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President's Message

A new year and a new President, so, let me introduce myself. Moyra (Mackie) Ferguson, wife of Joe, sister of Jim, daughter of Norman and grandchild of James Stuart Mackie, a journeyman gunsmith of Scottish heritage who settled in Calgary in 1886. A former alderman and mayor, he eventually left the gun making business, owned a stationery, china and sporting goods store and eventually built two buildings on Eighth Avenue – the Mackie Block, and the Lancaster Building, which still stands today.

I am very honoured to have been given the privilege of being your president for the coming year and will attempt to follow in the footsteps of so many previous persons who have held this position.

There are so many areas in which you, the members, can participate. The Historical Committee gathers each Monday to do research and add to the information bank on early pioneers. They look forward to members adding to their Monday activities. Joan Davis would welcome a call for information at 403-251-4915.

Our various social activities all require

volunteers and it is so disappointing for them if there is a poor turnout for an event they have planned and worked on. The requirements are minimal. If you can "butter bread," we have a job for you. Give Judy LaLonde, chair of the Social Committee, a call at 403-272-5675 and let her know of an event you would like to volunteer for. This is a great way to get to know other members.

The newsletter is usually published three times a year, so if you see an event mentioned in it, mark the date on your calendar right away and if you are unsure of who to contact about it, call me, Moyra, at 403-249-9989. So let's have you out to enjoy these functions and get to know each other. May 8 is clean-up day, inside and out, and Danny Copithorne will be feeding one and all a pancake breakfast. So, bring your "Feather Duster" and come to the Memorial Building at 10:00 am.

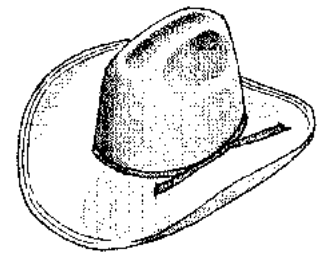
The SAP membership hovers around 680 members. Let's try for 700 in 2010! I look forward to meeting you and possibly working with you in the coming year!

– Moyra Ferguson.

ANNUAL ROUND-UP Saturday, November 6, 2010

This will be the 90th year for our annual get-together. We will be taking you back to the Roaring Twenties with an evening of fun and merriment.

On a serious note, for the second year a memorial service for those members who died during the year will form part of the evening. Mark your diary to come out and celebrate a long-standing tradition with family and friends.



ANNUAL STAMPEDE BARBECUE

Saturday, July 10/10

Rain or shine, 3 large tents

*Appearances by Stampede Royalty,
Indian Princess & Harry the Horse*

Memorial Building

Cocktails 6:00 p.m.

Dinner 6:30 p.m.

\$22.00/person

(Same price as last 4 years)

**Open to members & guests
of all ages**

Children 11 and under FREE

Only 240 tickets will be sold!
Ticket purchase details located
elsewhere in this issue.

*Rolls, house salad with lemon herb
dressing, roast top sirloin, gravy,
horseradish, roasted baby potatoes,
baked beans, apple rhubarb crisp with
vanilla ice cream.*

Convenor: Laurie Jacques



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Treasurer's Report

Results for the 2009 fiscal year were excellent with a combined surplus from operations of \$42,492. The major contributor to these results was a profit of \$76,541 from the Casino held during the year.

Rental of the Memorial Building continues to provide a large contribution to our financial health, albeit a lesser one than last year. Due in large part to the downturn in our economy, rentals declined 20% year over year.

Our investments, primarily the Memorial Building Fund, took a substantial hit in the first half of the year, but by year end had recovered fully to the September 2008 values.

Donations to the building fund increased to \$4,595, nearly \$1,000 more than in 2008.

Substantial renovations to the Memorial Building took place in January 2010. We are funding these costs from a combination of government grants and the use of our Casino funds. Funds

available from these sources are more than adequate to meet the financial requirements for the projects. (Just an update on the renovations, which are now complete thanks to the hard work of Danny Copithorne and his building committee. As with any older structure additional work was required to complete the renovations that had not been budgeted for. This amounted to \$11,218 more than the original budget, bringing the total cost to \$ 54,218. The additional cost was approved by the Board, and all the costs have now been paid.)

