



Pioneer Oil Museum of New York, Inc.

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Hahn & Schaffner Renovations Continue

With the completion of phase one of the renovations at the Hahn & Schaffner site, focus now shifts to the next phase of the work. The first phase involved gutting and renovating the old store at the site. This included new electric, insulation, plumbing, and heating. Most of the old, original tin ceiling was saved and reused, and, in addition, a replicated tin ceiling was used in another area.

The front room of the store includes a section dedicated to the New York State Oil Producers' Association Wall of Fame. Much of this area is highlighted by very beautiful woodworking.



Phase two involves renovations of some of the out-buildings at the site. The first focus will be on a large storage building that, after renovation,

will be used to house exhibits including a display of working oilfield engines. The large square footage available inside that building will allow the museum to build and display exhibits involving larger artifacts.

Two other smaller buildings (originally built as threading buildings) will be refurbished and used for exhibits. Work will be completed as finances allow. Please refer to the enclosed attachment for more information and associated costs.

All three buildings will be enclosed with hemlock board and batten to provide a rustic look. This lumber has been donated to the museum by Bob Mallory of RAM Forest Products of Shinglehouse. The labor to cut the boards into siding has been donated by A.J. Plants, also of Shinglehouse (courtesy of museum president Paul Plants).

Preserving the
Oil Heritage of
Southwestern
New York and
Northwestern
Pennsylvania

First-Ever Tractor Pull Held

On Saturday, June 19, the Pioneer Oil Museum hosted a tractor pull at the Hahn & Schaffner Complex. Organized by the Genesee Valley Antique Tractor Club (GVATC), the event was a huge success. The Club numbers some 60-70 members, many of whom entered their tractors in the competition. Club organizers designed and built a track at the Hahn & Schaffner site, and combined with perfect weather, this made for a great turn-out and a super day.

New Museum Website Launched

Recently the museum's new website went on-line. This site was designed and created by Bolivar resident, Forest Shaner, who also recently created new websites for both the Town of Bolivar and the Bolivar Lions Club. In the near future other items of interest might be added. The address is: pioneeroilmuseum.com.

Also, the museum has set up an e-mail account to correlate with the new website. The e-mail address is: Bolivaroil@yahoo.com.

Previous NYSOPA Wall of Fame Inductees

**Tom Hungerford - Wall of Fame
Class of 2005**

Tom Hungerford was a native of Bolivar, graduating from Bolivar Central School. After a three-year tour in the Navy during World War II, he returned home, eventually working for Bradley Producing Corporation. He spent many years as a self-employed consultant in the local oil and gas region.



Tom was a former officer in the NYS Oil Producers' Association. In 1993, he was selected as "Man of the Year" by that organization. Some of the organizations of which he was a member include the Society of Petroleum Engineers, Independent Petroleum Association of America, and the Independent Oil and Gas Association of New York.

(In August 2010, Tom's widow, Mary, donated his entire irreplaceable collection of maps, documents, and books to the museum. We greatly thank her for her generous support.)

**Otto Walchli - Wall of Fame
Class of 2007**

During the course of his life, Otto Walchli was associated with a wide variety of Allegany County industries connected to the local petroleum industry. He was vice-president of both the Wellsville Refining Company and the Allegany Pipeline Company. He was the manager of the Sinclair Refining Company, as well as holding office in the Union Pipeline Company, Ford's Brook Pipeline Company, and Richardson Petroleum Corporation.

At the state level he was a director and officer of the New York State Crude Oil Association, and nationally he served as vice-president of the Independent Petroleum Association of America.

Some of his Wellsville social memberships were in the Rotary, Chamber of Commerce, and Masonic Lodge. He also served the local school district as president of the school board.

Hours of Operation

Memorial Day - Labor Day
Monday - Friday 10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Saturdays and Sundays by appointment only. Call Barb Webb (585-928-2377) or Rose Feenaughty (585-928-1796) to schedule a tour. We love to entertain groups, no matter what the size. Just please give us advance notice so that we can be prepared.

