

February 2025 MUSEUM NEWS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Wally Moen

With winter here the volunteers are working on projects that can be fixed or repaired where they can stay warm. So far this has been a good winter with little snow and the temperature has not been extremely cold. The building 1 crew has started restoring another buggy. They are also making new wooden numbers for the buildings as the ones we had were temporary for far too many years. A major oil leak that defied several attempts at repair was fixed by the building 1 crew. Not bad for a bunch of wood butchers.

The Klingele shop has almost finished the two-seat Farmall tractor and were driving it around the museum with smiles on their faces. They used parts from at least two, and maybe more, tractors to make the one that works. The Danner building's next project is to get the Ford model A dump truck running so we can take it to Dozer Days on April 5th along with the Ford COE. The Farmstead crew continues to make improvements. The latest major project is replacing the deck in front of the depot. Other exciting additions are being discussed. Stay tuned!

The volunteers decorated the 1946 Ford COE for use in the lighted Christmas parades with great success. They also drove it with the big Christmas trucks in some of their night runs around the valley and were in the Toppenish, Selah, Union Gap, Yakima, Sunnyside, and Moxee parades. We thank them for a great job. They plan to do this again next year.

We are going to have a museum clean-up day on Saturday, March 29th to get ready for the Season Opening on April 5, 2025. Please come help if you can.

In the December newsletter we explained that individuals and groups that have property stored at the museum must re-sign the Release and Indemnity form each January. This form was created by the Union Gap city attorney to ensure that the city and the museum are not liable for any damage to, theft of, or injury caused by your property. There is a misunderstanding that the museum has people sign this form so we can take your property. This is simply not true. If you have property here, and you did not re-sign the form in January, a letter was sent on February 1 asking that you please come in and re-sign this form. **THIS IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY.**

IMPORTANT CHANGES have been made to the by-laws of the museum. **Nominations for a position on the board of directors will no longer be taken from the floor during the annual membership meeting.** To run for a position on the board, new candidates must notify the board of directors in writing, postmarked or delivered, at least 30 days before the annual meeting. For 2025, this notification must be made no later than February 19, 2025.

The updated License Agreement with the City of Union Gap has been finalized and signed. We have started revising the agreements with the Antique Truck Historical Society, the Central Washington Antique Farm Equipment Club, and the Grange Library Committee. This must be done to bring these documents into compliance with the new agreement with the City.

Thank you for your membership and a special thanks to those who volunteer, because you keep the museum going.

THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING WILL BE ON
SATURDAY MARCH 22, 2025 AT 1 PM AT THE MUSEUM

Operations Manager Report by Paul Strater

During November and December, the Central Washington Agricultural Museum volunteers actively participated in several lighted implement parades and the Holiday Light Fest at the Fairgrounds. The evenings were cold, but there were no snow blizzards to contend with.

The mild winter also allowed the volunteers to work on outdoor projects. The biggest effort was made in the “Future Projects” area by the workshops. Over the past 30 years many of the tractors and other implements in that area have donated parts and pieces to be incorporated into restoration projects. The remaining “carcasses” were of no more usefulness. Many of these remnants have been removed from the area and relocated in preparation for the salvage yard.

Detailed planning is now underway for the Season Opening on April 5th and the Old Steel Car Show on April 27th.

Education Coordinator Report by Cheryl Reese

Hello everyone! Can you believe that it is 2025 already? We had an exciting end to 2024 with our participation in the lighted holiday parades around the valley. We participated in parades in Selah, Union Gap, Yakima, Toppenish, Sunnyside, and Moxee.

Every year we have a booth at the Cherry Institute at the Yakima Convention Center and this year was no exception. On January 10th, we had a great time networking with industry professionals and spreading the word about our beloved museum.

If you have some free time on Thursday, February 27th, please head down to Single Hill Brewing at 102 N. Naches Ave. We are their partner for the month of February, and on that day, they are generously donating 50% of all draft beer sales to the museum. Fromburgers will be on site with their delicious hamburgers, too! Please join us and bring your friends!

On Saturday, March 8th, in partnership with WSU Extension, we are hosting an event called Pizza for Producers. We will start with museum tours at 3:00 PM, followed by a class called COMET (Changing Our Mental and Emotional Trajectory) at 4:00 PM. This class teaches community members to initiate supportive interactions when they encounter someone who is in a vulnerable space. After the training, we will enjoy homemade pizza made on-site with a special pizza oven. This event is open to anyone involved in agriculture. For more information, or to RSVP, please call 509-574-1584.

