



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Nick Schultz

The sun is coming up earlier and setting later which makes us think that spring is just around the corner. But, let's not get ahead of ourselves. There are still plenty of days of winter. Remember last February? It was our snowiest month of the year. Our dedicated volunteers are spending a little more time around the stove and our coffee breaks are a little longer. That does not stop them from getting things accomplished.

The crew in the Klingele Building continues working on restoration projects and at the same time maintains all of the museum equipment. The crew in Building #20 is busy restoring a 1927 Model "T" and a 1946 Cab-Over Engine Ford truck. Both projects are coming along nicely. The Farmstead crew is putting the finishing touches on a new display building. With spring approaching they will also be getting the kiddy train and merry-go-round out of mothballs. The crew in Building #1 is getting very close to finishing a circa 1850 horse-drawn funeral coach. The office staff continues doing everything necessary to keep the museum running smoothly.

The Women's Auxiliary traditionally will start cleaning and organizing the cabins once the weather warms up. The Horse~n~Harness Group had a nice Sleigh Day/Play Day in January and they have many events planned. Jerry, our host, and his dog, Mr. Pibb, continue meeting and greeting visitors with a smile and a bark. I don't want to forget the great job the Board of Directors does to keep the museum going in the right direction and planning for the future. "THANK YOU" doesn't seem like enough for all the hours and dedication our volunteers provide to this great museum.

The one constant that allows our volunteers to do what they do is our membership. Without you this museum would not be what it is. The membership drive is going on right now and if you haven't yet sent in your membership, it's never too late. If you have, thank you!

As my term as president comes to a close I have spent many hours reflecting. To begin with, the original Board and volunteers had a dream. Because of their willingness to do the hard work they accomplished their goal in getting the Central Washington Agricultural Museum started, and as they say, the rest is history and what a history it is. The first building was a school portable purchased for one dollar. Today there are over thirty

Please enjoy several photos of Nick Schultz working hard at and for the museum in this newsletter.



Nick addressing the annual meeting in 2017



Presiding over a board meeting



Building the rock wall display



Barbecuing for volunteer appreciation lunch in 2017



Driving in the Pioneer Power Show Equipment Parade



Driving in the Veterans Day Parade in 2016



Moving artifacts into the Farm Wife Life display



Polishing the 1928 Chev for its movie role



Serving cake during the Klingele Building dedication

buildings on site and over 10,000 artifacts. I think the original organizers would be proud of what they started.

I have met so many interesting people and have made many new friends since starting at the museum. The museum is in its forty-first year and I know there will be many more years to come.

I will again thank all the volunteers past and present and the membership as without you none of this would have happened. I will continue volunteering and help in any way I can to continue the legacy of this museum. I have thoroughly enjoyed every minute of the twenty years of my involvement. Thank you for all the support I have received during my eleven year stint as president.

**We will have our annual general meeting
Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at the museum
beginning at 1pm. Coffee and cookies will be served.**

This meeting is where you vote on the board members. I will give you an overview of the past year and bring you up to date on future plans. Coffee and cookies will be served. I hope to see you at the meeting.



Addressing the Women's Auxiliary in 2009



Assisting with the windmill installation on the CWAM grounds



Binding wheat during the Pioneer Power Show in 2015



Digging the foundation trench for the Letterpress Museum



Making a hub for the Belly Dump wagon in 2017



Procuring funding for expansion of the museum in 2017



Collecting Oliver tractors - a favorite Nick hobby!



Announcing and handing out prizes during the Old Steel Car Show



Driving a tractor wearing a suit and fedora for the buggy building dedication in 2017



Working with one of many community organizations



Making parts of the Milk Wagon



Preparing the concrete foundation for the wind machine



Ready for one of the many Harrah tractor runs he did over the years



Acquisition of the Young's Cabins



Helping with the operation of the sawmill



Signing to accept delivery of the trams

MUSEUM SPOTLIGHT

from the Central Washington Ag Museum

Autobiography of Nick Schultz - Outgoing President

Since the Central Washington Agricultural Museum was founded in 1979 eleven men have held the office of president. Bob Eschbach served ten years, though not consecutively. Nick Schultz has been president for the past eleven years making him the longest tenured in the history of the organization.

