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Shaner Exhibition Building Completed

Over this past winter, renovations were completed on an old supply building at the Hahn & Schaffner site. The improvements in this building will pave the way for its eventual use as an exhibition building. Already several antique oilfield engines are on display there. Among the renovations are a steel roof, glass block windows for protection and lighting, security lights, and new interior lights on both floors of the building.

This project was completed

through the generosity of former Bolivar resident Lance Shaner who made the largest donation in the museum's history. Due to his generosity, the building was named in Mr. Shaner's honor at last June's Wall of Fame induction ceremony.



Joyce Exhibition Building Plans Underway

Preliminary plans have begun for the construction of a new building that will be used to house antique oilfield equipment, some of it (hopefully) in working condition. Support for this building initially came from the family of the late Charles H. Joyce, as well as from his family business, Otis Eastern. Due to the size and cost of this endeavor, construction will be broken down

into several phases, completed as financial support allows. At this time, site excavation has been completed as over 60 truckloads of fill were brought in to provide a secure base for the building.

Thanks to the support of the Joyce family, this will eventually become known as the "Charles H. Joyce Exhibition Building."

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Local Oilmen Earn National Honors

In June, a national group, the Petroleum History Institute (PHI), held its Oil History Symposium in Bradford. At the annual awards banquet several local oil figures received recognition for accomplishments in the local oil and gas industry. Harvey Golubock of Bradford received the Samuel T. Pees Keeper of the Flame Award, which recognizes individuals who have devoted their efforts to preserving the heritage of the oil and gas industry. Both Bill Kline of Bradford and Paul Plants, president of the Pioneer Oil Museum, received the Colonel Edwin L. Drake Legendary Oilman Award which honors a lifetime of achievement to the oil and gas industry. Congratulations to all of these gentlemen.

At the end of their symposium, the PHI visited the Museum, touring both the Main Street and Hahn & Schaffner venues. The group was quite impressed and learned a great deal about the history of the Allegheny oilfield.



From left: Kelly Lounsberry (Pioneer Oil Museum) who nominated Mr. Plants, Paul Plants, U.S. Congressman Gus Thompson (R - PA 5th District)

The Museum Wants You!

As always, the museum is looking for "a few good men" (or women) to help stay open for our visitors. Each volunteer works just one three-hour block of time per week. The museum is open only weekdays (unless one would like to open up on weekends) from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. That means volunteers work the "early shift" from 10:00-1:00 or the "graveyard shift" from 1:00-4:00.

No advanced degree in petroleum engineering is required!. You don't even need to know anything about the history of this area. You just need to have a key to open the front door, so that visitors can be amazed by what life was like in a "Pioneer Oil Boomtown." If you have any knowledge or experience in the local

fields, even better. If you relate to people and just want to talk to them as they wander the museum, that would be fine. If you just want to get out of the house on a sunny summer day, that's fantastic as well.



Please call Barb Webb at 585-928-2377. We

REALLY need your help!

Francis Richardson, Previous Wall of Fame Inductee

Francis Richardson was both a well-known oil producer as well as a civic leader in Wellsville.

Francis was a 1948 graduate of Wellsville High School.



He became president of the highly-successful Ebenezer Oil Company which had various local operations, especially in the Allentown and Wellsville area. He was a member and past officer of the New York State Oil Producers' Association. In addition, he was a member of the Penn Grade Oil Producers Association.

His civic duties included time as a member of the Board of Directors of First Trust Union Bank as well as membership in both the Lions Club and the Elks Lodge in Wellsville.

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Richburg Supply Company: (left) 1928 ad from Bolivar Breeze; (above): 1945 invoice to Dick Oil Company

BR Education Foundation Makes Large Donation

The Bolivar-Richburg Central School Educational Foundation made a donation to the museum in the amount of \$5000 last April. For many years the Foundation coordinated a program through the school to provide hands-on learning for local students. These students were taught construction skills under the tutelage of former BR teacher, Dave Evans. They combined half-day classes at the school with on-site practical instruction in carpentry, plumbing, and electrical skills. In the process they renovated several houses in the community. The funds for the donation come from the profits earned when these renovated homes were sold to private individuals. Many thanks to the Foundation for its generous support!