At the end of the last fiscal year we were in the enviable position of having available net cash assets of more than \$490,000.

The well being of the organization is a reflection of the dedication and hard work of the many volunteers who devote so much of their and talent.

Respectfully submitted
- Joe Ferguson, Treasurer



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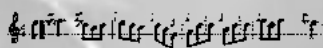
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Membership Report

IF YOU HAVE NOT PAID THIS YEAR'S DUES YOU WILL FIND A COLORED NOTICE WITH YOUR NEWSLETTER.

The Newsletter can be read at www.pioneersalberta.org.

If you would prefer not to receive a paper copy in the mail and read the newsletter online, please e-mail sap.membership@shaw.ca and let me know your wishes.

In Memoriam:

Patrick Murphy, Art Hanna, Eric Atkinson, Linda Eshpeter, Roberta Scott, Margaret McNeill, Elizabeth Hervey, Priscilla Rowland, Mary Louise Dawkins, Jim Munro, Isabel McPherson, Ted Togstad, Sibyla Cranston, Mary Berg & Jean Murdoch.

Welcome to new Gold Card members:

Alice Huggard, Libby Nichols, Frank Mooney, Marian Sayers, Patricia Fearey, Patricia Chudey, Sheila Lindsay, James McKeivitt, Joyce Viccars, Ilya Brewster, Jack Hervey & Doreen Bergen.

Welcome to New Members:

Dennis Smith, Family of Charles Mickle, Calgary, 1881

Stanley Church, Family of William J. Church, Calgary, 1890

Susan Church, Family of James B. Mitchell, Fort Macleod, 1875

Maurice Tebo, Family of James Hornby, DeWinton, 1887

Kenneth Baxter, Family of Arthur W. Fish, Pincher Creek, 1890

Kenneth Brown, Family of Alexander J. Murphy, Calgary, 1888

Roy Lewis Burke, Family of Edward Burke, Calgary, 1889

Robert Laycock, Family of Thomas Laycock, Calgary, 1888

Yvonne Riley, Susan Riley & H. William Riley, Family of Thomas Riley, Calgary, 1881

Welcome to new Associate Members:

Donalee Smith, Betty Wake & Mary Burke

You may notify me of any changes at 403-271-5483 or sap.membership@shaw.ca. Thanks again for keeping me informed of Address/Phone Changes.

– Maureen Peckham
Membership Secretary

2010 Stampede Display

The Stampede Display Committee (Bud Vine, Dave Wake, Jim McDonald, Sandy Dean, Ian Campbell, Joan and Clarence Davis, Danny Copithorne, Ken Thompson, Mike Stewart) are well underway in planning for the SAPD display at the 2010 Calgary Stampede.

Our application to the Stampede for a booth of the same size and in the same location in the BMO Centre as last year has been approved. Importantly, our request to the Stampede for funding support has also been approved.

As in previous years, the display will be centered around 400 or so photos from SAPD's collection. Twenty-four photos of the main streets of southern Alberta towns in the late 1800s/early 1900s have been added to the collection which will be featured in this year's display. The Remington Carriage Museum in Cardston has again agreed to loan us the popular Western Passenger Wagon


(brown stagecoach) that we used last year.

SAPD will be, for the first time, collaborating with the Calgary Stampede's Historical Committee in this year's display. The CS Historical Committee has applied for some adjacent space in the BMO Centre and will be providing some Stampede archives and some striking large, black and white First Nations photos. The CS Historical Committee will also provide some volunteers to staff the display.

Our biggest challenge is broadening the group of SAPD volunteers to staff the booth for each of the 11 days. Jim McDonald is co-coordinating this important task. Please contact Jim at 403-282-1942 or JayMcdee@shaw.ca if you can help us out.