It was a cold, blustery winter day on March 2, 1945 in the small town of Rice Lake, Wisconsin, when I was born. Our family lived on an 80-acre farm and Rice Lake was the closest town that had a hospital. I was number six and little did my parents know that there would be four more. We lived in a small two-story house. At one point when number ten was born there were five girls in one bedroom and four boys in the other. Our youngest brother stayed with my parents as a newborn. It didn't seem crowded; it was just the way it was.

We did not farm for a living, but we did raise almost all our food. One cow for milking, a couple head of beef, a couple pigs, chickens, rabbits and turkeys. We also had a huge garden where we raised potatoes, beans, carrots, peas, and corn. There was also a couple of fruit trees and several varieties of berries. I remember that canning season was a very busy time. I was just young enough to avoid most of that process. However, I had to snip beans and remove the peas from the pod. I think I was more of a hindrance than help.

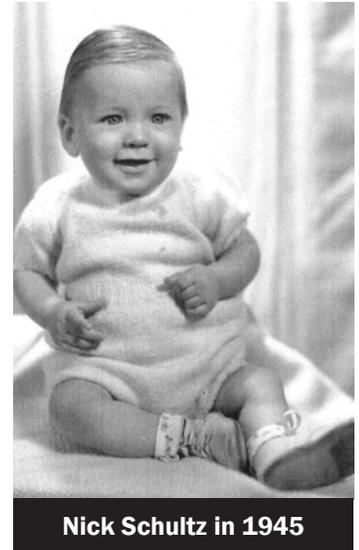
I started first grade in 1951 and attended Oak Ridge Elementary, a one room school with twenty-eight students in grades one through eight. There were two in my class, me and Alice Loman. She always got better grades than I did. Many of us in the earlier grades were taught by the older kids. That was a bit of a problem for me as I had three older sisters in the same school. Somehow, I survived!

In the summer of 1953, a tornado came through and leveled every building on our farm except the house. It hit late in afternoon just about milking time. Many local farmers and their cows were in the barns. There were a lot of casualties - both animals and humans. It left me with a memory that I will never forget. My dad decided it was time for us to move. My mother's sister and her husband lived in Anacortes, Washington. They had moved there to work in the pulp mills. So, the farm was sold, and we headed west.

My second oldest brother, my mom and five kids all loaded into a 1947 Pontiac and headed for Anacortes. My dad, two sisters and I followed two months later. I remember thinking that if we were moving west that we should see cowboys and Indians. Remember, I had just finished second grade and we listened to a lot of cowboy and Indian stories on the upright radio. I was a little disappointed that I didn't get to see any. We finally made it to Anacortes in a 1953 Ford four door sedan with a large trailer with all the furnishings.

Meanwhile my mom had purchased a house. It was the first home that we had with indoor plumbing. Not only did we have running water we had two bathrooms. I thought I had died and gone to heaven. That was also the first time that I had eaten store bought bread that was already sliced. WOW! I finished grades three thru eight in the Anacortes School District. My dad then took a job in North Seattle as a foreman and vice president of Tangle-wood Homes. We settled in the Edmonds area where I graduated from Edmonds High School in 1963. In the fall of that year I attended Columbia Basin Junior College. I wasn't ready so after a semester I dropped out. I returned to Edmonds and took a full-time job in a grocery store. My best friend and I worked and did a lot of skiing both snow and water.

It was late 1964 when we had to make a choice. We could either get drafted or enlist. The Vietnam war was going fast and furious, so enlisting seemed like a better idea as it gave us some choices. To get drafted meant we would more than likely end up in the infantry and that made the chance of going to war very high. We enlisted in the Army and headed off to basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. January, February and March were very cold with a lot of snow. I survived basic training and was sent to Fort Ord, California.



Nick Schultz in 1945



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My MOS (military occupation specialty) was 71H20 (personnel and finance). I chose that MOS because I was planning to go into business as a career. After finishing that school, I took a fifteen day leave and got engaged to my high school sweetheart. My assignment took me to Augsburg, Germany for the remainder of my tour. I flew home with a year and half of my enlistment left and got married. She joined me in Germany for that last year.

The army had a program called Operation Santa Claus which said that if you had less than thirty days in the army, they would send you home for Christmas. I qualified and arrived back in Edmonds December 21, 1967. It was now time to get serious about college. I enrolled in Edmonds Community College and after one and a half years I enrolled at the University of Washington where I completed my degree in Education. During my senior year our first child, a cute little girl, was born.

