

P & H Elevator Preservation Society

Christmas 2015

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Christmas Greetings



January 9, 2016

Doors open at 6:00 pm

At the Hub

(upstairs in the Stettler Recreation Centre)

For catering purposes,

call Joyce at 403-742-3470 to reserve your tickets

Or email StettlerGrainElevator@gmail.com

\$25.00 per person

**Everyone Welcome
Bring a Friend**

It is the festive season again and that marks the end of our 10th year. Over the past year we have made steady progress in the administration of the Society and restoration of the Elevator complex. 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 continue to 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.

Merry Christmas and Many Thanks! from the P & H Elevator Society Executive

President Stan Eichhorn

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Shursen, Vic Stuckey.

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In Memorial

Jim Baugh	Morris Turville	Chris Fischer	Leo & Vera Shuckburgh
Clarence Blaney	Gerald Tobin	Rick Smith	Manny & Melissa Gray
Bill Chapman	John Baird	Steve Gordon	Earl & Wilda Gibbon
Mae Dempsey	Vivian Aldcorn	Dale Handyside	Harvey & Rita Pooley
Werner Kruger	Jim Andersen	Rex Shuckburgh	George Layman & Letiasa Stotts
Rudolph Hennel	Hugh Charles	Phyllis Hague	Judge Wm B. & Maggie Gray
Lydia Scheersmidt	Ken Bauman	Kay Scheerschmidt	
Ken Penosky	John Kvill	Lloyd & Helen Smith	
Maurice Smith	Glenn Nixon	Adrian & Wilma Glasier	
Hardy Scheller	Jack Groat		
Rod Walstrom	John Anderson		

Thank You

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 Olson, Joyce Gordon, Janet Wittaker, Jane Doan, Jennifer Taylor

Coffee Stop

Craig Hague, Elaine Scheerschmidt, Virginia Nielsen, Vic & Joyce Stuckey, Dale & Donna Chapman

Tour Guides

Craig Hague, Les Howlett, Oliver Bull, Dave McCourt, Jennifer Taylor, Evelyn Shursen—greeter & welcoming party

Other Friends

Jim Long for providing the team of horses for the parade and Dave Perrin — teamster. Jason & Sophia (Color Shift) for their excellent work and help.

2015 in Review



- ✓ Set up and operated Stettler Trade Show booth
- ✓ Pancake breakfast served over 250 friends and the Fall Supper had almost 300 in attendance.
- ✓ Snack-Bar served Alberta Prairie passengers on about 50 train days.
- ✓ Stettler Parade Entry - Team of horses with grain wagon, “Little Giant” threshing machine & “The Beast” elevator engine.

- ✓ The “Little Giant” & “The Beast” threshing demonstrations were viewed with great interest. In addition to the 15 or more demonstrations carried out at the Elevator over the summer we attended celebrations in Big Valley, Meeting Creek and the antique harvesting day sponsored by the Stettler Antique Tractor Club.
- ✓ Our summer student, Jennifer Taylor, enthusiastically became a tour guide, administrator (looking after files, records and archiving donations) and a cleaning engineer.
- ✓ In July, we received the wonderful train set crafted by Bob Porter of Port Alberni BC and recently we received a grain truck crafted by Bob Duchscher, of Stettler AB. that represents his impeccable abilities with wood craft.



- ✓ In August Jason & Sophia (Colorshift Painting) completed the painting of the elevator signage, Coal Shed and the green (Wheat Pool) office. Jason arranged for the man lift to remain with us to complete a number of tasks were at the 25 and 30 Ft. level including: finding/repairing several stubborn roof

leaks, installing a section of siding and replacing nails, that (100's) were becoming loose and falling out of the siding on the feed mill, with sheet metal screws.

- ✓ Annex bin was opened so the construction, size and distance to the top of the annex can be viewed.
- ✓ Dave McCourt created a shield like base from grain worn boards for the “In Memorial” plaques. The plaques are 2”X4”and names are gold color letters on the black background. Plaques for each of the names listed in our “In Memorial” have been created.



- ✓ Octobers severe wind storm saw the main drive thru doors ripped off the track and destroyed. New doors have been installed and will require painting in the spring.
- ✓ We applied for Canada 150 grant to help with the addition to the Feed shed. Unfortunately our application was not successful.

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

Projects for 2016

- ✓ **Feed Shed Addition** –The projected cost is \$160,000 and we have about \$80,000 on hand. We hope that a successful fund raising campaign early in 2016 will help us to get closer to our goal of being able to complete a major portion of the project in 2016. A completion date of 2017 could be celebrated as our contribution to Canada’s 150 year celebration .
- ✓ **Sunshine Combine Restoration** -the first self-propelled combine to come to this area, designed in Australia, 3 steel wheels, and a stripper header. Anyone interested in helping with this restoration would be most welcome.



Bushed Sunshine



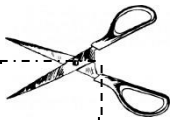
Dream Sunshine

Paint the office, install the pneumatic wagon lift, build doors for the Feed shed lower section and complete a special wall area for the Memorial display.

- ✓ Improve tours by creating more displays, sign and self-interpretive models.
- ✓ 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.

Membership Form

Annual memberships for 2016 would be appreciated



P & H Elevator Society
 Box 1437, Stettler, AB. T0C 2L0
 Membership 2016
 Annual - \$20.00, Lifetime - \$150.00

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