

Dear CWAM members,

What an unusual time we are living in. I hope this finds you safe and healthy.

As you are aware the museum is closed until the county reaches phase three. We have canceled all activities including the Car Show, School Tours, Old Town Days and the Pioneer Power Show. We certainly have missed all these wonderful events.

We have been operating on a skeleton staff to pay bills, make deposits and dealing with anything that needs our attention. All restoration projects and all construction projects have been cancelled in order to protect our budget. The volunteers are chomping at the bit waiting for the museum to re-open.

This year's Car Show was done virtually and it was very successful with over one hundred participants. There are plans in the works to also do the Pioneer Power Show virtually. The plan is to have it ready by mid August. Check out the web site as it will be very interesting.

There were two fires on the hillside behind the Visitor's Center. Jerry our host noticed the first fire and called the Fire Department who quickly extinguished it. Two weeks later another fire was noticed by our host and he again notified the Fire Department and again they were able to extinguish it quickly. The fires are now under investigation.

The wind storm did cause some damage at the museum. A section of the ridge cap on the Eschbach Building (now part of the Letterpress Museum) was missing, the Milk House lost about a quarter of the roof, the Lindeman Building roof had some minor damage, Building #20 lost one sixteen foot roof panel and a tree on the show field was blown over. Everything has been cleaned up and the City's insurance company will pay to have all the repairs completed. That was quite a storm.

Thanks to each of you who participated in the annual fund raiser. At this point every penny counts. The other fund raiser that we are able to do is the hay field. The hay has been cut and should be bailed later this week or early next week. The hay will be sold for \$5 per bail.

The Board of Directors met in Union Gap City's Board room June 18, for the first time since the virus closed the museum. There was much discussion about how the museum will look once we are able to open. Things will be different and we will keep you posted of all the changes.

Normally in March at the general meeting election of officers takes place. Because that meeting did not take place the current Board Members agreed to continue in their current positions. I had planned to retire as president but have agreed to continue in that position until next March 2021.

Please stay safe and healthy.

Sincerely,
Nick Schultzcs