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Things Are Happening At Leduc West Antique Society – Ron Bodnar

Club Service Building: We are in contact with a concrete contractor for installation of a floor in the building. We had applied for a Community Enhancement Grant from the Province and have been turned down again. However, with our Casino Funds and a payment from the Edmonton Power Historical Foundation on the Engine Building, plus our reserve from last year, we have enough funds to take care of the project. We hope to have the floor in for the July show and possibly have exhibits in the building. The bathrooms and front rooms will be done later.

Fraser Building: We are working at cleaning up this building so that it can be open for the July show; we have a variety of agricultural equipment that we would like to have on display. We need some help to do this and if you can spare some time, let us know.

Bingos: We continue to work Bingos at the Leduc Rapid Bingo Hall; a Bingo nets us about \$900 per day. Unfortunately, several of our regular volunteers are having knee and hip problems, so our “floor seller” staff is in need of help. Our next bingo dates are: **May 23, at 5 p.m., June 10 at 5 p.m., and July 13 at 11 a.m.** If you can spare **6 hours** to help us, please call Ron @ 780-446-7652.

May 26 Swap Meet and Tractor Pull: Our first event of the year, tractor weigh in starts at 8:00 a.m. and the tractor pulls start at 10:00 a.m. Set up for swap meet starts at 8:00 a.m. Breakfast is served beginning at 7:30 a.m.

June 3, Family Picnic: The Family Picnic will be a bit different this year in that the Edmonton Antique Car Club, which is celebrating its 50th Year in 2012 will arrive at **12:00 noon** with their antique vehicles. After some tire kicking and comparing notes, a Barbeque Beef on a Bun lunch with all the trimmings will be served at around 2:30 p.m. **You must have a Dinner Ticket to enjoy the lunch, tickets are available from Ron: 780-446-7652. Tickets are \$10.00 each and must be purchased by May 30.** After lunch a short program will honor several EACC Charter members. The Edmonton Antique Car Club has supported our functions for a many years, so come out and enjoy the people and their cars.

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A VERY QUICK LETTER FROM THE EDITOR – Pam Bakker

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – Keith Evenson

Another summer is in front of us. Planning for the May Swap Meet, July program, and our windup Harvest Fest has begun. Hopefully, we will have a decent summer.

So far this spring, there is a massive cleanup. The station has been started; the east end of the railroad area has been started by some former railroad people that have returned.

There is a possibility that a siding switch will be installed as well as a rail extension. More buildings are being cleaned and will be open to the public with displays that are being rearranged.

A small scale plowing match is being discussed; hopefully with the 60 Holt down to a 10-20 Titan with a furrow guide, and many other types of equipment.

The caboose observation roof has been repaired; the floor has dried up and is flat again. The grounds and buildings are slowly getting cleaned up. Rain and snow have slowed some areas up. Most areas should be improved by the time of the swap meet and tractor pull. Some ground work and backfilling have been started.

Hope to see as many as possible at the **May 26 Swap Meet and Tractor Pull.**

Dates to remember:

Swap Meet and Tractor Pull: May 26

Shukalek Auction: Saturday June 9 at 10 a.m. – Longtime volunteer Elmer Shukalek is auctioning off his no longer required assortment of tools, tins, and stuff.

June 3: Family Picnic in conjunction with Edmonton Antique Car Club Celebration BBQ

July 28 & 29 – Annual Exposition

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MEET THE SECRETARY – PAM BAKKER

First of all, I would like to thank the previous Secretary, Jennifer Bodnar, for laying the groundwork at LWAS to make the transition an easy one. The secretary works “behind the scenes” to make sure that the paperwork is in order and organized and Jennifer has laid the framework to follow.

The LWAS now has an office. The office is located in the east upper room of the train station which I cleaned out with the help of my family. There is voice mail activated when I am not physically in the office, so when you call the LWAS phone number: 986-5912, I will pick up the message and forward to the appropriate person. The goal is to have all of the paperwork flow out of the main office instead of various people’s homes. We are working on gathering all of the archives and previous records to be sorted and stored in the office.

LWAS has purchased their first computer and printer which is a necessity in 2012. You can reach me by email: leducwestantique@live.ca or any of the other board members, which I can forward onto them.

I am working at bringing the LWAS website into a current updated status, which might mean starting over. The website was written many years ago and the board and I will be seeking professional advice in this respect. The website in its present state is very limited by today’s standards, and will be used to reach a broader audience, increase attendance, keep in touch with members, and let the world know that LWAS is active and welcomes them with open arms.

Representation of LWAS in the community in which it exists is crucial to maintain and grow a first class facility. In this respect I will begin to attend the Leduc Economic Development Authority breakfasts and Leduc Chamber of Commerce luncheons so that LWAS has a visible contact person within the community. There will be a display representing LWAS on August 18 – 19, 2012 at the Leduc #1 Discovery Centre in conjunction with the Historical Construction Association. We will be working closely with the Leduc #1 and Reynolds Museum which are all close geographically, but are very different in nature, but can augment each other in a very positive manner.

The LWAS does not have an accurate catalog of the items that it holds in its inventory. I will begin to document and catalog acquisitions and inventory existing items that are at the LWAS site. We are presently searching out a software program that is simple to use and can be maintained with ease and accuracy.

These are a few of the things that I have been working on at LWAS. I look forward to getting to know more of the LWAS members personally and working with them.

The 2012 board at LWAS is a pleasure to work with. They are a quality group of individuals that are working diligently to move the site forward; they have welcomed new ideas and listened before making decisions that affect the success and financial health of events that are held at LWAS. It is a pleasure to be the Secretary.

It is very costly to produce this newsletter and mail it out, so if you have email and could receive the newsletter electronically, please forward your email address to:

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Edmonton Power Historical Foundation:

The EPHF group has done an excellent job of the “Engine Building” and last year had a concrete pad placed on the south side of the building for a large Turbine Assembly. The area adjacent to their exhibit is being cleaned up.

Site Maintenance:

Our park requires regular maintenance; the grass must be cut, flower garden kept clean, dead branches must be picked up, bleacher boards need to be replaced and painted. If you can volunteer to help out with these chores; or any others, please contact any member of the executive. The LWAS is your club.

You cannot help the poor
By destroying the rich.

You cannot strengthen the weak
By weakening the strong.

You cannot bring about
prosperity by discouraging thrift.

You cannot lift the wage earner
up by pulling the wage payer
down.

You cannot further the
brotherhood of man by inciting
class hatred.

You cannot build character and
courage by taking away people’s
initiative and independence.

You cannot help people
permanently by doing for them,
what they could and should do
for themselves.

-Abraham Lincoln-

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

March 13, 2012 – Executive Meeting Highlights

- 2013 Olds College will be celebrating its Centennial. July 2013 Olds College will be hosting the World Plowing Championship during the week of July 15-21. LWAS has been invited to be a part of this celebration.
- Gary Fjellgaard is going to be holding a concert on Saturday July 28th in the Hooper Bldg. in conjunction with the Annual Exposition. Check out his website: www.fjellgaard.bc.ca
- Linx (Leduc Learning Inclusion Networking Excellence Connect) held a successful fundraiser in the Hooper Bldg. on March 20, 2012

April 10, 2012 – Executive Meeting Highlights

- Members from LWAS will volunteer at the Black Gold Rodeo in exchange for volunteers to help serve supper on July 28th at LWAS
- The old reefer is becoming too unreliable and expensive to operate; the search is on for a replacement
- Items from Allan Comm estate are donated to LWAS
- Caboose roof repaired by Norm Grabatin and Harvey Bakker

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