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Message From the Chief Executive Officer—Tim Carson



Tim Carson CEO

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for congratulations and great success in the terrific. making it through future. The end of August saw the sec- The annual AAAS Convention and AGM another success- ond annual "Open Farm Days" events will take place on February 6th, 7th and summer and take place across the Province. AAAS 8th, 2015 in Edmonton at the Ramada on Agricultural has partnered with Alberta Tourism, Kingsway. Region 4 will be hosting again Societies play a Alberta Agriculture & Rural Develop- this year and the event promises to be significant role in ment, Alberta Culinary touring Alliance, bigger and across Ag for Life and Travel Alberta to pro- "Foundations for the Future" is our Alberta and through the great many mote Agriculture education and rural theme this year and we're certain the volunteers provide Albertans with ad- tourism. This event is growing in suc- line up of speakers and information will venture and entertainment opportuni- cess and we see great opportunity for provide a background for great success ties right in our own back yard. Fair and Agricultural Societies to get involved. and renewal for all those who attend. festival season, hockey and curling, ro- For more information about "Open Watch for more information as it bedeo and roping are all economic drivers Farm Days" please visit their website at comes available on our website alber-

AAAS has had another busy season as round of regional meetings. It was great even our App. We can't wait to see well. The workshop programs that have to get out and see everyone and hear everyone there. If you've never been to been developed for our members are how things are going. There were 61 Ag the AAAS conference we have a short gaining popularity. Throughout the Societies that attended the meetings, video so you can see just what you've spring, summer and fall AAAS has pre- participating in the discussion and get- been missing. Please follow the link, sented Board development workshops, ting our information. We were able to http://vimeo.com/89701878 the pass Strategic planning workshops, Commu- generate some great strategic discussion word is AG2014. nity facilitation and several other direct over short term and long term facility There are exciting times ahead for Ag

AAAS presented the 4th annual AAAS has also been privileged to attend "Leadership Summit" in Grande Prairie several Ag Society celebrations over at Evergreen Park November 1st and 2nd, summer. We are honored to receive 2014. This is a great opportunity for these invitations and attend as many as members of Agricultural Societies to get look forward to serving our stakeholdpossible but we did have to decline sev- together and learn new skills, develop ers in a bright and prosperous future. eral invitations this year due to schedul- new ideas and talk about common coning. Whether AAAS was able to attend cerns. Approximately 50 delegates spent Tim Carson, or not we wish each and every one of the 2 days learning and enhancing their our member organizations who are cel- professional and personal leadership

ebrating a milestone in their community skills. The feedback on the event was

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better than ever. taagsocieties.ca, our twitter feed AAAS crisscrossed Alberta for the fall @abagsocieties, our Facebook page or

> Societies and all of Alberta. AAAS will continue to provide resources, information and a voice for Ag Societies, their volunteers and communities. We

Chief Executive Officer



Dates To Remember

Spring Regional Meetings:

Watch the website at www.albertaagsocieties.ca for when the locations are confirmed

Region I: March 19, 2015

Region 2: April 18th, 2015

Region 3: March 28, 2015

Region 4: April 22, 2015

Region 5: April 11, 2015

Region 6: April 25, 2015

For all of the Region Meetings and Workshops, please RSVP to aaas@gov.ab.ca or

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2015 Service Members

Company Name	Contact Phone #	Website	Description
Advanced Agri Direct Inc.	(780)809-3600	www.priefert.com	Rodeo & Fairground Equipment - Preifert Ranch Equipment.
Alberta Community & Co-operative	(780)963-3766	www.acca.coop	Some of ACCA's services include The ACCA Co- operative Youth Leadership Programs held at Goldeye Centre in Nordegg, Career Focus Intern- ship Program, Co-operative development for new and existing co-operatives in areas like energy, housing, health care etc., and Adult courses in- cluding some in the areas of board procedures and finances.
Atco Electric	(780)420-3419	www.atcoelectric.com	Albertans count on ATCO Electric for the safe, reliable delivery of electricity to Alberta.
Atco Gas	(780)420-3419	www.atcogas.com	ATCO Gas is focused on customer service through the safe and reliable delivery of natural gas.
Canadian Reptile Encounters	(877)857-6253	<u>www.canadianreptileencounters.co</u> <u>m</u>	Take a journey around the world with a reptile world tour! Reptile Encounters Interactive stage show features live reptiles and focuses on conser- vation and care of these amazing animals.
Cooper Studios	(780)417-5526		We are an artist development school with all ages of talented performers. We have performed all over Canada, USA and continue to be a busy group.
Dan the One Man Band	(403)615-0438	www.dantheonemanband.com	Dan the One Man Band plays 6 instruments simul- taneously while singing and stomping around. It includes, impersonations, silliness, jokes, fun laughter and spontaneity. The music is suitable for all ages. Dan's custom made, portable sound system allows him to perform nearly anywhere.
Donna Durand	(587)991-1387	www.donnadurand.com	Original Songs and stories of life in the West: From house concerts to auditorium.
Farm Safety Centre	(403)752-4585	www.abfarmsafety.com	In-school farm safety lessons to school students across Alberta. Wellness workshops for farm fam- ilies in Alberta.
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2015 Service Members

