

THE IGNITER NEWSLETTER

September 2014

Upcoming Events

- **November 1, 2014**

**Fall Social & Dessert Night
6:00 P.M. in the Hooper
Building**

- **February 21, 2015**

Annual General Meeting

- **May 23, 2015**

Tractor Pull & Swap Meet

- **July 25 & 26, 2015**

**25th Annual Exposition
Featuring: Western
Canadian IHC Chapter 38**

- **September 12, 2015**

Fall Harvest & Tractor Pull



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*September 6, 2014
proved to be the perfect
day at 26 degrees
Celsius to complete the
harvest at LWAS.
Keith Evenson,
Harvey Bakker, and
Josh Bakker filled the
wagons with a bumper
crop.*

Living the Past for Future Generations

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Thank you to Rick Norton for bringing his extensive collection of Allis-Chalmers tractors to show case at the Annual Exposition. The effort did not go unnoticed and is appreciated.



A Giggle - submitted by Ann Grabatin

A little girl was watching her daddy repair his tractor.

She asked her mother, "What happens to old tractors when they finally stop working?"

Sighing, her mother answered: "Someone sells them to your father, dear."

Contact Elmer if you have or know of someone who has logs that could be used for the sawmill.



Notes From the Chair

By Ron Bodnar

Here we are just days away from the Fall Equinox and with such nice weather, harvesting should move right along. Where did the summer go, what did we do, how did we do with our projects? Well, we finished some and didn't others, just the way it goes.

We wonder why it would rain for 2 days before our July Annual Exposition and then we have great weather for the next month and half until just 2 days before our Fall Harvest, then we have rain again. Obviously, we must not be in the good books with the rain Gods and we don't know how to get there so just have to hope it will change sometime soon.

We cancelled the July tractor pull and managed to salvage a fairly good show. It was a different show without the tractor pull the volunteers found that the show was of a more relaxed, almost leisurely pace instead of the busy atmosphere with the tractor pullers involved. However, the income from the show was much less than we would normally have, we could blame that on the weather or we could blame it on the lack of the tractor event. I would say it was the tractor event that made the difference.

It was good to see young families come out to the site. The Board of Directors over the years have always questioned whether events like the petting zoo, garden railway exhibit, face painting, and the fun castle warranted the cost of these attractions. They add to the things children can have fun with.

Our Fall Harvest, just days ago, was very good. We had 82 tractors for the Saturday pull and 54 for the Sunday Provincial pull. The track conditions didn't look too good Saturday morning, but thanks to prior arrangements with Leduc County Mayor John Whaley and the County crew, we got the use of the large County grader to strip mud off the pull track. Their help gave us a super track for both days. We extend a huge thank you from LWAS to the County, volunteers, pullers and the general public for attending.

To sum up our year's events, I believe we did very well and despite the weather and other events around our area that compete for the same dollar.

As for progress at the site, we continue to move along.

The new concession in the Founder's Building is all but done and is a great improvement over what we had.

Pam Bakker has seen to the rental of our site for quite a number of functions, weddings, and the like generating considerable income for us.

The Edmonton Power Historical Foundation continues to add to their extensive exhibit of electric power generating equipment. Their outdoor display is very impressive.

The American Truck Historical Society has rented space in our service building and are displaying some of their member's trucks. Though the building is not completed inside the exhibit adds another show piece to LWAS.

The Blacksmith Guild come out to work on their blacksmithing skills, always a great attraction to everyone again adding something of interest to the site.

Our Bingo crew continues to work bingos, looks like we will hold 14 this year and our Casino crew is slated for November 20 and 21 at Camrose. Both these events contribute to our bottom line. We keep hoping someone out there will bequeath some of their estate to our financial well-being, but til that happens, we look at generating income from whatever sources we can.

We have a few things to wrap up at the site for the year then begin with the winter events in our lives, time just keeps movin' on.

Til next time, thank you and have a good fall, looks great right now.

Bye, Ron Bodnar

We still have a large inventory of Leduc West Antique Society hats available for \$15 each.



Here is What Happened by: Pam Bakker – Meeting Highlights

May 13, 2014 – Meeting Highlights

- Pam Bakker resigned from LWAS Board of Directors to begin role as Executive Director
- Jerry Huck will entertain at the Annual Exposition
- Blue tourism sign will replace the brown existing tourism sign on Highway #39
- New dirt loading ramp will be built as the existing steel one is in disrepair and deemed unsafe

June 10, 2014 – Meeting Highlights

- Agreement reached with the North American Historical Truck – Alberta Chapter; to begin a display in one half of the Service Building
- Elmer Shukalek appointed to the LWAS board of directors to fill the vacancy of Pam Bakker
- LWAS entrance gate locks will be changed

July 8, 2014 - Meeting Highlights

- A grant application will be submitted for upgrades to the entrance doors and sidewalk of the Hooper Building to make them handicap accessible
- CP Rail needs the LWAS owned Jordan spreader, snow plow, flat car, and box car removed from existing site. Mammoet has been contacted

August 5, 2014 – Meeting Highlights

- Surveys returned from the Annual Exposition give excellent feedback
- More volunteers are needed to the events being held at LWAS
- A roofer will be contacted regarding roof leaks in the Hooper Building, Modeller's Building, and Ohrn Home

Out of the Office Window – Pam Bakker

The Leduc West Antique Society continued to be a popular place to hold your wedding this year. Already bookings into 2015 have been confirmed and inquiries are coming in regarding booking for 2016. Each time that a new group entered the site this year, I heard over and over, "I never knew this place existed". Efforts continue into advertising and social media to attract visitors to LWAS.