Pioneer Oil Days: June 22-26, 2011

Volunteers Needed

The museum is in drastic need of volunteers in order to entertain visitors. Weekly shifts last just three hours, and you don't need any special experience or training. While the museum is open only on weekdays, we would certainly love to have volunteers willing to open on the weekends. Call Barb Webb at 585-928-2377 if you can help.



The old welding shop at Hahn & Schaffner was enclosed with board and batten siding in June 2010.

Thank you to Fred Stives who donated his 50/50 winnings back to the museum after winning the drawing on parade day during Pioneer Oil Days.



State Senator Catherine Young with Museum board president Paul Plants and board member Kelly Lounsberry during a summer visit to the museum.

DONATIONS 2010

Oil Baron - \$501 or more

Shaner Oil
John Bradley
Otis Eastern Employees
Kelly & Lois Lounsberry
New York State Oil Producers' Association
Bolivar Lions Club

Wild Catter - \$51 - 100

Dan Quinlan
Dempsey Pipe
Richardson & Stout
Steve Yehl
Connie Gates & Jennifer Lloyd
Ruth & Gary Herne
Roxanne & Joe Yehl
Dominic & Donna DiGirolamo
Rick & Kris Gould
Paul Plants
Palmerton Group

Well Plugger - \$25 or less

Janet Herne
Herb MacDonell
Marilyn Lee
James McAndrew
John Dunbar
Nancy & Bill Walsh
Bob & Char Mead
Steve & Terri Morrison



Miriam Gray, daughter of inductee Dan Gray, provides some background on her father at the induction ceremonies. Her father either owned or worked several leases in the area: Davie, Dye, and Cawley leases. He also owned the Gray Oil Company and was part owner of the Daggett Oil Company.

Shooter - \$101 - 500

Richardson Petroleum
Anonymous
Joan Gollaher
Dawn Elliott
Village of Bolivar
Wayne & Jean Milliman
Bolivar-Richburg Central Dress Down Day

John Walchli
Nathan Petroleum
Sunrise Drilling
Bucher Drilling
Jon & Sue Lindquist
Ellen Joliet

Roustabout - \$26 - 50

Bob & Kelly Ingalls
Mike & Mary Fitzsimmons
Barb & Louie Schiralli
Little Genesee Garden Club
Joe Schaffner
Jerry Codispoti
Deborah Hill

New York State Oil Producers' Association

Platinum - \$5000.00

Gold - \$1000.00

East Resources

Silver - \$500.00

DBA McCracken Oil/Gas

Bronze - \$200.00

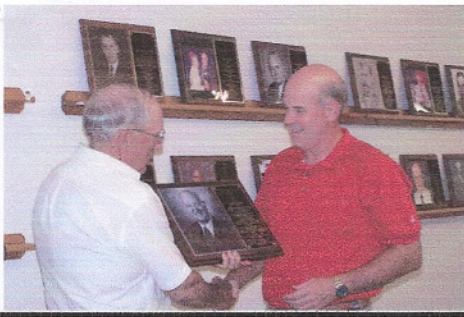
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Penn Gold Well Services
Richardson Petroleum
Dorchester Minerals
Rinker Oil
Woods Oil Co.
S.W. Neilly
James Gabriel
James Kinley

Other

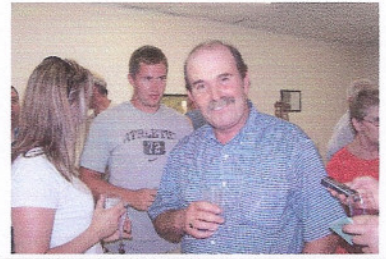
Nussbaumer & Clarke
Lang Surveying
Hogan Energy

A memorial to the museum is a wonderful way to preserve the legacy of a loved one, especially one with ties to the local oil/gas industries or a member of the community. The museum thanks you for thinking of us, especially in your time of grief.

**SUMMER 2010 -
A BUSY TIME
AT THE
PIONEER OIL
MUSEUM**



Museum president Paul Plants presents the Wall of Fame plaque to Lance Shaner in honor of his father, Al Shaner.



