

THE IGNITER NEWSLETTER

September 2015

Upcoming Events

- **September 12, 2015**

Fall Harvest & Tractor Pull

- **February 27, 2016**

Annual General Meeting

- **May 21, 2016**

Tractor Pull & Swap Meet

- **July 23 & 24, 2016**

26th Annual Exposition

- **September 10, 2016**

Fall Harvest & Tractor Pull



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The entrance to the Society received a facelift for the 25th Anniversary Celebration. The sign is now visible and the entrance is welcoming for visitors.

Thank you to donor Vince Fonteyne for this restored 1970 C900 Thibault Fire Truck.

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ON APRIL 25 & 26, 2015 THE LEDUC WEST ANTIQUE SOCIETY PARTICIPATED IN THE LEDUC TRADE EXPO. THANK YOU TO TERRY HANLON FOR SAFELY TRANSPORTING THE MODEL A TO THE REC CENTRE AND BACK, MARILYNN SARAMAGA, ANN GRABATIN, RICK LOOSE, JIM MCCONNELL, & HARVEY BAKKER FOR HELPING TO PROMOTE UPCOMING EVENTS AT L.W.A.S.



IN FEBRUARY THE MODEL A SPENT THE WEEKEND IN THE ROYAL EXECUTIVE INN LOBBY IN NISKU, AB. THE MODEL A TOOK CENTER STAGE FOR THE LEDUC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AWARDS GALA.

LIFE IS LIKE A MOVIE

IF YOU ARE SAD - DRAMA

IF YOU ARE AFRAID - SUSPENSE

IF YOU ARE ANGRY - ACTION

WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE MIRROR - HORROR

NOW YOU ARE - THAT'S SMILING COMEDY

Note from your President

Summer of 2015 is all but gone and at our LWAS Site, a tremendous amount of work and improvement has taken place. Thanks to many dedicated people, we cleaned up and removed considerable amount of items, scrape and whatever from to grounds. During our July Show we received many comments as to what has been done.

Thanks to our fellow Director and Member, Jim McConnel, we now have several pieces of Canadian Pacific Railroad stock that was donated to LWAS many years ago that sat on their tracks at Ireton just west of Leduc. Years ago I had contacted several large crane companies, oilfield moving firms about moving the items to our place; price and road conditions always seemed to be the obstacle. Thanks to Jim and his crew the items are in place and well displayed on our section of LWAS Railway. There is still some work to be done on the track as well as the equipment and that will be done in the future.

Again, as it seems is normal for our July Expo, the 'Rain Gods' were against us and this year posed an even greater challenge. We had the Local Chapter 38 of the International Harvesters Collectors Club join us for our Show and the Show had to go on, rain or shine.

Thanks to the County of Leduc that supplied a Grader and Operator to take care of our Pull/Parade Track, we were able to salvage the weekend with the tractor pulls and the parade going on as planned. With a huge effort by our Operations Director, Pam Bakker, the Anniversary Planning Committee and a long list of Volunteers, the weekend was a huge success.

Financially, LWAS is in a very good position. We have several projects, namely the Service Building that needs finishing and will be looking into getting estimates as to what that may cost and applying for an Alberta Government Grant to help us. There are several smaller projects that could be done, material costs are not that large but finding someone to do them is a bit of a challenge.

We keep getting calls for donation of equipment and items for our site, but accepting inventory without having a proper place to store, maintain or display them proves to be a factor.

As always, the Edmonton Power Historical Society group keep working on their impressive display of power generating equipment and it distribution. LWAS thanks them for assembling their equipment at our site.

We have our Fall Harvest and Tractor Pull coming up shortly after which I am sure our volunteers will welcome a bit of a break.

Thank you, Ron Bodnar, President

Bingo Report

Bingo 2015 is progressing and we are now into our eighth or ninth on of the year. Volunteers are hard to find, it seems that on Saturday and Sunday, most people have other things to do but work bingos. We are committed to host bingos as we are part of the Leduc Rapid Bingo Association.

We have a 'core group' that are regulars and it would be better if we could get a few more names. We don't get much money from bingos, not like we did in the past. We are netting about \$350-\$450 per bingo, not a lot when you consider the time needed to run them, almost 5 hours from leaving home to getting home.

I've said many times, that if we could getting enough money together to buy ourselves enough interest to earn \$4000.00 per year, the amount we might net in a year of bingos, so we could quit doing them. Would someone in our Club lend a Term Deposit to LWAS with the funds going to LWAS?

