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LIVING THE PAST FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

President's Comments: Keith Evenson

Another summer is upon us and time to get ready to put on another two day show on July 28 and 29. With good weather we are hoping to put on more old time demonstrations.

More volunteers are needed. Some programs will be overlapping so people could go from demonstration to demonstration as they see fit.

People movers will have to be specially arranged, more buildings will be open with various displays.

We have been working on getting more sponsors in the coming months. Advertising is another area being worked on and with the updated website, should help a lot.

With a fair amount of rain lately the grounds look in good shape.

The big Toro mower has developed a serious problem, possible broken crankshaft or sheared flywheel bolts; sounds like a winter project.

Hope to see as many out as possible for our July 28 and 29 programs.

Enjoy the summer and be safe.

Upcoming Major Events

July 28 & 29

“Leduc West Antique Exposition”

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Featuring: Odd & Unusual

September 15

“Country Harvest”

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May 25, 2013

Swap Meet & Tractor Pull

July 27 & 28, 2013

23rd Annual Exposition

Featuring International Harvester

September 14, 2013

Fall Harvest & Tractor Pull

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A VERY QUICK LETTER FROM THE EDITOR – Pam Bakker

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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Gary Fjellgaard is coming to Leduc West Antique Society on July 28, 2012. He will be performing live in the Hooper Bldg on Saturday evening. Tickets will be on sale all day Saturday throughout the show site for \$20.

We have gone modern; check out the new bathroom facilities on the north side of the service station.

Marilynn is still in need of volunteers to help with the concessions. This is a fantastic way to meet the visitors to LWAS by doing a shift in one of the concessions. Your availability and times can be accommodated, just ask.



OUT OF THE OFFICE WINDOW- Pam Bakker

As I look out of the office window of the second floor of the train station I see beautiful trees, green grass and a myriad of volunteers busily preparing for our upcoming Annual Exposition. There are still many tasks that need to be accomplished by July 28 when the 22nd Annual Exposition opens its gates to visitors.

Thank you to the members that have stopped by the office and introduced yourselves and have graciously offered your support. Thank you to Ray for the fax and calculator, they showed up on a day that I needed to use them.

The board made a decision to move ahead with the development of a new and updated website. The old site was created over a decade ago and was well done, but technology allows us to enter videos and blogs which the old site did not allow us to do. It will be going "live" within the next couple of weeks, so keep checking on www.leducwestantique.com there is a blog on there that will be updated frequently to keep the public and members informed.

We are working on getting our membership list updated with current addresses and emails. If you know of another member that has moved or no longer wishes to be a member, or do not want to be active any longer, please contact the office so that they can be updated or removed from the list. The office number is: 780-986-5912. Please leave a message if I am not there. We currently have a total of 241 yearly and lifetime members combined.

So far this summer we have had two weddings and a school tour. These are fun events even for the volunteers that participate, but a lot of work to prepare for these events. Thank you to the volunteers that acted as interpreters for the school tour. Without you these events are impossible. They are a source of revenue for LWAS, so your time is appreciated. One of the weddings was held in the gazebo, what a beautiful setting it was. The guests were gracious and complimented us on the beautiful site.

In order to prepare for the events we found it necessary to hire MaidPro to do a thorough cleaning of the church, school, and Ohrn home. The ladies that have done such an outstanding job in the past were unavailable to carry out the cleaning this year.

I am finding that the more time that I spend in the office at LWAS, I understand what the founders of LWAS were trying to accomplish. Our motto is: "Living the Past for Future Generations". This is an element that is missing in our fast paced click a button society. When you are out at the site, just stop for a moment and contemplate how each tree had to be planted, pruned, and watered, how each building had to be moved and restored to its present condition. Maintenance of what has been acquired is a vital part of maintaining our heritage. I am awe of what those that came before me have accomplished. I just want to say thank you.

We will be missing a few of our key volunteers at the show this year. I was trained last year by "Jean the Queen of Latrines" and will be trying to fill her boots this year. She did a wonderful job for so many years, and will be missed this year, but look for her to be back in 2013.

I look forward to meeting many more of our amazing members at the show. See you there!

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Edmonton Power Historical Foundation working to prepare for the Annual Exposition.

On behalf of the Leduc West Antique Society

We look forward to seeing you at all

Our upcoming events!



Here is What Happened – Pam Bakker

May 8, 2012 – Executive Meeting Highlights

- LWAS members volunteer at the Black Gold Rodeo in exchange for members from rodeo to help service Saturday night dinner.
- County of Leduc will be holding an Anniversary Celebration at LWAS on July 26, 2013.

May 22, 2012 – Executive Meeting Highlights

- Industrial NetMedia Inc. is contracted to develop new website.

June 12, 2012 – Executive Meeting Highlights

- MaidPro is contracted to clean Ohrn home, school, and church.
- Ritchie Bros. donates \$500

June 16, 2012- Executive Meeting Highlights

- Pat's Concrete is contracted to install cement floor on both east and west side of new club building.
- Partitions will be installed in the service station to complete the bathrooms

2012 Exposition Contact Persons

- Treasurer – Ron Bodnar
- Secretary – Pam Bakker
- Main Gate – Dallas Arnholtz
- North Gate – Howard Lengert
- People Movers – Tom Makepeace
- Concession – Marilyn Saramaga
- Latrines – Pam Bakker
- Sawmill – Elmer Shukalek
- Plowing – Keith Evenson
- Barrel Train – Josh Bakker
- Kids Tractor Pull – Ken Wilson
- Ohrn Home – Verna Larson & Vi Coates
- Vendors – Ron Bodnar
- Ticket Sales – Mike Dobko
- Church Service – Jake Lange
- School – Gwendlyn Ross
- Parade Marshall :
Cars: Howard Lengert
Tractors: Bob McKell

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