

THE IGNITER NEWSLETTER

January 2016

Upcoming Events

- **February 27, 2016**

Annual General Meeting

5:30 – Potluck

7:00 - AGM

- **May 21, 2016**

Tractor Pull

- **July 23 & 24, 2016**

26th Annual Exposition

- **September 10, 2016**

Fall Harvest & Tractor Pull



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The Leduc West Antique Society will bid farewell to the 1937 Phantom III. The vehicle which has been on display in the Service Station has been sold to a purchaser in Sydney, Australia.



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Your 2016 Board of Directors

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Ron Bodnar -780-465-4041

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Executive Director:

Pam Bakker



Leduc West Antique Society Annual General Meeting

Saturday, February 27, 2016

In the Hooper Building

5:30 p.m. POTLUCK

7:00 p.m. MEETING

Election for President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer,
and Director's positions will take place at this meeting.

**LIFE WAS
MUCH EASIER
WHEN Apple
AND BLACKBERRY
WERE JUST
FRUITS**

Notes from the Chair – Ron Bodnar

Happy New Year to everyone, now that we are done with Christmas and I hope that Santa was good to you and yours, we can look back at '15 and ahead at '16. It's not too often you can look at both sides and see your mistakes from the last year and then try to not repeat them for the following year.

I'd like to say that we at Leduc West Antique Society did have another good year with our site, our shows and our overall attempt to keep the organization in order, and leaving it in at least the same condition or somewhat better in all aspects, be it physical or financial. One could always say 'well, we should have..., we could have... but the reality is that you make decisions that seem best.

The past year we added several great additions and improvements to the site on several areas.

The Edmonton Power Historical Society exhibit of the huge turbine a quite the showpiece. Few have ever had the chance to stand beside a steam turbine, this is a small one compared to others however it was built many years ago and generated power for the City of Edmonton for years.

Many years ago, the Canadian Pacific Railway donated several pieces of rolling stock to LWAS and they were stored at CP's siding at Ireton, just west of Leduc. LWAS just had to get them moved.

Executive member, Jim McConnell and his firm McConnell Movers offered to move a Snow Plow, two Jordan Spreaders, a Flat Car and a Box Car onto LWAS. The display is very impressive.

Much earth work was done in this same area by Bill Graham to prepare a site for yet another exhibit building that may go up there. We are currently in the Development Application stage with the County to see what we can do.

The Front Gate Exhibit was rebuilt and we moved a Steam Tractor and Threshing Machine into the area, giving the display a more pleasing refined look.

Looking back at our three main functions, weather again played a big part in how they went. Despite some terrible rain, we managed to do well on all three and received many compliments in our shows and their operation. We had the Chapter 38 of the International Harvester Collectors group with us for the July show, this added more tractors and equipment to the show and its success.

Our Operations Director, Pam Bakker has done a commendable job in the overall management of the Club, the rental of the Hopper Building and the Site for Weddings and the like has added to our cash flow.

We had an Executive Board Member, Ann Grabatin resign due to health issues, we thank her for the many hours she spent at LWAS and hope that she may be able to still contribute in the future.

As always with a volunteer organization, the group relies entirely on volunteer help, be it for whatever task and we should be thankful for those who do donate their time to serve on the Executive or what job they have offered to help with.

Last but not least, we should consider the Bingo Volunteers, we have got down to where our Bingos generate few dollars and we must consider whether the hours we put in arranging and running them is of any benefit to the club. One can always say that something is better than nothing, even if it is only \$3,500.00 per year, the amount that 12 bingos generated last year, when you add the hours we need to raise that sum, one wonders if it's worth the time.

Overall, the Club is in an excellent financial position with some reserve to start the New Year and with no major cash requirements other than the day to day operating expenses.

I wish to thank our Executive for their time on the board and assuring that their effort was in the best interest of LWAS and thus another great year. We hope the same can be said for 2016.

Thank you for the privilege of being your President for 2015,

Thank you, Ron Bodnar

Here is What Happened!

September, 2015 – Meeting Highlights

- Ann Grabatin resigns from Board of Directors
- Gate admission for Fall Harvest to increase to \$8.00
- 1937 Phantom III will be sold to increase operational funds

October, 2015 – Meeting Highlights

- An invoice from Wil Mechanical in the amount of \$18,000 for work completed in the Service Station in 2000 has been received. Motion made to pay the invoice.
- A 1987 Champion grader is reviewed for purchase in the amount of \$6,000 for use by the tractor pullers to maintain track
- Installation of flush bathrooms in the Service Building discussed
- Members question cancellation of Appreciation Night – someone needs to step forward to organize and set up the event.

November, 2015 – Meeting Highlights

- \$2,406 donation received from Leduc Lions Breakfast Club
- Plaque donated from Michigan Telephone Co.
- Museum status discussed
- JI Heritage Case application to attend 2016 event discussed, will apply for 2018

December, 2015 – Meeting Highlights

- NO Meeting

January, 2015 – Meeting Highlights

- Combined dinner and show ticket for Saturday evening during Exposition discussed
- June volunteer kick-off event proposed
- LWAS will no longer participate in Bingos for fundraising, Casinos will continue
- Funding approved for an AED to be placed in Hooper Building

OUT OF THE OFFICE WINDOW – PAM BAKKER

Happy New Year to LWAS members! 2016 is off to an exciting start!

I would like to thank Ann Grabatin for her dedicated volunteerism at LWAS. Ann resigned from the LWAS Board of Directors in September, but I would like to take this time and space to recognize her contribution. I appreciated her advice and sound judgment.

A big thank you also to ALL of the volunteers that helped during our events in 2015; we hope that you had a great time and wish to return in 2016.

Grant funding applied from the Community 150 program has been declined since the change of the Federal government. They are no longer funding any applications, not just LWAS. An application for grant funding was also applied for from Peavey Mart but was declined because LWAS does not open on a regular basis and does not see the visitors that other sites do. Discussions have been ongoing regarding adding events or moving toward agriculture museum status. Either option requires a large amount of volunteers and the ability to fund either the event or paid staff to be open on a set number of days per year.

February 20, 2016 will see the first of 9 weddings booked so far into 2016. Inquiries are being fielded for 2017.

In 2016 the Annual May Swap Meet & Tractor Pull will no longer include a Swap Meet component. The participation has become non-existent and we can no longer hold events that allow free entrance. This event cost LWAS money to hold in 2015, therefore a \$5.00 admission fee will be charged in 2016.

Currently the LWAS has 209 members. If you wish to continue to receive a hard copy of the newsletter through the mail please forward \$10.00 for 2016. The \$10.00 covers costs of printing and mailing the copy. If you have an email address, please forward to the office so that you can receive the newsletter at no charge. Also, if your email address changes please remember to forward your new address to LWAS.

Some exciting projects are being discussed for 2016; a benefactor donated display building for Ford products, increasing handicap accessibility, rearranging current displays to make them esthetically pleasing for the public and a permanent campground with services to increase revenue sustainability. Due diligence is being completed on each project and they will be prioritized as funding becomes available.

Edmonton Power Historical Foundation

NEWS FLASH

THOMSON HOUSTON DYNAMO

Pictured below is a Thomson Houston Incandescent Dynamo of 1890's vintage, which we acquired this spring.

A Thomson Houston generator provided the power for Edmonton's first lights in 1891.

The boys at EPHF were successful in getting the dynamo to run as a motor using a 12volt power supply, although there was a little sparking.

