

# THE IGNITER NEWSLETTER

**September 2013**

## **Upcoming Events**

• **Sept 14, 2013**

**Fall Harvest &  
Provincial Tractor Pull  
Championships**

• **October 26, 2013**

**Volunteer Appreciation  
Night**

**7:00 P.M.**

## **COFFEE & DESSERT**

• **February 22, 2013**

**Annual General Meeting**

**Potluck Meal**

**6:00 P.M.**

• **May 24, 2014**

**Swap Meet & Tractor Pull**

• **July 26 & 27, 2014**

**24<sup>th</sup> Annual Exposition  
Featuring: Allis-Chalmers**



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**Keith Evenson and Josh Bakker harvest  
the bumper crop of malt barley at  
LWAS on September 5, 2013.**

A sure sign that fall is coming is the combines and in the case of LWAS the binder, taking advantage of the warm weather to reap the fruits of their labor. Thank you to LWAS friend and neighbor Larry Scheffelmaier for spraying the crop at LWAS this year.

*Living the Past for Future Generations*

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Thank you to this enthusiastic group of 9 volunteers from Stantec Engineering & Consulting that came to LWAS on September 10, 2013 and gave freely of their time to accomplish many tasks.



**Thank you to Wayne Rosentreter for the donation of a totally restored Farmall Super A.**



## Notes From the Chair

By Ron Bodnar

My, how quickly time moves on, just a few months ago we were busy preparing for the events of the summer of 2013 and now, all we have left is our Fall Harvest and the Volunteer Appreciation Night. Of course we have the day to day maintenance and upkeep that never end.

Looking back, the Leduc County 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration at our site was quite an evening with many people attending and I am sure, not surprising to most of us, many attending were not aware of the Leduc West site and what we are all about. Thanks to Mayor John Whaley and the Anniversary Committee for selecting LWAS as the event venue, maybe, in the future, more of our neighbors will find time to include LWAS as a place to be for our future shows and events.

Our 2013 Expo was a very successful event; we could have had a larger crowd, but did well despite the weather not being as good as we would have liked it. We thank our participants for the large showing of cars, trucks, tractors, we know the rewards for bringing their vehicle or tractor to our site is not great, but without their attendance, the Expo would not be the same. Our Tractor Pull crew, announcer, Dennis and statistician, Nadine did an excellent job on the Tractor Pull. Along with other featured events, the weekend was another great one. Financially, we did very well as we look towards our Expo as a major yearly source of funds.

The Society extends a huge thank you to everyone that was involved with preparing the site, helping during the weekend and putting everything away and cleaning up after the weekend. The Edmonton Power Historical Foundation and the Western Canadian Blacksmith Guild add to the events of the Expo. There is always someone watching heated iron being shaped or electrical energy being made by pedaling a bike.

The Board of Directors is working on a "wish list" of improvements at the site to bring our buildings and all to a more usable, presentable state. Our Secretary, Pam Bakker has acquired information on various sources of funding from both Provincial and Federal Governments as to funding for major expenditures. Unfortunately, every request for assistance involves a very detailed and complete application which translates into a considerable amount of time and effort.

As always, the Bingo crew keeps doing their thing, we will have 13 this year, if you can help, please call myself or Robert McKell. Bingos are a major source of income and new hands are welcome.

The Volunteer Appreciation evening coming up will wrap up the years major events. I hope you can join us. We will have a short general meeting, bring your questions and suggestions with you, until then, have a good fall.

# *Thank you to Leduc West Antique Society Ladies*

*By: Marie Knipelberg*

Wow!! Over 3 dozen Pillow Case dresses will be delivered to that many little girls in a Third World Country this winter. Thanks Sooo Much to Irene Hill and Joyce Arnholtz for sewing up such beautiful pillow-case dresses, complete with pockets, buttons, ribbons, ric-rac and lace. I would absolutely LOVE to see the smiles on these little girls' faces when they receive their dress made by these generous women from Leduc West Antique Society who put their sewing talents to work for such a worthy cause. I also wish to thank Carol Ann McKell for collecting pillowcases from friends to be donated for our "Dress-A-Girl-Around the World" project....But I really do encourage the ladies to make these dresses in your own home and at your leisure so you can use your own imagination to decorate or personalize each dress to make a special little girl very happy.

If you are interested in participating in this project, please contact LWAS at: (780) 986-5912 or at email: [leducwestantique@live.ca](mailto:leducwestantique@live.ca) for further information. I would be more than happy to give you're the detailed instructions to make these simple pillow case dresses. We will be shipping these dresses on a yearly basis down to the US where they will be hand delivered to girls in third world countries by ministries and humanitarian teams.

Thank you for your willingness to volunteer your time and talents to "Dress-A-Girl-Around the World.

Thanks so much. Please keep in touch. Marie

# World Plowing Championship

## Olds, Alberta

### 60 Competitors from 30 Countries



LWAS member Terry Hanlon represents LWAS in the plowing competition at Olds, AB.



Jhett Dorin wins the scale model tractor that LWAS gave away as a draw prize.

