



Pioneer Oil Museum of New York, Inc.

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Keeping the Oil Tradition Alive

The Pioneer Oil Museum of New York, Inc. had a very successful first year (2000-2001) under the direction of its new Board of Directors. The Board would like to continue this work in hopes of preserving our local oil tradition. Our goal is to save and continue the legacy of the local petroleum industry, as well as remember those men and women who were (and still are) the backbone of this amazing history. With this in mind, the Board would like to thank everyone who donated money and/or artifacts during our first annual fund-drive.

Accomplishments: 2000-2001

Following is an abbreviated list of our accomplishments from this past year:

1. renovation of the Simon Bolivar room
2. creation of new exhibits - Socony Vacuum and Kendall Refineries, local transportation (Shawmut Railroad and electric trolley line)
3. painting of the interior and exterior of the building, including a new sign by local artist, Jeff Margeson
4. videotaping of Bucher lease wells being shot
5. participation in Pioneer Oil Days
6. recipient of NYS Rural Schools Grant

Preserving the
Oil Heritage of
Southwestern
New York and
Northwestern
Pennsylvania

Membership Drive

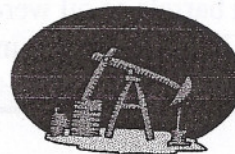
Last year we asked your assistance in helping put the Pioneer Oil Museum on firm financial ground. We appreciate your monetary contribution that has helped stabilize the Museum!

Until this time, the Museum has relied on loans, donations, and bequests of artifacts from local citizens to showcase the regional petroleum industry. The Board of Directors is initiating a "Friends of the Museum" campaign in which we are soliciting contributions from

anyone who may be interested in the oil industry and/or local history.

If you would care to become a member of this annual fund-drive, we suggest the following categories of membership. Checks can be made payable to the Museum at the address listed above.

Well Plugger	\$25 or less
Roustabout	\$26-50
Wildcatter	\$51-100
Shooter	\$101-500
Oil Baron	\$501 or more



Hours of Operation

Memorial Day - Labor Day

Monday - Friday 10:00 A.M. -4:00 P.M.

Saturdays and Sundays by appointment only.
Call 928-1344 to schedule a tour.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are staffed by volunteers, which thus dictates the hours we are open. We are in drastic need of volunteers!

Please call Ray Payne at 928-1344 if you are willing to donate your time in the Museum.

ARTIFACTS AND PHOTOGRAPHS

The Museum is still collecting artifacts and photographs related to anything in the local oil industry.

The Board of Directors wishes to thank . . .

Ray Payne & Dick Fitch	Joe Bucher
Museum volunteers	Andy Saunders
Hahn & Schaffner	BRAG
Bolivar Library	Terry Collins
Dick Monroe	Pat McGee
Village of Bolivar crew	
Bolivar-Richburg Central School	
New York State Oil Producers' Association	

Did you know . . .

the old Shawmut Railroad depot is located near Hahn & Schaffner Hardware Store in Bolivar?

Did you know . . .

over 6 million barrels of oil were pumped from the Allegany County oil fields in 1882?

Upcoming Events

Pioneer Oil Days: June 19-22

Southwestern Firemen's Convention: August 1-3

NYS Oil Producer's Clambake: August 15

Board of Directors

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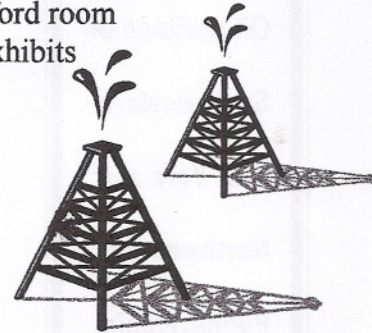
Jim Day

Museum Attendance Nearly Doubles

Under the direction of the new Board of Directors and with your financial support, attendance at the museum for the 2001 season doubled. An estimated 450 visitors came through the doors of the Museum last year. With your support, we were able to upgrade our exhibits and displays which encouraged more visitors.

Museum Wish List for 2002

1. Renovate dynamite wagon donated by Sherm Lyons
2. Simulate office found on nearby oil leases
3. Refurbish Sinclair gasoline pump
4. Purchase hands-on models of oil leases
5. Inventory and catalogue all Museum artifacts
6. Renovate Frank Hungerford room
7. Rotate and create new exhibits



Think about donating to our memorial fund. Bequests to the Museum are a wonderful way of remembering a loved one.