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FRIDAY, MAY 27, 2011
4:30 to 7:30 pm – Lethbridge Lodge Hotel Lobby
Delegate registration
7:30 to 10:00 pm – The Galt Museum
Edwardian themed Eat & Greet
Delegate registration continues
Light Supper & refreshments
Book Fair
Museum Exhibits open
Edwardian dress welcome

SATURDAY, MAY 28, 2011
8:00 to 10:15 am – Lethbridge Lodge
Delegate registration continues
Breakfast
AGM of the Historical Society of Alberta
10:45 am to 4:30 pm
Excursions (guided bus tours) with lunch and museum admissions included:
Excursion #1: Prairie Tractor & Engine Museum
Visit their “heritage park” site near Picture Butte AB for lunch, a presentation on their history, and tours of indoor and outdoor attractions.
Excursion #2: Visit a Southern Alberta Hutterite Colony for lunch, a presentation about their community and a tour, with other destinations and stops as time permits.
6:00 to 10:30 pm – Lethbridge Lodge
HSA Annual Banquet
Speaker: Historian Dr. Sheila McManus:
"From the Erotic to the Explosive, — Local History is never Exclusively Local."

SUNDAY, MAY 29, 2011
9:00 to 10:30 am – Lethbridge Lodge
Breakfast with Dr. Ray Huei: Presentation on Father Van Tighem
10:30 to 12:00 noon – Lethbridge Lodge
Heritage Fair Presentations
Silent Auction Finale
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President's Report

The other night, a CBC reporter interviewed several women who had fallen in love, and even married, prison inmates. When asked how they accounted for this, the women could only answer, "I guess I just love the buggar."

Don't ask me why, but that got me thinking of the hundreds of volunteers in Alberta who give so much of their time to the preservation of our history.

In my travels to the six chapters of this province over the past two years, I have met so many of you that do so much for Clio, the history muse, without asking for pay.

I would never ask why you do it but I know if I did, the answer would be, "I guess I just love the buggar."

Whatever the reason, I'm here to say on behalf of the HSA Council, and all others who benefit from your work: Thanks for all you do—and please carry on exactly the same way as you always have. In the words of Rudy Wiebe, you've probably been seduced by the love of history. If so, let's say, Vive la séduction de l'histoire!

In our drive to foster the growth of this "seduction", we are gratified to see the enthusiastic participation of the heritage Fair winners at our last Annual Conference. This program encourages young people to share their project findings with adults, and will, I know, be carried on by your next president, Belinda Crowson, who has been intimately involved with the Heritage Fairs in Lethbridge and has hosted a National Event.

I must thank contributors to the Legacy Fund, which I understand is doing well this year. So not only do many of you give your time to history without asking for pay, you contribute money so our projects are maintained and prosper.

As I reflect on my two years as president of the HSA, I need to thank you all for bestowing on me the honour of holding that position. I have found it inspiring and hope that I have fulfilled your expectations at least in part. I look forward to seeing the Society grow even further with the addition of the Grouard & Area Historical Society and possibly others.

I hope to see you all at the AGM and Conference in Lethbridge, May 27-29, 2011.

by Bill Baergen

Lethbridge Historical Society

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**Announcement**

Faye Reineberg Holt is pleased to announce the launch of her revised website www.wordsandhistory.ca and her new blog www.fayereinebergholt.wordpress.com. Historical Society of Alberta member, webmaster and newsletter editor Sherring Amslen has created a new look for Faye’s website, which provides information for schools, libraries and community groups about Faye’s publications and programs. The new blog focuses on four subjects each month. Posted on Mondays, blog topics are scheduled as follows:

1st Monday of the month—Writing and Publishing;
2nd Monday—Our History; Our Stories;
3rd Monday—Think Photos;
4th Monday—Lifelong Learning.

Also, once a month, Faye will post a guest blogger (by invitation only) or profile an individual’s contribution to arts, history, photography or learning. On April 4, Faye will blog about the importance of proofreading and editing, and she will introduce Shirlee Smith Matheson (www.ssmitheson.ca). A well-known historical author, member of HSA and many writing organizations, Shirlee will provide invaluable feedback and proofreading for the new blogger.

**Important Notice**

**The Historical Society of Alberta By-Law Change**

Council has passed a motion to present the following change to the By-Laws at the Annual General Meeting in May:

**Please Take Notice That** at the Annual General Meeting of The Historical Society of Alberta to be held in the Aspen Room, Lethbridge Lodge, 320 Scenic Drive, Lethbridge, Alberta, on Saturday, May 28, 2011, at 8:00 am, the following revision to the HSA By-Laws will be presented for consideration by the meeting:

**Article 4a (v)** — is struck and replaced with:

**Article 4a (v)** — up to four directors

**Wanted**

**Silent Auction Donations**

Don’t forget to donate items for the Silent Auction to be held at the Historical Society’s AGM in Lethbridge.

Anyone wishing to contribute items to the Silent Auction can bring them either to the AGM, or have them sent to Debbie Goodine at the HSA office:

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On July 23, 1874 Richard Barrington Nevitt, a recent graduate in medicine from Trinity College Medical School in Toronto, was appointed as assistant surgeon with the newly formed North-West Mounted Police. In the space of days, he had to say goodbye to his fiancée, Elizabeth Beatty, and arrange to join the first contingent of Mounted Police at Fort Dufferin in the North-West Territories. From Fort Dufferin, Nevitt would travel to Fort Macleod to help set up this frontier police outpost where he would remain stationed from 1874 to 1878.

Before leaving Toronto, he and Elizabeth committed themselves to a remarkable pact, they agreed to write a kind of diary by correspondence about virtually everything they did or thought — “no matter how trivial.”

