

The Flywheel



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Coming events

ATA General Meeting	September 10	7:30 p.m. in the Canora
ATA Potluck Picnic	September 22	2pm
ATA Board Meeting	September 24	7:00 p.m. in the Canora

Around the site

September ATA Potluck Picnic

The ATA potluck picnic will occur September 22nd. Games will start at 2 pm and we will eat at 4 pm. ATA will supply coffee and beef on a bun. Members are asked to bring a dessert or salad, or, contact Deborah Dempster (at 792-8599) about what else to bring. Volunteers will be needed to help with this event. Please contact Deborah.

My first year as the new 'Granma' from Granma's Grill

It's a good thing that we start out small...as in the Small Engine Meet in May. Other than not really having a total understanding of just what was involved in 'getting everything ready', things went well. We had a clean kitchen, well stocked with provisions, and some experienced helpers to make things run and have a little fun on the side. In July, we were invited by the Pro-trucker Magazine people to provide concession service for their two day Show and Shine event. From our end, we did pretty well. Overall attendance was down a bit from the previous year, which left us with leftovers. Such is life.

Chilliwack Fair 2013 was busy!!!

Now that I've had a chance to observe the operation, I'd say I learned a lot this year. There is a big difference between coming in as someone else's volunteer and trying to grasp the who, what, when, where and why's. Some things worked well, and some things will have to be simplified for next year. I know that scheduling was a bit of a problem this year - shifts were too long. I'm going to work on that. I would really like to express my sincere Thanks to Ig and Donna Wurst, who were 'available' to me, for both help and encouragement. And to the volunteers who made the best of the transition, I thank you for coming out to do all the things that needed doing. I would welcome any feedback from those who volunteered this year. What can I do better? How can I make this easier for all of us? We will be having a volunteer appreciation luncheon sometime in October, where I hope we'll be able to discuss this as a group. We have the potential to be busier than ever next year; we've already got bookings for next Spring. I would invite anyone who is interested in volunteering in the concession to contact me. I know that not everyone is able to work the grill, or the counter, but we have a need for volunteers to clean the tables, collect trash and recyclables, do dishes and wash floors and...you get the idea. I think we had a pretty good year, and look forward to a successful 2014. Deborah Dempster

Steven Savich

ATA member Steven Savich is doing well. We were happy to see him at the Fair and we wish him a speedy recovery and the best of luck in his ongoing treatment.

Canora engine

Allan and Willy Dempster have got the big Canora engine running! Using a generator and the Air-Trac, they have got it turning over. Speed would have to be measured in rph (hour!), but it is running. What an accomplishment!

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ATA Threshing Bee & Chilliwack Fair in Pictures



Steam Threshing



Bill Priestly & the Oliver 70



Our Abell under compressed air power



Sue Wiebe's plant watering machine



Willy Dempster hard at work



Frank Van den Dorpel's John Deere



Ted Howe and ATA's biggest tractor



Model A and Farmall



Keith Hammer's Waterloo Boy



Tractors!

Vivian Engines

ATA recently acquired several Vivian engines from the Vancouver Maritime Museum, including a large straight-8 marine engine. So here's a little background on the Vivian Company and its products. According to David Conn in an article in *Raincoast Chronicles*, Will Vivian (1890-1965) was the Henry Ford of the Canadian diesel industry, though he has been largely forgotten today. After working in a San Francisco machine shop as a teenager, Vivian returned to Vancouver in 1909 and set up his own company, the Vivian Engine Works. At that time the BC fishing industry was converting to engine power, and Vivian was in the right place at the right time.

His main focus was on four-cycle, long stroke, slow-turning marine engines. As time passed the company changed its focus to diesel engines because of their simplicity and efficiency and, Vivian was the first Canadian company to produce diesel engines.



Our new Vivian straight 8

Will Vivian was very conservative, and once he had some success, did not like the idea of adaptation to changes in production methods and types of engines (including high speed engines). He even turned down the opportunity to build locomotive engines or even complete locomotives.



Our Vivian 4 cylinder

After producing over 600 engines for the military during the Second World War, Vivian aggressively promoted their engines around the world, and achieved a modicum of success, but Vivian resisted the move to light and compact diesel engines which were easier to install and service and were produced using mass production methods and more modern metals technology. This meant that Vivian lost out to their opposition in the postwar period. In 1949



Our new Vivian 3-cylinder

Vivian sold his interest in the company to Brush-Able of England. The Vivian name disappeared in the early 50's when Brush-Able was bought out by Hawker-Siddeley. The company continued to produce parts for surviving Vivians at least into the 1980s. Conn noted that the Maritime had 4 Vivian engines, and these are the engines that the ATA acquired this year.

Tractor Pull Schedule				
Sept 14	Agassiz	<u>Contacts</u>	Max Warner	604-850-9147
			Fred Dykhuizen	604-309-5175
			Cliff Everitt	604-626-1061

For Sale:

- Antique Well Pump - "R McDougall Co., Galt, Canada" 4'6" tall, hand operation or c/w pump jack. \$245 OBO
- Cushman 2 cyl. 6-8H.P., 320 lbs. c/w cast base - clutch pulley, carb, mag, loose needs restoration \$145 OBO
- Delco Light generator, Model 10E3, loose, 1000 watts, 32 volt, c/w panel, start crank & manuals. \$75 OBO
- IHC McCormick-Deering 1 1/2H.P. "M", parts only, gov. bracket c/w springs, weights & collar + fuel tank (used) \$45 OBO
- Stover 3 H.P. Style Y (?) - Hoygser (?)cyl. c/w piston & rod. \$45 OBO
- Fairbanks-Morse engine, 1911 style Eclipse #2. needs restoration. Rare (hard to find) \$495 OBO
- Little Jumbo engine, 1 1/2 H.P.? also have air cooled cylinder & extra mainframe (Bluffton) that fits - needs restoration \$395 OBO

For all of the above, contact John Vander Gugten, 1-604-855-9119.

- 1957 Massey-Harris 444 – very good shape – motor plus clutch and transmission, plus much more and tractor is fully gone over and painted. Has good rubber.

- 1949 John Deere D. Fully restored. Motor plus much more. Tractor is like new. Very good pullers.

For the Massey and the Deere, call Ray Warner, 604-824-9560 or cell 604-793-6181.

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Board Matters





There has been some movement on the transfer of ownership of some of our vehicles to ATA. We received an e-mail from Victoria asking for more information and we will respond.

We are going to contact BC Hydro to ask them to come and do an assessment of the lighting in the Pioneer Building (and possibly also the Canora) in preparation for doing something about the cost of heating and lighting the building. Gordon Jackson noted that the Canora appears to be the most expensive building to light and heat.

The Board agreed that Frank Van den Dorpel could adopt the 4-cylinder Vivian and two gas pumps. It was also agreed that Wade Wade could adopt the 1930 Ford AA tow truck.

At the general meeting on August 13th it was agreed that ATA would join the Circle Farm Tour next year. This will generate a lot of advertising for us.

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