



The Flywheel

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Coming events

ATA General Meeting
ATA Board Meeting

January 12, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. in the Canora
January 26, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Canora

Around the Site

Christmas at the ATA Train Station



And at the Store



On Saturday the 12th of December an Open House was held at the Casey Train Station on our site. Members came and enjoyed the running of the Christmas trains along with appropriate refreshments. Val and Irv Jansen also had the Store open and decorated and Frank Van den Dorpel decorated his cabins. A good time was had by all.



Bill Priestly running trains in the Station



Insulators placed over Christmas lights brighten the space

Granma's Grill – Annual Concession Report

We had a pretty good year in the Concession. We were open for 2 events in May, the Fraser Valley Classic Car Club tour on May 9th and 10th, and our annual Small Engine Show. We catered a breakfast meeting for Word and Deed in June. We were also open for 2 events in July—July 1st the Mini Car Show and Shine and the Fraser Valley Classic Car show. We were again open for 3 days of the Chilliwack Fair and catered a function for Probus of Chilliwack.

Annual Report for the Library for 2015

Our library's collection has grown to a total of about 8,400 items, not including individual issues of magazines. The Library includes the Fraser Valley British Motor Club's library, as well as the Chilliwack Model Train Club Library. Our database has been mounted in pdf format on our website.

Annual report of the Museum Committee



This year has been a busy one for the Pioneer Museum. We expanded our Spring-Summer opening days from three to five, and this has helped bring in more people. Increased use of the site by other groups has also helped. We are also getting quite a few tourists from overseas. The Classic Car Show in July overwhelmed us with visitors, and next year we will have to have several more staff in the Museum to cope with all the people coming through. We were visited by 2,200 people in the period from November 1, 2014 to October 31, 2015.

We have achieved some of the goals we set for 2015. We finished the reorganization of the back of the Museum and have made major efforts to improve our signage. We also recruited more volunteers to staff the Museum, starting in May.

Ig Wurst did some construction work in the front of the Museum in April, enhancing the displays with two more partial walls to suggest separation of the spaces. Also in April we got a large donation of clothing and documents from the Ord house.

In September the Store was taken over by Irv and Val Jansen. Many thanks to Dennis Wiebe for all his work.

We are still concerned about the high cost of Hydro for the Museum, and the Board and the Lottery Committee are looking into that problem. For 2016 the Committee will focus on updating some of the displays and cleaning up and painting the Hearse Room. We will also continue to improve the signage throughout the Museum.

The Committee would like to thank all the volunteers who made the 5-day opening of the Museum such a great success!

Annual Report for the Train Station



Casey station platform



The Junkyard



Music box

Last year John Black and Bill Priestly took over the old Barber Shop and began the process of turning it into a train station with a working O scale model train layout. With all sorts of help from Jerry Parkhill, Bill Smith, Stuart Vanderkooi, Wade Wade, Fred Giesler and Randall Williams, the station was well under way by late fall. The roof was repainted, the ceiling raised, and electrical wiring, lighting and heating put in. Then Bill and John started building the layout. Trains were running by early 2015, though we have had some problems getting a couple of things working properly.

People, and especially children and older adults were fascinated with the layout, and we kept the station open as much as possible. When we were not there, the main door was open, and only the wrought iron gate made by Wade was left locked.

We decided to name the station Casey Station after Casey Van den Dorpel. Some components of a real train station were set up. We have track tools, a teletype, train lamps and even a baggage wagon from the ATA's collections. People have also donated material for the station.

Inventory Report

This past year has been quite good as far as donations to our Association with a total of 83 items being recorded bringing the total recorded items to 2,241. Items of interest include an International Truck from Reimer Nurseries, a Shop-Smith wood working shop tool, a 4 wheel spring wagon in fair condition, a Massey Harris "Pony" tractor, an "Aveling-Barford" blacktop roller and a very nice donation from the Burnaby Village Museum.



Aveling-Barford Roller



Not another one!!!

Annual Report for the Facebook page

Our Facebook page has had a very good year. We now have 120 likes and 101 people regularly see what is posted. It is kept very up-to-date with happenings at ATA and has a ton of illustrations of our events, people and artifacts. The promo for the Fraser Valley Classic car show reached the largest number of people for the year, at 313. The numbers of people reached have gone up from the 60's and 70's into the hundreds, and with a few at over 200.

Annual report for the Flywheel

The Flywheel was well received again this year. The emphasis on current events on the site and with the membership, as well as on illustrations has been popular. The move from a mostly printed version of the newsletter to an electronic one has proceeded. In January 2015 we were printing over 100 copies per issue; the November issue consisted of 50 printed and 71 electronic copies. This has meant a corresponding decline in both printing and mailing costs over the year.

Treasurer's Report

This last year has been a very good one financially. Our balance of income versus expenditures was a surplus of \$5,000. Donations were up considerably over last year.



Ready for winter

Executive Board 2016

At the Annual General Meeting in November, ATA elected a new Executive Board for 2016 and reaffirmed the Committees. They are as follows:

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And the beat goes on!



For Sale

1939 Allis-Chalmers with bucket, P.T.O. and side rake. Good running condition. \$1,500. To view call 604-703-3716 after 5 pm.

Looking for a rebuildable head and block for JD-A 1946, Ser # 487999, Part # AA 464R A 587R. Terry Johnson 4375 S. Island Hwy. Campbell River, BC, V9H 1B7. 250-923-3118. tjstractors@telus.net

Will Dempster has a 1947 Cockshutt 30 for sale. If interested, call 604-819-8335.

Membership: \$35 Individual, \$45 Family, \$55 Grand Family (including grandchildren), renewable Jan. 1.

White Farmalls

Everyone knows Farmalls are red ... except for the special white Farmall dealer demo models



A white Farmall



A more familiar red Farmall

To take advantage of the mid-century year of 1950, International Harvester's advertising department hit on a promotional scheme to paint some of the 1950 tractors white. These machines would be used by dealers as demonstrators, as well as display models in showrooms and at county fairs, and it was hoped that the unusual colour would catch the farmer's eye and improve sales. As the tractors moved through the paint line in the International plant, everything was sprayed white. Some standard red painted items were added later, such as the distributor, air breather cap, steering wheel, lights, seat and wheels. The silver muffler and wheel rims and the tires were added at that time as well.

Standard decals with white letters outlined in black were used, although the back of the clear letter I in the IH logo was painted red. We have a model of one of the white Farmalls in the Museum.

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**Club meetings are the 1st. Tuesday
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