The collection of “diary letters” also included numerous fine illustrations of notable events, Aboriginal people and daily life in the Mounted Police done by Nevitt, a very talented amateur artist. These illustrations are some of the earliest depictions of life in what would become southern Alberta, while his letters offer an intimate and engaging portrait of life at Fort Macleod and as a member of the NWMP.

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Websites to visit

The Canadian Register is a Federal/ Provincial Collaboration that identifies heritage sites across the country. This website provides access to two new Pan-Canadian tools; the Register of Historic Places and the Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of heritage places. www.historicplaces.ca

Plan a historic tour or take part in a history event. Visit the website of Travel Alberta to find historic lodgings, tours, and information about historic sites at TravelAlberta.com

Take a ride back to the days of the cowboy ...saddle up and drive the Cowboy Trail, a 700 km route along the scenic Highway 22... for more details visit www.thecowboytrail.com

Learn more of the Petroleum History Society and the Canadian Petroleum Interpretive Centre at www.petroleumhistory.ca Brush up on your knowledge of the key trends and dates of Alberta’s oil industry. Numerous related websites and links are also featured on the site.

Alberta Family Histories Society. If you have not visited this site in sometime you will find updates and links that are most useful to family history research at www.afhs.ab.ca

AFHS is a non-profit organization established in 1980 to promote and encourage family history research based in Calgary.

The Bowness Historical Society — of what was originally the Town of Bowness. www.bownesshistoricalsociety.com

A brief history of Bridgeland:
http://www.calgaryara.com/ne/bridgelandriverside/communitynews/history.htm

On January 24, 2011, Mayor Naheed Nenshi presented a Community Heritage Award plaque to recognize the hard work put into saving and updating the Bridgeland-Riverside Vacant Lots Garden Club located on McDougall Rd NE. Congratulations and a heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped turn this unique but forgotten piece of Bridgeland-Riverside’s history into an official Park in Calgary, which is now protected by the Alberta laws governing Heritage sites. Heritage Award plaques are presented every second year. — from the March 2011 issue of Bridges.

http://www.calgary.ca/portal/server.pt?gateway/PTARGS_0_0_780_237_0_43/http%3B/content.calgary.ca/CCA/City+Hall/Units+Parks/About+Parks/Parks+History/Bridgeland+Gardens.htm

Welcome to Edmonton: A City Called Home, an online exploration of local history http://www.edmontonhistory.ca/
Our family of five lived in the asbestos mining town of Cassiar BC, in 1956 and 1957. I had resigned my job as store manager with the Hudson's Bay Company at Lower Post BC, to accept the management of the company owned store for Cassiar Asbestos Corporation. My wife Velma also worked for the company as a bookkeeper in the staff dining room which was adjacent to the store. With three preschool children we employed a full-time live-in baby sitter.

Velma was expecting our fourth child so on the morning of February 2, 1957 I drove her to the small local hospital as she thought the baby would be arriving within a few hours. Dr. McColl did the usual pre-delivery examination and advised us the baby would probably not be born for several hours. I was somewhat taken aback when he casually advised that he was going home to sleep for a few hours. We learned that there had been a very serious accident during the night when a loaded ore truck lost its brakes coming down the mountain, went over a cliff and buried in the deep snow. Dr. McColl, his orderly Fred Urbat, and the nurse Miss Pelletier who represented the entire professional hospital staff, all worked throughout the night trying to save the life of the truck driver. They were unsuccessful and all three were exhausted.

No other staff worked at the hospital as the clerical work was performed at the company's main office by the janitorial work was handled by the crew to the staff quarters. Meals for the patients were sent over to the staff dining room in insulated containers.

“So Don,” said Dr McColl, “I'm leaving you in charge while we three get some sleep. All you have to do is keep your wife comfortable, answer the phone, check on the other two patients and give them their lunch. If Velma needs me before four o'clock you have my home phone number. While saying all this he was already putting on his parka and winter boots. Before I could think of anything to ask him he was out the door. This would have been about 9:45 am.

Feeling totally inadequate for the task at hand but also sympathetic to the doctor orderly and regularly nurses desperate need for sleep, I settled in to my new responsibility as expectant father and hospital orderly. Everything went quite smoothly at first with Velma as comfortable as one could expect about to give birth with no doctor or nurse in the building. I checked on the other two patients regularly and found them both surprisingly unconcerned with the competency of the new orderly on duty.

I didn’t have to phone the doctor as he arrived right on schedule at 4 pm. And so ended my fleeting claim to fame, as administrator in charge of the Cassiar Hospital, chief of staff with no staff, after just over six hours.

Dr McColl’s timing was excellent as Velma was nearing delivery. The doctor phoned Nurse Pelletier and the two began preparing Velma for the delivery room. At about 7 pm our baby daughter came into the world after a difficult period of labour. She was quite late beginning to breath and was starting to turn purple but finally I heard the re-assuring cry that confirmed she was alive and vocal. The minute or two that we waited to hear her cry was unbearable for me. Velma claims I fainted but I don't think I totally collapsed. I just had to grab onto the delivery room door to keep from falling. We eventually had six children in our family but this was the first and last time I was present for a birth. The first two children were born in the Fort Vermilion hospital and the third in Edmonton while I was tied to my job with the Hudson's Bay Company hundreds of miles away. Our fifth and sixth children were born in Whitehorse where I worked so obviously I could have been present, but in the early 1960’s fathers weren’t severely ridiculed for choosing not to participate.

We named our baby girl Kathleen Velma and in a few days friends claimed they could see a resemblance between mother and daughter. I brought our three other children, Donnie aged five, Debbie three, and Ronnie twenty months up to the hospital to see their baby sister and they were thrilled. Before Velma and Kathie came home I had explained to the three older children that they shouldn’t touch the top of her head or put anything in her mouth. Shortly after coming home Velma was nursing the baby in our bedroom when Debbie came in and exclaimed, “Kathie get that thing out of your mouth.” Obviously she had remembered my
instructions, despite their being of a very general nature.

