



# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Nick Schultz

It has been one long, frozen, snowy and cold winter. Our volunteers have spent a few more hours around the potbelly stove and coffee pot, but they continue working on projects including shoveling snow! Speaking of snow, we have it stacked on every corner and any place else we can shove it. Yes, we are ready for some spring weather.

The general membership meeting has been set for March 14, 1:00pm at Miner's Restaurant in the back room. This is an opportunity for you to hear from the board president about what has been taking place in 2016 and what the future looks like. I hope to see you there.

The volunteers that spend most of their time in the Klingele Building are much happier these days because of the three new roll-up doors that have been installed. The doors help keep the heat in and add much needed security. This building houses many expensive tools and machines so it's good to have the ability to secure the building.

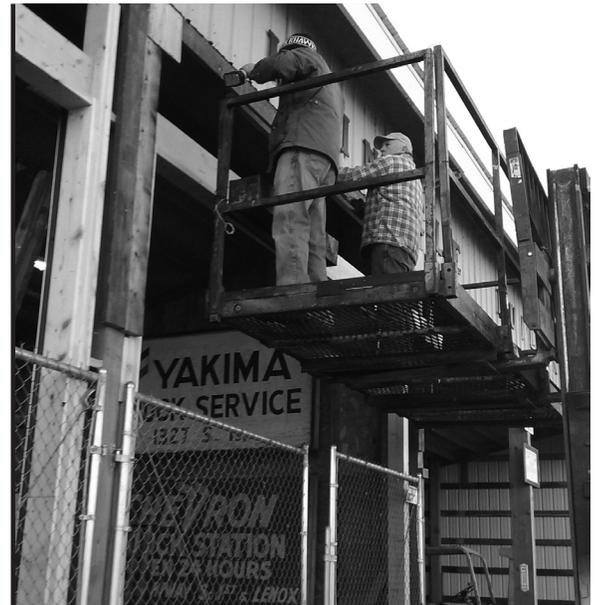
We had our first winter function on January 21st. The event was a

horse drawn sleigh ride put on by the Horse~n~Harness group of the Agricultural Museum. Being our first winter event, we were hoping for 60 or 70 participants. To our shock and surprise, we had close to 500 people show up. There was one two-horse team and three single-horse teams. By the end of the event the horses and volunteers were exhausted. While the riders were waiting their turn they were served hot chocolate and hot spiced cider. There were lots of smiles and happy people. The event surpassed our expectations and planning is already underway for next year.



*The January 21<sup>st</sup> Sleigh Day was a huge success with almost 500 people showing up!*

We are pleased to announce that we have been given a grant from Roy Farms and received a donation from a private citizen which means we will be constructing a new building. This building will primarily be used to house all our restored buggies, saddles and other leather horse tack. Right now they are stored in open buildings so they are exposed to dust,



**New roll-up doors at the Klingele Building provide security and keep heat in.**



**On sleigh day, people waited patiently in line for their opportunity to ride**



**Making room for the new building meant moving some heavy equipment, including the trencher (above) and tracked shovel**

rain and birds. We are very excited to have an enclosed building to store these great artifacts.

Another exciting thing that is happening at your museum is we will be adding a 1940's vintage printing press museum. This will be a

fully operational printing press, with all the artifacts and history of the printing business. On May 12th, Ben Franklin will be in town for a national Printing Press convention at the Yakima Convention Center. On May 13th, he will be at our museum to do the ribbon cutting event for our new exhibit.



On March 24th and 25th the Horse~n~Harness group is sponsoring a horse-drawn plowing bee – a new event at your museum.

# ..... PLOWING BEE & HORSE SPECTACULAR .....

At this point we have ten teams coming to plow a 15 acre field. Along with the plowing bee there will be a cavalry demonstration and a jousting demonstration. While all this is going on the museum will be offering tram tours. It will be a full

weekend but should be exciting and fun.

The 22nd annual Old Steel Car Show returns to the museum grounds on April 23rd from 10:00am to 3:00pm. All cars, trucks, motorcycles & more are welcome to enter. Last year we had 187 registered vehicles. We're anticipating surpassing 200 at this year's show. Also returning on Father's Day weekend, June 17-18, is Old Town Days with a full range of activities including the Civil War Reenactment.

