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First Phase of Hahn & Schaffner Renovation Complete

Over the past year the Pioneer Oil Museum completed the first stages of its museum expansion and development. This enhancement included renovating and preserving the store at the Hahn & Schaffner site. As most people know, this was an old oil well supply company in Bolivar, which originally dated back to 1920 under the name M.C. Bascom Pipe Supply. The main store was totally gutted and then renovated. This included new heating, electric, insulation, and plumbing. A new bathroom was also installed. Most of the old tin ceiling was reused; in addition a replicated tin ceiling was used in one section. Beautiful woodworking helped accent much of the front room.

Some exterior work was also completed. This included site grading and clearing of old debris. The goal is to merge this site with the current museum on Main

Street, thus creating more of a regional oil and gas-related museum complex. When completed, there will be six acres available for larger, outdoor exhibits. Some of these exhibits may be working models from the oil and gas fields.

The next phase includes the demolition of some run-down buildings on the site. One plan is to preserve and refurbish some authentic buildings on site that were used for pipe threading and other aspects of the local oil industry. One building in need of repair will be used to house a collection of recently-donated antique engines, in addition to other uses. Outdoor exhibits will have various themes. Some of these exhibits are planned to correlate with the oil boom of the 1880's. Others will feature many different aspects of the oil and gas industries.

Preserving the
Oil Heritage of
Southwestern
New York and
Northwestern
Pennsylvania

RAM Forest Donates to Museum

Bob Mallory, owner of RAM Forest Products of Shinglehouse, Pennsylvania, has graciously agreed to donate a substantial number of hemlock trees to the museum. These will be cut into board and batten siding and used to cover the exterior of the old welding shop at the Hahn & Schaffner site. This building is in terrible need of protection and renovation. The project, which will restore a rustic look to the building, should be completed by Pioneer Oil Days.



The nearly-completed interior of the front room at the old Hahn & Schaffner store.

NYSOPA Previous Wall of Fame Inductees

Joseph W. Bucher - Wall of Fame Class of 2007

Joseph W. Bucher was a long-time resident of Bolivar who was active in the local gas and oil industry. He spent many years as an independent oil producer and driller in the area fields. He was a member of both the NYS Oil Producers' Association as well as the Pennsylvania Oil and Gas Association. This affiliation with the local trade enabled him to begin a strong family tradition whereby his son, Joseph J. Bucher, continued in his father's footsteps. This son is still active in the local fields to this day.



Outside of work Joe was a member of the congregation at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Bolivar.

The following article honoring Ray Payne and Dick Fitch was included in our 2009 newsletter. They were best of friends for some 70 years, and amazingly they both died within four days of each in June of 2009. The Board of Directors has decided to honor them by naming the new addition at the Main Street museum in memory of both men. To celebrate their legacy, we reprint the article this year.

Long Time Volunteers Honored

This past fall [2008] the Board of Directors honored long-time volunteers, Ray Payne and Dick Fitch. These two men are more than just volunteers; they are co-curators of the museum. Their knowledge of the information in the museum is exceeded only by their love and dedication for this, their second home. Whenever the name "Pioneer Oil Museum" is mentioned, the first thoughts that come to mind are "Ray Payne and Dick Fitch."

There is no way that the Museum would have run as smoothly as it did these many years without the efforts of these two men. For many years they have devoted their lives to the Museum. They know the history and background of every person in every photograph in the Museum. They know the use of most of the tools and artifacts on display, as well as information about the Museum supporters who have donated such items. Their knowledge of and love for Bolivar's history is unparalleled.

For their efforts the Pioneer Oil Museum of New York says, "Thank you!"

Karney Cochran - Wall of Fame Class of 2006

Karney moved from Oklahoma to this area to work in the local fields, eventually working for Empire Oil & Gas, which was owned by the Bradley family. He became an expert in the water-flooding technique that was used on many area leases.



After returning from duty in World War II, Karney worked for Bradley Producing Corporation. Due to his expertise, he was promoted to Vice-President in the company. As a member of the Penn Grade Crude Oil Association, he worked on a variety of enhanced oil recovery methods. Some of these tertiary methods are now commonplace in the industry.

Years later he formed K-ARCY Corporation. He became more active in various industry-related organizations and became a national and local lobbyist and spokesman for the area producers.

Tractor Pull to be Held at Hahn & Schaffner Site

In an effort to attract more visitors and become more of a regional attraction, the Pioneer Oil Museum will host a tractor pull on Saturday, June 19. The Genesee Valley Antique Tractor Club (GVATC) has added this date to its summer calendar of 14 events which stretch from Pennsylvania north toward Rochester.



