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President's Message

Hello everyone. I hope that everyone is doing fine and is in good health in this rather challenging times.

Our Museum, as well as all Museums across Canada have been shut down since mid-March. It has become quite the challenge to survive these trying times. Almost all museums are trying one thing or another to stay ahead of the game, as we are trying things too.

I have applied to two grants at this time. One is verbal at the time of writing this newsletter, the other I have not heard anything. I did not apply for the federal Government business loans, as this contravenes our Bylaws. Our Bylaws indicate we cannot take any forms of loans for repayment. A couple of grants look good but we do not qualify, as we are strictly volunteers, or our scope to help certain groups does not exist, i.e. indigenous support, child care, etc.

At this time, I have opened the museum up for tours as of July 1, 2020. We will be open every Wednesday from July 1 to September 30, from 9:30am to 3:00pm. Stop by and visit, don't be shy!!

Last week I had two gentlemen enter and started asking questions about our fire extinguishers. They saw our big sign out front and decided to stop in. Of course it was the Town of Essex Fire Marshall and assistant doing the routine inspections.

I did mention we are having our yearly fire inspection scheduled for August 5th, which inspects the fire extinguishers, fire suppression system for both Chip Wagon and kitchen. Emergency lighting and emergency exits are also included. August 19th, our two friends will return for their final inspection.

I had two visitors come to the Museum, Yolanda and Maggie Ducharme. They dropped off several boxes of Museum information as they were cleaning out Past President Ron Ducharme's office. There were several boxes of photos from Don Webb, valuable papers concerning the lease agreement. All will be sorted out and filed.

Fern Vincent also donated several items from Gerry's collection of papers concerning the Museum. Also in the donations are quite a few prints of the workings of artist Robert Suchiu from Essex On. His workings are world renowned. We have around 30 prints of "Heritage Pride on Parade" we will be doing something with, more details will follow. A special thanks goes out to Fern for the donation.

We have had a June and July executive meeting which met the Provincial regulations of 10 people maximum inside. Unless there is a miracle (Stage 3 comes in to play), there will be no August General meeting. If Stage 3 is in place, which I am expecting, there will be a September General meeting. Face masks would be mandatory in the clubhouse.

I would like to thank the following for making donations for the cement benches, sheet metal from Canadian Contractors, Super A upgrades to fit the mower, Wobbly Foot roller, postage, printing paper, etc: Brenda Allen, Kathy & Dave Badlan, Gilbert Beaulieu, Laramie Farms, Morris Kurzuk, Roger Langis, Cliff McGuire, Rob Repko, Francis Roelens, Rodney Stapleton, Gary Struhar, Cardi Tetzl, Charlie Tofflemire, Darwin Wismer. Thank you to all for your contributions.

A thank you goes out to Morris for contacting our insurance company, complaining that the Museum was locked up, gates were locked, no one around. We are getting back over \$550. Sometimes it pays to ask or complain.

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Farmall Super A Update



The Farmall Super A is finally outfitted with the Woods mower with all the hydraulics working, belts, pulleys.

With the help from Francis, Gilbert, and Morris, the job was completed and has been field proven. The PTO speeds and rotations were different on the Cub as on the Super A. The pulleys had to be changed to increase the speed on the mower and new belts to accommodate the changes in pulley sizes.

The lawn cutting is a breeze for this tractor which has double the horsepower of the Cub. The Cub was well beaten over the years and is now resting in a container for future displays.

Cement Benches for the Grounds



With the approval to purchase the benches prior to the Covid 19 outbreak, the 18 benches are finally on the Museum grounds.

With donations from several members, enough money was raised to purchase the benches, the sheet metal for the backs of the benches, and cover the cost of the Super C mower job.

The existing benches have advertisements from various businesses which are extinct so the advertisements will be removed and thick sheet metal will replace the blank space. Using gray paint, it will be easy to repaint if any vandalism occurs.

The benches are solid cement and very heavy, which should deter most chances of theft. Most of the benches will replace the rocks that are used in the "Have a Seat and Rest your Feet" areas throughout the property.

The painting of the panels and installation should occur over the next few weeks.

A Wobble Wheel Roller to our Collection



Our latest collection is this Wobble wheel roller which we plan to use at future tractor pulls. We actually picked up two but will rebuild one for our current needs.

It was the generous help of Stan Myers and his equipment along with Morris and Francis who picked up the rollers and delivered them to Tony Simon's farm.