On July 18, 19, & 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013 the LWAS greeted visitors from all over the world at their display at the Olds College 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration in conjunction with the World Plowing Championship. We were open from 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. each day in the vintage display tent city. Many visitors enjoyed the artifacts that were on display and reminisced about their use.



A 1568 International with a V8 engine makes short order of the plowing area.



And they are off... and it is not a race. These competitors spent a great deal of money to bring their equipment from Europe and took great care when it was their turn to plow.

## *Out of the Office Window by: Pam Bakker*

As I write this Cory and Alicia from Whitecourt are getting married out of the office window in the gazebo. It has been a busy season of weddings; all have been different but, in common they all chose to begin their married life with LWAS as part of it. The income from facility rentals are growing and becoming an integral part of future sustainability at LWAS. It has been a whirlwind summer with the Open Doors Festival, World Plowing Championship, Leduc County 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration and the Annual Exposition interspersed with facility rentals.

In July our website received 8,329 visitors. Our website continues to have a major impact in drawing visitors to our site and receiving inquiries for donations, rentals, information and events.

On September 10, 2013 a group of 10 enthusiastic volunteers from Stantec Engineering & Consulting Inc. came to LWAS to give of their time. Thank you to this group for giving so freely of their time and energy. They accomplished a lot of tasks in a short period of time.

The Volunteer Appreciation Night is on October 26, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. There will NOT be a meal served this year but join us for an evening of coffee and desserts. Desserts will be provided, but if you have a favorite we would welcome you to bring it with you. "Ron and Friends" will be providing entertainment and we will be honoring the sponsors and volunteers that gave freely of their time and money to LWAS in 2013.

I have accumulated a lengthy list of available grant opportunities from Provincial, Federal, and private funders. Once we have decided on a project the arduous task of completing forms, financial statements, budgets, and a sound plan of action will be outlined on paper and submitted. The timeline between application, submission, and feedback is approximately 18 months. So, any funding that is applied for now will not be realized for a while. In addition to submitting the proper paperwork the majority of the grants are 50:50 matching grants which mean that LWAS must have funds in the bank when the grant is applied for.

A committee of Ron Bodnar, Howard Lengert, Robert McKell and Jim McConnell has been formed to draft a plan of action for completion of the new service building and bring the plan (s) forward to the Board as a whole for approval. The floor was installed and now we need to decide what the best purpose for this building is. Call any of the committee members if you have concerns or input. A few of the ideas have been: a meeting hall, work/repair shop, museum and display area, or a combination of all.

As members I would encourage each one of you to become involved. Write a letter or email with your suggestions or concerns. This email or letter will then be put on the agenda for a future board meeting. Your input is encouraged and wanted.

# *Volunteer Appreciation Night*

*October 26, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Hooper Building*

*Coffee & Dessert will be provided; you are welcome to bring your favorite*

*Join us in honouring the dedicated volunteers and sponsors of LWAS*

## Here is What Happened by: Pam Bakker

### May 14, 2013 – Meeting Highlights

- Jubilee Insurance representatives attend the meeting and it is established that tractor pull participants, tractor parade participants, and other self-propelled equipment need only sign a waiver to participate at LWAS. Cars and trucks driven to LWAS carry their own insurance.
- The Edmonton Regional Tourism Group program will feature a discount coupon of 2 for 1 admittance to the Annual Exposition 2013.
- LWAS members volunteer at the Black Gold Rodeo in Leduc on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday in exchange for Black Gold Rodeo members to volunteer at the LWAS Annual Exposition.
- Welcome new members: Danny & Heidi Koretz, Christopher & Rosann Klita, and Sheldon & Orlean Woywitka
- MaidPro will once again be hired to clean the church, school, and home.
- The Toro mower is sold for \$5,100.00 as is, where is.

### June 18, 2013 – Meeting Highlights

- Welcome New members: Jacquie Sikora and Murray Dorin

### July 23, 2013 - Meeting Highlights

- LWAS is paid \$1,000 for use of two people movers at the World Plowing Championship in Olds, AB

### August 14, 2013 – Meeting Highlights

- Thank you letter from Leduc County expressing their gratitude for help in making the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration a success.
- Historic Edmonton – Open Doors committee thanks LWAS for their participation in this event.
- Olds World Plowing Championship committee thanks LWAS for their participation in the vintage display tent.
- A letter to No Frills in Leduc will be written thanking them for the donation of the burger, buns, water, and other valued at approximately \$3,500.
- Incident reports for insurance and Worker's Compensation will be accessible in First Aid kits throughout the LWAS site.
- The Canadian Country Legends concert nets \$1,300.
- A paid administrative position at LWAS is discussed.
- A comprehensive list of available grant monies is presented.



The clay oven has been repaired and is in use again making delicious cinnamon buns. Thank you to Elmer Shukalek for restoring the oven. Elmer sold just over \$1,800 in cinnamon buns during our Annual Exposition with the help of #1 Volunteer Marjorie Michalenko.



Lowell and Barbara Ross pose in front of the Ross family camp wagon with visitors from Israel. After many years of being stored, the wagon with Gwendolyn Ross on board participated in the Annual Exposition parade to pay tribute to the journey that Mrs. Ross made to Alberta in the wagon.