

THE IGNITER NEWSLETTER

January 2015

Upcoming Events

- **February 28, 2015**

Annual General Meeting

Potluck Supper

6:00 p.m. in the Hooper Building

- **May 23, 2015**

Tractor Pull & Swap Meet

- **July 25 & 26, 2015**

25th Annual Exposition

25th Anniversary

Featuring: Western Canadian IHC Chapter 38

Entertainment: Peter & Mary

- **September 12, 2015**

Fall Harvest & Tractor Pull



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Five CPR cars have begun to be moved to L.W.A.S. The box car has arrived and will be soon joined by a flat car, snow plow, and two Jordan spreaders. Thank you to McConnell Movers!

Living the Past for Future Generations

YOUR 2014 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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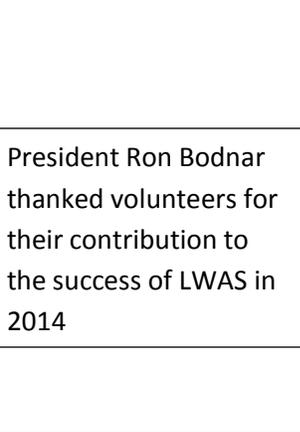
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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

PAM BAKKER



Richard & Rose Marie Homik cut a strip on the dance floor during the Volunteer Appreciation Dessert Night



President Ron Bodnar thanked volunteers for their contribution to the success of LWAS in 2014



"Ron & Friends" supplied the music for the evening.

Life
always offers you
a second chance.
It's called tomorrow.

- Deep Inside Me.

Did you know???

Alberta tax laws are highly advantageous when it comes to charitable giving. There is a huge tax advantage in Alberta compared to other provinces. After the first \$200 charitable donations are tax deductible by fifty percent. This may not make a difference to the wealthy philanthropists who are willing to give millions of dollars, but for middle-class donors this makes a huge difference. Charities are held to a different standard by the public than for-profit companies. There is a high level of financial accountability. Religious causes account for 40 per cent of Alberta's charitable giving. There is a need to reach out to the 40-to 60-year olds, a group that relates to charities in different ways and has different expectations of them.

Note from your President

It seems that just a short while ago (12 months) we were talking about our accomplishments for the past year and here we are today doing the same thing about 2014.

The last year, I believe, was indeed a very good year for Leduc west Antique Society. I would like to thank everyone who has contributed time, effort and money to LWAS this past year. Without your help, progress on the Site would be very limited. As always, we were able to complete some projects and we did not finish others, I guess that's why we have to get back and carry on in 2015.

Our big step forward in 2014 was the appointment of Pam Bakker as Operations Director, a paid position, where she is able to commit time and effort to furthering the development and operation of LWAS. I believe that LWAS had to look ahead and ask ourselves, "where are we going and how are we going to get there". We must remember that the days of "many" volunteers are all but gone, and the dedicated few that are part of the Executive and Management Team have other commitments, most that are more important than LWAS.

LWAS must be run as a business, we have direct expense of some \$18,000.00 for light, power, water, fuel, insurance and maintenance, without unforeseen cost that come up unexpectedly. Now we have added the expense of the Operations Director, putting our cost of operation at about \$42,000.00 per year. That's a lot of money for an organization that has little monthly income and relies on Bingo, Casino, Hall Rental, Site Rental, Show Sponsors, July Expo Income and a Donation from Leduc County to cover this sum.

We (the LWAS Executive) have done an Income forecast going forward for the next few years and feel we are within budget.

Moving forward, LWAS has committed to a joint venture of our 2015 25th Anniversary July Expo with Chapter 38 of the International Harvester Collectors Group, meaning we could have an addition 100-150 pieces of equipment (trucks, tractors, small engines) on display/parade.

Our Anniversary Committee, the IHC Group, and Leduc County have had several meetings to move things along. We are working towards this being a real hit of an Expo. Again, we will need a great many volunteers for the usual set-up and running of the show.

Our AGM is just weeks away, we have a full list of candidates to fill the Executive positions, but, should any of you out there feel you want to be part of the leadership group of LWAS, please feel free to put your name forward.

