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there will not be a general
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games, jokes, etc for a fun time.
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LIVING THE PAST FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

An Exposition Highlight



Del and Dorothy Henkelman with the donated stone honouring Alberta's pioneers.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - By Walter Burak

A big thank you to all the volunteers, exhibitors, entertainers, vendors and sponsors that have had some part in the past summer events to make them very successful. Some committee heads have had a difficult time to recruit enough volunteers to fill all positions – a special thank you to these individuals. One individual, Ron Warawa, handled two different areas with the planning and volunteer roster

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A VERY QUICK LETTER FROM THE EDITOR – Jennifer Bodnar

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With winter around the corner and equipment storage on everyone's mind, the addition of the Harvey Richard's Building this summer has made it much easier for the Society. In addition, Harvey has donated a new sawmill, which was 25 years in the construction stage. The final set-up and testing will be done this fall/winter with Elmer and Harvey in charge.

The Edmonton Power fellows have made some exciting additions to their building, which should be in operation next summer.

The Country Legends feature in the Hooper Building turned out very well with many favourable comments. For next year, we are hoping to repeat this program with perhaps a different group. We are looking for ideas and input from the membership for a suitable group. The Classic Country Show from Milk River, Alberta has been suggested and one of their performances has been seen at the Rainbow Corral in Wetaskiwin this past September. Another group, Richard and Deborah Popovich, from Red Deer, are also being considered. With our limited space in the Hooper Building, we're looking for an entertaining show feature rather than a dance band group. Others have been contacted with the booking fee from \$1,500 to \$7,500 for one show. Or do we have the Alberta Country Legends back? Any suggestions?

PARK NEWS – Marg Burak

It's almost the middle of October and still the Park is quite active. Instead of long days they are a bit shorter as the daylight hours just don't want to co-operate. As long as the snow stays away we should get everything done. With all the watering we have been doing the lake is getting pretty low. Hopefully we will get lots of run-off next spring to fill it back up. Next summer you will see a wonderful surprise by the tractor pull area. Many people can't take the hot sunny weather that we have been having for the main events. Therefore, Wally has decided to donate some large elm trees approximately 4 to 6 inches in diameter. These babies are going to take many gallons of water to keep them alive for the first few years. They will be placed behind the bleachers along the tractor pull track to provide the much needed shade. They should be moved within the next two weeks. Our tractor pulls are getting better each year. Even with the high cost of fuel to bring the tractors to the Park, we are getting excellent turn outs from all over the province. It was an excellent decision on the part of the executive to go with the Provincial Pulls. Now with a shaded area the bleachers should be packed. In fact we just may have to build more bleachers.

This summer we were blessed with the addition of the Harvey Richards Building. It sure was welcomed when we started putting away the equipment. Now we don't have to store all the people movers,

(Continued from Park News – by Marg Burak, Pg. 2)

I had a very bountiful garden again this year. We planted many little trees this year just north of the garden. When they get bigger they will be transplanted around the Park. On the east side of the garden we put in two rows of raspberries, two rows of Saskatoon berries and one row of chokecherries. I still need to plant the Nanking cherries. If anyone has shoots from the Nanking bushes I sure could use them to supplement the ones I bought. Eventually I just may get enough fruit to make wine and the odd pie.

For all the people attending the show you saw the two beautiful stones that were donated by Del and Dorothy Henkelman. One stone is dedicated to the pioneers of Alberta and the other is dedicated to the volunteers who put in their time and effort in making the Park successful. I had to do some rearranging of flowers by the station and when I saw the stone it was well worth it. The other day, I noticed a mole had moved in behind the stone. Maybe he came along with it. We'll have to trap it and send it back to Del's. The other stone is placed in the area south of the lake. There is quite a lot of work to be done in the area to get the grass into a nice lawn. Oh well, there's always next spring.

I have been doing a lot of spraying around the Park, especially around the spruce trees. If the weather holds out I should get most of it done. Then in the spring, I only have the touch-ups to do. I finished cleaning up the garden area, the flowerbed by the sign, and around the Lucky Strike Building. The next couple of weeks I should get to work around the Station, the Log House, by the Hooper Building and the display areas. As I said the snow just has to hold off for a while longer. Gwen Ross has perennials to donate. I plan on making a round raised flowerbed near the school and place the school sign on the top of it. Since Gwen did all her schooling in the Dniester School and still looks after it faithfully, I think this would be a nice tribute to her.

The raffle was very successful again this year. We raised \$9,600.00. A special thanks again to Mike Dobko for selling all those tickets. Also, thanks to all the members that purchased their books and sent them in time before we left on our holiday. The winners were as follows:

1 st prize	\$1,000.00	Priscilla Schafers
2 nd prize	\$500.00	Ernest and Lillian Hiller
3 rd prize	\$100.00	Amanda Robinson
4 th prize	\$100.00	Marvin Pohl
5 th prize	\$100.00	Terrance Chapelsky
6 th prize	\$100.00	Alexander Beitz
7 th prize	\$100.00	Ralph Ohrn

The quilt draw went to Kim; she will eventually be picking it up. Thanks to Ann Yaholnitsky for making the quilt.