The next bingo dates are September 3, September 19, November 24,

If you have some spare time and would like to help the bingo crew, please call me or Robert McKell.

Thank you, Ron Bodnar

Here is What Happened by: Pam Bakker

March, 2015 - Meeting Highlights

- Global Country will supply live music to entertain in the gazebo during the 25th Anniversary
- Lighting will be installed in the Service Building

April, 2015 – Meeting Highlights

- The Leduc West Antique Society will have a booth in the Trade Expo in Leduc on April 25th & 26th, 2015
- A grant will be applied for to provide funding to begin to construct a permanent seasonal campground open to the public to help provide income for LWAS in the future.
- Signs will be ordered and installed with the names of the buildings at LWAS
- LWAS volunteers will once again provide assistance with the Leduc Black Gold Rodeo in exchange for assistance with the Annual Exposition.
- Stairs, rails, and a walkway will be built for access into the CP Rail boxcar so that displays can be permanently placed inside.
- The tractor pulls will move into the corral

May, 2015 – Meeting Highlights

- 1970 Ford C900 Thibault Fire Engine accepted into the LWAS collection
- A 12X24 structure will be moved in to display the Horse Trade Mill to make more room in the Truck Museum

June, 2015 – Meeting Highlights

- Stairs will be built for a safe entrance into the new displays to be put in the CPR Box Car
- A benefactor has come forward wishing to provide the funding to erect a building on site

July, 2015 – Meeting Highlights

- Pizzas will be baked in the clay oven in addition to cinnamon buns during events
- Maday Home has been cleaned and refurbished for opening during Annual Exposition
- Leduc County will park two graders on the LWAS site

August, 2015 – Meeting Highlights

- The threshing machine that is usually placed along Highway 2 cannot be placed there any longer due to regulations, so it will be placed along Highway #39 on Jake & Alma Lange's property.
- A combination dinner/show ticket in the Hooper Building for the 2016 Annual Exposition is being researched.
- Feedback from the 25th Anniversary and Exposition is positive

OUT OF THE OFFICE WINDOW – PAM BAKKER

Congratulations to all of the volunteers that were a part of the 25th Annual Exposition celebrating 25 years! A record 120 tractors entered the tractor pulls, approximately 2500 paid visitors entered through the gates, 238 volunteers registered in 28 areas, and the IHC Chapter 38 had the largest participation at their yearly event. Thank you to the IHC Chapter 38 chair Bernie Yakimyshyn and co-chair Gerry Magnan for attending countless meetings and organizing the feature at the Exposition. We are now recording our successes and reflecting on areas that need improvement.

In preparation for the 25th Anniversary some large projects were undertaken and completed for the visitors to enjoy. The front entrance was given a facelift so that it gives the visitor a glimpse of what to expect once they enter through the gates, the Maday home was refurbished and open to visitors for the first time since 2008. The new sidewalks and doors have been installed on the Hooper Building making it easily accessible for those with mobility issues.

Grant applications have been made for landscaping to set display equipment for ease of maintenance and erect signage for the visitors, and for upgrades to buildings. I am always in search for applicable grants that would provide aid to LWAS.

We will not be holding the traditional “Volunteer Appreciation Night” in November. The new volunteer centre was part of the Annual Exposition this year and the comments were very positive. Tim Hortons donated all of the snacks for the centre and volunteers that signed up for a four hour shift were given a food voucher. This was done for the first time and the volunteers appreciated being able to sit down and rest before and after their shifts.

The facility rental for weddings continues to be an integral part of sustainable funding at LWAS. There are five weddings booked in 2016 to date and inquiries are being fielded for 2017.

Our website had 9,684 visitors in July alone. The website continues to be a source of information during events. The Facebook page is continually updated to keep the public informed of what is happening at LWAS.

We have partnered with Leduc County to provide secure storage for two graders which will be parked permanently at LWAS. This partnership will benefit all stakeholders involved.



Thank you to Ray Sampert for donating this fully restored 1925 North Star 10 gallon gas pump. Ray is pictured here with Ted Draeger and Jim McConnell. The gas pump is on display in the foyer of the Hooper Building.

The rebuilt clay oven was once again a hit during the Exposition selling cinnamon buns and pizza. This popular feature will once again be in operation during Fall Harvest.



Thank you to McConnell Building Movers the rail cars are all in place at their new home at LWAS.