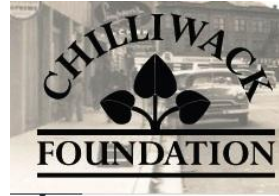


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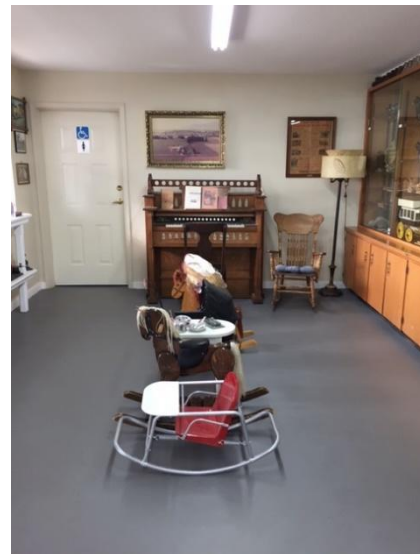
The Museum Committee has been busy reorganizing the front of the Pioneer Museum. First on the agenda was to paint the floor in the living room and our meeting area. Here's a photo of Bill Smith and Donna Wurst busy putting on the second coat. The second picture shows how cluttered the rest of the front became as Donna and a couple of others cleared the area to be painted. Painted floor sure looks good, and this will give us a chance to make some real changes in the area.



The reorganization of the front of the Museum was completed in time for the reopening on Saturday February 2nd. We are now open on Saturdays. Here's some pics of our new Museum.



Several members worked very hard getting it all cleaned, the floors polished, the cabinets emptied and moved and then putting everything back together in a new form.



SPRING FLING

March 23, 2019

Doors open 5:00 Dinner at 6:00

Atchilitz Hall = Lickman Road

Food instructions in March Flywheel.

Emergency Contacts

All members are asked to give the ATA the name and number of their emergency contact. You can send us an e-mail (atachwkw@gmail.com) or phone us at 604-858-2119. Or, you can let a Board member know next time you are on site.

Harvesting

Following is a reprint of a publication by the Shropshire County Council in England. It describes the history of harvesting in England and America, and while it may be a little different from our experience, it does explain really well what is involved over time.

Part 1

The term “harvesting” in the general sense includes the gathering in of any crop or fruit. It begins with the early hay crop in June, then there is the corn harvest in July/August and finally in September and October the gathering of fruit and root vegetables. However, to most people, the word harvest means the corn harvest.

The corn harvest was, and still is, the great work of the farming year, for it took up most of the time and attention of the farmer and his workers until the corn was safely stacked or stored in barns. The weather was very important, as the results of a whole year’s labour depended on the grain being harvested while the good weather lasted. When the farmer thought that the grain was ready and that the weather was set fair, he would take on extra hands to speed up the harvest. Nowadays with the development of the combine harvester, the harvest is brought in far more quickly and long periods of dry weather are not quite so important.

The methods of harvesting corn changed little for thousands of years. The earliest implement used to reap corn was the sickle and archaeological finds in caves in Palestine have revealed sickles dating from about 8,000 B.C. At first a sickle was a crescent shaped flint fitted into a wooden or bone handle, but by the late Bronze Age, bronze sickles were socketed into a handle and this made reaping easier. In England, by 300 A.D., iron had superceded bronze, making the sickle a better balanced tool and it has hardly altered since then. The blade of the iron sickle was usually toothed or serrated up to about 2 cm. (1 inch) from its point, which was not sharpened, as it was used to divide the standing corn. The reaper either knelt or stooped, and grasping a handful of ears with one hand, curved the sickle round it with the other hand and cut through the stalks by drawing the sickle towards him. Mostly the stalks were cut nearer the ears than they are now; the usual method was to remove the ears first and then the straw later if it was required. Cattle and sheep were often put into the fields to eat the straw as it stood or it could be reaped to provide thatching, animal litter (bedding), straw feed or even to be used as a fuel when there was a shortage of wood. It was because the sickle could be used by women as well as men that it survived into the twentieth century, usually on very small farms where the family was the main source of labour.



Yard Sale

We are now accepting donations for this year's yard sale. Please do not bring in old televisions and electronic equipment.

Meetings

Tuesday, February 12th 7:30 p.m. General Meeting
Tuesday, February 26th 7:00 p.m. Board Meeting

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A recent acquisition

The item pictured below was recently donated by Greg Pernitzky. It was a wonderful plaything in the 1950's. Does anyone remember what it is? Your editor certainly spent many many happy hours playing with one like this.



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

The advertisement for Big O Tires features the company name "BIG O TIRES" in large, bold letters. Below it, the name "BARRY PEDERSON" is written. At the bottom left, there is a photograph of a truck. Contact information is provided: "45829 Yale Road Chilliwack, BC V2P 2N6", "604-792-8686", "Fax: 604-792-0368", "www.mybigotires.com", and "bigochilliwack@outlook.com". The text "NEW TIRES - USED TIRES - WHEELS - SHOCKS & STRUTS" is written at the top, and "BATTERIES - ACCESSORIES" is written vertically on the left side. At the bottom, there is a list of services: "BRAKES - LIFT KITS - FENDER FLARES - TPMS - EXHAUST".