As you see the weather has slowed us down, but certainly has not stopped us. I am looking forward to seeing you at the

**March 14th general meeting at Miner's.**

**TWENTY SECOND ANNUAL OLD STEEL  
CAR SHOW**

**SUNDAY  
APRIL 23rd, 2017  
10am - 3pm**

CENTRAL WASHINGTON AG MUSEUM  
IN UNION GAP, WA

PRE-REGISTRATION \$15  
DAY OF EVENT \$20

**REGISTER NOW**

First 200 Registrations Receive a Goodie Bag & Dash Plaque  
PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE APRIL 8, 2017

All Cars, Trucks, Motorcycles & More are Welcome to Enter  
**GAMES • DOOR PRIZES • TROPHIES  
50/50 DRAWING • SILENT AUCTION**



## Memorials

Remember a friend or loved one with a memorial gift to the Central Washington Agricultural Museum. 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.
- With a gift of \$25 or more the honored one's name will be placed on a memorial board. It is a tax deductible gift.

Memorials received since last newsletter: Margaret Keys

# ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

by Paul Strater

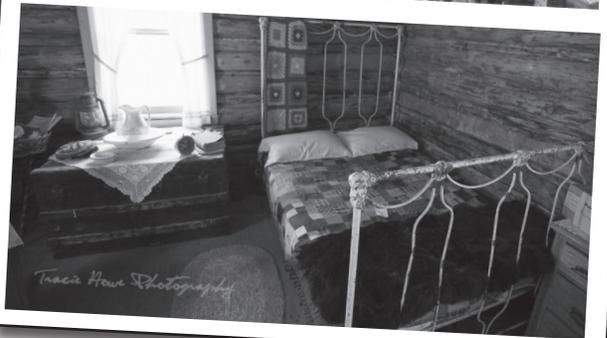
Once upon a time there was very little activity at the Ag Museum during the winter months. Not anymore. The volunteers have rearranged the shop equipment, added movable doors to reduce the cold temperature, and re-worked equipment to clear the snow from the roadways to the shop. Adding tire chains to an old road grader and getting the engine working turned it into a functional "snow plow".

Winter is also a time for participating in ag oriented events. We had a large booth at the Ag Expo in the Sundome in early January. Two weeks later we had a booth at the annual Cherry Institute in the Yakima Convention Center. At these events we usually ask visitors, "Have you been to the Ag Museum lately?" The most common response used to be, "Where is that?"

Now almost half of the folks share stories of their last visit. We aren't such a secret any more. And we are already working with a task force planning special events for the Central Washington State Fair this fall. This will be the 125th anniversary of the Fair, so added emphasis will be placed on agricultural history.

## Popular Tourist Blogger and Photographer visits the Ag Museum

In late January, Tracie Howe of 'TracieTravels.com' spent an afternoon exploring the museum as a snow filled wonderland. Her story and images can be found on her website and on her many social media accounts, here are a couple of her images.



# CWAM EVENTS 2017

March 14	<b>Annual Membership Meeting</b> .....1 pm
March 25 - 26	<b>Plowing Bee &amp; Horse Spectacular</b> .....Plowing, Cavalry, Jousting
April 23	<b>Old Steel Car Show</b> .....Registration is open!
April 27 - 30	<b>Tear Droppers Gathering</b>
May 12	<b>Ben Franklin Live-</b>
	Yakima Convention Center .....6:30 pm
May 13	<b>Ben Franklin at CWAM &amp; Open House</b>
	<b>Walking Tour of museum</b> .....All exhibits open!
May 19 - 21	<b>Play The Gap</b> .....A Slice of Americana
May 20	<b>American Truck Historical Society</b> .....Truck Show
June 17 - 18	<b>Old Town Days &amp; Civil</b>
	<b>War Reenactment</b> .....Father's Day Weekend
August 19 - 20	<b>Pioneer Power Show</b> .....Central WA Antique Farm Equipment Club
September 8 - 10	<b>Tear Droppers Gathering</b>
Sept 22 - Oct 1	<b>Central Washington State Fair</b> .....We'll have a display again