We will see you at the AGM, thank you, President, Ron Bodnar

Here is What Happened by: Pam Bakker – Meeting Highlights

September, 2014 – Meeting Highlights

- Handyman contacted and approved to do repairs on Modeller's Building, Ohrn Home, and Hooper Building roof leaks
- Shirley Richter donates a 1928 John Deere D and a 1949 John Deer AR

October, 2014 – Meeting Highlights

- 25th Anniversary Planning Committee formed, members from Leduc County, IHC Chapter 38, LWAS board members, and members at large will make up the committee
- Logs are needed for the sawmill

November, 2014 - Meeting Highlights

- Harrow cart donated by Sandra & Joanne Melin
- \$1,000 is approved to be used by the IHC Chapter 38 for advertising for the 2015 Exposition
- Eavestroughing on train station to be replaced

December, 2014 – Meeting Highlights

- 1955 T5 International crawler donated by Mr. Hiller
- Discussion of donation of unique tobacco barn discussed

January, 2015 – Meeting Highlights

- Enabling Accessibility Grant approved
- Boat motor donated by Al Laars
- Boxcar arrives at LWAS
- Killam Chamber of Commerce requests use of barrel train for event in June
- Model A will be used by the Leduc & District Chamber of Commerce for their Gala
- Peter & Mary contracted for 25th Anniversary – Annual Exposition concert in Hooper Building

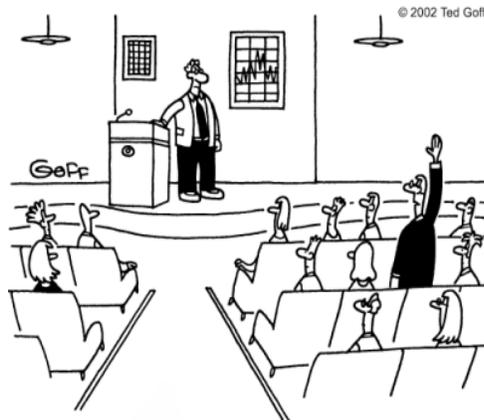
February 28, 2015

**Annual General
Meeting of the Leduc
West Antique Society**

Hooper Building

6:00 Potluck Supper

7:00 AGM



"Could we extend the annual meeting? I still have a lot of complaining to do!"

**Vote for:
Two Directors
Executive Positions of
President, Vice-
President, Secretary, &
Treasurer**

Out of the Office Window – Pam Bakker

At the beginning of a New Year there is always a time of reflection of what was done or what could have been done better and of anticipation of fresh ideas and new projects. 2015 is already promising to be a year of new beginnings and growth. The 25th Anniversary of LWAS will be celebrated in conjunction with the 25th Annual Exposition on July 25th and 26th, 2015. The Saturday evening entertainment will be: Peter and Mary, the feature will be the Western Canadian IHC Chapter 38 who are expecting upwards of 100 IHC trucks, tractors, and other IHC related equipment for exhibit from as far away as Ontario. There will be a special commemorative program along with a longer parade and added exhibits. The 25th Anniversary Committee has been meeting once per month to plan a memorable event.

The Enabling Accessibility Grant that was applied for in September 2014 has been approved. LWAS will be receiving \$20,564 from the Federal Government and will be matched by LWAS funds in the amount of \$11,073.78. The funds will be used to upgrade the entrance doors to the Hooper Building, the sidewalk leading to the west main entrance doors will be poured concrete replacing the wooden boardwalk and a concrete pad will replace the wooden sidewalks on the north side of the Hooper Building. These changes will greatly enhance safety and provide ease of maintenance in all seasons.

We presently are awaiting the results of two other additional grant applications. With each funding from outside sources, LWAS has to match with in house funds. This is a delicate balancing act, but necessary in order to acquire additional funding for maintenance and future projects.

On February 20 – 22, 2015 the LWAS Model A will be displayed in the foyer of the Royal Executive Inn in Nisku, AB. The car will be part of a “Roaring 20’s” Gala hosted by the Leduc & District Chamber of Commerce. As attendees enter the ballroom their picture will be taken in front of the LWAS Model A. This is an excellent opportunity to promote LWAS and showcase one of the interesting vehicles that have been donated. In recognition of the contribution to this event LWAS will be listed as a Bronze Sponsor. This particular event will only give LWAS promotional exposure but, there is an opportunity to explore renting out items from the LWAS inventory, this will add another facet for added income.

Membership to the LWAS has been declining but you do not need to be a member to volunteer. We currently have: 217 Total; 34 members that receive their newsletter by mail, 78 e-mails, and 105 inactive members.

Annual Memberships and Annual Newsletter fees are now due. If you are a lifetime member and wish to receive this newsletter by mail you need to remit \$10 annually. If your membership is an annual membership it is now due.