The Club began in 1988 and now numbers between 60-70 members. Their antique class is represented by models up to the year 1938, and the semi-antique class from 1938-1956. A huge variety of models will be entered in the pulls. The owners have carefully rebuilt their tractors through hours of careful restoration. Come out that day to have a great time.



This new sign, hung in front of the Pioneer Oil Museum, was painted by local artist and high school art teacher, Jeff Margeson.

Donations 2009

OIL BARON - \$ 501 and more

Village of Bolivar
Shaner Oil, Inc.
New York State Oil Producers' Association
Anonymous

WILDCATTER - \$51-100

Boyd & Shriver, Inc.
Jennifer Lloyd & Connie Gates
Paul Plants
Kelly & Lois Lounsberry
David & Erin Giovannini
Bob's Auto Body Shop
Rayner Resources LLC
Michael Hogan

WELL PLUGGER - \$25 or less

Joyce & Art Pinney
Bob & Kelly Ingalls
Ellen Guinnip
Bob & Nancy MacDonell
Bob & Charlotte Mead
Eastern Star Chapter #109
Ray Lombardi
Marilyn Lee
John & Anna Boll

SHOOTER - \$101-500

Dawn Elliott
Joe Yehl & Roxanne Robinson
Jon & Sue Lindquist
James Kinley
Northern Tier, Inc.
Independent Oil & Gas Assoc. of NY

ROUSTABOUT - \$26-50

Jerry Codispoti
Louie & Barb Schiralli
Jean & Wayne Milliman
Joe & Eileen Schaffner
Kris & Rick Gould

Looking for a Derrick

Former local resident, Gary Herne, is looking for an 8-12 foot model of a derrick that he can take to shows in Michigan and New York. He is interested in sharing his childhood memories of the oil industry. If he is able to locate a model, he might just eventually donate it to the museum someday. He is also looking for information on his great-grandfather, Frank Putnam, one of the pioneers in oil production in Richburg.



You can contact Gary at: 1963 Hendrick Road, Norton Shores, MI, 49441. His phone numbers are 231-799-1963 and (cell) 231-563-3536.

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 of people as long as we have some advance notice!

Pioneer Oil Days: June 23 - 27, 2010

Rumsey Engines Donated

Keith Rumsey of Friendship has agreed to donate a number of Rumsey engines to the Pioneer Oil Museum. His grandfather, Charles Benjamin Rumsey, was the inventor of the Rumsey side-crank engine that played an important role in the development of the Bolivar-Richburg "Oil Valley." Not all of these engines were used in the oil fields; some were used for other jobs. One was actually used to power an early vacuum-cleaning system in the Bradley House in Bolivar. Some are still in working condition, and, amazingly, one of those engines that still operates dates back to the 1890's. These will eventually be placed inside a large storage building at the Hahn & Schaffner site and be accessible to the public. Thanks to Mr. Rumsey for his support of the museum.



2009 - A Busy Time at the POM



Jerry Chadderdon, daughter of legendary Bolivar oilman Frank Hungerford, provides a tour to local fifth-graders.



The family of Wall of Fame inductee Francis Richardson

Highlights of Pioneer Oil Days:

- NYSOPA Wall of Fame
- Wine & Cheese Tasting
- Parade Day



An oil drilling rig on review



The Bolivar Lioness Club serving at the Wine and Cheese Tasting



A huge crowd turned out to enjoy the parade



The Bolivar Central School Class of 1959 in town for their 50-year reunion



Bolivar's mayor monitors the fun at the Wine & Cheese Tasting



Renovations at the Hahn & Schaffner Site



Memorials 2009

In memory of Louis Claire & Bonnie Claire Nitsche
by Barbara Claire

In memory of Frank & Amelia Hungerford
by Pat Hungerford Smyke
by Jerry Chadderdon

In memory of Leon MacDonell
by Herbert & Phyllis MacDonell

In memory of Marguerite Jordan
by Kelly & Lois Lounsberry

In memory of Mr. & Mrs. J.W. Bucher
by Joseph Bucher

In memory of Guy W. Fitch
by Dick Fitch

In memory of Mike Darling
by Kelly & Lois Lounsberry, Karen & Stephan
Sarrafian, Kris & Rick Gould

In memory of Dominic Shaw, George Brabham, Lou
Roberts, & Francis Gavin
by Otis Eastern Service, Inc. (Charles Joyce)

In memory of Ray Payne
by Jack Shaner
by John Shaner
by Frances H. Milliman
by Allison Barnes
by Barbara & Helen Neporaday
by Jarrett Machine Co.