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## MEMBERSHIPS December 2016 - February 21

### BENEFACTOR \$500+

Rob Gallion, Harris Farms, Nick & Kathy Schultz, Yakima Co-operative Association

### PATRON \$100-\$499

Kent & Carol Blomgren, Burrows Tractor, Greg Stewart (Central WA Fair Association), Joanne Chapa (Chestnut Place Properties LLC), Roscoe Dimock, Richard & Rebecca Drew, Larry Dykes & Marian Easton-Dykes, Kathy Fletcher, Gary & Kris Green, Ross & Patricia Herber, Instant Press Inc, Jean's Cottage Inn, Scott & Lyndee Campbell (K-5 Contracting Inc.), Mark & Lisa Lindholm, Don & Judy Markham, Pepp'Rmint Stick Drive-In, Tony & Melody Pottratz, Robin & Jean Robert (Robert Ranch 5 + 1 LLC), Mike & Brian Schrantz, Misti Uptain & Todd Schultz, Gerald Severance, Al Showalter, David & Cheryl Stave, Clyde & Merla Thysell, Margaret Morris & John Tolonen, Sandi Vogel, Yakima Valley Horseless Carriage Club, Yakima Valley Museum

### SPONSOR \$50-\$99

John A. Baule, Jim & Cheryl Gamache (Carrell Crane & Heavy Hauling Inc.), Darrell & Joyce Downing, John Tolonen (Fruitvale Grange #348), Kathleen & Larry Hatcher, Diana Kempf & Robert Landles, William McLaughlin, Paul & Patty Schafer, Diane Grignon & Ben Snowden, Tim & Marilyn Waddington, Dwight & Rita Wagenmann, James & Geraldine Honeyford (Windmill Farms), Yakima Rock & Mineral Club, Wylie & Virginia Young

### FAMILY \$35

Pat Hyatt & Bill Borland, F. Clarke Brown, Anne & Skip Buckler, Howard & Evelyn Campbell, Jim & Ada Colbert, Harold & Betty Cook, W. Eugene & Carole Lange (Dead End Ranch), Val & Pam Fabela, Ronald & Kay Gamache, Dale C Harris, Bob & Eleanor Hester, Rod & Donna Hodel, Roberta Toots Mahre & John Holmgren, Marty & Jean Humphrey, Ray & Maralyn Killorn, Richard & Kathleen Lange, Gene & Dixie Mattern, Wally & Roberta Moen, Ramona Murray, George Nix, Rod Patterson, Onni & Norma Perala, Dick & Janice Picatti, Brad & Barbara Ralston, Byron, Peggy, & Ellexis Rice, Julie Picatti & Dennis Richardson, Ken & Judy Ruthardt, Larry & Becky Scholl, Michael & Donna Schons, Michael Schreiner (Schreiner Farms), Chris Bassell (St.Hwy Credit Union), Paul & Jeanne Strater, George & Wanda Streby, Randy & Linda Sundstrom, David & Diane Trampush, Jim & Rose Warner, John & Leslie Wornell, James A. & Victoria Yockey, Ron Zirkle

### INDIVIDUAL \$25

Frances Amos, Betty J Andrews, Cindy Attar, Royce Baker, Dolores Blomberg, Rich Bright, Clarence S Brown, Paul R Burlingame, Doug Clark, Purdy G. Conrad, Lyle (Ray) Cook, Bob Crowell, Bill & Lea Driskill, Opal Duffield, Freda Dupuis, David Ruark (Eastern Washington Agricultural Museum), Doug Falk, Larry Fitzgerald, Frank Freshwater, Bob Gimlin, Marlene Hall, Sylvia Hall, Kurt Hilyard, Bill Horst, Archie & Suzanne Matthews, Betty Pace, Jim Warner (Perfection Tire), Jim & Lois Polley, Pat Pope, Tom Richardson, Gary & Mary Lukehart (Running Springs Ranch), Vivian Russell, Terry Stewart, Pat Stump, Kay Tandberg, Pat Ubelaker, Elizabeth Wade, Ada Ruth Whitmore (Whoop-N-Hollar Ranch), Ralph L. Woodall Jr.



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