Field trip requests are starting to roll in and although it is only February, I have confirmed field trips for May 15th and June 4th. I have some new and exciting ideas to enhance the field trip experience this year and I can't wait to share the updates with you when they are a little further along. I was inspired to make positive changes to the field trips in December when I was exploring the Washington Ag In The Classroom website. The organization offers a course to become a Certified Agricultural Literacy Educator, and I spent the end of the year earning my certificate. I can't wait to put my new knowledge to use.

Event planning is in full swing, and we are already getting ready for the Season Opening event on Saturday, April 5th and the Old Steel Car Show on Sunday, April 27th. This is a great time for me to remind everyone that these events can't happen without volunteers. If you would like to join us for events or field trips, please let me know!

Another great way to support the museum is by becoming a sponsor. Putting on our events and field trips is expensive, and we can't do it without our generous business partners/sponsors. We have sponsorship levels for every budget, ranging from \$250 to \$2,000. At the top level, your business will be mentioned in our radio and television ads. Our 2025 sponsorship package covers all our events and activities. Donations received by March 15th will ensure that your logo and/or name is featured on this year's banner that is displayed on our grounds year-round beginning with our April events. As we are 501(c)(3), your sponsorship donation is tax deductible.

If you have any questions about volunteering or sponsorships, please reach out to me at cwam.ed.coordinator@gmail.com.

Acquisitions since the last newsletter

Early 1900s sleigh from Duane & Marge Skeen
Ford 8N tractor & Bush Hog mower from Shirley Mclivanie
Massey Ferguson 1500 tractor from Randy Juette
David Bradley tri-trac tractor & implements from Jim Darr
Handmade wooden flail & pitchfork from Christine Koch
Miscellaneous Model T parts from Bob Hester, Jr
Hand-operated drill press from Lee & Paula Bush
Insulators, jars, jugs, chest, boiler from Charles Fields
Blacksmith tools, clock, scythe, hay rake from Fran Johnson
Buggy chassis and 1874 US Army courier bag from Alan Geho

Farmall A tractor from Jon & LaDonna Vietti
Ford 8N tractor from Dennis Albano
Wood apple bins from Bill Magoard
Bandsaw from Bob Hutchinson
Sleeve board & copper kettle from anonymous
Two lanterns from Bob Deccio
Sandblast booth from David Klingele
Laundry sign on trailer from Rose Parker
John Deere 1 1/2hp engine from Kathy Lauhla

Memorials

Francis Lee Amos , Bob Herber

Remember a friend or loved one with a tax-deductible memorial gift to the Central Washington Agricultural Museum. With a gift of \$25 or more the honored one's name will be placed on a memorial board. Money from a memorial is used for additions and improvements unless otherwise designated. When you send a memorial gift it is helpful if you include the following information:

- Who to send the acknowledgment to along with the address.
- If available, we appreciate a copy of the obituary or a brief bio of the person.



The Farmstead depot is getting a new deck



Vaughn repairing the entrance sign



We had a porch pirate! Shadow couldn't resist taking a package delivered to Jerry. It was several days before it was found among the shrubs, wet, with a corner chewed open.



Cheryl represented the museum at the Cherry Institute



Bill has emptied the area north of the Klingele shop and the Gallion building



CENTRAL WASHINGTON AGRICULTURAL MUSEUM HISTORY

This text is from an undated, unsigned, handwritten document found in our files. We believe it was written by Bob Eschbach, one of the founders of the museum. It has been typed exactly as written with only abbreviations expanded, and the spelling of names corrected. When there is a question mark in this document it was in the original. Grammar and missing words have not been corrected. The bolding was added. Museum history documents often contradict each other.

3-13-79 First meeting Ted Falk's home

Ted Falk, Bob Herber, Bob Young, Howard Lawrence, Bob Eschbach, Leona Falk

There was no question of starting an Agricultural Museum. The first problem, "where to locate".

3-20-79 Consideration given to locate the museum in conjunction with the Central Washington Fair.

If this came to pass - a museum board member should be on fair board.

4-30-79 Fair Board offered space on the 2nd floor of Horticultural-Agricultural Building.

6-5-79 At Union Gap Kiwanis meeting, Paul Burlingame reported on Union Gap parks and purchase of Fullbright ranch. Bob Eschbach asked Paul Burlingame if this site may be available for the museum.

6-11-79 Ted Falk reported he has located a windmill in Bickleton area. So would donate it to the museum as a centerpiece when we locate a site. Greg Stewart, manager of fairgrounds, would welcome the windmill. The fairgrounds was still possible site. The museum committee met with Union Gap city council.

**** THIS LINE ADDED. As of the date of incorporation, the idea of a museum became a reality.

12-31-79 Union Gap Agricultural Museum Association Articles of Incorporation filed with the State

2-14-80 Bylaws adopted with monthly meetings to be 2nd Tuesday of each month. Paul Burlingame and Grace Zimmerman were added to the committee.