For further information, please contact Mike Stewart at 403-969-2657 or mike@ballinacurra.net.

– Mike Stewart



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The Life of Bob Ritoul – Member and former director of the Southern Alberta Pioneers

By Bob Rintoul with David Finch

Bob's story begins in 1933 when he had difficulty understanding why his parents did not arise until around noon. His mother in later years explained "the family could only afford 2 meals a day."

From this humble beginning the story weaves a tale of a life full of adventure, trials and tribulations as well as elation and happiness. Through the formative school years, including activity in sports and holding down 4 or 5 jobs at a time to clothe himself.

Learning to farm at his grandfather's farm with horses, mowers, binders and threshing machines. Candling eggs with his grandmother for sale to regular customers in Calgary.

Bob's experiences include being struck with lightning while playing golf on the Shaganappi golf course as a 15 year old.

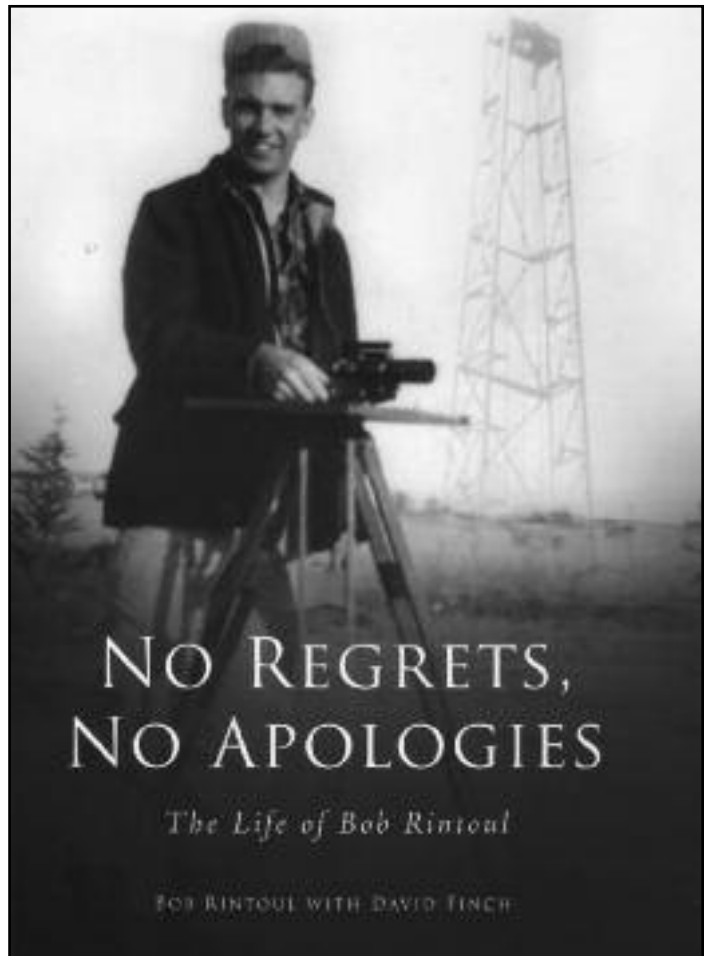
Starting work in oil exploration in 1950 where he endured winter temperatures as low as -70 F and in 1957 branching out into the explosives business and then starting Ace Explosives Limited in 1967. The company supplied explosives to the oil exploration, mining and construction industries. Ace supplied and manufactured explosives to the US Navy for simulated nuclear blasts at Canada's military proving grounds at Suffield, near Medicine Hat.

Bob's employees bought the company in 1984 and Bob and Nola have been engaged in numerous philanthropic endeavours to date.

"Bob Rintoul introduces you to dozens of men and women who helped build a province. He weaves the genesis of their legacies through his chronological account of the dawn of a new western Canadian powerhouse..." – from the foreword by Ken King, President and CEO, Calgary Flames.

Books are available from the University Book Store 403-220-5937, Toll Free 1-877-220-5937 or online at www.calgarybookstore.ca. \$25 plus GST and handling where applicable.