The LWAS website continues to be an excellent source of information to let the world know that LWAS exists. In July 2014 the website received 6,739 visitors. The Facebook page started April 1, 2014 already has well over 400 likes and counting.

An enabling accessibility grant application has been submitted for upgrades to the entrance door of the Hooper Building to make it handicap accessible. Included in the application are upgrades for the sidewalks to be converted to cement for ease of maintenance. A community initiatives grant has also been submitted and other grants are being researched. A Community Initiatives grant has been resubmitted and we will receive a reply by April 1, 2015. Grants are a time consuming exercise, but if successful can aid with projects that would otherwise be unattainable financially for LWAS.

The next board of directors meeting will be held on October 21, 2014 at the train station. At this meeting a 25th Anniversary planning committee will be formed. If you have an interest in participating on this committee, please let us know. We would welcome the added ideas, enthusiasm, and planning capacity. We have confirmed the added attractions of the IHC Chapter 38; and the Provincial Horseshoe Championships will be held during the July, 2015 Annual Exposition. Entertainment still needs to be finalized and other events discussed. We want this to be a celebration to remember!

Just a reminder that if you are a Lifetime Member and receive your newsletter by standard mail, not email you need to pay the \$10 yearly fee to continue to receive the newsletter.

November 1, 2014

6:00 p.m. in the Hooper Building

Fall Social and Dessert Night/Volunteer Appreciation

Entertainment provided by: "Ron & Friends"

Beverages and Pies provided by LWAS

50/50, Door Prizes

Antique Tractors for Sale from the Dallas Arnholtz Collection



1948 Waterloo, gas engine, PTO, hydraulics,
always stored under cover - \$2,300

1950 Minneapolis Moline M5, Diesel,
approx. 60 hp.; 10 speed transmission; PTO,
hydraulics, stored under cover; would be
good pull tractor - \$2,300



Approximately 1950 -
Long Model A (rare); gas
engine approximately 30
hp.; PTO; always stored
under cover - \$2,300

Parts Tractors: 44 Massey; 44 – 6 cylinder Massey; 44 Special Massey; 44 High – wheeler, row
crop Massey.

Contact: Dallas Arnholtz at: 780-387-4378

September 14, 2014 – Provincial Tractor Pull Championships



Don Tauber- Farmall Super M
Wes Lester – Sled Operator

Russ Langston – International
WD9

Wes Lester – Sled Operator



Slow Race Winners

#1-Howard Hildebrandt – Case 350

#2-Jim Carter – John Deere 50

#3-Bernie Briggs - Oliver in
background

Provincial Tractor Pull Championships

September 14, 2014

WINNERS SHEET		Sep-14				
Vintage Bantam						
89	Terry Dietrich	Cockshutt 30	166.45	161.38	327.83	3990
46	Elmer Prochnau	Oliver 70	151.77	140.16	291.93	3930
29	Duane Olson	Oliver 70	125.76	138.82	264.58	3960
Bantam						
98	Hal Lougheed	Oliver 550	181.30	152.20	333.50	3990
96	Jim Carter	Oliver 550	178.34	148.97	327.31	3930
46	Howard Hildebrant	Case 350	157.15	166.49	323.64	3990
CLASS 1						
68	Jim Carter	John Deere 50	204.29	188.60	392.89	4990
26	Lyle Kause	John Deere Model B	192.74	195.86	388.60	4990
20	Boris Heshka	1950 Rockol "98"	181.64	199.95	381.59	4990
CLASS 2						
109	Len Aucoin	Oliver 880	179.42	164.77	344.19	5990
56	Ron Barker	1949 John Deere Model D	177.50	165.93	343.43	5990
88	Ken Wood	Farmall Super M	160.50	160.34	320.84	5950
CLASS 3						
105	Ken Wood	Farmall Super M	191.06	196.20	387.26	6990
51	Ron Barker	1939 John Deere Model D	184.51	197.12	381.63	6950
52	Howard Hildebrant	Case 800 1958	185.59	193.12	378.71	6930

CLASS 4						
40	Russ Langston	1956 International 600	191.74	152.72	344.46	8440
18	Howard Fleming	1954 Minneapolis	158.53	159.10	317.63	8380
38	Russ Langston	1949 International WD-9	163.78	140.47	304.25	8460
CLASS 5						
21	Bob McKell	Case 900 Diesel	153.43	160.25	313.68	9980
44	Bob McKell	Case 900 Propane	140.40	150.44	290.84	9960
24	Aurele Duperon	660 international	140.40	145.81	286.21	9880
CLASS 6						
37	Russ Langston	660 International	209.42	155.30	364.72	11990
70	Bernie Briggs	Oliver 995	161.83	158.13	319.96	11990
63	Terry Hanlon	Massey Ferguson 98	156.79	160.46	317.25	11990