Company Name	Contact Phone #	Website	Description
Federation of Alberta Gas Co-Ops Ltd	(780)416-6543	www.fedgas.com	The Federation of Alberta Gas Co-ops Ltd. Is a Membership organization representing 82 natural gas Utilities across rural Alberta, with a combined over 120,000 Natural Gas Services.
Foster Park Baskett	(780)930-2950	<u>www.fpb.ca</u>	Since 2004, FPB has been working with Agricultur- al Societies to ensure that they have a strong and economical Insurance program that covers all as- pects of their operation. Over 140 Agricultural Societies across Alberta choose to purchase their insurance through FPB each year.
Great Canadian Solar	(780)455-7277	www.greatcanadiansolar.com	Renewable Energy Engineering, Procurement, and Construction Company Serving all of Alberta with Grid Connected and Off-Grid Solar Electricity (Photovoltaic - PV) Energy Systems.
ID VIP Team Corp.	(855)694-3847	www.idvipteam.com	ID VIP Team, in conjunction with our not-for-profit concert series "Sun, Snow and Our Show", specializ- es in developing and branding annual municipal events. We have developed a "one-stop-shop" ser- vice that allows organizations to get everything they need, coordinated by us, and meeting their budgets.
Image Signs	(780)496-7426	www.imagesigns.ca	Munufacture outdoor message signs.
JayDee Hypnotist	(780)988-5830	www.jaydeehypnotist.com	Comedy Stage Hypnosis Shows.
Karizma Entertainment	(780)720-8779	www.karizmaentertainment.ca	Booking Agency, Promotion, Marketing, Production, Event Planning and Etc.
Longbow Sales Inc	(403)291-3166	www.longbowsales.com	Sales, service & supply of the following: Spectator seating, athletic equipment, folding walls
Mudd Safety Awareness Inc.	(855)683-3948	www.muddsafety.com	ATV and Rural Safety Awareness programs de- signed to offer group on-site sessions in rural com- munities throughout Western Canada. Speciality programs for youth/families.
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P.S. Farms	(780)636-3139		Kentucky Komfort Platinum Shavings for bedding at all livestock events.
Party King Inc	(780)991-9677	www.partykingrents.com	Provides entertainment with inflatable's, portable rock walls, euro bungees, face painters, clown twisters, and provide service of concession equip- ment.

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2015 Service Members Contact Description **Company Name** Website Phone # An electronic 50/50 raffle management system that drives consumer participation in raffle events while providing clear accountability. Tickets are sold to fans Pointstreak 5050 (866)407-7253 www.pointstreaksolutions.com through touch-screen terminals and mobile devices. creating an effortless data collection system that provides accountability and eliminates human error. Richard and Deborah Popovich provide entertainment Popovich Productions Ltd. (403)886-2402 www.richardanddeborah.com for fairs, dinner shows, etc. Music and clean comedy. Available as a 2-piece or 5-piece showband. Rainbow the Clown & Family Entertainment Stage Shows, Walk About Bal-(403)278-9209 www.rainbow-the-clown.com Friends loon Sculpting, Juggling, Magic and Comedy Routines. Alberta's Leading distributor of furniture and related items for the recreation and hospitality markets-Schoolhouse Productions (403)862-5010 products include lightweight folding tables and carts, www.schoolhouseproducts.com Inc. stacking and banquet chairs, portable stages and choral risers, coat racks, portable room dividers, etc. Servus Credit Union is a member-owned, community Servus Credit Union based financial institution with roots dating back to (877)378-8728 www.servus.ca 1938. Proudly Canadian, Sobeys has been serving the food Sobeys Inc. shopping needs of Canadians for 107 years. Helping (780)486-4800 www.sobeys.com Canadians Eat Better, Feel Better and Do Better. Soul of Canada is a company focusing on the history, research and multimedia production. It shares stories Soul of Canada (780) 414-0866 of how Western Canada was pioneered, settled adn www.soulofcanada.com developed through calendars, framed pictures, books and museum displays. Superior Show Service takes pride in ensuring you receive our utmost attention, superior service and first Superior Show Service Inc (780)992-0404 www.superiorshow.com rate equipment. Setup of trade shows and supplier of rental display equipment. Travel Alberta is the tourism marketing agency of the Government of Alberta. Established on April 1,2009 as Travel Alberta (403)648-1000 a Crown Corporation we are leaders in marketing Alwww.travelalberta.com berta's authentic experiences in breathtaking landscapes at home and around the world. Founded in 1909, UFA is a thriving progressive cooperative with a passion for agriculture and an affinity for rural life. We are committed to being a market-UFA Co-operative Limited (403)570-4214 www.ufa.com driven organization that is recognized as the leading provider of quality products, services and solutions that support agriculture and serve the rural community. West Coast Amusements (604)613-4056 www.westcoastamusements.com Travelling carnival serving Western Canada