DIRECT PICKUP – Thomas Jeffrey Men's Wear in Scotia Centre and South Centre, Fort Calgary, Glenbow Museum



Book Store, Heritage Park, Owl's Nest Book Store, Heritage Pointe & Cottonwood Golf Courses.

Book production costs have been paid by the author. All book sale proceeds are being donated by the author to The Bob and Nola Rintoul Endowed Chair in Bone and Joint Research – Southern Alberta, University of Calgary.

Volunteer at McDougall Memorial Church and Morleyville Mission Site

The McDougall Stoney Mission Society continues to maintain and develop the Memorial Church and site. We wish to thank all the volunteers and docents who have helped the board members over the past years. We encourage new members who are interested in Southern Alberta history and the Church and Memorial Site to come forward and volunteer along with our dedicated members. Our goals are to interpret the historic site and create a nature walk to preserve and document the native plants and grasses. Please join us in creating a place that will inform tourists and our local citizens about Southern Alberta's first settlement, Morleyville, located in one of Alberta's most picturesque areas.

Website: <http://sites.google.com/site/morleyvillesettlement/McDougall-Stoney-Mission-Society>

Contact: mcdougallmemorialchurch@gmail.com or 403 282-3044, or visit the beautiful site.

To All Members

At our board meeting it was mentioned that the same faithful members have been consistently called to volunteer for our various activities.

While none of them are complaining, the success of the Southern Alberta Pioneers through the generations has been largely through the efforts of the many volunteers who have enjoyed the experience of being involved and the sense of belonging to a tight, happy, harmonious caring community.

However, we all reach a point when we may have to retire, and perhaps be replaced with other happy members willing to volunteer on one of the com-

mittees listed below. Younger faces who could fill the ranks in even a small way would be greatly appreciated to keep the organization alive.

As descendants of pioneers who have worked hard in the past, we would greatly appreciate new volunteers who would help chairmen in their commitment and continuous support of the Southern Alberta Pioneers.

Please consider offering your help. Phone numbers are listed in our newsletter. Thank you in advance.

Building and Maintenance
Casino

Stampede Exhibit 2010
Stampede Barbeque
Stampede Parade
Christmas Party
Historical Committee
Social Committee
Wine and Cheese Party
Telephone Committee
Round-Up 2010
Event Ticket Sales

Activity – “Run if you like, but try to keep your breath. Work like a man, but don’t be worked to death.” – *Holmes*

– *Patricia Cox*

Volunteer Family Appreciation Day

Sunday, September 12, 2010 – 2:00 pm
Champion Park

Last year’s testimonials say it all:

“As usual there was something for everyone, trampoline, horse-shoes, paddle boats on the water, fishing or just sitting on the dock, or in the gazebo or just along the shore, visiting with family, new friends or long-time friends. Then the most delicious perfectly cooked beef you could imagine, with salads and desserts of all kinds. We all had a marvellous time.” – *Audrey Rice*

“The afternoon is so special to our family. Jennifer and Lindsay really enjoyed themselves too.” – *Patricia Cox*

“Our grand children are still talking about the fun they had and



Gale insists I should try BBQing a roast as good as Danny does it.” – *Sandy Dean*

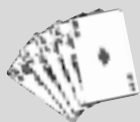
“– family day is truly a great way to end the summer.” – *Peggy Barr*

‘Nough said! This year we will have the train running for a short time starting at 3:00 pm courtesy of our hosts, Gerald and Mary Janet Knowlton.

This event is for Volunteers and their families and is potluck for salads and desserts. We supply AAA Beef, buns and specially tuned baked beans.

We would appreciate a note of your attendance and how many so we can cook up enough beans.

Please let Danny or Fran know your numbers at 403-271-1972 or to spunky@telusplanet.net. No later than September 5th.