3-20-80 Discussed exhibit buildings. Suggested they be 15 feet deep. (Later they were made 24 and 34 feet deep.)

Winter 80-81 Ted Falk became quite ill and was unable to continue active participation.

1-11-81 Committee members now referred as board members, sign Declaration of Agreement between the City of Union Gap and Ag Museum. Les Vannice appointed to the board to finish Ted Falk's term.
Bank balance \$234.00.

First board of Directors appointed.

Don Herber, Bob Young, Bob Eschbach, Les Vannice, Bob Herber, and Howard Lawrence.

OFFICERS:

Ted Parks President (Note: Bob Eschbach was president for a short time.)

William "Mag" Magness Vice President Donna Miller (Schons) Treasurer

1-12-81 Ted Falk died - before seeing his dream become a reality.

Ted's words!! The purpose of this committee is to find a way to preserve the old machinery and the old ways of our valley in production of agriculture.

3-10-81 Membership classification adopted. The Grange was invited to next meeting.

Section of Tieton canal that collapsed after St Helens eruption was offered to the museum. Estimated it weighs 7000 pounds.

4-14-81 Reported – Rev Ron Cox of Prosser is interested in contacting others about restoring old tractors.
Treasury \$371.02.

5-15-81 Floren Zirkle volunteered his services as museum musician for a fund raiser.

6-2-81 Don Herber reported on another windmill

6-17-81 Board meeting at Denny's restaurant. 501 c-3 not yet approved.

8-4-81 Les Vannice to be contacted about a building he offered

11-81 1st. quarterly newsletter discussed

1-82 Newsletter: "Although there is no physical evidence, many things have been happening....."

2-2-82 501 c-3 Tax exemption granted

3-2-82 Treasurer report \$1,000.00

?? Job Corps (Cliff Ferguson) cleared and shaped area.

10-5-82 Building location decided on high ground on east side of A circle.

11-15-82 Contract signed for first building (Vannice building) and erected last week in December.
First used January 1983

12-7-82 Suggested a memorial be erected to honor Ted Falk (Out of space – TO BE CONTINUED!!!!)

2024 MEMBERSHIPS

\$500 & UP

Rob Gallion, Cheryl & David Stave, Ken & Millie Stenehjelm

\$250 & UP

AACA Central WA Region, Burrows Tractor, Harris Farms, Kathy Schultz, Nick Schultz, Curtis & Mary R Sundquist, Margaret Morris & Ken Tolonen, Sandi Vogel

\$100 & UP

Ruth Bishop, Dave Calhoun, Kathy Kramer (Central WA Fair Association), Matt R Cleem, Darrell & Joyce Downing, Larry Dykes & Marian Easton-Dykes, Gary Feser, Kathleen Fletcher, Ken Tolonen (Fruitvale Grange #348), Jim & Cheryl Gamache, Gary & Kris Green, Norma Haney, Ross & Patricia Herber, Rod & Donna Hodel, John Hodgkinson, Fred Hutchinson, Instant Press Inc, Scott & Lyndee Campbell (K-5 Contracting Inc.), Nancy A Kenmotsu, Tony & Melody Pottratz, Robin & Jean Robert (Robert Ranch 5 + 1 LLC), Ken & Judy Ruthardt, Paul & Patty Schafer, Mike & Brian Schrantz, Ella Schreiner, Gerald Severance, Al & Elin Showalter, Diane Grignon & Ben Snowden, Ron Zirkle