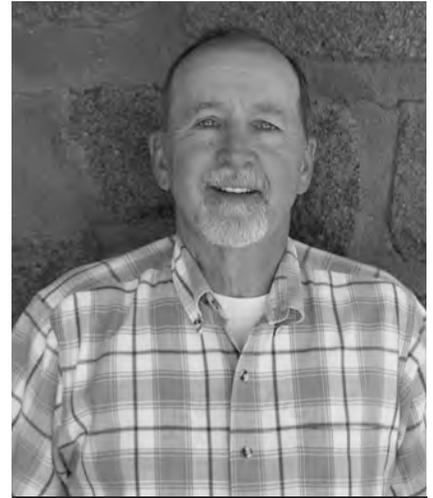
My first teaching job was at Lynnwood High School in the same district where I graduated from high school. I taught metal shop and arts and crafts. I also coached cross-country, girls' basketball and track. During my second year at Lynnwood our second child was born, a cute little boy. After three years of teaching in the Edmonds School District I transferred to the Shoreline School District. I was assigned to Shoreline High School teaching metal shop, wood shop and some math. After ten years the district closed Shoreline High School and my marriage fell apart. I was transferred to Shorecrest High School in the same district. I again taught wood shop, woodcarving, drafting and math. My minor in college was drama so I now started building all the sets for the school plays. I also got involved in lighting and some set designing. I really enjoyed working for the drama department.

I met my current wife, Kathy, in 1980 and we married in 1985. She was a teacher in the Lake Washington School district. She was raised in Union Gap and graduated from Eisenhower High School in 1965. She graduated from Central Washington University with a degree in Special Education. She did her student teaching in Lake Washington School District and they hired her.

Kathy retired in 1999 when I still had one year to go. I retired on June 24, 2000, and we arrived in Yakima the next day. Her family lived here, and our daughter and grandkids were in the Tri-Cities, so it made perfect sense to retire here. Kathy's father was one of the original board members of the Central Washington Agricultural Museum and he knew with my background as a shop teacher that I would be a perfect fit. He was right. I joined the museum in 2000, became treasurer in 2002 and became president in 2009. I have never enjoyed working with so many different men and women with such diverse talents. I am so happy that we decided to move to Yakima. The museum has become my life after retirement, and I hope my legacy.

Besides the museum I also got involved in many other activities. Kathy and I joined the local unit of the Washington State School Retirees' Association. I had a couple years as the local unit president. I have also been on their Board of Directors for the past twenty years. In 2011 I was nominated and elected as state president. I also served as chair of the Co-ordinating Council of the same organization.

I have enjoyed being involved in the Yakima Engineers Club, the Old Steel Car Club, the Horseless Carriage Car Club, Vintique Car Club and the Yakima River Canyon Marathon. Kathy and I are members of Englewood Christian Church. Through the church we help serve a hot meal at Camp Hope once a month. We also help make 220 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches every Sunday which are distributed at Camp Hope to help feed the homeless. Our church provides a severe winter shelter for young adults from Rod's house. We prepare a hot breakfast for those folks twice per month. We also volunteer for the Backpack Ministry which prepares ten backpacks every Friday filled with food for families that have been identified by the local elementary school as being food challenged over the weekend. Family, grandkids, friends and neighbors round out our very busy retirement.



**Nick Schultz in 2009 -
My how you've grown!**



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ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

by Paul Strater

Our amazing team at the Central WA Ag Museum used their newly found wheelwrighting skills to prepare the wooden wheels for the funeral coach we are restoring. See the process below from the first wheels we received to the finished product being installed on the wagon.

We also received our new portable restroom facility in February. This gives us great flexibility for flush toilet options, especially during our events.



We received our new portable restroom in February which gives us flush toilets on the museum grounds



Sunday, April 26, 2020
10am-3pm

Central Washington AG Museum, Union Gap, WA

Pre-Registration: \$15 by 4/15/20

Day of Event: \$20

Register Now - The first 250 registrations receive a goodie bag and dash plaque

All cars, trucks, motorcycles and more are welcome to enter.



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MEMORIALS: Byron Rice

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.

GENERAL MEETING REMINDER

**Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at the museum
beginning at 1pm. Featuring a video/slide show
of volunteers in action!**