

The Automobile Museum at Elkhorn, MB, brought over a 1910 Overland car, and gave rides to a lot of thrilled people.

Thanks to Francis Decelles for taking the time to paint our car so that it would be ready in time, and also thanks to Goodman Steel and Goodman Industrial Supply for their contributions.

A special thank you to Elaine Jackson, Bob Lloyd and Donald "Buck" Hayden who came in on Friday to help us get ready for Saturday's big show. I know that if anyone reading this, is interested in spending just a few hours a week at the museum, doing what ever that is of interest to them, any time spent will be greatly appreciated by all of us. And our Hub Members will take you under their wing to show you what is available that would be interesting to you. They are at the museum most afternoons, until the weather gets colder. You will be very welcome to come and meet with them.

Lastly, a very great THANK YOU to the many people who came out to be with us on Museum Day to see what there was to see, to visit with friends and neighbors, to talk about the past, present and future. You helped make this day a very memorable one for us!
Darnell was too modest to say so, but I think she was quite busy all that day too... Everett

DONORS

There will be no list of donors this time. We have been informed that some unscrupulous "collectors" use just such lists to get names of places to burglarize. They see your name on the list and surmise that you have more items at home.

For the same reason, we will not use your name on a label unless you request it.

We have had a large number of donations of artifacts and cash in the last three months. We value them highly, and need them in order to keep improving our collection. Donors names will be in the catalog in our computer, and donations will be individually acknowledged.

You know who you are and we thank you.

New Members

Peter Cowan
Delmar Goodman
Tom Mitschke
Paul Sonnenberg
Bill Winteringham
David R. Smith
Al Korom
Albert Rothenburger
Brian Petays

The Loonie Draw

Our annual raffle went over quite well this time. We sold better than 95% of the tickets. Winners were:

Andy Hirney \$200.00
Bill Winteringham \$300.00
Anne Swanson \$500.00

Congratulations!!!

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Due to a lack of response, we have not continued our mystery picture contest. From the two contests we had a total of three entries. No one came to the Museum to see the mystery items, and that was the object of the contest.

Guess you can't win 'em all.

The Pasqua Generator

The "Babcock" steam powered generator was built in the early 1940's by Babcock & Wilcox and Goldie & McCulloch, likely for use on a Naval ship. The Grey Nuns (Pasqua) Hospital bought it in 1945. They used it regularly until 1987, when it was donated to our Museum. We got it permanently mounted this year.

We were honored to have a visit by Mr. Gus Marmai, General Manager of Babcock & Wilcox, Melville, and his family. They came at our invitation, to observe the unit in operation. Mr Marmai told us that the plant that built it was torn down six years ago.

Mr. Marmai presented the Museum with two books chronicalling the history of his company. He offered to try to find drawings or Manuals for the three other engines that we have, built by Goldie & McCulloch, before that company joined with Babcock & Wilcox in 1923. One of these engines, yet to be set up, has an eighteen by two and one half foot wheel. It weighs fifty tons, more or less, and is one of a number collected by the late Geoff. Symons.

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The Museum, at Qu'Appelle Ave. and St. Albert St.

is open afternoons from May 1st to Oct. 1st.

At other times it may be opened by appointment.

Admission -- Over 12 years, \$2.00

Seniors, \$1.00

MUSEUM NEWS

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Another Museum day has come and gone.

• Museum day is the high point of the year for museum folk. It is the day we get to show off and justify our existence. It is the day also, that we get the income to make improvements another year. This year, I think, we were fairly successful. We had 50% more food than last year, yet we ran out of food. For that, we are sorry.

• A lot of work goes into preparing one of these shows. We made the concrete base and mounted the generator. Ken and Tom made the tank and built the fountain. Ken spent days getting the big diesels to run right. Bill went over the threshing machine from end to end, fixing belts, greasing, tuning up. All of us had jobs to do, from cutting sheaves to moving machines to publicity work to cutting grass to letter writing and so on.

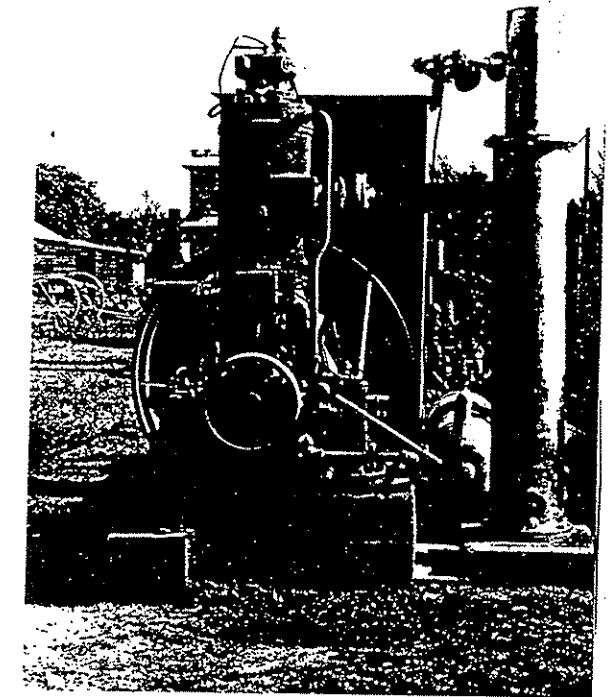
• We made flour with a grain grinder equipped with stone grinding plates. Stone ground flour! The grinder was given to us by the late John Spiers, of Wapella. It was made in about 1917. It was so popular that we ran out of wheat to grind.

• Projects planned for this fall are a shelter for the three large Diesels, and a start on a pair of modern, wheelchair accessible washrooms. A shelter to hold all the threshing machines has been discussed, and we may get a start on it.

• Plans have been presented to the town in order to get a building permit for the shelter and by the time this is published, construction should be under way. This will be a low cost, labor intensive job built mostly from material on hand at the museum. We will be calling for help on this one, as well as the other construction jobs when we get ready to start them.

• We were happy to see ten new members join us in the last three months, three of whom are from Rocanville. Welcome aboard!

E.R.



• Pictured above is a Fairbanks Morse, two cycle diesel engine rated at fifty horsepower. It stands ten feet high and has a five foot flywheel, which alone must weigh a couple of tons.

• It was used by the C.P.R. at Bredenbury to pump water up from the Cutarm, a distance of about seven miles. The last time it was used was likely about 1962, when the use of steam locomotives was ended.

• Bill Ore purchased it from Mr. Heinrich of Bredenbury and it has sat silently on it's base inside the Museum gate until this summer. Ken Goodman undertook to get it running, and after several days work and many tries, finally it started. Now it starts easily on compressed air and runs like a new engine. Ken and Bill painted it the original dark grey and red, with aluminum muffler and air tanks.

• Now we have to build a shelter to cover it and our other diesels, two Ruston Hornsby grain elevator engines. One of these runs very nicely but the other still needs some work.

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