Local oilman, Jim Day, enjoys the festivities at the new Hahn & Schaffner site.



(above and below) Always on the lookout for new information and artifacts, several members of the Museum board took a tour of the Trio Oil Company lease located outside Bolivar. The tour was led by Jerry Chadderdon, daughter of one of the lease's owners, Frank Hungerford.



Parade day float - both the BRCS boys' baseball team and girls' softball teams made it to the New York State Championship games last spring, each losing by one run. Amazing!



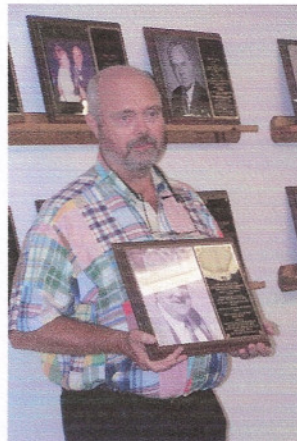
Former local resident Gary Herne (now living in Michigan) brought a replica derrick that he built.



One of many oilfield exhibits in the Pioneer Oil Days parade



An antique tractor owned by Dr. Jack Williams that was in both the parade and the tractor pull the previous weekend



Former Bolivar resident George Bradley reminisces about his Wall of Fame grandfather, John C. Bradley.



Barber burners used to heat crude oil in winter months to allow it to flow more freely. Donated by Joe Bucher

Memorials 2010

In memory of Gail Hahn
 by Bob & Diane Mountain
 by Charles Giardini Inc.
 by Betty Ferris
 by Kelly & Lois Lounsberry
 by Joe Bucher
 by Carol Greene
 by Tom Dunn
 by John & Beverly Bradley
 by Ellen Guinnip
 by Mary Schaffner
 by Norene Ferris

In memory of Ray Allen
 by Barb Clair
 by Joan Dunning
 by Kelly & Lois Lounsberry

In memory of Carl "Pete" Hettenbaugh
 by Tom Dunn
 by Mary & Michael Fitzsimmons
 by John & Beverly Bradley
 by Kelly & Lois Lounsberry and Karen and
 Stephan Sarrafian

In memory of Edward Bartlett
 by Donna & Dominic DiGirolamo
 by Wilbur & Beverly Dawson

In memory of Dick Smith
 by Kelly & Lois Lounsberry

In memory of Frank and Amelia Hungerford
 by Frances Chadderdon
 by Patricia Smyke

In memory of Virginia Swain
 by Betty Ferris
 by Julia Wright, Joyce Lemmer, and
 Shirley Brown

In memory of Grace Watkins
 by Kelly & Lois Lounsberry

In memory of Herbert Rhodes
 by Diane Glintz

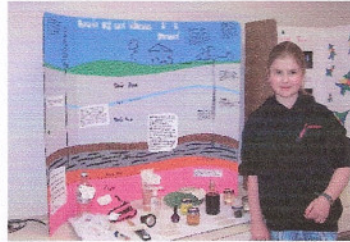
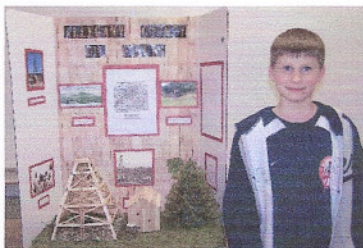
In memory of Frances E. Richardson
 by John Richardson

In memory of Ray Payne and Bob Jordan
 by Robert and Joan Jordan

In memory of Frank Thorwart
 by Anne Thorwart

In memory of LaVerne Jordan
 by Connie Jordan

In memory of Phyllis Feely
 by Kelly & Lois Lounsberry



Bolivar-Richburg Elementary fifth-graders Brandon Mascho and Carmen Schiralli display their outstanding science fair projects. These students chose to explore the world of local oil field drilling as well as many aspects of the refining of crude oil.

Boy Scouts Continue Scanning Project

Local Bolivar-Richburg Boy Scout Troop 739 has begun a project to scan and preserve the photographs and documents owned by the museum. Under the direction of museum volunteer Rob Eberling, this group began the project last year. Using a new computer and scanner purchased with funds donated by the Allegany County Area Foundation, the boys have already scanned a large number of the items in the museum's collection. The project will resume in the spring and possibly be completed over the summer and fall.

