had many inquiries for a live-in Caretaker, along with many expressing an interest in the position. Any members interested should contact any Executive Member to submit their proposal. This will require much more discussion to outline conditions and duties for such a position.

I hope to see you all at the Annual General Meeting. A special thank you to all the volunteers that have contributed in some way during the 2010 year!

## **Membership**

At our January 2011 Executive Meeting your Executive motioned and approved that 2011 Membership Fees be increased to: Adult \$20.00 and Family \$25.00. Our yearly cost of operation has risen substantially and we feel an increase is justified. We need the approval from the Membership at Large to increase the fee. The Executive looks forward to your support at our Annual Meeting.

**Membership forms will be available at the Annual General Meeting based on the outcome of the approval for the change in membership fees.**

**Note that this is also the final Newsletter that 2010 Members will receive until they have renewed their memberships. If you would like to remain current on our membership list, please renew your membership as soon as possible!**

Please contact Jennifer at (780) 465-4041 or at [jenbodnar@hotmail.com](mailto:jenbodnar@hotmail.com) if you have any questions.

## **PARK NEWS** – Marg Burak

We have reached another milestone in the history of the Leduc West Antique Society. From inception 20 years ago we have covered a lot of ground. There were good times and bad, but we persevered and look what we have accomplished in 20 years. We now have a gorgeous Park at the Alberta Heritage Exposition Park. It took many hours and a lot of sweat but with hard working, dedicated volunteers we accomplished something we can all be proud of today. Granted, I would be a hypocrite if I said all members worked equally to achieve this goal. However, all members put in their input – some more with words than actual physical labour. Some members gave a lot of their time when we first started, but now new ones have come forth and will continue to help the Society to grow. The ground work has all been laid and now we must move forward.

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My biggest regret is that all who started are no longer with us to see all that was accomplished and will continue to be accomplished. Perhaps they are looking down and indirectly will continue to help us grow. I would like to reminisce about different things that happened over the past 20 years.

In the 1980s I can still hear Bud and Wally sitting by the kitchen table discussing various possibilities on how to generate interest in starting a Club in the area. Then in 1987 we did have a sort of makeshift show at the Denham Inn. Soon after, Bud and Wally started working on starting a Society and writing up By-Laws and Objectives. I know the ones we have now have been re-worded and are an improvement from the original ones. But, hey! They had to begin somewhere. I often wonder where we would be if they would have accepted the County's offer to get the land where the old dump site was or the Industrial Park area in Calmar.

The Ohrn home was the first Historical Building. Then came the Church and the School. Now these buildings are in a state of needing repair. The Church needs a new roof, the Ohrn Home needs new windows and all three buildings need a new paint job. From the raffle in 2010 there is \$9,800.00 plus interest in the bank. First, the \$2,000.00 has to be returned to the Society for the raffle prizes and the cost of the license and printing of the tickets returned. The balance is to go towards the cost of the roof and the new windows and the left over funds, towards the painting of all three buildings. It will cost approximately \$10,000.00 to paint the three buildings. Now, either we have another raffle to put up the balance or we take it from the general account where our funds are limited. It was too much work for Mike and me to do the raffle last year alone. The whole Society must get involved or we shouldn't have another raffle. It's easy to vote "yes" towards it, but another story when it comes time to doing the actual work.

Two years ago the Society put up the shell for a restoration/workshop. We were unsuccessful with the grant application and therefore nothing more was done. This past year, I applied for another grant. We received awesome letters from the County, the City, the EDA, the Chamber of Commerce, the Thorsby Elementary School and our MLA George Rogers. As of yet, we have not heard from the CFEP Grant. We should hear by the end of February if we were successful. The monies we receive will go towards completing the workshop. Oh well, we'll just have to wait.

Another project that may happen in 2011 is the construction of a new second concession. Our events are expanding and the existing concession is too small. Also, the appliances in there are very outdated and Marilyn will require new ones. I would like to suggest we build the new one in the shape of a small barn (20' x 30'). If it is placed in the village square, it will complete the original plan of a barn near the Ohrn Home. Schneider's have some very nice looking plans. The cost would be approximately \$60,000.00 plus. It would be very difficult to obtain a grant for that; therefore, the money will have to come from general revenue.

The landscaping around the Park is almost complete. However, there is lots of maintenance to keep it looking as beautiful as it does now. More work still has to be completed around the track, as a barrier has to be erected between the track and the bleachers. Many of the bleachers need repair and painting. There is still some left over pieces of metal to construct some new bleachers. However, someone will have to undertake the project.