Hours of Operation

- Memorial Day - Labor Day
- Monday-Friday 10:00 - 4:00
- Saturdays and Sundays by appointment only. Call the museum at (585) 610-2038 to schedule a tour. We love to entertain groups of people as long as we have advance notice.
- E-mail: bolivaroil@yahoo.com
- Website: Pioneeroilmuseum.com
- Pioneer Oil Days: June 21-28, 2015

Memorials 2014

In memory of Vincent L. Quinlan

by Joseph A. Quinlan

In memory of Patricia Van Tyne

by Arthur Van Tyne

by Kelly and Lois Lounsberry

In memory of Dutch Dunning

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by Joan Gollaher

In memory of Teresa Erwin

by Robert Mountain

In memory of Pat Smyke Hungerford

by Karen and Stephan Sarrafian

In memory of Ray Payne & Robert Jordan

by Barry and Joan Jordan

New York State Oil Producers' Association Donations

Platinum - \$5000.00

Charles P. Joyce (Otis Eastern)
McCracken Oil & Gas LLC

Gold- \$1000.00

NYS Oil Producers' Association
Jim Walchli (Nathan Petroleum)
Jim Gabriel (Hornet/Bulldog Oil)
James Kinley
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Independent Oil & Gas Association of New York

NOTICE - If you do not desire to receive this newsletter, please e-mail the museum (bolivaroil@yahoo.com) or drop us a line at our postal address. This will allow the museum to save much-needed money. Thanks!

The museum is currently looking for donations of any unusual equipment or machinery. This would include one-of-a-kind jacks, engines, etc. We are also looking for a nitroglycerin shooter's wagon and possibly an antique oil tanker truck. Limited space impacts what we can accept, but we are on the look-out for unique oilfield equipment.

Many thanks to local oilman Jim Day who found and donated this presumed antique jack to the Pioneer Oil Museum. Any information on this artifact would be appreciated.



DONATIONS 2014

OIL BARON - \$501 or more

New York State Oil Producers' Assoc.
Joseph Bucher
Otis Eastern Service, Inc./Charles Joyce
Village of Bolivar
Shaner Family Foundation (L.T. Shaner)
Bolivar-Richburg Educational Foundation

WILDCATTER - \$51-100

Kenny's Friendly Service	Bea West
Jim & Kathleen Hungerford	Jeff Bradley
Tom Dunn & Robert Morris	
Dan & Julie Baldwin	
Joe & Eileen Schaffner	
Wilbur & Bev Dawson	
Bob & Kelly Ingalls	

WELL PLUGGER—\$25 or less

Betty Ferris	Edith Freaney
Joyce & Art Pinney	Janet Herne
Nancy MacDonell	Dick Sandburg
John & Anna Boll	Mary Fitzsimmons

Oilfield Artifacts

Antique oilfield equipment is disappearing from the local fields at an alarming rate. Much of it has been surreptitiously taken by scrap dealers, and now it is long gone.

The Pioneer Oil Museum has made an effort to search for and procure equipment before anything happens to it. This past summer and fall several visits were taken to lo-

cal leases to see what artifacts are still available and need to find a safe home at the museum.

One of the museum's major goals for 2015 is acquire those items (such as the engine to the right) which need a safe and secure home and which further help us to explain the history of the local oil and gas fields. It is a lengthy and costly process to obtain these items, but it is of the greatest urgency.

SHOOTER - \$101-500

Bill & Pam Graffius	Bob Mountain
Rick & Lois Whitney	Kris & Rick Gould
Joe Yehl	Bolivar Lions Club
Sue Lindquist	Joan Gollaher
Kelly & Lois Lounsberry	Jim Hahn
Tauck World Discovery	Anonymous
Steve & Terri Morrison	Jim & Carol Dick
Georgana Cochran	Petroleum History Ins.
John W. Bryner & Family	

ROUSTABOUT - \$26-50

Larry & Betty Rossman	Barb Claire
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Mattress City Furniture	Suzanne Swain
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Above - a working oilfield engine in the Pioneer Oil Days parade

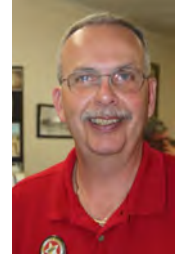




Local geologist Art Van Tyne and Mary Hungerford renew acquaintances



Denny Griesbaum ran this 15 HP Olin engine in the parade; notice the burning yellow dog on the trailer



Allegany County Sheriff Rick Whitney either on the case or enjoying himself at the wine-tasting



A large crowd enjoyed the weather on parade day



Oil Country Royalty - the Hogan sisters Mary (lt.) and Anne (rt.)



Bob Benson receives the Wall of Fame Plaque for his father



Both the Bolivar-Richburg girls' softball and boys' baseball teams made it to the state Final Four in June

2014 - Pioneer Oil Days and the Pioneer Oil Museum celebrate our region's amazing heritage



Another working model of an oilfield jack and engine that were in the parade



The parade entry from the Pioneer Oil Museum



Joan Gollaher speaks at the Wall of Fame inductions accepting for her late husband



Left: Museum president Paul Plants and local oilman Jim Dick check out an engine on a local lease; right: a young girl gets her dad's help for the tractor pull



WINE-AND-CHEESE TASTING TICKETS

Friday, June 26, 2015

6:30 - 8:00 Hahn & Schaffner Site

\$15 Single Ticket

\$35 Two Tickets and designation as
Bronze Patron

\$65 Four Tickets & Silver Patron Status

\$125 Eight Tickets & Gold Patron Status
(for 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 availa-
ble that evening!