The museum thanks the Boys Scouts and their Scoutmaster Mike Ray as well as the Allegany County Area Foundation for their support.

NYSOPA to Honor Wall of Fame Inductees

WINE-AND-CHEESE TASTING TICKETS

Friday, June 24, 2011
6:30-8:00 Hahn & Schaffner Site

\$15 - Single Ticket
\$35 - Two tickets and designation as Bronze Patron
\$65 - Four tickets; Silver Patron
\$125 - Eight tickets; Gold Patron
(business and corporate sponsors, as well as for individuals)

Tasty Snacks and a variety of cheeses along with a wonderful sampling of different wines - all available that evening!

Tickets may be purchased by writing to the museum at the address below, at the Bolivar Free Library during regular hours, or at the museum once it opens for the season in June.

Tickets available June 1

Checks can be made payable to:

Pioneer Oil Museum of New York, Inc.
PO Box 332
Bolivar, NY 14715
Memo line: Wine Tasting

Bolivar Free Library hours:
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday: 6:00-8:00
Tuesday: 12:30-4:30
Friday: 9:30-4:30
Saturday: 9:00-12:00

The Pioneer Oil Museum is pleased and honored again to announce the newest class of inductees into the New York State Oil Producers' Association "Wall of Fame," which is located at the Hahn & Schaffner site of the Pioneer Oil Museum. The 2011 class of inductees includes Burdette West, Lloyd West, John Walchli Sr., and Arthur Yahn.

Last year's class included Alyn Shaner, George Goodwin, Dan Gray, and John C. Bradley. A huge audience turned out that evening to witness the induction ceremonies. If you have any interesting anecdotes about this year's inductees, please feel free to forward them to the museum.

Each man will be honored for his contributions to the local oil and natural gas industry with a plaque in his honor. This plaque includes a photo, biographical data, and contributions to the local business. Induction ceremonies will take place on Friday, June 24, at 6:00 immediately before the wine-and-cheese tasting that is noted elsewhere in this newsletter. This ceremony will take place at the Hahn & Schaffner site.

Those in attendance for the Wall of Fame induction ceremony are invited to stay and participate in the Wine-and-Cheese Tasting as well as tour the museum. Spend some time touring the museum to learn about the amazing heritage of the local oil fields.



Family members of each of the inductees share in the memory of their relative's accomplishments.

Fund Drive 2011

As you can see from this newsletter, work at the Pioneer Oil Museum has been non-stop. Phase I (the renovation of the old Hahn & Schaffner store) of our expansion has been completed. Next we hope to begin refurbishment of several outbuildings. These buildings can then be used to house artifacts and display exhibits. The timeframe and estimated costs for the next phases of our project are listed on the back of this page.

Upon completion of these renovations, we would like to become more of a regional attraction throughout New York and Pennsylvania. We would like to expand our horizons in hopes of attracting new visitors. With events such as the price of oil and drilling in the Marcellus Shale deposits currently in the news, this is the perfect time to expand the museum, both literally and figuratively.

One of the goals of the museum, in conjunction with development of this new site, is to increase and improve our school-museum connection. We would like to increase the number and frequency of school field trips, as well as increase the educational contacts between the museum and local school districts. With schools facing budget cuts and eliminating long field trips, we would like to offer the museum as a cost-effective alternative for local districts. We would like this new venue to provide an impetus for renewed interest in the history of the oil and gas industries, as well as the museum, which should lead to more interaction with all of the regional schools.

In order for these goals to become reality, we ask for your financial support. We have many extensive plans, all of which require your substantial backing. These are difficult economic times for many, but we ask that you remember your museum. All donations are tax-deductible as the museum maintains its 501(c)(3) status.

Also, please consider donating in memory of a loved one. This is truly a wonderful way to preserve that person's memory. Thank you very much for your support.

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

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The Museum maintains its 501(c)(3) status,
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Your name: _____

Address: _____

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