



## GALT #8 MINE HISTORIC SITE SOCIETY

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### A Message from the President

At long last the Bus Restoration Project appears to be entering the final lap. The step now underway is the mounting and welding of the bus body onto its chassis. Afterward the bus will move through the final stages of sheet metal and insulation installation, then on to installing window glass, flooring, seats and upholstery, body paint, and completion of the instrument panel and interior.



The garage we rented to work on the bus indoors during the winter months is relinquished as the bus moves to Kustom Auto Body in Coaldale.

The Board expresses deep appreciation and commendation to Lanny Aitkens in recognition of his numerous months of volunteer work on the bus. Quite a few of the chassis parts were not available so Lanny handcrafted the parts himself. We are blessed to have him working on the bus.

We are diligently pursuing every lead looking for land and a building for storage for the bus when restoration is completed.

The Society has contracted with McLarty Consulting, a Lethbridge firm owned by Jeff McLarty to launch a fund raising drive for the purpose of raising funds for the Society purchasing the Galt #8 Mine Site, which has been for sale for approximately 3½ years. As a side note, McLarty spearheaded a campaign last year which raised over one million dollars to outfit the new library branch in West Lethbridge. The Society is pleased to receive the services of such a talented and energetic professional.

A "Tribute to Miners" second Annual Memorial Banquet held on Saturday, April 30th at the Nord-Bridge Seniors Hall was a superb evening enjoyed by a sellout attendance. At least nine miners attended the banquet and were recognized as the heroes of the event: Frank Toth of Coaldale; Andrew Veres of Coalhurst; Paul Szoke of Kipp; Blaine Dow, Mike Dikun, Fred Egger, Julius Kovacs, Charles Wesselman, and Les Toth of Lethbridge, all of whom are very supportive of

the plans to preserve the Galt #8 Mine Site in Lethbridge. The Nord-Bridge Seniors are very impressed with our Society and we were asked to participate in their memorial event. David Cocks and Jason Sailer prepared a power point presentation which David did an awesome job presenting. We also presented an interesting display of the Myers models of mining equipment and other artifacts in which people showed great interest.

The Society has acquired a new laptop computer replacing our old worn out one. We are looking forward to using it for our bookwork and at future engagements and power point presentations.

Another recent event to heighten public awareness in coal mining was a presentation of "Working in the Coal Mine" given by Blaine Dow and myself to a Sunday School group during the Children's story time at First United Church on May 1st. Blaine did a great job describing his working in the Saughnessy coal mine with horses, as a Driver, and what it was like working in the dark. It was just so great to watch the rapt attention and expressions on the faces of these children.

We wish to thank all the volunteers who participated in these presentations or helped in making these events so successful.

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The summer parade season is fast approaching and Ron has been asked to put on his creative cap for new ideas for our float. I'm sure he will. We hope that we have some nice sunny weather. The following is a schedule of the dates: July 9 Barons, August 6 Nobleford, August 13 Coalhurst Miner's Days, August 20 Picture Butte Jamboree Days, and August 23 Lethbridge Whoop-Up Days. Look for our float! Hope to see you there!

*Have a wonderful summer! Les*

## Membership

Your continued support and loyal membership is appreciated and we seek to attract new members. Friends and family are encouraged to join. A membership form is attached for your convenience.

## NEXT BOARD MEETING

Thursday, July 21st, 2011 ~ St. Andrew's - 1818 5 Ave South



Lanny supervises moving of the Bus to Minute Muffler for its new exhaust system  
June 14/11

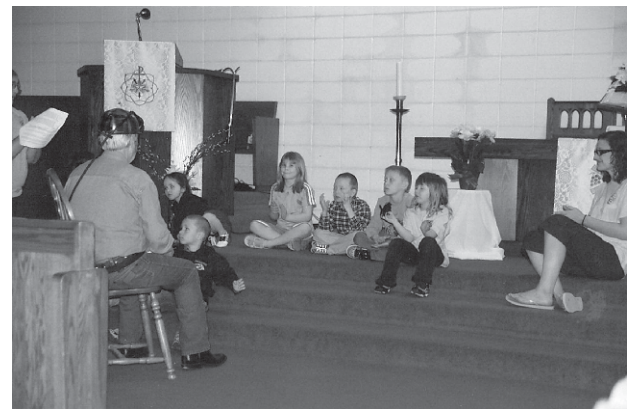


David, Les making Galt 8 presentation at Miners Memorial Banquet at Nord-Bridge Seniors Hall April 30/11

Lanny, Bob, Wendy with Meyers Models display at Nord-Bridge Seniors Hall April 31/11



Blaine Dow in his Miner's gear presenting "Working in the Coal Mine" to a Sunday School Group at First United Church May 1/11



An array of some of the replacement parts handcrafted by Lanny for the Bus. November 16/10

