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The P&H Elevator By Bill Kirtley and Vic Stuckey

They worked all fall on building her tall
This place called the P&H elevator
You could sell all your grain or come back again
To grind your feed in the mill that came later.

You could buy all your salt, iodized or cobalt
Throw in some minerals and concentrates too.
All the feed that is sold, either ground up or rolled
Or malting barley to make a home brew.

A coal shed was needed, and then was completed
In nineteen hundred and twenty and four.
It was all hauled away by truck or by sleigh
So they just sent out a box car for more.

Some kindly old soul would sell you some coal
So you could keep the home fires burning.
Although watered and fed, if you're cold in your bed
You'll spend all night just tossing and turning.

If you're not yeller, just head for the cellar
To pull back a swallow or two.
Play a little poker, so throw out the joker
Dealer's choice, it's all up to you.

Just about every town was tearing them down
This building called the prairie sky scraper.
They pulled up the rails of old prairie trails
I guess using trucks must have looked better on paper.

With lack of care, and needing repair
The old elevator was wasting away.
Thru lack of sobriety, they formed a society
To preserve what was once the pride of the day.

We are trying to save it all from the old wrecking ball
Going to make it look good as new.
But the sawing and cutting, pounding and puttying
Fall in to hands of a few.

They shingled the shed and painted 'er red
Just got it right out of the pail.
Some of us think it looked pretty in pink
But alas clearer heads did prevail.

The coffee is on from dusk until dawn
At least from nine to eleven.
So throw in a loonie, or even a toonie
If you feel rich, throw in six or seven.

We spin a few tales and make a few trails
Some old and some of them new.
To keep everything nice and add a little spice
We even let the ladies tell a few.

It's easy to see that it will
take you and me
To keep our heritage from
disappearing so fast.
If you want satisfaction, get
into the action
And help preserve a part of
our past.



Annual Meeting

Join us for the upcoming annual meeting on
Tuesday, April 20 at 7:30 in the FCSS
meeting room (across from the Movie Gallery
on main street).

Volunteers

Work bees will begin on Saturdays as soon as
the weather warms up. Call Stan or Craig for
confirmation of work bee.

Spring Garage Sale

The Society is having a fund raising
garage / yard sale on May 12. We need
saleable items so please check your home
and garage for surplus items and please tell
your neighbors. Items can be dropped off at
the elevator during coffee stop hours or on
Saturday during the work bees. We will
need help organizing the items prior to the
sale and on the sale day. Display tables are
also needed.

In Memoriam
Clarence Blaney
W. "Bill" Chapman
Earl A. Gibbon
Rudolph Hennel
Ken Penosky
Lydia Scheerschmidt
Leo Shuckburgh
Maurice Smith
Hardy Scheller
Rod Walstrom
Rita Pooley

Trade Fair

Visit us at the Trade Fair April 13th -15th. We wish to thank Agro Stettler (John Deer) for sharing their booth with us at no cost.

Our Sponsors

Thanks to the following supporters.

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History

Margaret Martin continues to explore the elevator's history. She recently verified the P&H elevator fire of 1928. But the mystery continues. We have evidence that there were 2 P&H elevators in the early 20's. Which one burned?

Would You Help Us?

We are looking for a small trailer that would be suitable for use as a snack kitchen at the elevator site on the Alberta Prairie Steam Tour run days.

Projects for 2007

Craig Hague has made a list of projects for 2007. They range from painting the office steps or designing a new flower bed to rebuilding walls or floors. If you have some spare time and would like to participate in the preservation of the elevator, give Craig a call at 742-5847 or drop in and see him on Tuesdays at the elevator.

Christmas Party

The 2006 P&H Elevator Preservation Society Christmas party was an enjoyable evening at the Club Café on January 16th. Forty guests were entertained by Vic Stuckey reciting his cowboy/elevator poetry and Stan told a story that took us back to the early 20's in Stettler.



P&H Elevator Society
Box 1437, Stettler, AB T0C 2L0
Membership

Adult - \$20/year
 Child - \$2/year
 Lifetime - \$150

Circle the type of membership.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

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Membership Sales

2007 memberships are now on sale. We have 14 lifetime members and 35 2007 members. Memberships can be bought Tuesday – Thursday or come see us at the Trade Fair. The number on your envelope address label will tell you indicate if you have paid 2007.

Your Executive

- Stan Eichhorn, President (742-4703)
- Craig Hague, Vice-President (742-5847)
- Donna Fox, Secretary (742-4243)
- Mary Roy, Treasurer
- Directors: Vic Stuckey, Edna Stuart, Susan Mitchell, Bonnie Long, Dave Fox