We moved away from Cassiar in October 1957 when I accepted a job to manage a menswear store in Whitehorse, Yukon. Within a few years the mine ceased operations with the declining world market for asbestos. Some of the buildings were auctioned off, others demolished, and the entire townsite was restored to its original appearance with native trees planted and roads returned to grass. Cassiar was a very attractive community with all the homes constructed of cedar logs, and the townsite encircled by beautiful mountains. All this is gone forever, and all we have are great memories and photographs. But as our daughter now laments, “I am the only person I know who doesn’t have a home town.”

From Stone Age to Space Age

In 1949 I was managing a fur trading post at Hay River NWT for the Hudson’s Bay Company. A friend of mine, Jimmy Sibbeston, was a retired Metis HBC employee. He told me an interesting story that has a connection to the Stone Age. This story was told to him by his grandmother, a Louchex Indian, born in the Peel Plateau region west of the Mackenzie River Delta.

When she was eight years old her band had never been in contact with white civilization, and basically lived a stone age existence hunting caribou and other animals for food and clothing. Each spring (late May or early June) they would have to defend their traditional hunting grounds from large bands of Eskimo who moved inland from the Arctic coast to take advantage of the caribou migration. During her eighth year a fierce battle occurred. The Louchex, outnumbered by the invading Eskimo, retreated down the Peel River in their canoes, the farthest east they had ever ventured. Eventually, they reached the mouth of the Peel flowing into the Mackenzie, and so out of danger from the Eskimos.

While camped on the banks of the Mackenzie, one of her band noticed a wood chip floating downstream. Upon retrieving and examining it he was amazed at how cleanly and sharply the chip had been cut, obviously not from a blunt stone edge. He convinced his band to paddle upstream searching for the source of this unusual wood chip.

They proceeded upstream until they reached Fort Good Hope, the most northerly fur trading post established in 1805 by the Northwest Company. This was their first contact with the white man’s world. Here their native neighbors told them of many unheard of necessities such as flint stones, matches, knives, axes, traps, snares and guns, all of which could be bartered for furs at the trading post. The Louchex decided to spend the summer, fall and winter near Fort Good Hope to catch fur and trade it for these new found luxuries.

The following spring they canoed back down the Mackenzie and up the Peel to their traditional hunting grounds. They were better equipped with survival essentials than in their earlier years when they had only stone age tools. They had traded enough furs to buy the aforementioned basics plus one muzzle loader gun.

Back at their home camp they scanned the tundra and muskeg to the south for the caribou migration which would warn them of the inevitable invasion by the Eskimos from the Arctic coast. When the Eskimos were finally spotted moving south toward them across a large open tundra plateau, the chief took the muzzle loader and walked north alone to confront them. The enemy were surprised by this daring act so they stopped and their leader proceeded alone to challenge the Louchex chief unaware he had a gun slung behind his back. As the two leaders closed ground to less than one hundred yards the Louchex chief aimed his gun and with one bullet dispatched his adversary to his happy hunting ground. The Eskimo band panicked having never seen or heard a muzzle loader, and retreated back north toward the Arctic coast.

This historic confrontation restored the territorial hunting grounds to the Louchex for many years, undisturbed by invading Eskimos. As I write this in September 2006 it seems incredible that I was privileged to hear a tale from the stone age by Jimmy Sibbeston’s grandmother, told directly to him, and then retold directly to me.
Canadian Aviation Historical Society Convention June 22 to June 26, 2011

Dear Aviation/History Enthusiast:

This year’s Canadian Aviation Historical Society convention will take place in Edmonton, Alberta from Wednesday, June 22nd to Sunday, June 26th and will explore the theme “Edmonton: Gateway to the North.” I hope you’ll be able to join us for a great program of speakers, visits to top-notch heritage institutions, and special events. Of course there will also be lots of time to catch up with old friends – and make some new ones!

The convention headquarters will be the nearby Chateau Nova Hotel & Suites (www.chateaunovahotel EDMONTON.ca) at 159 Airport Rd. We’ve secured convention rates of approximately $97 for a single queen room or $103 for a double queen room (taxes incl.). Please reserve by calling 1-888-919-6682 and quoting the group name CAHS and number 576.

The convention kicks off Wednesday evening with registration and a meet & greet. Thursday morning we’re off on a day trip to Wetaskiwin, home of the Reynolds-Alberta Museum and Canada’s Aviation Hall of Fame. We’ll also get a rare glimpse inside the RAM warehouse. After dinner will be the CAHS Annual General Meeting and Election of Officers.

During the day on Friday and Saturday, you’ll be introduced to dynamic speakers with heavily-illustrated presentations on a variety of military, civil, and heritage topics connected to Edmonton, Alberta and the North. See below for a quick list, then visit the convention page on www.ca hs.ca for full bios and descriptions.

We’re holding the convention to coincide with the Alberta Aviation Museum’s AirFest, and we’ve been invited to attend several of their events. These include:

- A Friday-night swing dance featuring a big band and static display of Second World War-era armoured vehicles
- A Saturday-night Northwest Staging Route-themed dinner
- Sunday AirFest activities – including the fly-in breakfast

Full program details, including registration costs, will be on the website and circulated by e-newsletter in a few weeks (to sign up for this free e-newsletter, please go to www.ca hs.ca). We will also provide information on other places you may want to visit in the area, such as: CFB Cold Lake, Nanton’s Bomber Command Museum, and the Aero Space Museum of Calgary.

Looking forward to seeing you in June! Danielle Metcalfe-Chenail CAHS National President and 2011 Convention Chair info@danielle mc.com

Dynamic Speakers and Fascinating Topics!

