



By Donation

Where: P & H Elevator

When: May 28th

Time: 8:30 am to 1:00 pm

What's Happening:

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

Rope Making Demonstration and Display

Flour Making
with Stone Grist Mill

Everyone Welcome!

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What's Happening at the P & H Elevator?

This is our twelfth year and while we have made slow and steady progress we have a number of additional accomplishments we wish to achieve. The big project we are starting this year is the "Feed Shed Addition". The progress we make on this project will depend on the success of our fundraising campaign and the volunteer help we can secure.

- **Christmas Party:** The year started with our annual winter get together. We were pleased with the 100+ folks that came, despite a very cold evening and a flu bug that was making its presence felt. Our entertainment included B.J. Smith, a cowboy poet who recited his poems on subjects we could relate to and enjoy a good laugh. We thank Wendy Bignell, our caterer for an excellent supper and all those folks that contributed items for our door prizes.
- **Alberta Prairie season Opener May 13:** Our summer activities including Elevator Tours and the Snack Bar are beginning. We plan to provide the Tours and Snack Bar services for the 60+ 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.



- **Trade Show:** We were fortunate to acquire a larger booth at the Stettler Trade show this year. This facilitated the “Little Giant” being on site and helping to tell the story of its participation in “Harvesting Hope” in Austin MB. A new Guinness World record was set for the most threshing machines operating at the same time. The “Little Giant” holds the honor of being the oldest threshing machine participating out of 148 threshing machines. We thank Parrish & Heinbecker Inc. for helping to defray our costs.



Donna Langille, Janet Whittaker and Dave McCourt at the Trade Show

- **Pancake Breakfast:** We will be hosting the Pancake Breakfast Fund raiser on May 28th. New activities could include sawing wood with an old buzz saw, and possibly cooking (bread...buns???) 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 two summer students 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. We are presently looking for suitable candidates. To qualify a student must be returning to full time studies in the fall. We ask interested parties to submit a Resume by June 5th.

- **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.

- **Rails & Tales:** An exciting event is scheduled for June 28th thru July 5th in Stettler, Big Valley and the rail line between the two centers. The activities are being carried out by Alberta Prairie Steam Tours and East Central Heritage Society to celebrate Canada 150. A second steam locomotive is being brought in to provide tandem steam locomotives pulling the train, and two steam locomotives pulling separate trains in opposite directions (pass-by). Extensive displays will be set up in each center. Interest in the event is showing wide acceptance in Canada, US, England and other countries. We plan to have the Snack Bar open and the Elevator open for tours. The hours of operation will be greatly extended and therefore we are asking anyone that could help us – even for an hour or two – to contact us. For more information on the activities and schedules contact us and check out the following web-sites:

<http://www.absteamtrain.com>

<http://railsandtales.ca>.

- **Feed Shed Addition:** The ground breaking will be taking place very soon. We plan to start construction and go as far as our



funds will allow. We have gone through the hoops of obtaining engineered drawings, obtaining clearances from the Town, meeting the requirements of the building inspector, development and building permits, selecting contractors, obtaining quotes on building materials etc. For more information please refer to our Spring 2016 Newsletter which can be found on our website.

Feed Shed Fund Raiser: Our campaign is underway and we are looking for donations and suggestions for ways to generate funds. Please pass along any ideas you may have. Our CFEP grant (\$40,000) is a matching grant meaning we have to contribute the same amount in the form of cash, time & labor, and or materials & equipment.

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 \$150.00; **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.

The estimated cost of this project is \$210,000 and at this time we have approximately one half of this amount. Some of the project costs include: basement--\$28,000, basement floor--\$8,500, floor joist & trusses--\$9,300, windows--\$9,000, fire rated doors--\$4,500, building materials--\$53,000, contract labor--\$35,000, plumbing & heating--\$40,000, electrical--\$5,000, excavation & directional

drilling (sewer) & gas line extension--\$10,000, interior finish--\$5,000.

➤ **Summer Tours:** The Elevator complex will be open for tours on train days and most other days during the summer. Threshing demonstrations 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 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.

➤ **Request:** We are looking for a used flat screen minimum 45 inch to display videos, etc. in the elevator. We would be willing to pay something and/or provide a charitable receipt.

In Memorial

The following names have been added to our memorial board.

**Jack Chapman donated by:
James & Winnie Chapman
Don Tash donated by:
Dawn Rene & Les Finnigan
Henry (Hank) Scheerschmidt
donated by: Karen Fischer**



P & H Elevator Preservation Society

➤ **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

Coffee Stop ☕

Tues, 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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Website

Check out our website and give us your comments. Also follow us on Facebook.

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Annual Membership

Memberships Appreciated

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Box 1437, Stettler, AB. T0C 2L0
Membership 2017
Annual - \$20.00, Lifetime - \$150.00

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postal Code: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Beautiful pictures of the Stotts Family who homesteaded about 15 miles south of Stettler. (Fritz Hill) and donated by Jerry Stotts in honour and memory of the Stotts Family.



Feed Shed Donation

Please find attached my donation towards the feedshed project in the amount of: \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

...Home Phone: _____

Postal Code _____

Mobile Phone: _____

Email: _____

I would like a charitable receipt (Please check box)

All donations will be entered in a draw for two tickets for Alberta Prairie