Tickets may be purchased by writing to the muse-
um at the address below, at the Bolivar Free Li-
brary during regular hours, or at the museum once
it opens for the season in June. Donations to the
museum made at this time are NOT for wine tickets.
Those tickets become available in June.

Tickets available June 1

Checks may be made payable to:
Pioneer Oil Museum of New York
PO Box 332
Bolivar, NY 14715

Bolivar Free Library hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday: 6:00-8:00

Tuesday/Friday: 9:30-4:30

Saturday: closed

Thanks to the following New York State wineries that have support-
ed us the past few years for the Wine and Cheese Tasting that is
held each June the same night as the NYSOPA Wall of Fame induc-
tion ceremony.

Hazlitt	3 Brothers	Swedish Hill
Torrey Ridge	Marjim Manor	Goose Watch
Rasta Ranch	Angelica Winery	

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 "Wall of Fame," which is located at the Hahn & Schaffner site of the Pioneer Oil Museum. The 2015 class of inductees includes Glen Benson, Robert "Tubby" Murphy, Frank Putnam, and Albert (A.L.) Shaner. 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 26, at **6:00** immediately before the wine-and-cheese tasting that is described in the column at the left. 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 site. Spend some time touring the facility to learn about the amazing heritage of the local oil fields.

Last year's class included Charles H. Joyce, Steve Gollaher, Harold Benson, and John Bryner. A huge audience turned out that evening to witness the induction ceremonies.



The family of Charles H. Joyce at the Wall of Fame inductions to honor their father and husband

The Pumper's Lament

Perhaps there are some people
I could mention one or two,
Who think a pumper has a snap
And don't have much to do.
They think it is all sunshine
And roses along the way;
And sometime even insinuate
That he doesn't earn his pay.
If they'll start out and follow him
On some cold winter day,
And if they don't change their mind,
I'll eat a bail of hay.
His wells are scattered on the hills
Where the ground is rough and steep.
His path is always drifted full
And the snow gets mighty deep.
No matter what the weather is,
You'll always find him there,
And you'll hear the bark of his engine
On the cold and frosty air.
Perhaps he has a string of wells
Connected on a power.
If everything should work all right
He can pump them in an hour.

He starts his engine, hooks them on
Things seem to be ok;
But suddenly a pull line breaks
And there is the duce to pay.
He uses the kind of language then,
He thinks the occasion demands.
By the time he has those rods pulled up
He has frozen both his hands.
A lead line next he finds frozen up,
And nothing going through.
He builds a fire, thaws it out,
And that takes an hour or two.
And do it goes, day after day,
And I do not care a rap;
What some may say to the contrary
Pumping in winter is no snap.
And when at last, that pumper dies
From overwork and care,
St. Peter, he will meet him
At the head of the Golden Stair.
And, I suppose you want to go
Where you'll never again see a well.
Step right this way my pumper friend
The place for you is Hell.

The Bolivar Lions Club is taking the reins of Pioneer Oil Days beginning this coming June. Lion Forest Shaner has been instrumental in the transition from the Pioneer Oil Days Committee to the Lions Club.



Photo of Triangle No. 1, the first commercial oil well in Allegheny County

This poem was written by Charles Cowles of Bolivar, but the date is unknown. Both he and his father Harley Cowles worked for Messer Oil Company for over forty years. The poem was donated by Charles' daughter, Jean Sexton. Jean is a former resident of Bolivar who now lives in California.

Triangle No. 1 Restoration Underway

Triangle No. 1, the first commercial well in Allegheny County, was completed in Petrolia outside Scio on June 12, 1879. Orville P. Taylor, known as the "Father of the Allegheny Oil Field," drilled this well to a depth of 1177 feet. Drilled a full two years before the strike in Richburg that ignited the local boom, Taylor's well peaked the interest of the local citizenry and initiated the drilling of many exploratory wells in the area.



Shortly after the Pioneer Oil Museum was organized in 1964, the property containing this well was deeded to the Museum. Eventually the Museum would like to clean up the entire site and get the well back in working condition. This well contains some of the original oil from the Allegheny field.

Over the years several monuments were placed at or near the site. Some of these are in bad shape, and the Museum has taken the initiative to repair two of them. Sanding of one concrete slab has begun, while a metal New York State marker will be sanded and repainted in the near future.



Margaret Bryner accepts the Wall of Fame plaque in her father's name