

THE IGNITER NEWSLETTER

May 2014

Upcoming Events

- **May 24, 2014**

Swap Meet & Tractor Pull

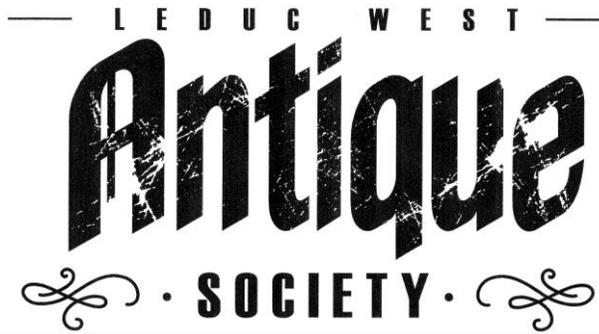
- **July 26 & 27, 2014**

24th Annual Exposition

Featuring: Allis-Chalmers

- **September 13, 2014**

**Fall Harvest & Provincial
Tractor Pull
Championships**



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Ron Bodnar, Robert McKell, and Howard Lengert are working diligently to get the upgrades done for the new concession in the Founder's Building. This will ensure that the new upgrades will meet all requirements.



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YOUR 2013 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

PAM BAKKER



The Edmonton Power Historical Foundation is working on the #10 Rossdale Turbine display. They are ready to move the upper section of the generator structure outside and place it on the sidewalls on the concrete pad. (Pictured above) The end sections have been fabricated and will be installed after the upper section is secured to the sidewalls. (Pictured below)



Notes From the Chair

By Ron Bodnar

Since our last Ignitor, the snow has gone, the grass is growing, the trees are budding, spring must be here and, yes, we did spray for dandelions last fall so there should be less than last year. We intend to do some regular weed spraying to control unwanted growth (fox tail).

I welcome those persons who let their names stand for the 2014 Board of Directors. We meet monthly so it is a sacrifice of one's free time, we hope a good cause. I'd like to say we have a good competent Board of Directors to guide us through 2014.

At the February, 2014 AGM, we passed a motion to proceed with a new Executive Administrative Director (EAD) position. We have applied for a grant to offset part (50% of the position and though we have not received any grant monies, the Board felt we should proceed with the position as soon as possible so that LWAS can move forward in a orderly manner.

Therefore, as of May 1, 2014, Pam Bakker has resigned her position as Treasurer on the Board of Directors and has become our new EAD. We thank her for her interest in LWAS and believe that she will do an excellent job.

The position of Treasurer has been taken over by Marilyn Saramaga. We have a vacancy on the Board of Directors and hope to fill that soon by an Executive Appointment.

Again with reference to the AGM, we talked about a new concession facility in the 'Founder's Building'. As of now, we have a new building in the north east corner of the building and though it will not be ready for the May 24th Swap Meet and Pull, it will be up and running for the July Annual Exposition.

Speaking of the July show, we are in the planning stages of it and should have events listed (including a major show event on Saturday evening) and posters available very soon.

We have had a major undertaking for LWAS. To this date, we have not had a Policy Manual or Policy Statements as to the planning, governance, financial limitations/commitments or any sort of formal paperwork for the Society. Thanks to Pam Bakker, Howard Lengert, Rick Loose, and Marilyn Saramaga, we currently have a preliminary draft of such a document. We can be sure that as we move along we will find faults with such a document but you have to start somewhere.

We have done some maintenance work on the Tractor Sled and will put it to the test on May 24th.

The Edmonton Power Historical Foundation group continues to construct the very impressive outdoor exhibit of the Steam Turbine and Housing.

Our lawn mower maintenance program is in check and all mowers are ready to go when the grass gets long enough to get its first trim.

We continue to work Bingos and our facility rental for weddings and photos is doing well. We will be volunteering at the Leduc Black Gold Rodeo at the end of the month. Other than that, not much new is happening at LWAS! If you feel you would like to help us with some day to day stuff, please come forward, any help is great, even for a day.