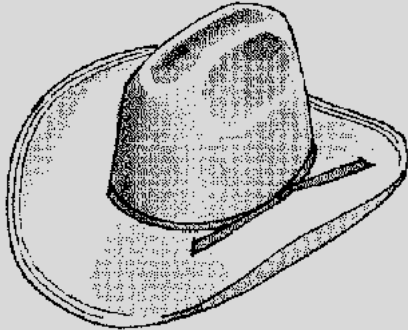
Casino – June 28 & 29, 2010



If you have email, you will have seen our recent mailings regarding our casino on Monday, June 28 and Tuesday, June 29, 2010 at the Stampede Casino. The names of the initial group of volunteers have been submitted to the Gaming Commission, but WE STILL NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS. If you can help us, please call me at 403-279-6435 or email at pat.rodriquez@shaw.ca. We also need a few folks to commit to being available as back-ups should a scheduled person be ill.

Thank you,
Pat Rodriguez, Casino Coordinator

BBQ Ticket Purchase Details



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

Last day to place an order is
 Saturday, July 3, 2010.
 Tickets must be purchased
AND PAID FOR in advance.

Please mail your cheque,
 payable to Southern Alberta
 Pioneers, to Gwen Hanna at
 7048 - 22A Street SE,
 Calgary, 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 28 to
 July 2, you can request that
 tickets be held at Memorial
 Hall for pick-up on day
 of the BBQ.

SAP MEMBERSHIP BUFFALO HEAD LAPEL PINS

Gold and Blue (SAP Logo)

\$15.00 each

Contact Gwen Hanna
 at (403) 279-5621.



2010 "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 17th at the
 Memorial Building
 9 am – Noon**

Rain or shine – large tent

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Historic Calgary Week

Join your fellow members of Southern Alberta Pioneers as we host one of the Historic Calgary Week programs to be held July 23 to August 1, 2010.

The July 23rd session at the Memorial Building is also the opening session for the Historic Calgary Week 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 other activities at various venues around Calgary.

The complete program will be printed in a brochure available at Calgary libraries and bookstores, and at the Southern Alberta Pioneers and Their Descendants booth at the Calgary Stampede.

There will be four presentations at the Memorial Building beginning at 9:45 am (two in the morning and two in the afternoon). Join us for the sessions and plan to bring a picnic lunch (and lawn chair) to enjoy the patio and gardens. Please plan on joining us on Friday, July 23, 2010.

Gold Card Tea, May 2, 2010

Photos by Linda Chudey



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EVENTS

Friday, Jul. 9 – Pre-Parade Breakfast for parade participants @ Rotary House, 6:30 am. Convenor: Kerri Fipke, 403-271-9581.

Saturday, Jul. 10 – Stampede BBQ at the Memorial Building, 6:00 pm. Convenor: Laurie Jacques, 403-271-0138.

Monday, Jul. 12 – Sandwich Making for Rotary House Tea, 12:30 pm. Convenor: Pam Hilton, 403-932-2637.

Tuesday, Jul. 13 – Rotary House Tea at Rotary House, 2:00 - 4:30 pm. Convenor: Pam Hilton, 403-932-2637

Saturday, Jul. 17 – Pancake Breakfast at the Memorial Building, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. Convenor: Laurie Jacques, 403-271-0138.

Sunday, Sept. 12 – Family Day/Pot Luck at Champion Park, 2:00 pm. Convenors: Danny & Fran Copithorne, 403-271-1972.

Saturday, Oct. 23 – AGM & Luncheon at the Memorial Building, 12:00 - 3:00 pm. Convenor: Pat Rodriguez, 403-279-6435.

Saturday, Nov. 6 – Round-Up at the Paliser Hotel, 5:30 pm. Convenors: Danny & Fran Copithorne, 403-271-1972.

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, 403-252-4220.

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, 403-251-4915.

Sick and Visiting

Please notify Peggy Barr (403-246-2843) 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.

Advertising

To place an ad in this publication, please call Beryl Sibbald, 403-932-5584. Deadline to place a classified ad – SAP Board meeting prior to publication.

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

Memorial Building

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