From there, Tony will work on the roller to rebuild it, lube everything up. However, we are looking for 14 tires, 265/75 - 15 to be exact. Tire tubes would also be welcomed!

We are not asking you to remove the tires off your vehicles, but if you have any used tires that size and don't really need them, we would appreciate a donation. We will be putting tubes in the tires, worn tires will work. Only 8 hours a year is all we would use the roller.

A roller like this would really offset the cost of renting a roller as we have been doing for the past 3 years during the show pulls.

Mini Show this Fall?

Depending on the status of the Covid -19 regulations, we may put on a 1 or 2 day mini-show. Stage 3 has to be in place. There will not be a sawmill or threshing demonstrations, no parade. We are thinking of having our own tractor pullers put on a power demonstration.

We are thinking of emptying out the west wall of the tractor building and have some vendors in there. People would have to eat outside as per the Provincial guidelines, stay a safe distance apart and wear a mask.

The Chip Wagon would be brought out for a meal venue. Possibly a steam engine or two for display, hit and miss engines and any other displays our members would want to show. We would need 2 - 3 days to set things up. The date would be Saturday, September 19, 2020. More information to follow.

President's Message - continued

I had member Sherri Vanhoorne-Lieth call me last week, approaching me on trying to put on a "Vendors Market" idea, hosting vendors to set up outside booths and sell their products.

The more I thought about it, the more sense it makes. They are doing these functions now, in Stage 2 of Covid 19. We agreed upon having this go on during the 1 day mini-show, even if the mini-show is cancelled. It is a win-win for both groups. September 19th will be the dedicated day.

As you can see, we are still active around the Museum, even in these slower times.

Thank you

Gary Struhar

President
ECSGEM

Hall Rental

The ECSGEM meeting room is available for rent to members and non-members. Excellent for group meetings, birthday parties, family gatherings and other functions requiring a bit more room.

We feature seating for up to 60, large kitchen for baking or heating up food, PA system, pool table and many more amenities.

Cost is only \$50.00 per member, \$100.00 for non-members. Please call Brenda Allen @ 519-726-5335 and book your date

Did You Know?

As a member, you are entitled to insert a free business card sized advertisement in the Newsletter. Have something to sell, send me the writing and photo if possible and it will be placed. Note: Editor's discretion may apply.

Fun Fact Trivia

- Horses can only breathe through their nostrils, not their mouth.
- When you tell a lie, your nose heats up.
- Horses can sleep standing up ... they lock their knees so they don't fall over.
- A Boeing 747 airliner holds 57,285 gallons (216,847 liters) of fuel.
- Vending machines kill 4 times more people each year than sharks.
- A group of bunnies is called a fluffle.
- Gentoo and adélie penguins give their mate a pebble as a way of proposing.
- Chicken poop was used as a cure for baldness in 17th century England.
- It's almost impossible to sneeze with your eyes open.
- Hagfish have 4 hearts.
- Your left side is your best side. Scientists think people find it more attractive.
- Twyndyllyngsis the longest English word without a vowel. It's another word for "twin".
- Astronauts get taller when they are in space. They grow about 2 inches (5 cm) taller during long missions due to the lack of gravity that pulls them down on Earth. When they return home, they shrink back to normal.
- Cows can be identified by their nose prints.

Calendar of Events

On Wednesday July 1, 2020 to Wednesday September 30, 2020, the museum will be open every Wednesday from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm. Gary Struhar has made a commitment for each week to raise awareness of our Museum.

We have approved another Fall Festival Steak dinner for sometime in September. We will keep everyone informed as to when the date is official.

Chillifest has been re-scheduled for Saturday October 24.

The Fall Bazaar is scheduled for Saturday November 21 and Sunday November 22.

The Christmas Banquet is booked for Sunday November 29. I have to find out if this can still go on with the Ontario regulations in effect.

As you can see, we are always busy doing something or other. Stay informed as further developments are made and more dates set.

2020 - 2021 dues are due now. If you haven't paid your dues yet, now is the time to renew!!

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General Meetings

First Tuesday at 7:30pm
 With a social time
 From 7:00pm to 7:30pm

Directors Meeting

Third Tuesday of each month
 except December

Membership Application or Membership Renewal Form.

Name of Member: _____

Address: _____

E-mail Address: _____

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Membership Fee: \$ **30.00**

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What are your interests: _____