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Grant Opportunities

With the current economic climate and a new Premier, we are seeing and hearing a lot of uncertainty about the fiscal direction the Provincial Government will be taking in the next year. Rather than posting information about some of the grants we typically do in this newsletter, we have decided to wait until after the 2015/2016 Provincial Budget is presented and we can provide an update on what grants are available or what changes (if any) have been made to some of the more common grants our members access. Look for more information in the next newsletter, or we'll be providing updates during the Spring Regional Meetings as well.

FREE RESOURCE!!

https://www.volunteersignup.org/

A website is where volunteer coordinators can quickly create a free online signup sheet for functions and events such as bake sales, club events, walk-a-thons, creek cleanups, block parties, food drives, bike swaps or races, PTA activities, etc. Creating a free online volunteer sign up form is very quick and easy.

With VolunteerSignup you can easily track volunteer hours, too.

list of volunteer , opportunities.

Example online signup sheet

What	When	Credits	Who
Create 20 posters	finish 10 days before sale	3.00	<u>Sign up</u>
Put-up-posters	finish 7 days before sale	2.00	John S.
Make 50 large cookies	-	3.00	Jim H.
Make 50 large cookies	-	3.00	Sign up
Make 5 apple pies	-	6.00	Betty C.
Setup tables and chairs	8am to 9am	1.00	Sign up
Cashier (first shift) - collect money	9am to noon	3.00	Sign up
Cashier (first shift) - collect money	9am to noon	3.00	Sign up
Cashier (second shift) collect money	noon to 3pm	3.00	Warren B.
Cashier (second shift) - collect money	noon to 3pm	3.00	Sign up
Put away tables and chairs	3pm to 4pm	1.00	Sign up
Start and end times (optional) -	/ Volum	nteers clia	k to sign u

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- 2. Email link to potential volunteers
- 3. Volunteers sign up (no registration required)

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The float and trailer will be sold by process of sealed bid, and will only be available to AAAS Ag Society members in good standing to take part in the bid process.

Additional Information will be sent to all members in the next few weeks and will be posted on the AAAS website as well.

For additional information contact the AAAS office at 780-427-2174 or by email to aaas@gov.ab.ca

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Download the Building Corporate Relationships - A Toolkit for Nonprofits

ALBERTA AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY ACT UPDATE

As many of you are aware the Alberta Agricultural Society Act is scheduled for review for the 2015 Spring Session in the AB Legislature.

During the past year AAAS has been working with Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development (ARD) and consulting with the membership on "Modernizing of the Ag Society Act". Most of the current Act has remained the same since the early 1920's (or earlier), and there are many parts that pose challenges for our members or do not have relevance anymore. Almost 90 Ag Societies came out to the regional meetings and participated in the consultation so we were able to have a diverse range in size and operations of our members represented.

Currently information provided to AAAS sees no detrimental impact to Alberta Agricultural Societies and the intent is to make things more functional for Ag Societies in our Province.

The following is an excerpt provided by Fred Young, Program Manager for the Ag Societies Program with ARD for our AGM February 7, 2015 that will provide our members with an idea of what to expect moving forward.

At the moment we are currently still on the books for the spring of 2015. Spring session starts March 10th.

Once the Agricultural Societies Act is approved by the legislative assembly, we will then begin drafting the proposed new regulation that will support the Act.

The process of developing the regulations will be done over the next year.

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Planning a Bench Show

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