\$75 & UP

Andy & Peg Granitto, Robert & Sandie Hennessy, Vaughn Warren, Dennis Albano

\$50 & UP

Bill Allen, Sandy Allen, Ellen Allmendinger, Charlie Barr, John A Baule, Becky Bishop, Steve Bishop, Carol Blomgren, Garrett Blomgren, Greg Blomgren, Karen Blomgren, Kent Blomgren, Sharon & Ron Bounds, Buena Grange #836, Bill Horst, Howard & Evelyn Campbell, Eugenia Carvo, Harvey Cleem, Purdy G Conrad, Harold & Betty Cook, Rosemary Corn, Linda Dilembo, Karen Dillon, Richard & Rebecca Drew, Don Evans, Tim & CC Gamache, Alan Geho, David Geho, Kim Geho, Bob Gimlin, Clay & Lisa Graham, Susan Branch (Grange Library), Don Groth, Mike Haider, Sylvia Hall, Laurie Harmon-Willard, Kathleen & Larry Hatcher, Timm Heberlein, Dale Hoech, Jim Kabrich, Karen Klingele, John & Sally Kobli, Diana Kempf & Robert Landles, Ron Lange, W. Eugene & Carole Lange, Lori & Greg Leach, Judy Markham, Lukus & Kane Huss & Mark & Laura McDaniel, William McLaughlin, Ron Miller, Wally & Roberta Moen, Cindy Morgan, Terry Morgan, Abigail Nickelsen, George Nix, Kate Olson, Pacific NW Snowmobile Club, Rose Parker, Eric & Wendy Patrick, Rod Patterson, Jim Warner (Perfection Tire), Larry Perrigo, Don Picatti, Jim Polley, Peggy & Ellexis & Mark Rice, Lowell & Carole Romfo, Vivian Russell, Dave Scheuffele, Becky Scholl, Larry Scholl, Todd Schultz, Phil Seghers, Shirley Seghers, Terry Stewart, Paul Strater, George Streby, Randy & Linda Sundstrom, Rebecca J Swanson, Kay Tandberg, Misti Uptain, Elizabeth Wade, Dwight & Rita Wagenmann, Jerry Warner, Ada Ruth Whitmore (Whoop-N-Hollar Ranch), Greg Wilder, Connie Williams, Paul Williams, Floyd A Wilson, Ralph L Woodall Jr, John & Leslie Wornell, Marti Sondgeroth (Yakima Rock & Mineral Club), Susan Branch (Yakima Valley Pomona #11), James A Yockey & Family

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\$500 & UP

Rob Gallion

\$250 & UP

AACA Central WA Region, Kathy Schultz, Nick Schultz

\$100 & UP

Kathy Kramer (Central WA Fair Association), Jim & Cheryl Gamache, Gary & Kris Green, Paul & Patty Schafer, Mike Schrantz, Gerald Severance, Ken Tolonen & Margaret Morris, Vaughn Warren

\$75 & UP

John A Baule

\$50 & UP

Greg Blomgren, Karen Blomgren, Jody Brittain, Sheena Burgus, Dave Calhoun, Howard & Evelyn Campbell, Eugenia Carvo, Harold & Betty Cook, Rosemary Corn, Alan Geho, Kim Geho, Lynn Harden, Laurie Harmon-Willard, Kathleen & Larry Hatcher, Timm Heberlein, Bill Horst, Ron Lange, William McLaughlin, Wally & Roberta Moen, Cindy Morgan, Abigail Nickelsen, George Nix, Pacific NW Snowmobile Club, Eric & Wendy Patrick, Larry Perrigo, Dave Scheuffele, Todd & Misti Schultz, Phil Seghers, Shirley Seghers, Terry Stewart, Dwight & Rita Wagenmann, Greg Wilder, Connie Williams, Paul Williams, Ralph L Woodall Jr

Thank You Sponsors!!

The Central Washington Agricultural Museum extends a sincere thank-you to all the businesses that sponsored our events and activities in 2024. We truly cannot do it without you.

If you would like to become a 2025 sponsor,
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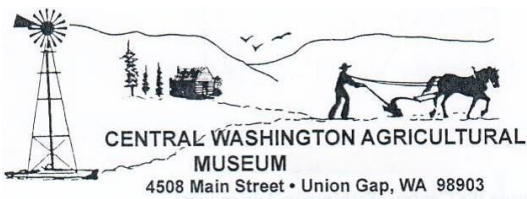
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**REMEMBER THE
ANNUAL MEETING
ON MARCH 22
AT 1:00pm**

2025 Events Coming Up

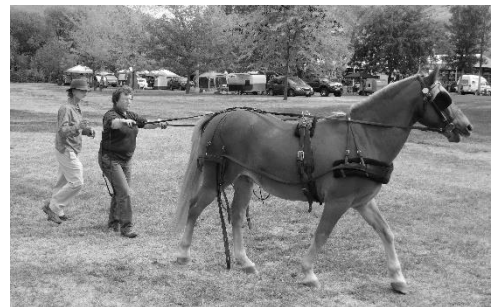
Annual Membership Meeting	March 22
Season Opening	April 5
Old Steel Car Show	April 27
ATHS Truck Show	May 3
** Sponsored by the Antique Truck Historical Society	
Auto Swap Meet	June 7
** Sponsored by the Antique Automobile Club of America	
Old Town Days & Civil War Reenactment	June 14 & 15
Pioneer Power Show & Swap Meet	August 16 & 17
Agri-Copia	October 11 & 12

** Not a museum event

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During the Season Opening horse clinic, participants learn skills that are rapidly being lost.



300 vehicles registered for the 2024 Old Steel Car Show. Any wheeled vehicle can be shown.