John Chalmers                        A Century of Aviation in Alberta
Shirlee Smith Matheson and Fred McCall   Freddie McCall: Maverick of the Sky
Chris Weicht                           High River: Alberta’s First Air Station
Margaret and Denny May                 Mercy and Mail by Air: Wop May’s Historic Interwar Flights
Clark Seaborn                           Flying is Funny: The Lighter Side of 1930s Aviation in Alberta
Bill Zuk                                Tom Lamb: “Mr. North”
Rachel Lea Heide                       Wings for the Community: The History and Social Impacts of BCATP Bases in Alberta, 1939-45
Richard Goette and Whitney Lackenbauer     Frigid Wings, Warm Hearts: RCAF Arctic Mercy Flights During the Early Cold War
Todd Kristensen                         Archaeology of a Crash: B-17 Discovery and Heritage Assessment in the Yukon
Darrell “Doc” Knight                    Buffalo Airways: Diamonds, DC-3s, and “Buffalo Joe” McBryan

Exciting Aircraft on Display!

One of our partners, Vintage Wings of Canada, will be doing its Yellow Wings tour with BCATP aircraft this year. They will be leaving two of these – a Tiger Moth and a Fleet Finch – in Edmonton during the convention.

Also in the works: a “Stage and Screen” evening highlighting Canadian aviation history in film and theatre!
Rare Dinosaur Fossil Found Near Fort McMurray

While working on site, Suncor employees noticed a large lump of dirt with an odd texture and diamond patterns. Following established practice, employees halted work and sent photos of the strange sight to the Royal Tyrrell Museum.

A scientist and technician from the museum flew to Fort McMurray early Wednesday morning expecting to find a marine reptile fossil, because of the area’s ancient history as a sea bed. When they arrived, they were amazed to discover a 110-million-year-old fossil of an ankylosaur, a rare dinosaur covered with bony plates of armour.

“We’ve never found a dinosaur in this location,” said Dr. Donald Henderson, Curator of Dinosaurs at the Royal Tyrrell Museum. “Because the area was once a sea, most finds are invertebrates such as clams and ammonites. Marine reptiles have been found in the area before, but even these are not common. The last giant reptile removed from this area was an ichthyosaur found 10 years ago. To find an ankylosaur is totally unexpected here - finding one of these animals anywhere is a rare occurrence.”

Ankylosaurs were squat, plant-eating quadrupeds with powerful limbs and armour plating on their bodies. Their club-like tails were probably used for self-defence. Royal Tyrrell scientists will return to Fort McMurray next week to supervise the specimen’s removal and transportation to the museum for further study.

“Suncor and its staff deserve a big thank you for recognizing this as a fossil and reporting it to us as quickly as they did,” said Andrew Neuman, Executive Director of the Royal Tyrrell Museum. “This is a great example of a company calling to report a find and it turning out to be something of potentially major significance.”

Operated by the Government of Alberta, the Royal Tyrrell Museum is located six kilometres northwest of Drumheller on Highway 838. For more information visit the website: www.tyrrellmuseum.com or you can call 403.820.6208 (dial 310.0000 for toll-free access in Alberta).

Editor’s note: For photos of the discovery go to: www.culture.alberta.ca/newsroom/default.aspx

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Happy Easter to all members
Mr. Paxman is a journalist who believes himself to be very wise and humourous but often comes across as too clever by half. He begins his book with the assumption that a monarchy has no place in a modern 21st century democratic nation but admits at the end that the monarchy has the support of a large majority of the people and therefore will survive.

In his tirade against the institution he makes factual errors. Henry VIII wished to annul his marriage of Catherine of Aragon — not get a divorce. The Church of England still teaches that Christian marriage is indissoluble. Thus, Princess Anne’s second marriage took place in Scotland. The Act of Settlement is out of date but it is not the centre of the monarchy. In practical terms, sentimentality is involved but he fails to provide an answer to the question, “Why change a system that works?” As Churchill said, “In this country when a great battle is won, people cheer the King. When a great battle is lost they turn out the government.”

The monarchy includes history but is not a slave to history. It is hardly a great discovery that the monarch’s touch does not cure disease, but the monarch’s concern is certainly uplifting.

Mr. Paxman downplays the relationship between the Crown and the military but the recognizes the truth of the statement by the Commander of Sandhurst that he had never heard a military person say he fought for Britain. They fight for the Queen.

When a British force reoccupied south Georgia in the Falklands War the message back to London said: “Please inform Her Majesty that her flag again flies over South Georgia.”

The modern Americans pledge allegiance to the flag. Is it less modern to pledge allegiance to a human being rather than a piece of cloth?

He rants about how undemocratic it is to have an unelected head of state involved in the choice of the head of government as in 1916, 1923, 1931, 1940, foreign secretary 1945, 1957 and 1963 — better unelected judges giving it to “Daddy’s boy”?

It can’t be denied that King Juan Carlos of Spain saved that nation from a Fascist military coup in 1981 when he appeared on national TV in uniform and ordered soldiers back to barracks.

On one hand he scoffs at historical traditions, offices and ceremonies; but on the other hand scoffs at other ceremonies such as opening of Parliament reintroduced by Edward VII as being too recent.

Royal finances, as usual in anti-monarchist rants, are made an issue with several wrong statements. The Civil List from the treasury pays the expenses of the Queen and Duke only. The Prince of Wales lives on the proceeds of his own estates. Other members of the Royal Family are compensated for expenses by the Queen.

The revenue from Crown Property surrendered to the treasury far exceeds the grant to the Queen. So, in practical terms, the tax payers make a large profit on the Queen; to say nothing of the huge revenue generated by the tourist industry.

His statements about taxes are really rather stupid. Of course, the Queen pays no tax on the Civil List which goes mainly to pay staff. Does the Prime Minister pay tax on the expenses of his office? Tax is paid on net income, not gross and not on reimbursement of expenses.

