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President's Message

It's calving season again on the prairies. I hope things are going well for everybody.

I received a phone call the other day from Ryan Gillespie, one of our neighbours across the Red Deer River at Finnegan, who said he thought we had a cow stuck in the mud and it might be dead. I took the boys down and found the cow hung up about 30 feet out in the river. Matt tied two ropes together and on the third throw the rope somehow went around her tail. She came in to shore fairly easily as she was bloated up pretty good and so moved well in the water. We hooked on to the carcass with the truck to bring it to shore.

Unable to find our brand on it, I cut the tag out of its ear to find out who

owned her. It looked as if she was trying to calve and had trouble. The joys of ranching!

Speaking of beef, here are some thoughts. What does a cow eat? Hay and corn. And what are these? Vegetables. So a steak is nothing more than an efficient mechanism of delivering vegetables to your system. Beef is also a good source of field grass – a green leafy vegetable. Need grain? Eat chicken. And a pork chop can give you 100% of your recommended daily allowance of vegetable products.

Hope to see you all at the barbecue on July 9th and of course, we'll eat some beef.

– John Douglass from Finnegan, AB

2009 Stampede Display

Planning is well underway for the SAP display at the 2009 Calgary Stampede. The display will be in the same spot as last year in the Round-up Centre at the entrance to the Western Showcase art exhibit.

In addition to photos from SAP's collection, the display will include photos from two new themes – sandstone buildings and grain elevators.

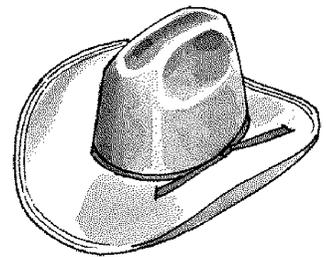
As has been the case in previous years, we have made arrangements with the Remington Carriage Museum for the

loan of a carriage for the display. This year we will have a replica Vis à Vis carriage which visitors will be able to sit in.

We still need volunteers for the display for a few time slots during the Stampede (July 2-11).

Please contact either Ken Thompson (403-289-4636 or terken@telus.net) or Mike Stewart (403-969-2657 or mike@ballinacurra.net) if you can help out.

– D. Michael G. Stewart



ANNUAL STAMPEDE BARBECUE

Saturday, July 4/09

Appearances by:
Stampede Royalty
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Cocktails 6:00 p.m.
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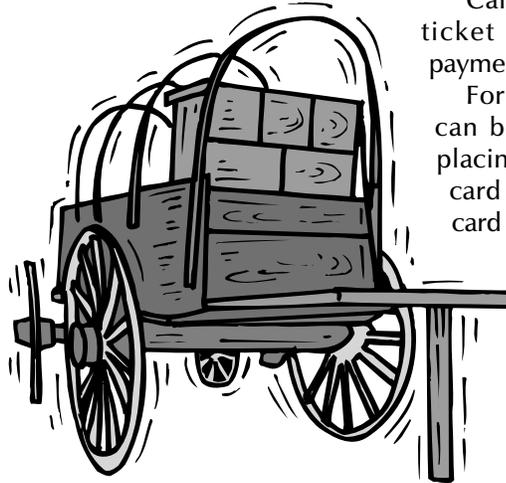
BBQ Ticket Purchase Details

To order, call Gwen Hanna (403-279-5621)
or Pat Rodriguez (403-279-6435).

Last date to place an order is Wednesday, June 24th as we need to give the caterer final attendance numbers by Friday, June 26th.

Tickets must be purchased **AND PAID FOR** in advance. Please mail your cheque, payable to Southern Alberta Pioneers, to Gwen Hanna, 7048 - 22A St. SE,

Calgary, Alberta T2C 0X2. Note: your ticket purchase is not confirmed until payment is received.