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

February 11, 2014 – Meeting Highlights

- Founder's Building Concession upgrade permits approved
- Financial Statement audit completed by Richard Homik and Wally Kiriak
- Board confirms bookings will be received for 2015 in the Hooper Building
- Campground and RV parking is considered as additional revenue source for LWAS
- International Truck Club discusses placing exhibit in Service Building

March 11, 2014 – Meeting Highlights

- Approval given to Industrial NetMedia for upgrade to LWAS website blog to produce newsletters in future
- Grant application to the Community Initiative Program for a paid EAD Position submitted
- New members to LWAS: Dennis, Anita & Nadine Morawski, Marjorie & Shane Michalenko, and Ted Draeger
- Howard Lengert given approval to take the 1979 Cadillac on the 2017 Cross Canada Tour pulling a trailer
- Seven members of the LWAS Board of Directors: Ron Bodnar, Pam Bakker, Keith Evenson, Howard Lengert, Rick Loose, Marilyn Saramaga, and Ann Grabatin participate in a Board governance workshop

April 8, 2014 Meeting Highlights

- President – Darald Marin, Vice-President – Gary Algot, and Director – Bernie Yakimyshyn from the Western Canada IHC Chapter 38 attend LWAS Board meeting to give presentation for the 2015 – 25th Anniversary Celebration in conjunction with the Annual Exposition. They are accepted as the feature exhibit during the Exposition in 2015.
- Pam Bakker will begin as Executive Director on May 1, 2014.
- Replacement of the brown tourist highway signs to the updated blue version are approved
- The policy committee presents policies for approval
- Donation of trunk from Carol Yakimec accepted
- \$2800.00 repairs are done to tractor pull sled

Out of the Office Window – Pam Bakker

The Leduc West Antique Society is in a period of transition; the public and members will witness many positive changes within the next year, most visibly with the addition of a Facebook page, new newsletter format, and upgraded concession in the Founder's Building, and new working policies and bylaws.

The website has been updated with new technology to allow the newsletter to be produced from the blogs. This will indeed save time producing the newsletter with the added bonus of a new format. The next newsletter will be in this new format.

Seven members of the board of directors attended a board policy and governance workshop in March which will enable the board of directors to move towards a governance board and away from an implementation board. The seven members worked hard at analyzing how the governance portion of the LWAS can be done more efficiently and develop a vision for LWAS to carry us forward into the future.

The policy committee is working on developing policies to help govern the Society more effectively. The Society does not presently have policies in place and the new policies will aid the board of directors to govern. Within the next few months the bylaws will be updated to work hand in hand with the policies so that when new board members and volunteers join LWAS they will have guidelines of what is expected. The policies will outline how funds are authorized for expenditure, job descriptions for each board and staff member, how board decisions are made and implemented, and communication with the members.

Planning is under way for the 25th Anniversary celebration of LWAS which will be held in conjunction with the Annual Exposition in 2015. The Western Canada IHC Chapter 38 will be featured in the Anniversary Celebration and will participate on the planning committee. We welcome members that would like to become involved with the planning of this event by participating on the committee. This is your opportunity to influence the aspects of the Anniversary celebration. There are lots of suggestions that come forward to the board of directors but to satisfy each suggestion or direction requires someone to volunteer to undertake the task. This is your opportunity to become involved. The 2015 Anniversary planning committee will end after the event but we are looking for members to sit on the standing committees of finance and event planning.

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

I look forward to my new role at LWAS and helping to create the vision for the future of LWAS.

Auction – June 7, 2014 – 10:00 a.m.

Ken & Edna Wilson



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Auction posters available 1 month prior to
sale date.

There will be a number of Antique tractors and parts for sale, 2 riding lawn mowers, hand tools, power tools, large air compressors, numerous pull type garden equipment, motor cycle trailer, snow blower, antique piano (Bell Sr33545) antique furniture, house hold furniture and appliances, H.D. car hauler T/A (7000 lb axles) 1999 GMC ¾ ton SB 454 (7.4 ltr) truck; 250,000 km and too many more items to list.

Directions to site: Blue County sign is: 20001 Twp Rd 462A

- From Hwy 771 @ RR20 (Pigeon Lake Provincial Park Rd) south 6.0 km, across from (Blue) Battle Lake Park sign.
- OR From Junction 771 and Hwy 13 go west 1.6 km to RR14; quick left turn (west), go 3.5 km around bend, shop and house are on left hand side of road. (Blue grey color with white trim)
- OR From Junction Hwy 2 (QE II) 29.5 km west on Hwy 13 to RR 14; quick left turn (west) 3.5 km around bend, shop and house of left side of road.

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