Also, a big thank you to Ann and Eileen for helping bake 116 apple pies and 25 pumpkin pies before the show. Without their help, we wouldn't have gotten them done. This helped bring in a few extra dollars for the concession.

There are still a number of members that have not completed their updated membership forms. However, I would like to thank the people who have turned them in.

KOLLECTORS CORNER – Bill Smith

Alberta is a great place to be and you might say where the action is, however it has been a long struggle to get to where we are now – the Engine driving Canada. If only Central Canada would wake up and smell the roses and give Alberta a little credit where credit is due, instead of treating us like a sacred cow to be milked dry like the Natural Energy Policy in the '80s, representative from Trudeau and Lalonde.

We started very humble in joining the Dominion of Canada as the 8th Province, on September 12, 1905, followed by Saskatchewan. But by 1947 we were the fastest growing province in Canada.

We got our name from Princess Louise Caroline Alberta, the 4th daughter of Queen Victoria. Our boundaries were cut out of the North West Territories when we became a province. In the early days the Blackfoot native tribes dominated southern Alberta while the Cree nations and woodland tribes ruled over the north. Ranchers started to take over the southern prairie lands while grain farmers opened up the Central regions. Natives were placed on reserves and treaties agreed upon by the Elders and the "whiteman" were established. Alberta has 42 Indian Bands, 553 Bands in Canada with 923 Aboriginal groups.

Railroads played a vital part in developing the west with the Canadian Pacific Railroad taking a south route from Central Canada to Calgary and points west, while the Grand Trunk and Canadian Northern Railroad pioneered and developed the north route to Edmonton and beyond. The boreal forest covered the northern portion of the province; however rivers and lakes dominated the landscape with 2/3 of northern Alberta covered by water. We are the sunniest province in Canada with 1900 hours in the north and 2300 hours in the south with approximately 120 growing days for our farmers.

After a great struggle between Calgary and Edmonton as to where our provincial capital was to be, Edmonton finally won out even though we are still located in the southern half of the province. The Legislature Buildings were constructed on the old Hudson Bay site between 1907-12 with the grand opening on September 03, 1912. Cost was \$2.2 million – rather funny the High Level Bridge was completed in 1912 at \$2.2 million, joining north and south Edmonton or Strathcona. By 1990 Alberta had 47,000 Civil Servants.

In 1907, by Royal Warrant, Alberta had its first Coat of Arms in the shape of a shield, top position is St. George's Cross in red on a white background, beneath are mountains, foothills, grasslands and wheat fields. On Alberta's 75th Birthday a beaver was added, with a Royal Cross on its back. The supports are a lion and pronghorn antelope representing Alberta and Britain and they stand on a grass mound dotted with wild roses, our floral emblem, with our motto "Fortis Et Liber" – Strong and Free. Alberta's bird is the Grey horned Owl, which was legislated in our statutes in 1977. The mineral for Alberta is Petrified wood.

Edmonton played a very major role in Alberta history with the University of Alberta opening for students in September 17, 1908. By the year 2008, 3,600 people were on its payroll. As a note, the last one room school (grades 1-6) in Robb, Alberta closed June 30, 1999, and then the children had to be bused to Edson, approximately 30 miles. In the year 2001, Alberta had 32,000 teachers. Alberta has many ethnic groups as all our ancestors came from somewhere; the Alberta 2001 count was listed as 40% British, 10% German, 4% Ukrainian, 5% French, 2.5% Scandinavian, 0.9% Dutch, and 0.7% Native.

DON'T FORGET!!!! VOUNTEER APPRECIATION NITE, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 01, 2008, HOOPER BUILDING,

EDMONTON POWER HISTORICAL FOUNDATION UPDATE – by Willi Viehmann

Early in the year we realized that we were limited in space for growth in our future plans in the Engine Building. Therefore, we came to an agreement with the Leduc West Antique Society to lease the remainder of the building. This doubled our exhibit space, which, however, is filling up rather quickly.

Some improvements to the building and additions of exhibits were carried out. A radiant space heating system was installed and we are awaiting the completion of the natural gas line to the Engine Building. This will permit us to work and open the building to the public during the “cooler” days of the season.

A student was employed during part of the summer to allow the museum to be open to the public and to catalogue our inventory and artifacts. Construction of a storage vault was completed, to store our historical documents and pictures. One of the exhibits for which we received good comments from the visitors is a Lego model, showing the High Level and LRT bridges across the North Saskatchewan River. This scale model is on loan to the Foundation, courtesy of the NALUG Lego Club of Edmonton.

Recently we received from EPCOR's Genesee Generating Station two models of the power plant, which should enhance our displays. Extensive work is required to rebuild these models to bring



Year 2009 Events

May 23 **“Country Swap Meet”**

A great variety of sale items including
Antiques and Collectibles

July 25 & 26 **“Leduc West Antique
Exposition”**

Living the past with the whole family.
Display and demonstrations of early
equipment, antique tractor pulls, vendors,
entertainment

Featuring: Vintage Farm Equipment

September 12 **“Country Harvest”**

Antique tractor pull championships, antique
farming demonstrations and displays

JOKE CORNER

Working people frequently ask retired people what they do to make their days interesting.

