

# The Flywheel



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<b>Annual General Meeting:</b>	November 13, 2012, 7:30 pm in the Canora Building
<b>Next Board Meeting:</b>	November 27, 2012, 7:00 pm in the Canora Building

## Around the Site

We now have a Facebook page! It's under the name of the Association. Please go there and hit "Like." The more "likes" we get the more we can do with the page.

The Museum Committee has made some progress. A donation of flooring by Gordon Schley has enabled us to put floors in the new bedroom and the dining room. They will be completed very soon.

The kitchen has now been shut down for the winter. Please do not use the washrooms.

We have finally signed a renewed 5 year agreement with the City of Chilliwack. Congrats to Casey for a hard job well done.

Next time you are on the site take a look in the back of the Canora. Allan and Willy Dempster have done a wonderful job of cleaning up the area and getting several steam engines running using compressed air.

At the City's request, we have increased our liability insurance to \$5 million.

The PR Committee was unable to get "Museum" signs on the highway, but Richard Laferre is talking to the City about getting signs for Lickman and Luckakuck.

We will soon have our own e-mail address.

Cornel Kurtz is working on shelving for the new

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camera area on the mezzanine.

### **Schedule of Events, November 2012**

November 10, 2012	Tractor Puller's Award Dinner	5:30 p.m. Aldergrove Legion
November 13, 2012	ATA's Annual General Meeting	7:30 p.m. in the Canora
November 27, 2012	Board Meeting	7:00 p.m. in the Canora

### **Annual General Meeting and Elections**

Our AGM is on November 13th this year. Elections will be held for President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, four 1-year Director positions, as well as two 2-year Director positions. This is another opportunity for you to get involved in the Association.

A change to the constitution of the Association will be presented to the meeting. It reads:

The purpose of the Society is to encourage the collection, restoration, preservation, operation and exhibition of Steam and Gasoline Stationary engines, Steam and Gasoline tractors and machinery used in farming and agriculture product processing, as well as the development of a working farm museum.

A revision to the site rental rates will be presented for membership approval: The daily rental rate for non-profit large groups will rise to \$700 per day. Commercial rates will also rise to \$700 per day with an additional \$200 per day charge for use of coolers, freezers and the servicing area. Member rates and discounts would remain the same.

Membership rates are also the subject of a resolution. They would increase by \$5 so that a single membership would be \$35, family membership \$45 and a new Grand family membership at \$55 would be introduced to include grandchildren.

A resolution on Storage fee changes will also be presented. Inside storage would be raised to \$200 per year and outside to \$140 per year. Pricing would go into effect on the 1st of February 2013. If any member chooses to renew before the end of the year or before the new rates go into effect, they would renew at the old rate.

The tractor pullers will have their 15th award night dinner at the Aldergrove Legion at 5:30 on November 10th. Tickets are \$15.00 and all are welcome. Tickets will be handed out to men who bring prizes for men and women who bring prizes for women for door prizes.

### **ATA's Studebakers, Part 2**

Our second Studebaker is a horse drawn Phaeton, manufactured about 1890. This four-wheel carriage was safer and more comfortable than its two-wheel counterparts, and became a favourite of doctors, mail carriers and others needing a light, fast, urban vehicle. Normally pulled by two horses, with the driver sitting up front in the weather, it was also possible to drive the wagon from under the convertible top. The driver would normally maintain the carriage.

The carriage is built with a wooden frame with wood fabric and leather used as an outer covering. A few of our other wagons and carriages use leather covering too. Apparently the

running gear was made by McLaughlin, the forerunner of the McLaughlin-Buick. The four wood spoked rubber-tired wheels, 38" across in front and 46" in the rear were individually sprung, providing a better ride. It was donated to ATA by the Royal B.C. Museum in 1989.



ca. 1890 Studebaker Phaeton

The half of a vehicle consists of the rear wheels on the 1932 Worthington lawn tractor. Built by Ford with a Model B (4 cylinder) engine, the vehicle was bought new by the Vancouver Parks Dept. and used for cutting lawns till 1962 when it was sold at auction (for \$99.75) to James Watson of Richmond. It was donated to the Provincial Museum in 1978. It originally came with a centre mounted sickle mower and trailing gang wheel mowers.



Worthington and James Watson & '34 Studebaker rear wheels

The third vehicle is a 1936 Studebaker Ace 1 1/2 ton truck. Studebaker sold approximately 3,000 trucks in 1936. It has a 6 cylinder, 218 cu. in. 75 HP engine, and a 4-speed transmission. It is outfitted as a stake truck. One of the features is the ornate nameplate on the front of the truck. It was originally used to haul supplies and fuel (wood) for the Penask Lake Club outside Kelowna. This was a camp for employees of Dow Pineapple Co. It was retired in 1955 and ended up sitting in the bush for some years. It was rescued by Ed Hoppe of Burnaby and donated to the Provincial Museum's B.C. Transportation collection in 1978. When it was restored by the Provincial Museum in 1983-4 it was given a ranch deck, used for transporting cattle and hay.



There are two stories worth relating about this vehicle. Apparently at some point a couple of people interested in Studebakers came to the museum and were told we had a 1936 Studebaker Ace. They are said to have insisted that Studebaker did not make such a vehicle in 1936. No more need be said!



1936 Studebaker Ace truck

The other is not so much fun. This truck is one of the better looking vehicles in our collection, but is not drivable as are nearly all of the others. The story is that someone was pulling the vehicle out and couldn't get the steering wheel to turn, so applied maximum force, thereby breaking the steering. It's still broken, so the vehicle hasn't moved in a while. Maybe one day someone will adopt it and fix it up. This story may be apocryphal.

The last vehicle is our 1947 Studebaker Champion. It is a Starlight Coupe, as discussed above, with the streamlined back end and flat trunk. It is in perfect condition. It has a 6 cylinder 170 cubic inch engine with 117 horsepower. The transmission is a 3-speed with overdrive, with the stick mounted on the steering column.

The story of the car is as follows: A man named Walter Thompson saw the new car on display at Clarke Simpkins Motors and joined the block long lineup to sit in it. He vowed that one day he would have one. His chance came in 1952, when he saw a '47 Studebaker sitting in a car lot on his way home from work. Without even telling his wife, he traded in his 1941 Chev for \$700 and paid a grand total of \$1416.85 (we have all the documentation and photos!) for his dream car. After his retirement in 1980, Walter completely disassembled and restored the car, and entered it in many shows. It always did well. Just before he died, Walter and his wife donated the car to the BC Transportation Museum, and it subsequently found its way to the ATA. Today it is looked after by Richard Laferre, who is greatly concerned that it be looked after and stored safely.



Under restoration



The Thomsons with their pride and joy



ATAs 1947 Studebaker Champion Starlight coupe

**For Sale:**

- 1940 Farmall A. Restoration started. All parts available. \$650. GED 604-856-9587.
- 1945 W4 McCormick. Complete. Was running. \$1500. GED 604-856-9587.
- 2 VA Cases (1948?) - complete parts tractors. \$500 OBO for all.
- 2 John Deere B's 1946. Build one out of two. \$1,000. For the Cases and Deere's contact George Derry 604-860-4919,
- 1946 Case tractor with mower and 2 point bottom plow. Talk to Ken Henderson at 1-604-539-2119. It is located at 4615 - 200A Street in Brookwood-Langley.
- 1945 Massey-Harris 102 gas tractor. 6 cylinder engine. very good tires & good paint job. Call Gordon Jackson (604) 858-4080.
- 2 Massey 55 fenders still for sale. 604-848-2119.



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