



# Pioneer Oil Museum of New York, Inc.

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## Work Continues on Purchase of Hahn & Schaffner Site

Last year it was announced that the Pioneer Oil Museum had secured funding from the New York State Oil Producers' Association (NYSOPA) to purchase the six-acre site presently owned by the Hahn & Schaffner Corporation. This generous donation from NYSOPA will allow the museum to move from its current small, land-locked location on Main Street in Bolivar to this new site. This move will allow for potential growth and expansion that is desperately needed.

At this time final paperwork for the official transfer is being completed. Legal documents and other related details are slowing the process. It is hoped that all paperwork will be completed within the next three months.

This past summer an auction was held at the Hahn & Schaffner site with all the profits going to the current ownership of the site. The remaining inventory from the old hardware store was auctioned as was a large amount of scrap metal found across the premises. To the surprise of many, the pipe sections that were a staple of the Hahn & Schaffner Pipe Company had for years been stored

atop sections of railroad rails, probably from the old Shawmut Railroad which had run through this area. The scrap quality of these rails was high, and they were in great demand the night of the auction.

To help expedite the auction process the Pioneer Oil Museum hired six local teenagers. For three weeks during the summer prior to the auction, these boys mowed and cleaned much of the site, thereby allowing any covered scrap metal to be visible for the



auction. For another three weeks they painted the exteriors of many of the buildings. Finally they cleaned the interior of the existing store. Their efforts were paid by the museum in hopes that this would speed the auction and jumpstart the museum's eventual move to this new site.

Preserving the  
Oil Heritage of  
Southwestern  
New York and  
Northwestern  
Pennsylvania



### NY State Grant Received by Museum

The museum recently received word that it is the recipient of a substantial grant from New York State Senator Cathy Young. This grant will be used for renovation purposes at the Hahn & Schaffner site. The former store needs a complete overhaul including a roof, renovation of the heating system, and interior work. This grant is just a small step towards completion of a new museum. To realize all of our plans, we need everyone's support and assistance.

## Bolivar Village Ordinances, 1902

The following excerpts are contained in the "public safety" section of the 1902 village ordinances. Note how many pertain to the oil boom which had hit Bolivar about 20 years before this time.

### Section 9:

No person, company or corporation shall haul or cause to be hauled, any torpedo wagon or any sleigh, wagon or other conveyance loaded with nitro-glycerin [sic], on, through or over the streets of Bolivar, excepting Olive Street, Main Street commencing at the intersection of Olive Street and running south to the Village limits; on Upper Main Street south to Plum Street and out Plum Street to Kincaid Street, and on Kincaid Street to the intersection of said Street with Wellsville Street, and east on Wellsville Street to the Village limits, under a penalty of \$100.00 for each offense. And it is further ordained that a violation of this ordinance shall constitute disorderly conduct, and any person violating this ordinance shall be a disorderly person.

### Section 10:

No person, company or corporation shall haul or cause to be hauled in, through or over the streets of Bolivar any torpedo wagon, sleigh, or other conveyance containing what is known as "empty" nitro-glycerine cans, that is, cans from which nitro-glycerine has been taken or any other vessels which contain or have contained nitro-glycerine, excepting it shall be lawful to haul said torpedo wagon or other conveyance over the Street and portions of streets designated in the preceding section (9) of this chapter.

### Section 11:

Any person driving a torpedo wagon or other vehicle used for the conveyance of nitro-glycerine, faster than a walk on any of the Streets of the Village of Bolivar, shall be liable to a penalty of \$25.00 for each offense.

### Section 12:

No person, company or corporation shall store any nitro-glycerine within the limits of this Village, under a penalty of \$100.00 for each offense.

### Section 17:

No person, company or corporation or co-partnership shall drill or cause to be drilled any oil well or wells in the Village of Bolivar within one hundred feet of any residence or village lot, under a penalty of \$100.00 for each offense and the further penalty of \$25.00 per day for each day the said well shall be drilled, after notice to quit the same.

## The Museum Wants You!

As always, the museum is looking for visitors to work and help keep the museum open. Each volunteer works just one three-hour block of time per week. We are only open weekdays (unless someone would like to open up on the weekend) from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Each volunteer works just one short, three-hour shift from either 10:00-1:00 or from 1:00-4:00.

You don't have to know anything about oil or the history of this area! You simply need to monitor the museum and walk our guests through. By doing this, both you and the guests will be amazed by what life was like years ago in a "Pioneer Oil Town." If you have any knowledge of or experience in the local fields, so much the better. If you relate to people and would just like to socialize, that's fine also. And if you simply want to get out of the house on a pleasant summer day and enjoy the weather, what better place to do it than at the museum.

Please call Ray Payne at 585-928-1344 or Dick Fitch at 585-928-2587 if you are interested.

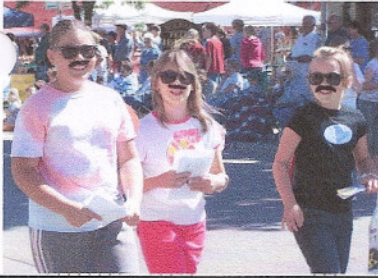
## Hours of Operation

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

Saturdays and Sundays by appointment only. Call Dick Fitch (585-928-2587), Ray Payne (585-928-1344) or Barb Webb (585-928-2377) to schedule a tour. We love to entertain groups of people as long as we have some advance notice!