As a journalist he is still obsessed with Diana who was so good at playing to the press but the press made it easy by their fawning. The Queen and Princess Anne in particular refuse to ‘do stunts’. Diana made a career of doing such. He says Diana had style of giving of herself too much for the “buttoned up” Windsors. What nonsense! What of Queen Mary, the ultimate of “buttoned up” who, when visiting a military hospital during World War I, asked as she was leaving, “Have I seen all of the patients?” The doctor replied, “Actually ma’am there is one more, but he is so badly burned that we felt it best that you not see him”.

The Queen replied “I came to see the patients and I will see all of the patients”. When she went into the room to see the young soldier whose face was virtually destroyed he said, “I am so ugly”. The Queen replied, “No one with such beautiful eyes is ugly.” On leaving the room the doctor said, “How did you do that ma’am. Your expression showed no shock or revulsion, only concern?” Queen Mary replied, “At first I didn’t think I could. But, there is nothing we can’t do if we must. Is there?” — too buttoned up?

Is the monarchy modern enough? Paxman is quick to state judgments; Charles is a middle-aged eccentric. In fact, Prince Charles has been well ahead of his time in his concern for the environment, global warming, organic agriculture, alternative medicine, preserving history. While the monarch must express her opinions privately to the Prime Minister, other members of the family can draw attention to issues, only not in a political party sense.

This is a useful book only if you wish to read the worn out arguments of anti-monarchists backed by misinformation and statements of judgment backed by nothing or a repeating of misinformation or nonsense.

Reviewed by Ron Williams.
I didn’t like this book!!
2006 Penguin Group Viking
This first volume of the Historical Maps of the Peace series by the Peace Country Historical Society commemorates the centennial of the Edson Trail.

The focus of the publication is a map of the trail route with modern reference points.

It also includes an essay on the trail's significance by David Leonard, noted historian of the Peace region; excerpts from pioneer diaries and memoirs by Fran Moore, president of the Edson Trail Centennial Committee; and commentary by Pat Wearmouth, who was most responsible for the ground-level mapping and its digital transcription onto a contemporary map of the country traversed by the Edson Trail.

Price $15.00 (including GST).

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Maverick in the Sky: The Aerial Adventures of WW1 Flying Ace Freddie McCall

by Shirlee Smith Matheson
published by Frontenac House, Calgary.
ISBN 978-1-897181-16-4 $9.95

Danger is Sweet!

From the perils of World War 1 aerial dogfights to the daring antics of his post-war barnstorming stunts, the adventures of Captain Freddie McCall, flying ace and maverick Calgarian, come to life in Maverick in the Sky.

As the top 5th ranked Canadian World War 1 fighting ace, McCall was a true Canadian hero. His wartime accomplishments were amazing, and a testament to his clan motto, Dulce Periculum — Danger is Sweet. His extraordinary flying skills and self-reliant entrepreneurial spirit make him one of Canada’s most memorable twentieth-century characters.

This joint presentation by Fred McCall, son of Captain Freddie McCall, and aviation author Shirlee Smith Matheson, is scheduled for Friday morning, June 24th in conjunction with the Canadian Aviation Historical Society conference in Edmonton. (see page 8 for details).

Fred McCall, son of Captain Freddie McCall, has enjoyed a notable career. From his early introduction to military service as a Master Cadet, he joined the Army in 1949, first training in Artillery (Anti-Aircraft Defence), in Victoria, BC. He served in Korea in 1952-53, and on return instructed at the anti-aircraft school in Picton, Ontario. Service with the 1st Regiment Royal Canadian Horse Artillery in Shilo, Manitoba, followed, with similar service in Germany. He was Gunner Instructor at the Royal Canadian School of Artillery in Shilo, Manitoba, followed by further instructional duties in Toronto, El Paso Texas, and Ottawa. He retired from military service in 1976 as a Major in the Royal Canadian Artillery; awards include Officer in the Order of Military Merit (O.M.M.) and Canadian Forces Decoration (C.D.). A business career followed, with continual volunteer service extended to various aviation organizations and interests. Fred and his wife Dixie currently live in Calgary.

Author Shirlee Smith Matheson is a charter member of Canadian Women in Aviation International (Alberta Rocky Mountain High Chapter), and winner of the 99s Award in Aviation in 1999. In addition to her six books on aviation, Matheson has authored two award-winning books on northern Canadian subjects, six adventure novels for young people, and numerous short stories and plays. Matheson’s employment history includes The Historical Society of Alberta, followed by 12 year’s with the Aero Space Museum of Calgary. For further information, you may check out her website at www.ssmatheson.ca.

Alberga Skies
by Chris Weicht
Creekside Publications, (2009)

This book in the Air Pilot Navigator series deals with the development of aviation in Western Alberta. In general it follows the growth of the air activity after World War One.

Prior to the Great War of 1914-1918, aviation in Alberta was limited to flights often flown by American pilots demonstrating their primitive aircraft at exhibitions. During the war most civil flying in Canada was restrained with the exception of American aviatrix Katherine Stinson, a twenty year old who flew her various aircraft flawlessly and without major incident at six locations within Alberta in 1916, 1917 and 1918.

With the end of the war, a great many Canadian pilots, who had served with the Royal Flying Corps and the Royal Naval Air Service, wished to remain in aviation in the post war period. The only possibility for this in Western Canada was to acquire a war surplus Canadian built Curtiss JN-4 (CAN) Canuck trainer and start “barnstorming” their own territory offering rides as well as giving the opportunity to learn to fly. At this point there was no aviation regulation in Canada and to some extent, chaos resulted from uninhibited “joy riding” and stunt flying by many former air force veterans.

