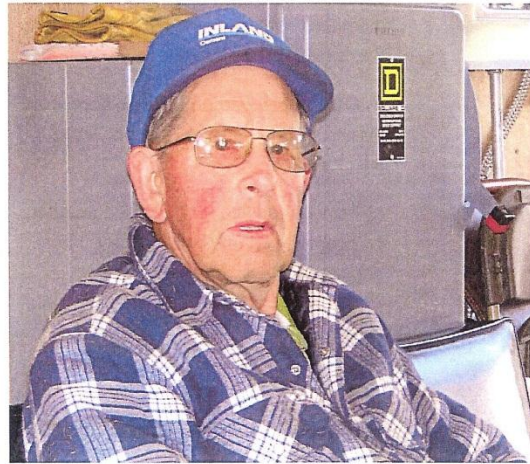

P & H Elevator Preservation Society Newsletter

May 2012

Sadly, we again have to report the death of one of our members who gave of himself and was part of the team helping to restore the P & H Elevator in Stettler. His name is Jim Andersen. Jim was second to none when it came to working with wood. He was a journeyman carpenter who knew wood better than most. His skill was not in just the knowledge of wood, but the pure love and execution that he put into any of his creations with wood. Jim, over the years, had not only built houses and cabins but also musical instruments, wall clocks, inlaid furniture, wood turnings and much more, all with unrivalled perfection.

Jim's volunteer activities at the elevator was consulting and head carpenter in its reconstruction. One summer, he and Craig laid the pine floor in the feed shed. The next year, they discovered it had dried and left small spaces between the tongue and groove wood. The ever perfectionist, Jim, would not let that be and proceeded to cut fine wedges to fit into the many spaces, then pain-staking glued and drove them in, removing the spaces. He also built many new window frames for the elevator, salvaging the 90 year old wood from the old floor joists, removed during reconstruction. The windows were all duplications of the originals with 6 to 9 panes in each window.

Jim was also considered to be full of wit and wisdom. He was quiet and usually only spoke when he had something worth- while to say. Examples of this are: "It may not be to the best



Jim Andersen

of my ability, but to the best of my patience."
"It has to work (tongue in cheek) because it was engineered, you know!"

Jim's dry wit would catch many people by surprise and he would get that pleasant smile of his when you laughed at his comments. He will be truly missed, not only for his skills, but his warm and loving personality. Thank you Jim, for walking along with us on our paths.

APPEAL!

We need *HELP!* In order to further expose our elevator project, we need more people to visit. We are considering the following:

- 1) To tap into the many people that come to Stettler to ride the Alberta Prairie Steam Train and have them visit us as well. Our thoughts are as follows:
 - a) We could offer tours of the elevator complex and give them the history over the past 100 years, as well as explain the workings of the elevator
 - b) Offer a place to purchase coffee, cold drinks, confectionaries and packaged snacks.
 - c) Provide a place for a limited number of people to sit and relax before departure of the train.
 - d) Provide people with more information about Stettler and the surrounding area.

- 2) We desire more volunteers to help with the following workload:
 - to meet and greet people as they arrive
 - hosting & selling product
 - to provide information about the area
 - give tours of the facility

Many interesting people from around the world come to ride on the train so your experience as a volunteer could be pretty enjoyable.

MEETING: A planning meeting for the project is being held at the elevator on June 25, 2012 – 7:30 PM. Please consider our appeals and plan to attend the meeting.
 “Many hands make light work!”

- 3) Treasurer – presently your executive does not have a treasurer. It is not an onerous task and if someone would like to offer, we would greatly appreciate it.

ITEMS WE ARE LOOKING FOR:

- 1) Small used natural gas water heater, preferably “on demand model”.
- 2) A simple digital camera for candid shots.
- 3) Old pictures and advertising conducive to the elevator/farming industry.



ANNUAL 2012 MEMBERSHIPS

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Adult - \$20.00 Lifetime \$150.00
 *Circle type of membership

Name: _____

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MEMBERSHIP FEES: Just a reminder, if you haven't paid your 2012 membership fee, your support would be greatly appreciated.

We sincerely encourage suggestions from our membership to help make all our projects better. To do so, feel free to contact Stan Eichhorn at 403-740-4799 or attend one of our organizational meetings.

Check it out: www.stettlergrainelevator.com