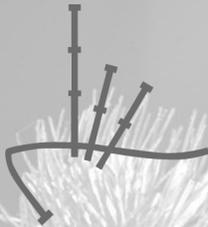
For your convenience, ticket purchases can be confirmed over the phone when placing your order. Please provide credit card information. Your tickets and credit card sales slip will be mailed to you or, if your order is placed in the week of June 22nd to 26th, you can request that tickets be held at the Memorial Building for pick-up on the day of the BBQ.



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Treasurer's Report

We are now six months into the 2009 fiscal year and I'm pleased to report that our financial position remains very strong, with total combined working capital in excess of \$500,000. Nearly 50% of that is in the Memorial Building Fund, which was established a few years ago. All donations received by the Foundation go to this fund.

The objective for the fund is to eventually accumulate enough money to cover all maintenance and upkeep for the Memorial Building in perpetuity.

A great deal of our financial well-being is attributable to the successful Casinos we have participated in over the past four years. Nearly \$240,000 has been raised as a result of the volunteers who serve on the Casino committee, under the chairmanship of Pat Rodriguez. A round of applause to Pat and her volunteers please. These funds are designated for the maintenance, upgrades and improvements of the Memorial Building and grounds.

As always with the good news there is some not so good. First our rental operation has seen a bit of a decline this year due in large part to the downturn in our local economy. The rentals still make a positive contribution to our financial well-being. As well, our Memorial Building Fund has suffered a decline as a result of the market chaos in the past year. But since this is a long-term investment, and with the advice of our advisors, we will continue with status quo in hopes that there will be a rebound in the future. In fact, with the recent upturn in the markets, there has been some recovery.

We recently received approval from the City for a grant application which will be used for upgrades to the washrooms and kitchen floors.

Once again I applaud the many volunteers who ensure the continued well-being of the Southern Alberta Pioneers and Their Descendants.

— Joe Ferguson, Treasurer



Membership Report

The Newsletter can be read and printed from www.pioneersalberta.org/newsletter.

In Memoriam:

Irene Brown, William Wyndham and Dr. Blythe Brown.

Welcome to New Gold Card Members:

Ronald Thomas, Dorothy Edge, Patricia Cox, Robert Brewster, Jean Chugg and Fern Dorsch.

Welcome to New Members:

Kathy Nelson-Campbell, descendant of James Irvine Brewster, Morley, 1879.

Tammy Marie Gallant, descendant of Angus Sparrow, Calgary, 1885.

Curtis Smith and Kathryn Wright, descendants of Alexander Fleming, Fort Macleod, 1885.

William Waddy, Linda Tillman, Doreen Lewis, Rodney Jetté, Robert Jetté and Lorraine Jetté, descendants of William M. Carroll, Calgary, 1883.

Welcome to New Associate Members:

Peter Cox and Ian Campbell.

Newsletters sent to Arlene Dear, Gordon Simpson, George Grisak and Dorothy Woodall were returned undelivered. Can anyone help find these missing individuals?

Thanks again for keeping me informed of Address/Phone Changes. Call me at (403) 271-5483 or email me at sap.membership@shaw.ca.

— Maureen Peckham
Membership Secretary

Please Note:

Our events will be outside, rain or shine. This includes the BBQ, Pancake Breakfast, etc. Large tents will be set up at the Building for the Stampede activities this year.



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Memories of a Past Parade

by Pat Chudey

In July 1972, my daughter Linda was away from home for the first time working in Kitzbühel, Austria. In an effort to reduce homesickness we corresponded frequently and wrote about the everyday occurrences in our lives. In Linda's letter of July 10th she wrote that she would like to go the pinto show when she got home and said that she hoped that everything went well in the Stampede Parade (she hoped that dumbo, my horse Prema, didn't jump into the crowd). Here is part of my letter to her dated July 11, 1972 which was sent before I received her letter of July 10.