The bone yard never did get cleaned up. The outside trees around the perimeter require much needed pruning. It's getting awfully crowded to keep the grass cut. I sure would hate to see that all grow in again and then we would have to start from scratch.

Nothing further has been done about replacing the entrance sign. We did have some beautiful aerial shots done by Gerd Jaurnich. I'll bring them along to the AGM for all to look at and give your input.

Also, another project to consider in approximately ten years or so is that Howard will want to occupy his Hooper Building to set up his car collection. Then the society will have to construct another hall for our various functions. There goes another several hundred thousand dollars that we will have to save up for.

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Another project that was put on hold was to have an elevator in site. It would cost too much and involve too much work to try and restore one if we could find one. Therefore, we will probably have to construct a smaller replica one. An area has been saved for this project.

I'm sure I forgot other projects that were considered over the years in the development of the Park, they were all good ideas, but money was always an issue.

As much as has been accomplished over the past 20 years, one can see there is a never-ending pile of jobs. It's too bad we all have to get old, hopefully, more young people will become interested and the Society can carry on.

I wish the new Executive lots of luck and success. With hardworking, determined, dedicated volunteers we can keep our dream alive and make the LWAS the best Agricultural Society in the area.

### **2011 Major Event Schedule**

February 26, 2011 – Annual General Meeting

May 28, 2011 – Country Swap Meet & One Day Tractor Pull

July 23 & 24, 2011 – Leduc West Antique Exposition Featuring:  
Ford Equipment and Tractor Pull

September 10, 2011 – Country Harvest & Provincial Tractor Pull Finals

LWAS Information Line – 780-986-5912

### **Edmonton Power Historical Foundation**

During this abnormally cold and snowy winter we at EPHF have been quite busy. Our main focus right now is the saving of #10 turbine at EPCOR's Rosedale Generating Station high-pressure building, which is now in the process of demolition. The turbine components have been moved to the low-pressure building on the site for storage, as it is declared a historical building and is not included in the demolition project. In the spring our plan is to move the turbine to the Leduc West site and set up a display on the south side of our existing building. We are currently working on a foundation design to support the turbine and Al Skoreyko is working on a composite image of the display.

Also in the works are an interactive relay panel display and an interactive metering panel display.

We are again looking into hiring a summer student to keep our museum open during the summer months.



## **Old Red Barn – Tom Makepeace**

The Club (LWAS) has an opportunity to move an old barn onto the Exposition Site.

The Barn (40' x 60') is located on the NE34-49-25W of the 4<sup>th</sup> for those without a County map, that is north of Walmart in Leduc.

The history of the property is such: The farm was homesteaded in 1897 by William Robinson. It was sold to Fred and Rose Cutche (unknown year) and the barn was constructed while the Cutche's owned the property, in the summer and early Fall of 1934 by Adolf Ross of Leduc, with the help of his brother (name unknown).

Jack Fandrick bought the farm from Cutche (date unknown) and re-sold it in 1974 to Bill and Florence Lede.

As far as can be determined it was sold to the City of Leduc some time after that. It is presently owned by a developer from Calgary.

Several Executive Board Members think this barn will be a wonderful addition to our LWAS Site, considering the following points:

- 1) Historical value to the Community;
- 2) Quality of construction;
- 3) Preservation of said quality of construction;
- 4) Proximity to LWAS Site (about 4-5 miles);
- 5) Opportunity to move the barn, at cost, by McConnell Building Movers;
- 6) A great asset to the LWAS Club.

Thanks to Eldon Bienert, Glen Trimble, Jim McConnell and Lenora Schamunn (daughter of Fred and Rose Cutche) for their information and input into this article.

As it is a sizeable investment it will be voted on at the Annual General Meeting. It is hoped, by the undersigned, that you will attend the Meeting, to give input and vote on this great opportunity.

Respectfully Submitted By,  
Tom Makepeace  
Lyle Kause  
Bob McKell

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## **A Little Bit of History**

1899 – Bayer registers aspirin as a trademark.

1909 – Robert Peary allegedly reaches the North Pole.

- Alice Huyler Ramsey, a 22-year old housewife and mother from Hackensack, New Jersey, becomes the first woman to drive across the US. With three female companions, none of whom could drive a car, for 59 days she drove a Maxwell automobile 3,800 miles from Manhattan, NY to San Francisco, CA.

1919 – The Treaty of Versailles is signed, ending WWI with Germany

1929 – An earthquake off the south coast of Newfoundland registers a Richter magnitude of 7.2.

1939 – Birthday of SPAM (the meat, not e-mail junk).

