

P & H ELEVATOR PRESERVATION SOCIETY

Christmas 2016

Newsletter

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We Wish You A Merry Christmas And Happy New Year



**P&H Elevator
Christmas Party**

January 7, 2017
Doors open at 6:00 pm
At the Hub
(upstairs in the Stettler Recreation Centre)

For tickets call Joyce at 403-742-3470 or 403-740-3555
Or email StettlerGrainElevator@gmail.com

\$25.00 per person

Everyone Welcome
Bring a Friend

Entertainment is
BJ Smith
Cowboy Poet!

Door Prizes!



Season's Greetings and Many Thanks!

From the P & H Elevator Society Executive

President

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2016 Year in Review

- Successful Christmas Party in January
- Built shelves in basement of office (more shelves required when time and labour are available)
- Set up and operated Stettler Trade Show booth
- Jim Long using his horses and equipment to seed & harvest our 2016 crop
- Pancake breakfast served over 300 friends
- Toured a number of school classes through the Elevator
- Snack-Bar served Alberta Prairie passengers on about 50 train days
- Elevator complex was open for tours 7 days a week from mid-May until early October and on a reduced schedule for the balance of the year
- Stettler Parade entry included the “Little Giant” threshing machine & “The Beast” elevator engine and team of horses with the grain wagon
- Purchased a golf cart to use as a mobile sign informing Alberta Prairie Visitors of the Elevator tours and to assist folks to get over to the Elevator for a tour
- Participated in the Big Valley Steam Days with the “Beast”—Elevator Engine
- Fall Supper with approximately 230 friends



- Travelled to Austin Mb. with the Little Giant & Engine to participate in “Harvesting Hope”. A Guinness World Record was set

when 148 operating threshing machines started at the sound of the horn. 139 machines finished the required time of 15 minutes of operation. The Little Giant was the oldest threshing machine in the show!

- Fall clean-up included a Coal shed bay being cleaned out and shelves being built.

Projects for 2017

- Feed Shed Addition – Unfortunately we were not able to start construction in 2016 due to not receiving engineered drawings in time for summer time building. We definitely plan to start in early 2017. Our fund raising campaigns were less successful than we had hoped for, and our revenue from the Snack-Bar was down despite the determined efforts and hard work of the ladies. We have about two-thirds of the funds to meet the contracted price. However we will proceed and feel we can have a heated building that can be used year round albeit not in a finished state. We plan to complete the finishing as we are able. To comply with a grant requirement we have to supply a designated amount of labor, supply equipment etc. Anyone that could help us meet these conditions --- please talk to us.
- Displays—We are working on more self-interpretative models to help visitors learn and understand Western Canadian Agriculture, past and present. We are having more visitors from other countries.
- Sunshine Combine—Until a person has restored a machine like a combine it is hard to comprehend the number of: pieces, nuts & bolts that have to be individually taken apart, cleaned, repaired, painted and reassembled. However progress is slowly being made with the engine, header, and

elevator system now restored. Would anyone like to help with this project?

- Numerous other restoration and small tasks are waiting to be completed. Please talk to us if you are interested in helping. We may have a task that would be interesting and satisfying to you, knowing that you are helping to preserve our heritage and history.

Thank you

It is the festive season again and marks the end of our 11th year. We want to thank each of you that helped us over the past year, all those that purchased memberships, donated time, money and other items. We will strive to make you proud to be associated with this project. Because of you, we are preserving an important part of our heritage and a prairie icon for present and future generations.

May the miracle of Christmas fill you and your loved ones with inspiration, hope and joy. Our faithful volunteers have worked very hard over the past year and deserve a very heart felt "Thank you".

Snack Bar Mary Ann Bull, Susan Mitchell, Ethel Howlett, Kay Andersen, Chris

Shewchuck, Joyce Gordon, Janet Whittaker, Jane Doan, Enid Andersen, Karen Collins, Jennifer Taylor, Angela Vanderburg

Tour Guides - Craig Hague, Les Howlett, Oliver Bull, Dave McCourt, Angela Vanderburg

Coffee Stop Craig Hague, Elaine Scheerschmidt, Virginia Nielsen, Judy Robinson, Vic & Joyce Stuckey, Dale & Donna Chapman

Other Friends

- a) Jim Long for providing the team of horses for the parade and teamster—Dave Perrin. Jim for seeding and cutting the grain— with the binder, (our 2016 crop).
- b) John DeVos and Parrish & Heimbecker Ltd. for providing financial support for our trip with the " Little Giant & Engine " to Austin Manitoba to help set a Guinness World Record.

Angela Vanderburg – our summer student was busy with many different tasks. She became our friendly hot rod golf cart driver. We thank her for her dedicated efforts and hard work.

Annual Membership

2017 memberships are appreciated

P & H Elevator Society
Box 1437, Stettler, AB. T0C 2L0
Membership 2017
Annual - \$20.00, Lifetime - \$150.00

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Alberta Prairie's # 41 working hard on a cool morning. An Image "Ye Old Elevator" witnessed many times.



In Memorial



Jim Baugh
Clarence Blaney
Bill Chapman
Mae Dempsey
Werner Kruger
Rudolph Hennel
Lydia Scheersmidt
Ken Penosky
Maurice Smith
Hardy Scheller
Rod Walstrom
Morris Turville
John Baird
Gerald Tobin
Vivian Aldcorn
Jim Andersen
Hugh Charles

Ken Bauman
John Kvill
Glenn Nixon
Jack Groat
John Anderson
Chris Fischer
Rick Smith
Steve Gordon
Dale Handyside
Rex Shuckburgh
Phyllis Hague
Kay Scheerschmidt
Coy McKay
Len Watson
Jim Scheerschmidt
Walter Treherne
Lloyd & Helen
Smith

Adrian & Wilma
Glasier
Leo & Vera
Shuckburgh
Manny & Melissa Gray
Earl & Wilda Gibbon
Harvey & Rita Pooley
George Layman &
Letiasa Stotts
Judge Wm B. & Maggie
Gray
Paul & Anna
Scheerschmidt
Juri & Marie Klaus
Paul & Agnes Klaus
Archie & Edith White
Louis & Mary Zeigler
Norman McCourt

Coffee Stop

Tuesday, Wednesday and
Thursday 9:00 --- 11:00
Everyone Welcome

E – Mail

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