by Brian & Nancy Jordan
by Jerry & Verne Chadderdon
by Bob Lowery

by Susan & George Anthony
by Joseph Bucher

by Guy & Linda Gilliland
by Roberta Tibbetts

by Thomas Dunn
by John D. Bradley

by Rolling Hills Café
by Rhea & Paul Carls

by Robert & Marie Jarrett
by Bob & Charlotte Mead

by Macedonia Lodge 258 F. & AM, BR Chapter
by Richard & Wendy Lanterman

by Barbara & James Park, Joanne Dickey
by Joyce Johnson, Margaret Stone, Mr. & Mrs.
George Kinnicutt, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Goodyear, Joyce
Heymach Johnson, Tiffany Heymach Linn, &
Amanda Heymach Feldbauer

In memory of Bruno Codispoti family
by Jim Codispoti

In memory of Donald Fie
by Duane & Paulette Griswold

In memory of Burdette West
by Lenape Resources Inc. (John Holko)

In memory of Ray Stimson
by Kelly & Lois Lounsberry

In memory of Wendell Grabow
by Stu & Kim Moore

by Phil & Doris MacMichael

In memory of Thelma Torrey
by Kelly & Lois Lounsberry

In memory of Bill Hogan and Robert Dunning
by John & Robyn Hogan

In memory of Robert "Dutch" Dunning
by Allison Barnes

In memory of Dale & Edmond Howard
by Sunrise Drilling Supply, Inc.

In memory of Dick Fitch
by Jerry Chadderdon
by Robert & Joan Jordan

by Delores Armstrong
by Robert G. Lowery
by Alice E. Ferron

by Roberta & Richard Baker
by John D. Bradley

by Macedonia Lodge 258 F. & AM, BR Chapter

In memory of Ray Payne & Dick Fitch

by Jim & Grace Watkins
by Mr. & Mrs. Paul Plants
by Kelly & Lois Lounsberry

by Dale & Rose Feenaughty
by Bob & Diane Mountain

by Barbara Claire

by Macedonia Lodge 258 F. & AM, BR Chapter



In memory of our friends, Ray Payne & Dick Fitch

NYSOPA to Honor Wall of Fame Inductees

WINE-AND-CHEESE TASTING TICKETS

Friday, June 25, 2010
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

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 2010 class of inductees includes Alyn Shaner, George Goodwin, Dan Gray, and John C. Bradley. If you have any interesting anecdotes about this year's inductees, please feel free to forward them to the museum.

Last year's class included Frank Hungerford, Francis Richardson, Fred Shaner, and Daniel Quinlan, Sr. A huge audience turned out that evening to witness the induction ceremonies.

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 25, 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 new museum site. Spend some time visiting 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 2010

Again this year, the Pioneer Oil Museum asks your support. As you can read in the newsletter, the museum has completed Phase I of our expansion. One goal is to increase the visibility and focus of the local gas and oil industry. Thus, we will look to create new displays and exhibits at our renovated Hahn & Schaffner site. These exhibits are meant to draw attention to the long list of accomplishments of the local producers. We hope to emphasize former and present companies that struggled for so many years in the local oil and gas fields. Of course many businesses and oil families still date back to the late 1800's when oil was king in this area.

Another goal is to become more of a regional attraction throughout New York and Pennsylvania. We would like to expand our focus in hopes of attracting more visitors to our new museum complex. We would like to spread the news about the amazing history of the local and gas industry stretching back to the late 1800's and looking forward into the future.

Last summer, we accomplished a great deal of work, but this is just the beginning. Below are listed just a few of the items that need to be purchased and tasks that need to be accomplished this coming summer:

- Renovate an old storage building that will be used to house some working oil field engines that have been donated to the museum.
- Demolish in a methodical way some of the old structures at the site so that some of the tin walls might be saved to build future exhibits
- Grade some of these parcels of land and then construct pole barns to exhibit donated items
- Build exhibits inside the old store (lumber, paints, and other materials need to be purchased)
- Purchase fluorescent lights, tables, exterior paint, and other items
- Complete wiring and lighting in the other structures on site
- Eventually begin to construct outdoor exhibits
- Develop museum website

It is with these goals in mind that we ask that you support our fund drive this year. In order to put the museum and the new Hahn & Schaffner complex on firm financial ground and to help the museum's expansion plans come to fruition, it is imperative that we substantially increase our support. The museum understands that these are difficult economic times, but we would like to ask that you help support 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 a truly wonderful way to preserve that person's memory. Thank you so much for your support.

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

Checks may be made payable to:

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Bolivar, NY 14715

Your Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Amount of Donations: _____