...The Stampede is in full swing – the weather sort of stinks and so the attendance is down. I rode in the parade. We brought Prema home (Chinook Park) on Sunday. We bathed her in the back alley. With all the green grass it was quite a job getting her socks clean. She was pretty good except she shivered a lot as the weather was chilly. We then took her back to Western Riders (our riding club west of the city and south of the CFCN towers, and kept her in the barn overnight. Parade morning this year was easier as we had an old trailer that we could truck her down to the beginning of the route. Previous Stampedes we had ridden down Bow Trail and Ninth Avenue in traffic to the kick-off point which meant we had to leave the pasture by 5:00 am.

While we were waiting Prema was getting fussy as we had to be there by 8:00 for the judging and it was now 10:00 – she wanted to get moving! Brandy, another horse in the group, was kicking like a mule. This horse kept up the kicking spree to any horse near her all down the route. She definitely didn't play well with others! Compared to that Prema was good. However, she, unnerved by the flapping of flags, did take off once but we returned to our place in the lineup after I settled her down and she was fine for the rest of the route. Our companion on Brandy was not so lucky. Soon after I returned to the lineup, I looked over

my shoulder and saw the horse dancing with the flag wrapped around its feet and her rider flying through the air. She landed, I think on the back of her head and shoulders. As soon as she got up she went down like she was shot. Later, someone heard that she had a broken leg and collarbone. The image of the show must go on was burned in my memory as the parade parted and went around her until the ambulance arrived.

One of the lead riders of our group was a former Stampede Princess – she went off her horse, we were told, at the end of the

parade but luckily was not hurt. Two native children went off their horse at the start of the parade due to a loose cinch and ended up with skinned legs and cut heads. I think some of the riders were pretty loose in the saddle that day, or was it just a pre-Grandstand Show meant to be an appetizer for the real event!!

Author's Note: Recently my daughter, Linda, came across a box of letters that she had saved from her time in Europe. We have enjoyed reliving family history through the events mentioned in these letters.

Historic Calgary Week

Once again this year Southern Alberta Pioneers will be hosting the first session of Historic Calgary Week which runs July 24 to August 3, 2009.

The July 24th session at the Memorial Building is also the opening session of the HCW offerings. There are many sessions scheduled, including noon-hour programs at Central United Church, Tuesday and Thursday evening programs at the historic Memorial Park Library and at various venues around Calgary. The complete program will be printed in a brochure available at Calgary libraries and bookstores. Watch for this program.

The Southern Alberta Pioneers will present four programs on July 24th and we urge you to come hear the stories told at that time. This is the fourth year that your fellow members have given presen-

tations. Your support for them is much appreciated.

Information follows:

Friday, July 24

All Day: The Southern Alberta Pioneers present *Early Pioneers and Settlement*. Join members of the Southern Alberta Pioneers at the historic log building dedicated to those who arrived in Southern Alberta before 1891.

The day's activities include:

9:45 am: Opening Greetings – Your hosts, Joan Davis, Southern Alberta Pioneers Historian and David Ballard.

10:00 am: Lachlin McKinnon, Pioneer Rancher, presented by his grandson, Dan McKinnon.

11:00 am: The Jewish Farming Colonies and "Little Synagogue Project," presented by Dr. Trudy Cowan.

Noon: Picnic lunch on the patio with a view. Bring your lunch and chair (optional).

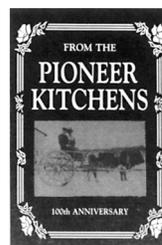
1:00 pm: The Sibbald Family – Pioneers, Teachers, Mountain Guide, Park Warden, Ranchers, presented by Beryl and John Sibbald.

2:00 pm: Walter Peyto, Banff Park Warden, presented by David Peyto. 2009 is the 100th Anniversary of the Warden system.

Meet: Southern Alberta Pioneers Memorial Building, 3625 - 4 Street SW.

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Stampede Parade 2009 – Last Call

Anyone still wishing to ride in the 2009 Stampede Parade please let us know as soon as possible. We need to start finalizing our lineup and writing the accompanying press information for submission to the Stampede Parade committee. Last minute cancellations or late entries make it difficult to apply appropriate signage. Please be committed if you call.