Well, for example, the other day the wife and I went into town and went into a shop. We were only in there for about 5 minutes. When we came out, there was a cop writing out a parking ticket.

We went up to him and I said, “Come on man, how about giving a senior citizen a break?” He ignored us and continued writing the ticket.

I called him a jerk and he glared at me and started writing another ticket for having worn tires.

So Mary called him a pig. He finished the second ticket and put it on the windshield with the first.

Then he started writing a third ticket. This went on for about 20 minutes. The more we abused him, the more tickets he wrote.

Just then our bus arrived.

We try to have a little fun each day now that we're retired.

LWAS EXPOSITION AND FALL HARVEST 2008 – by Ron Bodnar

One of our main events for the July Exposition and the main event at the Fall Harvest is the Tractor Pull. A substantial crowd watched the pullers drag the sled down the track. Thanks to our commentator, Len Nickle, who has done tractor pull events for many years, and has seen most of the tractors before and who is very knowledgeable on the tractor make and model history. Len keeps the show entertaining and informative. Along with his wife, Myrna, daughter Charlotte and son in-law, Neil, they looked after the tractor weigh -ins, classes they pull in and distances pulled for final standings.

Our July show had 63 tractors, the September show had 36 tractors in all 6 classes plus the slow race. The results of both pulls are listed below.

As always, we had a large group of tractors from the Strathcona Vintage Tractor Association Members – we thank them for their support and their help with running our pull.

LWAS would like to thank everyone who attended our show with their tractors and equipment, their vintage car or truck, the Model A Fords as 2008 marked 80 years of the Model A in Canada and the

July Exposition Tractor Pull Results - First Three Winners Results

Class	Name	Yr, Make, Model	Total
BANTAM			
1	Howard Hildebrand	1941 Case S	321.04
2	Howard Fleming	1951 Cockshutt 30	315.06
3	Hal Lougheed	1960 Oliver 550	308.05
ONE			
1	Myrell Keller	1951 Massey 44	535.01
2	Ron Barker	1941 John Deere G	400.04
3	Jim Carter	1956 John Deere 50	398.09
TWO			
1	Ray Schmidt	1960 John Deere 530	425.09
2	Terry Box	1941 John Deere G	421.09
3	Len Aucoin	1951 Oliver 88	419.02
THREE			
1	Howard Fleming	1956 Cockshutt 40	421.07
2	John Ditchak	1953 Farmall M	402.01
3	Darcy Harapchuk	1947 IHC W6	396.02
FOUR			
1	Howard Hildebrand	1958 Case 800D	465.08
2	Shari Harapchuk	1960 IHC 560	425.10
3	Tex (Wayne) Schweyer	1954 Massey 555	409.09
FIVE			
1	Larry Ziegler	1954 McCormick SWD9	453.11
2	Dave Peters	1959 John Deere 730	404.05

3	Henry Davfies	1956 John Deere 80	277.05
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Class	Name	Yr, Make, Model	Total
SIX			
1	Terry Hanlon	1960 Massey 98	397.09
2	Brad Schmidt	1960 John Deere 830	395.04
3	Howard Hildebrand	1957 Case 600D	369.02
SLOW RACE			
1	Sten Neilsen	1958 Bukh D30	
2	Jim Carter	1956 John Deere 50	
3	Howard Hildebrand	1958 Case 800D	

September Country Harvest Tractor Pull Results - First Three Winners Results

Class	Name	Yr, Make, Model	Total
BANTAM			
1	Robert McKell	1960 Oliver 550	379.08
2	Elmer Prochnau	1940 Oliver 70	368.10
3	Howard Fleming	1951 Cockshutt 30	342.02
ONE			
1	Allen Valleau	1952 Cockshutt 40	499.09
2	Don Lund	Oliver 80	457.07
3	Myrell Keller	1951 Massey Harris 44	456.01
TWO			
1	Howard Fleming	1952 Cockshutt 40	447.07
2	Ray Schmidt	1959 John Deere 530	432.02
3	Ron Barker	John Deere D	427.05
THREE			
1	Howard Fleming	1956 Cockshutt 40	320.09
2	Tex Schweyer (Don Lund)	1954 Oliver 88	318.10
3	Tex Schweyer	1937 Oliver 99	318.07
FOUR			
1	Tex Schweyer	1956 Massey Harris 555	436.00
2	Howard Hildebrand	1958 Case 800	419.07
3	Gary Herton	1948 IHC WD9	416.01
FIVE			
1	Dave Peters	1959 John Deere 730	287.10
2	Denis Cecyre	1957 John Deere 820	284.04
3			
SIX			
1	Terry Hanlon	1960 MF 98	449.10
2	Brad Schmidt	1960 John Deere 830	350.10

3	Robert McKell	1960 Oliver 1900	348.07
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SLOW RACE			
1	Howard Hildebrand	Case S	
2	Jim Carter	John Deere 50	
3			



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