- Frank Sinatra made his first record singing “From the Bottom of My Heart” and “Melancholy Mood” with the Harry James Orchestra.
- Premiere of “Gone with the Wind”.

1949 – Kirk Christiansen invented Lego. The name comes from the Danish words leg and godt, which means “play we”.

- Newfoundland and Labrador joins Confederation and becomes the 10<sup>th</sup> Province of Canada.

1959 – Hawaii becomes the 50<sup>th</sup> American state.

- The microchip is invented by the future Intel founder.
- The hockey mask revolutionizes goal-tending in the NHL.

1969 – Apollo II astronauts Neil Armstrong and Edwin “Buzz” Aldrin become the first people to land on the moon.

- Nerf balls made out of polyurethane foam becomes available.

1979 – McDonald’s Happy Meals were introduced. They cost \$1 and came in boxes shaped like six different circus wagons, each with a different animal that could be lined up in a train.

1989 – In Alaska’s Prince William Sound the Exxon Valdez spills 240,000 barrels of petroleum after running aground.

- Wayne Gretzky becomes the all time leading points scorer in the NHL.
- East Germany opens checkpoints in the Berlin Wall.

## **COMEDY CORNER**

A fairy told a married couple: “For being such an exemplary married couple for 35 years, I will give you each a wish.”

“I want to travel around the world with my dearest husband”, said the wife.

The fairy moved her magic wand and – abracadabra! – two tickets appeared in her hands.

Now it was the husband’s turn. He thought for a moment and said: “Well this moment is very romantic, but an opportunity like this only occurs once in a lifetime. So...I’m sorry my love, but my wish is to have a wife 30 years younger than me.”

The wife was deeply disappointed but, a wish is a wish.

The Fairy made a circle with her magic wand and – abracadabra! Suddenly the husband was 90 years old!

## **BINGO REPORT** – Ron Bodnar

Leduc West Antique Society is part of the Leduc Rapid Bingo Association, and in 2010 we ran 10 Bingos.

For 2011 we have 9 Bingos scheduled and, as always, we require 12 workers per Bingo.

For all intents and purposes we have virtually the same persons doing the Bingos each time. There must be at least a few members that could help us. Bingo funds are very important and pay for our Insurance and Utilities – a major part of our yearly expenses.

Please call me at (780) 465-4041, so I can add your name to our Bingo Worker List.

## **MAINTENANCE AND SECURITY AT LEDUC WEST ANTIQUE SOCIETY** – Ron Bodnar

Another year has gone. At Leduc West antique society, several projects moved along and some did not. Financially, we had a relatively good year, and have funds to carry out some major projects and repairs in 2011. We do not have any surplus monies and I believe we should not take on any new projects, unless someone is willing to contribute, or raise, funds towards them.

As we look ahead, beyond 2011, we will have to consider and deal with at least two major issues:

1. Site Security – we currently have On-Site Security, but that may end in the near future,
2. Site Maintenance – we currently do our own site maintenance and rely on a few dedicated volunteers to organize and carry out grass cutting, weed control, repairs to buildings and bleachers, snow removal, etc.

Could both the above be carried out in some other way? Looking for some alternative solutions...

1. Site Security – we require On-Site/Live-In Security, possibly year-round, as we have several heated buildings that may require monitoring; we have snow issues in the winter, meter readings, sewer pump outages and many other times when someone present at the Site would make Site operations so much easier.

Would anyone want to live at the Site in exchange for labour performed? I doubt it. A possible incentive would be.

- a. We charge rent for the Station, light, power and water.
- b. We pay for hours worked.

This may mean we have to pay out \$30,000-40,000.00 (approx.) and we collect \$20,000 (approx.) for rent, etc. But it also means that someone could live at the Site, perform certain tasks and make a living doing so.

2. Site Maintenance – could we contract out major maintenance projects? Grass cutting, building repairs and earthwork may be items that could be looked at. We could look at how much Site Maintenance is required and where we can cut back or farm out some items.

When and where do we start?

- a. Planning – This will have to be done sooner or later and we should start soon.
- b. Funding – We may require an additional \$20,000-30,000.00 (approx.) over and above our current monthly/yearly expenses. There may be Government Programs that may help us finance some of the additional expense, but the majority may have to come from donations, endowments and our July Show.

A possible solution to both concerns is to hire fulltime Maintenance/Security persons who live at the Site – the Railway Station.

**I would like our Membership to think about these concerns and bring forward possible solutions and suggestions to our Annual General Meeting on February 26<sup>th</sup>.**