We do expect appropriate period clothing (1870s, 1880s or 1890s) to be worn – not western duds! Participants needing help with their wardrobe may call the secretary and arrange a time to choose something from the clothing library at the Memorial Building.

This is one way we have of honoring our ancestors and sharing our heritage and history with others. Please help make this a successful entry. If you have further questions you may call Linda at 225 0698.

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Volunteer Opportunities

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Monday, July 6th, 1–3 pm: Sandwich making at the Memorial Building. Call Moyra Ferguson at (403) 249-9989. We also need baking – please drop off at the Building between 12 and 2 pm.

Tuesday, July 7th: Rotary House Tea, Stampede Park. It's a great time to visit with our membership. We need servers, plating food and clearing tables. Call Moyra Ferguson at (403) 249-9989.

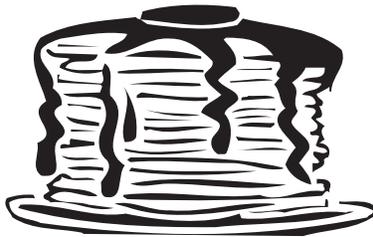
Saturday, July 11th, 9 am–Noon: We need fellows to help serve, flip pancakes and clean up! Only males need apply. Contact Laurie Jacques at (403) 271-0138.

2009 “Toonie” Pancake Breakfast

Members and guests of all ages welcome. Admission is by donation – just a toonie (or whatever you choose to contribute).

**Saturday, July 11th at the
Memorial Building
9 am – Noon**

Rain or shine – large tent



89th Annual Round-Up Dinner & Dance

Saturday, November 7

Tickets:

\$65 each

(Same price as last year)

Tickets will be on sale at the Stampede BBQ and can be purchased by credit card.

Early bird draw for those purchasing tickets at the Stampede BBQ (provided at least 20 tickets are sold).

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EVENTS

Friday, July 3 – 6:30 am, Light Breakfast. Rotary House, Stampede Park. Kerri Fipke (403) 271-9581.

Saturday, July 4 – 6:00 pm, BBQ. Convenors: Laurie and Linda Jacques (403) 271-0138.

Sunday, July 5 – 2:00 pm, Memorial Service, honouring members who have passed away during the past year. Light refreshments. Convenor: Gwen Hanna (403) 279-5621.

Tuesday, July 7 – 2:30 - 4:00 pm, Pioneer Tea, Rotary House, Stampede Park. Come for a visit and a light lunch. This is Seniors Day. Convenor: Moyra Ferguson (403) 249-9989.

Saturday, July 11 – 9:00 am - Noon, Pancake Breakfast. The men prepare and serve breakfast. Convenors: Laurie Jacques (403) 271-0138 and Danny Copithorne (403) 271-1972.

Sunday, Sept. 13 – Family Day & Pot-luck at Champion Park. Horseshoes, fishing, paddle boats & beef included! Convenor: Danny & Fran Copithorne (403) 271-1972

October – SAP AGM. Light lunch prior to meeting. Details to follow.

Saturday, Nov. 7 – Annual Round-up Dinner, Palliser Hotel. Tickets available at the Stampede BBQ.

All events held at SAP Memorial Building unless otherwise noted.

THE NOTICE BOARD

Historical Committee

Please submit Family Histories to be entered in our archives. We would like to feature a family history for each newsletter publication. Contact Pat Cox, 252-4220.

Deadline

Deadline for newsletter copy and photos to be submitted in writing at monthly Board Meetings or left at SAP office. Newsletter printed January, May and September.

Historical Committee

Resumes regular weekly meetings on Monday, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Contact Joan Davis, 251-4915.

Sick and Visiting

Please notify Alice Schwieger (287-0995) of any illness or death in your family or if anyone has need of a hospital visit.

Board Meetings

1st Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. (except July & August). Members welcome.

Card Night

2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. (except July, August and December). Everyone is invited, members and friends. \$2.00 per person. Contact Fern Dorsch at 278-2793.

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Members are encouraged to support the businesses advertised in our newsletter.

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