Pioneer Oil Days: June 25 - 29, 2008

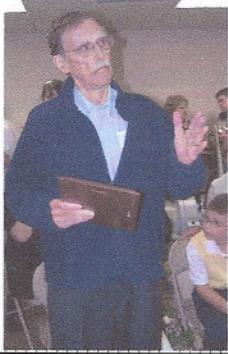
# Goings-On at the Museum in 2007



Bolivar-Richburg Elementary students march for the Bolivar Library.



Joseph J. Bucher accepts the plaque on behalf of his father, Joseph W. Bucher.



A member of the Otto Walchli family accepts the plaque in his name.

**Pioneer Oil Days - 2007:**  
**The weather was perfect, and the weekend was wonderful for the NYSOPA Wall OF Fame inductions, the parade, & the Wine-and-Cheese Tasting .**



The Wine-and-Cheese Tasting was a huge hit.



This model was a recent donation to the museum.



Dean Phillips of Vandermark Exploration reminisces about his friendship with Mike Schaffner.



Two of the winners of the Pioneer Oil Days poster contest.

## Memorials - 2007

- In memory of Pat Lounsberry  
by Bill and Nancy Walsh  
by Dave and Chris Evans  
by Dale and Tina Taylor  
by Barb Claire  
by Les and Betsy Greene  
by Wendy Lanterman  
by Marilyn Lee  
by Jerry Chadderdon  
by Thomas Dunn  
by Ann Ingalls  
by Ray Payne  
by Bill and Sally Acker  
by Gary and Chere Lounsberry  
by Matt Shaner  
by Jack and Sara Matheny  
by Ellen Reesher  
by Dave and Robin Pruch  
by Jon and Sue Lindquist  
by Fred and Mary Shaner  
by Genesee Valley Central School "Family"  
by Carol Spicer  
by Bolivar-Richburg Elementary School  
by Bob and Fran Dean  
by Bob and Charlotte Mead  
by Bob and Diane Mountain  
by Bolivar Lioness Club  
by Dominic and Donna DiGirolamo  
by Thurwood Marshall Elementary School,  
Dover, Delaware  
by Alton, Corabelle, and Leland Lounsberry
- In memory of Howard Drilling (Edmond & Dale Howard)  
by Sunrise Drilling Supply, Inc.
- In memory of Rupert Champlin and James P. Champlin  
by Virginia Champlin Swain
- In memory of Tom Hungerford  
by Deborah Bradley Arzberger
- In memory of Herbert and Naomi Irvin Malick  
by William Malick
- In memory of John Thompson, Dan Klinger, and all  
their families associated with Otis Eastern Services, Inc.  
by the Charles Joyce family
- In memory of Mike Schaffner  
by Anne and Bob Klenke  
by Mary Schaffner
- In memory of Thelma Payne  
by Francis and Pearl Coyle  
by John H. Colgrove  
by Marguerite Jordan  
by Pat Lounsberry  
by Kelly and Lois Lounsberry  
by Ray Payne
- In memory of Robert "Dutch" Dunning  
by Robert Ammons  
by Ray Payne
- In memory of Susie Sturdevant  
by Kelly and Lois Lounsberry  
by Ray Payne
- In memory of Lou Claire  
by Barb Claire
- In memory of Robert Jordan  
by Marguerite Jordan
- In memory of Claude Milliman  
by Jean and Wayne Milliman
- In memory of Frank Hungerford  
by Fitzsimmons Family
- In memory of Bill Barry  
by Marcia Barry
- In memory of Edward Bartlett  
by Kelly and Lois Lounsberry
- In memory of Gilbert Brinnier  
by Kelly and Lois Lounsberry
- In memory of Velma Jordan & Cleo Fisk, Jr.  
by Connie Gates  
by Jennifer Lloyd
- In memory of Joseph W. Bucher  
by Joseph J. Bucher  
by Eric and Cathleen Johnson
- In memory of Frank & Amelia Hungerford and  
and Maybelle Chadderdon  
by Jerry and LaVern Chadderdon
- In memory of Don and Pat Lounsberry  
by Lou and Barb Schiralli

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 industry or a member of the community. The museum thanks you for thinking of us, especially in your time of grief.

### **Contest Winners**

The following won raffles sponsored by the museum during Pioneer Oil Days. Sherry Wiedeman of Bolivar won the 50-50. Lucy Atwell won a wildlife wood carving donated by Darrell Easterbrook. Will Burdick won a wine rack donated by Earl Stellrecht of Cuba.

# NYSOPA to Honor Wall of Fame Inductees

The Pioneer Oil Museum is pleased and honored again to announce the newest class of inductees into the New York State Oil Producers' Association (NYSOPA) "Wall of Fame," which is located in the Pioneer Oil Museum. The 2008 class of inductees includes Albert Cole, Richard "Dick" Bradley, Donald Case, and Bayard Haskins.

Last year's class included Mike Schaffner, Joseph W. Bucher, Otto Walchli, and William "Bill" Barry. 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 27, at 6:00 immediately before the wine-and-cheese tasting that is noted elsewhere in this newsletter.

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.



Members of the Barry, Bucher, Schaffner, and Walchli families gather to enjoy the Wall of Fame inductions.

## WINE-AND-CHEESE TASTING TICKETS

Friday, June 27, 2008  
6:30-8:00

\$12 - Single Ticket  
\$25 - Two tickets and designation as Bronze Patron  
\$50 - Four tickets; Silver Patron  
\$100 - 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:

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PO Box 332  
Bolivar, NY 14715

Bolivar Free Library hours:  
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday: 6:00-9:00  
Tuesday & Friday: 12:30-4:30  
Saturday: 12:30-3:30