On June 6, 1919 the Canadian Government enacted the Air Board Act, which created an agency to control all flying in Canada. Another function of the Air Board was to establish air stations across the country with a compliment of ex-air force aircraft and veteran pilots. These air stations would carry out specific flying needs of both the provincial and federal governments.

In Alberta, a station was established in the summer of 1920 in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains at Morley. The mandate of this air station was primarily to patrol the forests along the Rocky Mountains and report forest fire activity. The location at Morley, however, was found undesirable due to strong, gusty winds, and the following spring (1921) the station relocated to High River.

By 1924 the Air Board had become the Royal Canadian Air Force, but activity from High River continued to be strongly related to forest fire patrols, although the station was also
responsible for the licencing and testing of Alberta’s pilots and their aircraft.

During the late 1920’s and early 30’s the High River Air Station carried out numerous surveys for the establishment of the Prairie Air Mail.

The Prairie Air Mail had become a reality in 1930 serving Lethbridge, Calgary and Edmonton, but with the onset of the economic depression, federal government cutbacks forced it to come to an end on March 31, 1932.

With war clouds on the horizon in the late 1930’s the Department of Transport was created and was ordered to locate sites for air training stations. In Alberta the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan would dominate aviation throughout the war years with no less than thirteen different air training schools.

The American entry into the Second World War on December 7, 1941 brought a tremendous growth to the airfields of Alberta. Thousands of aircraft were ferried up the North West Staging Route from the United States, passing through Lethbridge, Calgary and Edmonton. The legacy left by the BCAF and the North West Staging Route was an infrastructure that would vastly assist the development of aviation in post war Alberta.

**The Authentic Life of Billy the Kid**

by Pat F. Garrett

“Every story of consequence on the Kid has been based on ...Garrett’s book.”
—The New York Times

According to legend, Billy the Kid killed twenty-one people, one for each year of his life. From murder and robbery to his remarkable evasion of death, Billy the Kid wreaked a great deal of havoc in his short life—enough so that when Senator Bill Richardson contemplated pardoning him at the end of last year, locals who claim family links to his victims and rivals were outraged. His name lives in infamy as the ultimate bad boy of the Wild West, but how realistic are the notorious tales of the Kid?

In *The Authentic Life of Billy the Kid*, Sheriff Pat F. Garrett—the man who finally took down the Kid in 1881, after he’d escaped jail—pays tribute to the tall tales and true feats of this coldblooded outlaw.

Born William H. Bonney in November of 1859, the Kid began his criminal career at the age of twelve, when he stabbed a man in a bar fight, then spent his teenage years stealing and gambling to make a living. At seventeen he committed his first murder and earned the nickname “Billy the Kid” from news reporters who followed his exploits and helped his reputation reach epic heights.

Written just eight months after he shot Billy in Fort Sumner, New Mexico, in 1881—a happenstance meeting at the home of Pete Maxwell—Garrett takes us through Billy’s earliest days in New York, his deep devotion to his mother, his move West, scuffles with Native American warriors, adventures in Mexico, and his repeated arrests and escapes.

More than 100 years after the death of the Kid, the popular legends surrounding his life show no sign of dissipating. *The Authentic Life of Billy the Kid* is perfect for Wild West enthusiasts and anyone fascinated by the life of a real outlaw.

For more information about *The Authentic Life of Billy the Kid*, please contact:

Jews Without Power is sure to raise some eyebrows among historians and within the Jewish community. It is commonly accepted today that the United States did little to aid or rescue European Jewry during the Holocaust. Many also blame the American Jewish community for not pressuring the Administration to act for rescue. Almost without exception, Jews interviewed today criticize the United States’ passive role and express the sentiment that they would not have stood idly by while 6 million of their brethren died.

In *Jews Without Power*, Ariel Hurwitz, a historian and expert on the Holocaust, examines the role played by the American Jewish leadership during this crucial period. “The social and political environment in which Jews existed was so extraordinarily different from the milieu of today”, says Hurwitz, “that it is difficult to understand the constraints under which the leadership operated”.

Relying on the vast archival information from the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Library, the National Archives, the Lehman Library at Columbia University and the archives of many Jewish organizations, Hurwitz methodically reviews the events and decisions of the war-years, seeking to shed light on why the American Jewish leadership did not exert more...
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pressure on President Roosevelt and the political leadership of the time. He presents the information in a readable manner, drawing conclusions about the Jews' failure to act without sounding accusing or apologetic.

For those who blame Roosevelt or the Jewish leadership for not doing enough, this book sheds new light on the issues and the challenges they faced and why one could argue that their hands were tied. Our hindsight and the graphic knowledge of what befell European Jewry may not make us any more comfortable accepting America's passivity, but the facts provided by Hurwitz offer plausible explanations within the world of realpolitik.

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Which came first?
The egg of course!
by Judy Schultz

The book, written by award-winning local author, Judy Schultz, is about Lilydale’s journey through history from its beginnings in 1940 to present day. The idea for this project began a few years ago as a way to capture Lilydale's vibrant past. We wanted to ensure these stories were not lost and we wanted to raise awareness of Lilydale's place in Alberta's history.

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This book chronicles the journey of Lilydale and those farmers who took a small egg producing co-operative and turned it into a prominent company with the fastest-growing poultry brand in Canada. It is dedicated to (and celebrates) each and every person who made the company what it is today."

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Canadian History For Dummies

by Will Ferguson

A wild ride through Canadian history, fully revised and updated!

This new edition of Canadian History For Dummies takes readers on a thrilling ride through Canadian history from indigenous native cultures and early French and British settlements through Paul Martin's shaky minority government.

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Will Ferguson celebrates Canada's double-gold in hockey at the 2002 Olympics, investigates Jean Chrétien's decision not to participate in the war in Iraq, and dissect the recent sponsorship scandal.

