

P & H ELEVATOR PRESERVATION SOCIETY

Spring 2018

Celebrating our Thirteenth Year

Issue # 28



Stettler P&H Elevator
May 27th, 2018
8:00am - 1:00pm
at the P&H Elevator

Threshing Demonstration

Come see how harvesting was done in 1887!

Flour Making and Bread Baking

Made fresh in a wood burning stove.

Rope Making Demonstration

EVERYONE WELCOME!

Admission by Donation

There will be raffle tickets available for a handmade quilt.

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P & H Elevator Activities

- **Christmas Party:** The year started with our annual winter get together. We were pleased with the 120+ folks that came and enjoyed the evening. We thank Marie Bignell, our caterer for an excellent supper and all those folks that contributed items for our door prizes.
- **Winter Projects:** Over the winter we worked on a number of small projects. We built more shelves, cleaned and organized the office basement and completed the Memorial Wall.
- **Trade Show:** We had a booth again this year in the local Trade Show. The exposure of the Elevator Project to the public is the reason for our participation. It is always interesting for the volunteers to meet and chat with old and new friends.
- **Spring Clean-up:** Our days between now and May 15 will be busy as we do spring cleaning. The buildings need to be swept and vacuumed, the displays tidied up and yard work completed.
- **Alberta Prairie Season Opener May 19:** Our summer activities including Elevator Tours and the Snack Bar are beginning. We plan to provide the Tours and Snack Bar services for the 50+ train excursions. The ladies at the Snack Bar could use more help, if you could spare 2 –3 hours on the occasional day it would be a big help to them. We could also use Elevator tour guides and do not worry about not being familiar with the grain business, we would be happy to bring you up to speed. Both of these tasks can be very interesting, meeting and conversing with literally people from around the world.



- **Pancake Breakfast:** We will be hosting the Pancake Breakfast Fund raiser on May 27th. Activities could include sawing wood with an old buzz saw, and possibly cooking pancakes using an old wood-coal kitchen cook stove. The plan is to step back in time (75+ years) and show how the wheat in the bundle is threshed (by the Little Giant) then milled in the Stone Grist mill and the flour is made into bread and cooked in the wood & coal kitchen stove. The wood sawed with the buzz saw would be used in the stove.
- **Summer Student:** We have been approved for a summer student under the Service Canada Hire a Summer Student program. This program is a cost sharing program. As in the past summer students have been a great help to us. Unfortunately the government in their wisdom chose to reduce the number of weeks and number of hours for all of the applicants. Our time was cut back to 8 weeks and 30 hours per week. This will have a significant impact on the students as well as our operations. The students have 14 to 16 weeks to earn sufficient funds to continue their studies and to take on a job that is less than half time is questionable.
- **School Tours:** We have school tours booked again this year and are expecting 200 plus students to visit and tour the Elevator complex. We are pleased to welcome them and teach them about Agriculture and where some of their food comes from.
- **Feed Shed Addition:** To date we have progressed as follows:
 - Basement was dug, footings & basement walls constructed
 - Septic tank & hook-up to the Town sewer line completed
 - Main floor constructed, along with the walls & roof

- The metal roof along with soffit, fascia & flashing are completed
- Windows & building wrap have been installed
- The electrical service installed, & gas service is almost finished
- We have the cedar siding on hand & are presently priming it



- **Feed Shed work still to be completed:**
 - Basement Floor
 - Electrical
 - Drywall
 - Floor covering
 - Plumbing & heating
 - Siding & painting
 - The estimated costs of the remaining work include:
 - Basement: 1200 sq. ft. @ \$9.00/ sq. ft.
 - Insulation: 2600 sq. ft. @ \$1.50/ sq. ft.
 - Drywall: 5400 sq. ft. @ \$2.60/ sq. ft.
 - Flooring: 1200 sq. ft. @ \$5.00/ Sq. ft.

The priming, painting and installation of the cedar siding will be done by volunteers. We also will help contractors whenever possible with their tasks. There are also many other tasks such as landscaping, clean up and finishing details that will be completed by volunteers.

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summer. We will match activities to your interests. We do not ask for any commitments but would appreciate even an hour or two or a day or two at your convenience. A real sense of accomplishment is realized when one can look back and see the results of their efforts. These results can be enjoyed now and by future generations. Stop by for a coffee and see what we are working on.

➤ **Feed Shed Fund Raiser:** The campaign continues and we are looking for donations and suggestions for ways to generate funds. Please pass along any ideas you may have. Here are a few ways you can be part of raising funds:

- Renew your annual membership \$20.00 (if you have not done so)
- Purchase a lifetime membership \$150

Please note charitable receipts cannot be given for Memberships

- Help with the Snack Bar & Elevator Tours
- Volunteer for ongoing activities
- Donations to help purchase materials & labor.

Please indicate that your donations are for the Feed Shed Project so that we can recognize your contribution at a later date. Also please indicate if you would like a charitable receipt.

To date all materials and labor have been paid. We presently have approximately \$12,000 of funds to continue the Feed Shed development.

➤ **Summer Tours:** The Elevator complex will be open for tours on train days and most other days during the summer. Various demonstrations, including Threshing will be carried out a number of times during the summer.

➤ **Volunteers & Work Bees:** With the construction project we are in serious need of more volunteers to help carry out the many activities we will have on the go this

➤ **A Request:** At present we store our grain bundles in the Little Giant Shed. However we would like to use that space to display more donated items. This would be possible if we could find another storage space for the bundles. Several possibilities could include:

- If we could find a sea-can (container) that we could rent or possibly buy (at a reasonable price)
- If someone had extra space in a building, the bundle rack could be rolled into the space.

The main requirement for the space is that it is mouse proof.

➤ **Donations:**



Thanks to Joe Baltimore for building & donating a solid Oak Hay Rack to easily move the wood stove outside to cook bread, buns, pies, pancakes, coffee, etc..





A beautiful Quilt (88" X 106") has been donated to us by Denise Sefton from Fort St. John, B.C. We plan to raffle the quilt & several other items this summer with the draw being made August 25 (Harvest Supper) Tickets available.

➤ **Memberships:** Thank you to everyone who has paid their annual dues. If you haven't paid your dues we would appreciate your support for another year

Annual Membership

Memberships Appreciated

P & H Elevator Society
 Box 1437, Stettler, AB. T0C 2L0
 Membership 2018
 Annual - \$20.00, Lifetime - \$150.00

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postal Code: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

In Memorial

The following names have been added to our memorial board.

Les Langille donated by:
 Kathleen Kossowan & Sue Mitchell

Ron Schwartzenberger donated by:
 OI, MacDonalds Resort

Vi Gilmore donated by:
 OI, MacDonalds Resort

Mitch Mitchell donated by:
 Stan Eichhorn

➤ **In Memorial Wall:**



The Memorial is now complete including lighting

Coffee Stop ☕

Wed and Thurs Morning 9:00 --- 11:00

Everyone Welcome

Anyone that would like to receive their Newsletter via e-mail, please send your e-mail address to:

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