

# The Flywheel



Newsletter of the Atchelitz Threshermen's Association  
"A non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of our historic past"

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## Coming events

Volunteer Picnic	5 October, 2:00 p.m.
ATA General Meeting	14 October, 7:30 p.m. in the Canora
ATA Board Meeting	28 October, 7:00 p.m. in the Canora
ATA Annual General Meeting	11 November, 7:30 p.m. in the Canora
ATA Board Meeting	25 November, 7:00 p.m. in the Canora

## Steven Savich, 1993-2014



Our youngest ATA member, Steven Savich, died quickly and peacefully on September 17th after a courageous battle against leukemia. Born on April 19, 1993, Steven was only 21. He was working on several projects at ATA when he was taken ill, and his inspiration and hard work will be missed. He was well-known in the Chilliwack model train community for his creativity, willingness to work hard and friendly nature. Steven loved trains, both real and model, and recently had also become involved in tractor pulling. A celebration of his life was held at the ATA site on the 27th of September. Steven requested that donations be made to the West Coast Railway Heritage Park in his memory.

## Members/Volunteers picnic

Our annual picnic will be held at our site on Sunday, October 5th. Plan to arrive around 2 pm, with dinner at 5 pm. ATA will provide meat dishes, and members can bring salads, desserts, etc.

## Annual General Meeting

The ATA's Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday November 11th at 7:30 p.m. in the Canora. Election of officers for the Board will take place at this meeting. The Nominating

Committee (Gordon Jackson and Richard Laffere) will be contacting you about running for a position. Please consider helping out by becoming a member of the Board.

### Small Engine

A members has requested one of our small engines from the back of the Canora. If any other member is interested in acquiring the engine please contact Stuart @ 819-5002.

### Museum and the site

Beginning on October 1st, the Museum will be open on Saturdays only. However, any time the gate is open, visitors are welcome. Anyone wishing a special tour can call us (at 604-858-2119) and we will be available at your convenience.

The display of vehicles and small engines in the back of the Pioneer Museum are being reorganized to create a better arrangement.

Joining the Farm Circle Tour and getting our information into their brochure, as well as Tourism Chilliwack's, has led to a large increase in visitors (and donations!) to the Museum. Tourism told us that they have been turning away visitors on the days we are not open, so we will look into opening 5 days a week next year, if we can get enough volunteers.

The Fraser Valley Classic Car show is coming back next year. We will also have a large meeting of Mini owners and their cars at our site on Canada Day. We should be able to host at least a couple of hundred of these old British cars.

Jerry Parkhill has been working hard on getting our inventory in order and is going around putting ATA number tags on items around the site. Some will receive "loan" tags and listing in our on loan inventory so that they are covered by our liability insurance.

Our sign on the highway in the west end of Chilliwack has been so successful in drawing people to our site, that we have decided to put another one at the other end of Chilliwack near where the railroad tracks cross the highway. Note that several people have complained that we should not be letting an old "steam tractor" be ruined out in the weather! The guys did a great job with that old junk!



Our sign on the highway

## Electronic Flywheel

Please help to cut costs and return the Flywheel to monthly publication by sending us your e-mail address to: [atachwkw@yahoo.ca](mailto:atachwkw@yahoo.ca).

## For Sale & Purchase

Todd and Sheila Schwartz of Vernon are looking to buy steel wheel tractors. Their number is: 250-542-7170.

## **ATA Executive Board 2014**

*(new Board to be elected at AGM in November)*

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In memory of Steven Savich



