



# Stettler P & H Elevator Preservation Society Newsletter

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## Message from the President

The volunteers have been working hard and we now have the coal shed almost restored, and the feed mill wall and roof restoration is progressing well. However our largest project (restoring the feed shed) has yet to be tackled. Anyone that could help us even for a few hours would be greatly appreciated by the volunteers. Any time, materials, and cash donations would greatly help with the restoration projects. Come and enjoy the comradeship of the other volunteers and the sense of accomplishment as we see the progress and restoration taking place.



The coal shed painting crew: Lloyd Smith, Craig Hague, Edna Stuart, Joyce and Vic Stuckey, Dave and Donna Fox, Len Ollive, (front row), Sue Mitchell, Norma Leslie, Gert Thieme. Missing: Mary Roy and Stan Eichhorn

## General Meetings

The general meeting of the Stettler P&H Elevator Preservation Society is held the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 at the elevator office. Everyone is welcome.

## Historical Facts

The first recorded shipment of wheat from the prairies occurred in 1876 when R.C. Steele of Toronto travelled to Winnipeg to purchase seed wheat. Although he needed 5000 bushels, he was able to purchase only 857. His purchase was sacked and shipped through a circuitous route south from Winnipeg by steamer on the Red River to Fisher's Landing in Minnesota, where it was taken by rail to Duluth, by boat to Samia and finally by rail to Toronto.

## Alberta Historical Resources Foundation Matching Grant

In June we were awarded a \$10,000 grant to restore part of the grain elevator complex. The grant time-line is 2 years and the society needs to raise the matching amount through donations of money, materials and labour.

### Coffee Stop

The coffee stop continues to be open from 9 – 11 weekdays. Thanks to all who have supported the Coffee Stop



### Garage Sale

The May 13<sup>th</sup> garage sale was a great success making over \$1550.00. Thanks to all those who donated items, bought goods, and helped at the garage sale. Don and Carol Gillespie made a large donation of tools and other items. Their donation definitely made the sale more interesting and successful.



### Bird House Show



Mary Roy, a society member, spent the day of the garage sale exhibiting her collection of birdhouses and sharing her knowledge of local birds.

### Proposed Projects 2006

- Re-build feed mill drive-through doors
- Re-paint coal shed
- Repair and restore feed mill east wall and roof
- Repair feed and fertilizer shed roof, wall and floor
- Design permanent sign for society

### New Show Case

Jim Andersen has once again helped us by building a showcase in the counter. This will help us to better display the various items that we have for sale.

### School Tours

In June over 80 elementary students toured the elevator. Thanks to Edna, Margaret, Craig and Stan for being their guides and showing them where their morning cereal originates from.

### Volunteers

Work bees are held on Saturday mornings and Wednesday evenings weather permitting. Volunteers are needed to do carpentry, serve coffee, bake cookies, do electrical, clean and tidy the office and elevator, mow grass, weed flowers, water flowers, organize displays, etc. For confirmation of a work bee, call Stan at 742-4703.

The coffee stop is open on Saturday mornings. Stop in and have a visit with the volunteers.

### In Memorium

Maurice Smith	Leo Shuckburgh
Hardy Scheler	Werner Krueger
Rudolph Hennel	Earl A. Gibbon
Clarence Blaney	Ken Penosky

### Elevator Map of Alberta

The society has recently purchased a map, the Vanishing Sentinels, created by Jim Pearson from Delia. The map will be displayed in the office.

### Membership Sales

The membership count is now at 64 with 10 Lifetime members and 54 annual 2006 members.

### Membership

Adult - \$20/year

Child - \$2/year

Lifetime - \$150

Circle the type of membership.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to volunteer? \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_