ISBN: 9780470836569
Price: $21.99
Following a highly successful Winter lecture on Steamboats of the Peace, we have been engaged on Spring, Summer, and Fall planning.

1. Spring:
   a. Our AGM was on April 9. This was the official book launch of the first in our series *Historical Maps of the Peace*. It is *The Edson Trail: 1911-1916*. It had just been received from the printers and we are very pleased. The individuals who have contributed to the publication (Fran Moore, Dr. David Leonard, and Pat Wearmouth) will describe their role and be ready to sign copies. The cost will be $15.00 per copy.
   b. Three members will be attending the HSA Annual Conference and AGM in Lethbridge, including Pat Wearmouth, who will make a brief presentation of our book on Friday evening and stand ready to sell copies throughout the conference.
   c. Our June meeting will be held at Peace River Museum, and will be hosted by Laura Gloor, Museum Coordinator.

2. Summer:
   a. Irene Nicolson, continuing member of HSA board and director on PCHS board, is drawing up a sales plan for our book that will particularly take in the summer events planned by the Edson Trail Centennial Committee.
   b. Janet Petersen, our PCHS secretary, is to work on having the first of our quarterly newsletters ready for Fall to distribute not only to our own members, but also to other chapters such as Edmonton and Lethbridge, who have been conscientiously forwarding copies of theirs.

3. Fall:
   a. September – plans for an overnight historical bus tour to Fort Vermilion and La Crete.
   b. October – plans for Fall lecture on Alberta’s largest unsolved mass murder – Grande Prairie 1921.
   c. *Historical Maps of the Peace #2: The Athabasca Trail/ The Long Trail 1876-1916*. Considerable progress has already been made in assembling the historical cartographic evidence and material (electronic imaging) support on the parts of the route. Work remains to be done on ‘stopping places’, along with approaching essay contributors. Intended publication late 1912.

**Objectives of the Peace Country Historical Society**

1. To encourage the study and appreciation of the history of the Peace Country.
2. To operate as a chapter of the Historical Society of Alberta and support its aims and objectives.
3. To support local Museums & Archives and heritage groups of the Peace Country Region. To promote and publish historical works, develop educational and programming activities related to Peace Country history and to advocate for the preservation of the historical heritage in this region.

**Our Executive and Board**

In May of 2010, The Peace Country Historical Society elected its Executive and Board of Directors at our AGM. They are:

- On the Executive:
  - President: Campbell Ross,
  - Vice-President: Lucie Campbell,
  - Treasurer: Daryl White,
  - Secretary: Janet L. Peterson

- On the Board of Directors:
  - Pat Wearmouth
  - Leslie Pearson
  - Gordon MacKay
  - Beth Sande
  - Irene Nicolson

- Non-voting Corresponding Director:
  - David Leonard
CCHS had its annual Christmas lunch and program at Fort Calgary on Saturday, December 11, 2010.

Unfortunately, the scheduled speaker had to cancel at short notice due to illness. After a flurry of phone calls, two musicians were found. A husband and wife duo provided musical entertainment, with songs from the 1920s to the 1950s, which made for a festive event.

Once again, we had a variety of interesting lectures for our Tuesday evening programs.

January’s presentation, by George Kush, was on the “Nez Perce in Canada”. It told the story of the Nez Perce as they sought sanctuary north of the Medicine Line, and included historic photographs that had never before been seen in public. The Glenbow Library & Archives will have a tour of its outstanding research collections.

In February, Sheila Bannerman (President of the Central Alberta Historical Society), gave a presentation on “Alberta volunteers in the Boer War”, and how they related to the mythology of the Western Canadian ‘cowboy’.

March 22, 2011, was the AGM and dinner, at the historic Ranchmen’s Club near the Lougheed House.

Andrew Mosker, the Executive Director of the Cantos Music Foundation, was our guest speaker.

Historic Calgary Week 2011

Historic Calgary Week 2011 will take place from July 22 to August 1. The HCW Committee is working hard now to plan this 11-day-long week of more than 50 events including walks, talks, tours and concerts.

Our 21st Historic Calgary Week kicks off on Friday July 22 at the Southern Alberta Pioneers Memorial Building, where descendants of early pioneers will tell us their family stories. The next day Lougheed House will have its all-day family event, the Ride Through Time, celebrating diverse cultural groups, traditions of handiwork and Parks Canada’s 100th anniversary.

From July 25-29, Central United Church will host the always popular series of noon hour events. There will be presentations on a variety of topics, and we hope to have a concert on one day. The Calgary Heritage Initiative (CHI) will lead walking tours in the downtown and south of downtown.

The Central Library will talk about its resources for researching military history, and Memorial Park Library will have talks about the history of that library and about the Stampede. Cantos Music Foundation will again give their popular tours, and the Alberta Family History Society will have presentations on doing research.

We plan to celebrate some special anniversaries. The City Archives will lead a tour of City Hall which turns 100 this year. The Old Y will host an event to celebrate its centenary. The centennial celebrations for Bowness will include a tour of historic homes.

We expect to have many other events during the 11 days, including a concert at Fort Calgary, tours of other museums, walking tours of communities, cemetery tours, and talks. We will bring HCW 2011 to a close on Heritage Day, August 1, with the all-day family festivities at Fort Calgary and other venues.

And be sure to watch for the big historical crossword in the Calgary Herald!

Contact Val Jobson, HCW Coordinator at vjobson@telus.net or 403.283.1393
Questions of Medicine Hat History” and we all learned more about the south eastern portion of our province.

Our spring programs will continue with Julie Pike presenting on the “Homesteaders of the Nobleford Area” on March 22nd and members of the Taber Toastmasters presenting “Taber, The Early Years” on April 26th.

