

Be sure to check out other articles in this issue regarding the official ribbon cutting scheduled during our Spring Show. *Saturday June 16 @ 11AM.*

We just couldn't have done it without lots of hard work and generous donations. I won't go down the list as that is covered in other articles, but I can't bring up completion of this project without thanking our most generous donor of late, **Al Rhynard**.

Al not only donated the final funding to complete the Weaver's Building but has recently supported other worthy projects on the grounds including: \$10,500.00 to fund boiler restoration on our Buffalo Pits steam roller.

The roller will make a great addition to our ever growing fleet of operational steam equipment.

Al also stopped by the Board of Trustees meeting in March and presented the museum with a check for \$30,000.00 to fund the commercial kitchen in the Assembly Building.

Having a licensed food service facility to support our shows and events will enable us to continue growing and adding events.

Al and his brother **Ivan** are generous with their time as well volunteering for weed abatement duty during our "green" season. Thanks Al!!

The grounds are really getting busy as we prepare for another successful season and I look forward to seeing all of you soon.

Sincerely;

Spring Has Sprung

Rod Groenewold

Just a reminder... If you own or have equipment adopted on the grounds, it is your responsibility to keep that items "footprint" clean.

Spring is a good time to stop down, cut a few weeds and make sure your equipment is up and running for show season.

All of our grounds maintenance is done by volunteers like yourself so please pitch in!



Sharon Martin February 4, 2007

BEAUTIFICATION (AKA Work Party)

Sharon Martin

Friday, February 2, **Bob Morley** was a little late, but we started without him. **Patricia & Gary Pollard** began moving boxes from the club building to the weavers building. **Sharon Foreman, Bill Rafnel, Reinhard Siedenburg, and Sharon Martin** were soon wiping dust (which became like mud) from the top of boxes. The fellows moved the boxes onto the back of Gary's pickup to transport to the weavers building. What with all those boxes Gary must have made at least 5 trips to our new Weavers building.

Bob Swaim was doing repairs on the museum electric carts while **Alice Swaim** was weeding the flowerbeds. Later she sprayed weed killer around some of the tractors. The weeds sure grow well here!

Rudy Dremley picked up a stack of pine needles and took them to the garden area for mulch while **Ken MacChesney** moved a plow and helped clean up the Weaver's building.

Later **Sally Morley** and **Sharon Martin** were in the kitchen working on lunch.



Jeanette Stevens October 22, 2006

Message from the President's Corner

Jeanette Stevens

We are off and rolling for a fun and exciting year!

It is going to be a great year for our Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum.

We are going to have a ribbon cutting ceremony Saturday June 16 at 11:00am at our new Weaver's Building.

Committee Chairpersons have been working many hours on organizing new programs and exhibits for our June Show, e-Scrip, and building of a commercial kitchen in our Assembly Building.

Read through the Ignitor for articles giving more details on what is happening at our Museum.

I would like to thank **Al Rynard** for his generous donation toward the building of the licensed commercial kitchen.

The project is underway and construction will start shortly in the Assembly Building. This kitchen will be a wonderful asset to us.

Not only will it help us with food preparation for shows and events, but also is a great feature in renting out our Assembly Building to other organizations and private parties.

With donations and designated funds set aside for this project it has allowed us to get started.

We are still in need of donations to purchase the kitchen equipment. The equipment will cost approximately \$38,000.

If you would like to contribute please drop off or send a check to AGSEM office. In the check memo, please write "Kitchen".

Thank you in advance for your contribution
Many club members have sent me good and positive suggestions to help improve the shows and other activities within our Museum.

We have implemented some already. Please continue to send them via e-mail, phone, or drop off in a suggestion box in the office.

Your input is invaluable. We are all in this together and together we can make a difference.

Trustee **Mac McKenzie** resigned from the Board of Trustees at our last meeting. We thank him for his commitment to serve and work on behalf of our Museum.

The alternate from our January 20, 2007 Trustee Election, **Glenda Garrison**, has graciously agreed to fill this vacant position. Welcome aboard Glenda.

Our next board meeting has changed from April 21st to April 14th. The meetings begin at 9:00 AM.

You are encouraged and invited to attend the monthly board meetings. Your ideas and input are greatly appreciated.

If you would like to address your Board of Trustees on a matter that concerns you, or plan an event at our museum, etc, please contact me

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at least ten (10) days prior to the next scheduled board meeting to be placed on the agenda.

See you at our Show!!