

GALT #8 MINE HISTORIC SITE SOCIETY

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Message from the President



President Les Toth

The greatest lesson that human beings can learn from nature is the lesson of sowing and reaping: Sowing seeds into good soil followed by a productive growing season, and concluding the process with a bountiful harvest.

Applying the symbolism of this lesson, the Galt #8 Mine Historic Site Society began sowing its historical interpretive Site "crop" back in 1993.

Thereafter, our members have been watching a slowly developing "crop" grow up bringing us to the current point at which the "harvest" seems just around the corner.

Currently, an appointed committee of the Board of Directors is proceeding to select an architectural firm which will update the feasibility study previously completed in 2003. The study will be useful for both fundraising efforts and for presentations required for obtaining various government approvals. We are hoping to designate an architectural firm by the first week of July. We further hope to have the feasibility study by early September, subject to grant funding approval to cover the cost.

Our real estate contract requires the Society to demonstrate some preliminary success in our fund raising efforts towards raising the purchase price amounts by the spring of 2013. Our fund raiser, Jeff McLarty, remains very busy establishing a program to meet our financial plans.

Meanwhile, restoration work on the miner's bus is zipping along at a snail's pace and should be completed sometime before the New Year. The sides and half of the roof have now been installed.

The 3rd annual Miners Memorial Banquet, held May 1st at the Nord-Bridge Seniors Centre, honored the mine workers in conjunction with the world-wide celebration known as "The Day of the Working Man". To our great benefit, Reverend Dr. Alex Lawson, retired minister of McKillop United Church, agreed to speak at the Miner's Banquet about his rich and colorful experiences as a very young miner growing up in a coal mining town in Scotland where, having quit school at age 14, he followed his father into the coal mines. His message was entertaining, uplifting, and humorous. We openly thank him for his willingness to share portions of his fascinating mining story at the banquet.

With the onset of the warm weather months comes the advent of parade season in Southern Alberta. In order to have a slight difference in our parade float this year, we thought we would seek your input in this regard. So put on your creative thinking caps! If you have a cool idea of something unique to add to the float, we would love to hear from you! We know Ron (float architect) would really appreciate hearing your suggestions as well. So mark your calendars and plan to attend as

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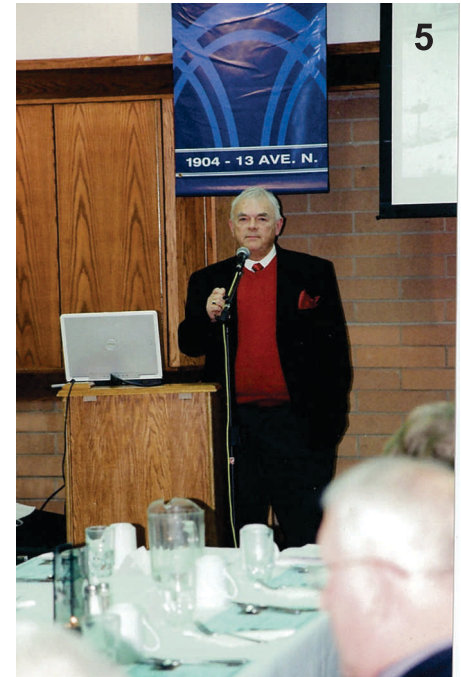
Your continued support and loyal membership is appreciated and we seek to attract new members. Friends and family are encouraged to join. A membership form is attached for your convenience.

**Next Board Meeting
Thursday, June 21th, 2012
St. Andrew's - 1818 5 Ave South**

many of these parades as you can. The following is a schedule of the dates: July 14 – Barons, August 4 – Nobleford “Heritage Days”, August 11 – Coalhurst “Miners Days”, August 18 – Picture Butte “Jamboree Days”, and August 21 – Lethbridge “Whoop-Up Days”. Be sure to come out and look for our float! Hope to see you there!

Have a great summer, make sure you take in a baseball game, and keep on cheering for all your Galt# 8 buddies!

Stay tuned
Les Toth



1. Les checks out restoration progress made on the Miners Bus. May 8/12
2. Martin of Lethbridge Truck Equipment shows Gary the newly installed back door. May 8/12
3. Les, Vivian making Galt 8 presentation at Miners Memorial Banquet at Nord-Bridge Seniors Hall May 1/12
4. Bill Axtell introducing special guest, Rev. Dr. Alex Lawson, at Miners Memorial Banquet at Nord-Bridge Seniors Hall May 1/12
5. Rev. Dr Alex Lawson sharing his mining memories at the Miners Memorial Banquet at Nord-Bridge Seniors Hall. May 1/12
6. Les looks on as Charles Wesselman (on right) reminisces with Bill Axtell of his mining days at the Miners Memorial Banquet at Nord-Bridge Seniors Hall May 1/12