The Lethbridge Historical Society is once again participating in the Historic Lethbridge Festival which runs May 3rd to May 7th for 2011. Our events include a Commemorative Plaque Ceremony at Elizabeth McKillop Park Pergola in the Legacy Ridge community on May 4th, a talk by Rev. Dr. Austin Fennel on “The Travel Diary of the Reverend Charles McKillop on the ‘Through Train’ of 1886 on May 5th (7:00 pm, Galt Museum) and the unveiling of the next 7 interpretive plaques which the LHS will be placing on historic buildings in Lethbridge on May 6th (7:00 pm at the old Paramount Theatre building - with a tour of the newly renovated building).

Planning and preparations for the Historical Triple “E” Conference and Annual General Meeting of the HSA to be held May 27th, 28th, and 29th are moving to the detail stage and we invite your participation and attendance. Our committee is hard at work on events, sessions and tours, and would like in particular to hear from chapters wishing to showcase a publication or project at the Friday evening session. Billed as an Edwardian themed Eat and Greet, the evening will include entertainment, at least one book launch and short presentations on new or planned publications and projects from around the province. To learn more about this session, or anything else about the Conference, please contact Marion Snowden, Conference Committee Chair marion.snowden@xplornet.com or at 403.327.2662.

Finally, it is with sadness that I need to mention the passing of a member, a very good friend and colleague of the Lethbridge Historical Society. Dr Johan Dormaar passed away on February 2, 2011. Johan was a member of and provided service through many community organizations. For the LHS, he provided presentations and programs, and wrote and donated four books for publication: The Sweetgrass Hills: a Natural and Cultural History (2003), Oil City - Black Gold in Waterton Park (2007), Alberta’s 49th Parallel – A Natural and Historical Journey (2009), and The Alberta Stretch of the Milk River and the mystique of the surrounding landscape (2010). Some 300 people attended a “Celebration of Life” organized by Johan’s family and held at the Galt Museum on February 19th 2011. A number of friends, acquaintances and colleagues paid tribute to this remarkable person. Carly Stewart spoke on behalf of the Society. We will all miss Johan.
I’m not sure if it’s just been too cold to do anything, or what, but most of the CAHS has been very quiet over the last three months.

We have welcomed and enjoyed speakers on local history; our own North Red Deer was explored in January, and in March, Canadian University College, both well known sites/landmarks, and significant in the development of this area. In February, we hosted writer Myrna Kostash discussing the process of writing ‘creative non-fiction’, a very interesting session.

Attendance has been good in spite of the cold; perhaps history is a warming subject!

Our Tours committee has been busy, planning the Palliser Triangle tour. This will be on June 7-10, and promises some special events and venues. For more information, contact cahs@live.ca, or come to our meeting in the Red Deer Public Library Snell Auditorium, 7 pm on the third Wednesday of each month.

The publications committee is very excited about the progress of the ‘Blackfoot Geography’ and hopes to have a finished manuscript as soon as April.

And, last but not least, we are now on facebook. Check us out at www.facebook.com/ca.history. You don’t have to have a facebook account to have a look and see what we’re up to, just an internet connection. It’s fun having a place to talk about all our current stuff!

We are looking forward to seeing you all in Lethbridge in June, and trust that there will be no snow!
Edmonton & District Historical Society, with several supporting partners, created and displayed the 14th annual Edmonton & Northern Alberta Historic Festival which ran from July 9 to 18, 2010, and featured sites across Northern Alberta. Some sites were open far beyond the posted time span. The 15th Annual Festival dates are set for July 7 to July 18, 2011.

Last year, we had 313 venues including 25 sites appearing under the name “Doors Open Edmonton”. This segment ran from July 9 to July 11, 2010, and functioned as a celebration of our built heritage. It featured free tours of architecturally significant places, as well as information seminars. The Realtors Association of Edmonton was the presenter of this component of the festival.

Our AGM takes place on April 26, 2011, at the Faculty Club. The speaker is Don Scafe on the topic of “30 years of the Edmonton Radial Railway”.

Our History Centre in the Queen Alexandra School provides an educational program presented in an unique environment where students can learn through artifacts, stories and crafts relating to the lives of our ancestors. Check this out at www.historycentre.ca, Or, you can email us at info@historycentre.ca, or phone us at 780-439-2794.

Our speaker series continues to flourish and projects a wonderful variation of topics relating to local history. I’m starting my wind-down as president and I want to emphasize my appreciation of the effort and dedication demonstrated by members of the board and other volunteers.

They are the ones that make it happen. We are always seeking more volunteers.
HSA Calendar 2011

Apr 9 PCHS Annual General Meeting, Launch of first publication, in the series *Historical Maps of the Peace.*

Apr 20 CAHS Remember The Children - Don Hepburn, Public Library 7:00 pm

Apr 26 EDHS AGM guest speakerDon Scafe, Edmonton Radial Railway Society presents pictures relating to the focus and vision of that society.

Apr 26 CCHS History Lessons in Alberta's Schools, Amy von Heyking, 7:30 pm Fort Calgary

Apr 26 LHS Taber, The Early Years - Taber Toastmaster Club - Galt Museum 7:15 pm

May 3-8 LHS Historic Festival Week

May 18 CAHS Helen Belyea, An Alberta Maverick, Lawrie Knight Steinbach, Public Library 7:00 pm.

May 24 CCHS Being Good Sports: Fish and Game Conservation in Alberta, 1907-1930, George Colpitts. 7:30 pm Fort Calgary park

Jun 7-10 CAHS Living in the Triangle Tour


Jul 7-18 EDHS Historic Festival Week

HSA Crossword

This crossword puzzle devised by Jennifer Prest

Answers to Jant #25 newsletter crossword


You have plenty of time to complete this crossword puzzle which was devised by a member of HSA. The answer will be published in the next issue of *History NOW*