

P & H Elevator Preservation Society

Spring 2022

Celebrating our Seventeenth Year

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➤ **Christmas Party**

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, our 2021 Christmas Party was cancelled. We are very hopeful that it is the last event we will have to cancel due to the pandemic!

➤ **Winter Projects**

Over the winter, we made significant progress on the Feed Shed Addition! We installed gyprock in the basement and painted the walls in March. The basement is used by the Stettler History Book committee and the volunteers greatly appreciate having a more finished office!



Getting Ready to Paint



After Painting

We also installed the gyprock upstairs and got the upstairs painted. It looks great! Now we are working on getting the bathrooms upstairs ready to go!



Thank you to the many volunteers who have tirelessly worked on the Feed Shed Addition. We would also like to thank Kneeland & Sons Construction for installing the gyprock and helping us with many other tasks. Another big thank you to

Anita Mappin and Ray Kneeland, who have helped prepare several grant applications to hopefully help fund the project.

➤ **Our Last Agent Returns**

The last elevator agent at the P&H Elevator in Stettler was Eric Snowden. In March 2022 he stopped by for a visit! We were all very happy to see him and reminisce about the good old days.



➤ **Coffee and Dessert Fundraiser**

On April 2, we hosted our first fundraiser of the year at the elevator! About 75 guests joined us for coffee and delicious desserts. It was nice to have people back at the elevator, visiting with each other over coffee and exploring the elevator complex. Including the donations we received at the event, we raised over \$900!



At the event our guests could also order frozen meals from Teresa's Catering. Everyone picked up their meals on April 29. That fundraiser was a great success too! We raised over \$1000.



➤ **Spring Cleaning**

Our volunteers have already been busily working around the elevator to get the displays ready for the year. We had to vacuum the entire complex, dust off our displays, and make sure everything is in working order. We will continue spring cleaning throughout May so our elevator is ready for visitors and for our Pancake Breakfast!

➤ **Trade Show**

After several years without a trade show in Stettler, the 2022 trade show was spectacular! The P&H Elevator had a large booth at the show. We brought our 1912 elevator engine to the event and our good friend and volunteer Dave McCourt lent us his newly restored 1914 Ford Model T with a mother-in-law seat.



Our booth was a hit! Volunteers from the elevator chatted with many visitors. They were very interested in the engine and especially in the Model T! We also took the opportunity to tell visitors about what the P&H Elevator Preservation Society does and encourage them to visit us this summer. Verna Rock donated a beautiful candy basket. Congratulations to D. Sutton!

We also accepted donations for the Ukrainian Red Cross at the trade show. Anyone who donated to our Ukraine Fundraiser was entered in a draw to win a beautiful painting of a sunflower. We raised \$400. Congratulations to Drew Rouse!

➤ **Alberta Prairie Season Opener**

Our neighbors Alberta Prairie Railway Excursions are preparing for another busy year! Their season opener is on May 21, 2022 and the train will be going to Alberta Prairie's "Hideaway" at Warden. Throughout the summer the train will be running on most Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, and some other days. Pick up a schedule or look online if you're interested in joining them!

In previous years, the P&H Elevator has run a snack bar for train tourists to enjoy while they are waiting for the

train to depart Stettler. We are hoping to have the snack bar again this year! It will serve hot dogs, coffee, cold drinks, baked goods, and chocolate bars and chips. Some days we may even have fresh cinnamon buns or ice cream!

On train days, we also try to encourage the waiting tourists to visit the elevator for a quick tour. Our summer students will be taking our little P&H Elevator Golf Cart over to the train station to advertise tours and talk to the crowd. Train days are usually quite busy for us!

➤ **Thank you!**

The P&H Elevator is very grateful for the many generous donations we have received. If you have donated to us, we would like to send you a big **Thank you!** We would also like to thank the Apollo Lodge for their generous donation to the elevator. We really appreciate it and we will put it to good use!



Verna Rock
accepting the
Apollo Lodge's
donation from
Darrell Trenholm

➤ **Pancake Breakfast**

Our Pancake Breakfast is on Sunday, June 5! Join us between 8 am and 1 pm for a delicious meal and entertainment. Pancakes, eggs, ham, and sausages will be served. We will also have a flour making demonstration, a gas-powered washing machine demonstration, a wood cutting demonstration, and fresh baked goods made on our antique wood burning stove. You can even see how threshing was done in 1887! The event is by donation and we hope to see you there!

➤ **Stettler Stampede Parade**

The P&H Elevator will be entering in the 2022 Stettler Stampede Parade again this year! The parade is planned for June 10, 2022.

➤ **Summer Plans**

Our main project for 2022 will be continuing to work on the Feed Shed Addition, organizing the

sea-can storage container, and working on restoring the old Alberta Wheat Pool office that we moved onto our property a few months ago. It has been affectionately named “Scotty’s Office” and the main elevator office is now “Eric’s Office.”

➤ **Summer Students**

We will be having 2 summer students again this year! Keirsten Docherty has been working with us on the Stettler History Book project all winter and she will be one of our summer workers again. She will primarily be working on the history book but she will also be around to help at events and give tours!

Our second summer student will be Taylor Roth. She is finishing Grade 12 in June and in September she is planning to attend a pharmacy program in Red Deer. We are excited to welcome Taylor to our team!

➤ **Memberships**

The P&H Elevator wants to thank everyone who has bought a membership for 2022. If you haven’t bought a membership yet, you can fill out the membership form on the right and send it to us with your dues. We would greatly appreciate your support this year!

➤ **In Memory of Joyce Gordon**

We were sad to hear of the passing of Joyce Gordon. Joyce was a dedicated volunteer with the elevator for many years. She helped out at the snack bar almost every week and she was very involved in helping our fundraisers and events run smoothly. Joyce also served on the P&H Elevator Preservation Society Board of Directors. Joyce will be dearly missed. We send our condolences to her family and friends.



Joyce
volunteering at
the Snack Bar
(2016)

➤ **Volunteers/Work Bees**

Saturday is our work bee day! On Saturdays and some other days throughout the week, volunteers meet at

The elevator to assist with various projects – from restoration work to office tasks, general upkeep and cleaning, guiding tours, and more! If you’re interested in becoming a volunteer, we’d love to have you. We can match activities to your interests. Every hour makes a difference! Volunteers are the soul of the elevator. We greatly appreciate the difference they make.

In Memorium

***The following names have
been added to our memorial
board.***

Al & Verna Leinweber
Donated by L & D Finnigan

Alan Keibel
Donated by Ben & Lorna Nicholson

Joyce Gordon
Donated by Stan Eichhorn

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Annual - \$20, Lifetime - \$150

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