

# P & H Elevator Preservation Society

Celebrating our 10th Year in 2015

Summer 2015

Newsletter

Issue #20

*Tribute to Our Seniors!*

## Harvest Supper! Fundraiser

*Everyone Welcome!*

Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup>

at the P&H Elevator

Featuring:

**Threshing Demonstration**  
using the Little Giant" and the  
1912 Elevator Engine

**Rope Making Demonstration**  
and Display

**Flour Making**  
with Stone Grist Mill

**2- 4 p.m.**

**Roast Pork Supper**

**4 - 6 p.m.**



**Bring a Friend!**  
**Supper by Donation**  
For catering purposes  
an RSVP would be appreciated  
403-742-3470  
403-742-5847

# Summer Activities

While no major projects were undertaken this summer. The summer has been busy and is passing quickly. Activities include:

## Snack Bar

The ladies have been very busy on each train day and we certainly appreciate their efforts. Stop by for a great hot dog and on early train days a breakfast sandwich.

## Elevator Tours

Visitors to Stettler are stopping to visit and learn about the "Prairie Grain Elevator." We also benefit greatly from the Alberta Prairie Passengers who stop for a tour. The visitors state they find the tours interesting, informative and offer appreciation and support for the society's efforts. On train days we require 2-5 guides at peak times. ***Have you toured the Elevator Complex?***

## Little Giant and The Beast

In July we took the Little Giant and the Beast down to Big Valley for the Alberta Prairie Big Valley Steam Days

The Threshing demonstration was well received and created positive feedback. The "East Central Alberta Review" newspaper carried a front page picture and story about our Society. We also plan to take the outfit to Meeting Creek on August 23 - weather permitting, for their annual Canadian Northern "Prairie Fun Days". Join us in Meeting Creek and experience an authentic fully restored railroad station, elevator office - complete with elevator engine and grain elevator.



**Threshing in Big Valley**



**Annex Bin Opened Up**

## At the Elevator

We have installed a light in the grain pit to help visitors understand the movement of grain in the elevator. We are presently in the process of opening up a bin in the annex so that people can enter the bin and observe its construction, the configuration of a grain elevator, and the height - to the top of the annex.

We are preparing the Coal Shed for a new paint job

## Stettler Rodeo Parade

Our parade entry included our horse drawn wagon and our threshing outfit. The engine was running along the parade route and received considerable interest and applause.

The Stettler Independent newspaper featured our threshing outfit on their front page!

### **Model Train:**

We were recently honored to be chosen to receive a beautifully hand crafted wood train set. The train was crafted from used wood pallets. These pallets arrived from all over the world and are made of many different woods.

These various woods were used to accent and feature various parts of the train.

The train set consists of a steam locomotive, tender, three coaches, a box car, a caboose and track. The set measures over 10' long and 12" high. The train is modeled after early 19th century trains showing for example the seats, pot bellied stove, the typical coach roof and structural rods.

On the locomotive the piston rod, valve rod, drive train linkage, and drive wheels all function.

The caboose has marker lights, and all cars have hand rails and a brake wheel.

The attention to detail, the quality workmanship, the contrasting different woods, and the time and patience required by Bob Porter to create this train set is truly amazing.

These are the consistent comments of our visitors.

These comments only begin to convey our respect and appreciation for this masterpiece by Bob Porter.



The set was  
crafted by  
Bob Porter,  
Port Alberni BC

and donated by  
Don and Peggy Fix of  
Campbell River, BC



**Peggy & Don Fix**



## Jennifer Taylor

Our summer student has been busy as a tour guide, keeping the premises clean and tidy, helping at the snack-bar, cataloging our donated items and any other tasks required. Jennifer will be leaving us at the end of August to begin her first year of pharmacy. We thank her for her dedicated efforts and hard work. We wish her the very best with her studies!

### Memorial Board

We are in the final stages of developing our memorial plaques. We will continue with memorials to important people who have passed through our lives. We would like to include pioneers and families who have lived in the area. We would like to recognize and honor those who have contributed to the building of this great community

### E – Mail

Anyone that would like to receive their Newsletter via e-mail, please send your e-mail address to:  
**stettlergrainelevator@gmail.com**



### Coffee Stop

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

P & H Elevator Society  
Box 1437, Stettler, AB. T0C 2L0  
Membership 2015  
Annual - \$20.00, Lifetime - \$150.00

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