

# The Flywheel

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## Coming events

General meeting:

February 13, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. in the Canora

**ATA Potluck:**

**February 24, 2017 at Atchelitz Hall 5 pm-**

Heritage Week Open House

February 24, 2017 at ATA, 10am – 3pm

Board meeting:

February 27, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Canora

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## ATA MEMBERS ANNUAL POTLUCK

ATCHELITZ HALL, 6542 LICKMAN ROAD

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2018

DOORS OPEN 5:00, DINNER 6:00

A-H                      HOT DISHES

J-N                      DESSERTS

O-Z                      HOT VEGETABLES AND SALADS

BRING YOUR OWN DISHES, CUTLERY AND SERVING UTENSILS

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COME & CELEBRATE A VERY SUCCESSFUL YEAR AT ATA

### **ATA Potluck**

We hope to see everyone at our annual Potluck on February 24<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to participate in the gift exchange, please bring an unwrapped gift.

### **Heritage Week**

The week of the 24<sup>th</sup> of February is Heritage Week. As our contribution to the celebration, we will be having an Open House on February 24<sup>th</sup>. We will have all our display buildings open. Chilliwack Heritage has agreed to do a display in the front of the Pioneer, and the Atchelitz Women's Institute will have their display in the Canora. Our namesake, the Atchelitz Farmer's Institute will also take part. Refreshments will be available in the Canora.

This is an important event for our organization, as it will help us to become better known in our community and beyond. Working with other organizations is also a forward step. We will focus on our cement floor in the back of Pioneer, done with a grant from Canada 150.

### **Kudos**

Been in the Canora lately? Donna Wurst has been working really hard cleaning all four walls in the front of the building. It's actually white, and the room now looks very bright! Thanks, Donna.

Ron Blizzard has spent many hours working on the forklift. Great work Ron!

### **New tractor**

We now have a very nice addition to our tractor collection. It's a 1/6 scale 2" working model of a Burrell steam-powered tractor, donated by June Wells of North Vancouver in memory of her father, who built it around 1979-80. It is 44" long and 24" high. We hope to display it prominently. Come and see it in the front of the Pioneer Museum! The detail is incredible!





June Wells and the tractor

### **New advertiser for our newsletter**

Dwayne Huseby has found us a new advertiser. Big O Tires (45829 Yale Road, Chilliwack) has agreed to advertise in the Flywheel. See their ad on the last page of the newsletter. Thanks Dwayne.

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### **Yard Sale**

Yup, it's now time to start planning our 2018 yard sale. We haven't set a date yet, but we are now accepting donations for the yard sale. No large furniture or major electronics please. Donations can be dropped off is only open Saturdays, but there are people on site on Monday and Thursday mornings as well.

### **Alternate name for the newsletter**

Way back in the January 2005 issue of the Flywheel, ten suggested new names for our organization were printed. Members were urged to pick their favourite and vote at the Potluck. The 10 names were:

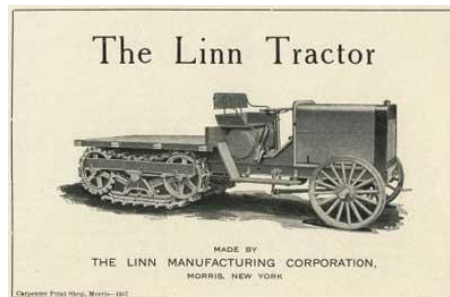
1. Heritage Powerland
2. Chilliwack Antique Powerland
3. ATA Power Park or Land
4. Chilliwack Farm Museum
5. Heritage Farm Museum
6. Old Town
7. Atchelitz Antique Powerland
8. Threshing Bee at Heritage

9. Farm Museum in Chilliwack
10. Heritage Farm & Industry Museum

Nothing seems to have come of this suggestion, but we do not have a copy of the February issue and the question probably didn't come to the vote.

### **The Linn Half-Track**

The half-track, a conventional truck front-end with tracks replacing the rear wheels was originally developed by the Lombard Tractor Co. of Maine for logging. Harry Linn (1877-1937) used one for transportation of his travelling minstrel show during the winter months, but problems with the original led him to design some modifications. The major differences between the dual truck—where the tracks ran between the inner and outer frame—and a flexible track unit. This device, known as the “Linn Flexible Traction,” used a spring-loaded steel triangle, which allowed the track to flex and conform to ground contours. It was a very interesting alternative to the rigid roller mounting of most crawler tractors. It also had a distinct advantage over wheeled trucks, enabling it to traverse difficult terrain.



The Linn Travelling Road Show was grounded by the great polio epidemic of 1917 and all travel was restricted. Harry Linn returned to Morris, N.Y., and in 1917 formed the Linn Manufacturing Company, to build the half-track. It quickly became popular in the logging and excavating business with the company producing an average of two machines a week. Total production was about 2,500 between 1916 and 1952, of which about 115 survive, including ours. In Canada it was popular for plowing snow of roads in the winter. Total production between 1917 and The Linn Co. was sold to the Republic Motor Co. in 1927, the machines retaining the Linn name. Original powered with 4 and 6 cylinder Waukesha and Hercules gas engines, the 4- and 6-cylinder Cummins diesels were added as alternative in the mid 1930s.



**Our Linn Truck, repainted by Mike Munk**

For an interesting video of a 1935 Linn Truck in operation, go to:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SxlfJH-TVx4>

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From the Flywheel, April 2004



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**Club meetings are the 1st. Tuesday  
of the month at the  
A.T.A. Canora Building at 7:30pm.**

**- NEW TIRES - USED TIRES - WHEELS - SHOCKS & STRUTS -**

The logo for Big O Tires features the text "BIG O TIRES" in a large, bold, sans-serif font. Below it, the name "BARRY PEDERSON" is written in a smaller font. To the left of the main text is a small illustration of a truck. At the bottom left, contact information is provided: "604-792-8686" and "www.mybigotires.com". At the bottom right, it says "bigochilliwack@outlook.com". The entire logo is framed by a border with the text "BATTERIES - ACCESSORIES" on the left and "BRAKES - LIFT KITS - FENDER FLARES - TPMS - EXHAUST" on the right.