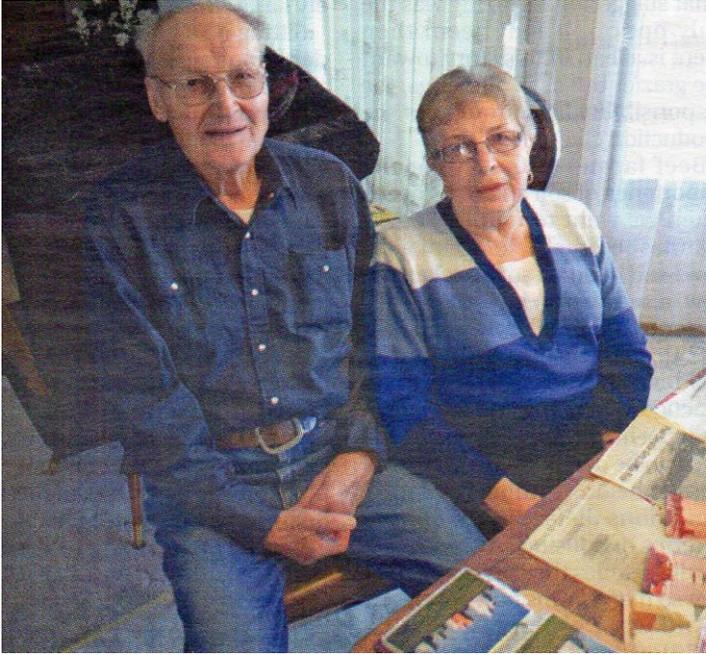
You never know how boring your life is until someone asks you what you do for fun. The cure for this boring life might be to volunteer. This is the 25th Anniversary for LWAS and we are anticipating larger than normal crowds. There will be extra volunteers needed in all areas. If you aren’t sure of what you could do, just contact the office and I am sure that there will be an area that could use your valuable time.

Happy Valentine’s Day

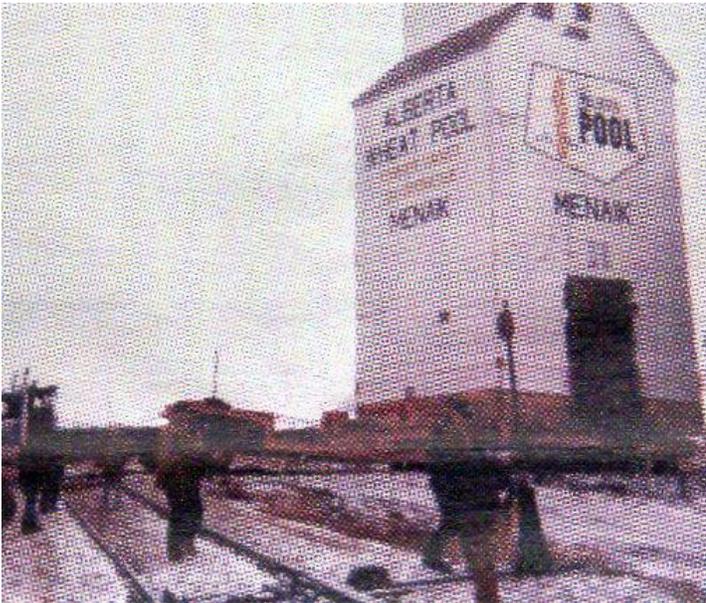


Prairie Icons Disappearing

Credit: Alberta Farmer by Johnnie Bachusky - January 19, 2015



Leduc West Antique Society lifetime members **Bernard & Irma Lentz** look over old newspaper articles from 1978 when they moved the **Menaik grain elevator** to their former farm. Bernard purchased the elevator for \$400 and paid \$10,000 to have a Red Deer contractor move the 66 foot high, 108 ton elevator five kilometers to his farm. Bernard sought to preserve the 30,000 bushel elevator built in 1922. The present owner of the previous Lentz property is seeking a demolition company to tear down the rapidly deteriorating elevator. Once the structure is moved they no longer are eligible for provincial heritage funding. The Lacombe & District Historical Society does not have space to put it. Faced with the reality of demolition Bernard is left to mourn the end of an era. "It's change, change in the way we farm and elevators are not used anymore."



Moving day for the Menaik elevator in March 1978. It took movers three hours to transport the structure five kilometers.



The Lentz's sold their farm in 1997 and the elevator was only used for two years after.

The Leduc West Antique Society has been offered an elevator as a donation, but the cost of preserving these prairie sentinels is expensive. For the Leduc West Antique Society to consider accepting a large structure such as this we would require a private benefactor. The board of directors is always open to expansion, but it always comes down to funding for the move and restoration and preservation once it is on site.

