



Museum of Alaska Transportation and Industry Newsletter January 2010

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Happy New Year!

I hope this newsletter finds you well and rested after the holidays. It was a busy fall; our annual meeting this year took place on October 19th with over 60 attendees. We had a great chili cook-off with our Directors cooking talents on the line. It was close, but Dick Wilson pulled out a win with his White Chicken Chili. Thank you to all who participated in the silent auction, we brought in over \$600. Our 1st Annual Halloween Event, Night at the Museum was a fun-filled family event.



We had a wonderful turnout and many rave reviews of our event being an excellent venue for families with younger children. I would like to thank everyone involved, who helped our event be successful. We had over 400 people attend and ran out of treats in the first hour. I especially would like to thank the Wasilla Drama high school students who did our Spooky Train Tour. They decorated and ran the show. Great Job! Thanks also go to Three Bears for their donation and to the US Army for their donations of flashlights and bags. In November we hosted the meeting for Mat-Su Borough Historical Preservation Commission meeting, which included lunch. We served sub sandwiches and soup. Thanks to Krazy Moose Subs for the sandwiches and Rhonda Weinrick for the chicken soup. We have had a couple of scout troops come out to our museum and we will continue to offer indoor tours throughout the winter. While the scouts are here we have shown them a 16mm cartoon, which many have never seen before. Mighty Mouse saves the day, once again! We received \$3,000 from the Jessica Stevens Community Foundation and BP. Thank you to all who made this matching grant possible. We are able to use these funds for unrestricted operating costs. Special thanks go to Rick Meyer for the construction work he has done in our gift shop. Until next time, Take Care and be safe.



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PFD Charitable Contributions Program

Museum of Alaska Transportation and Industry is pleased to announce that we are part of Pick.Click.Give. for 2010. The first year of the program was a success with approximately 5,100 Alaskans giving more than \$545,000 to their favorite organizations. We are excited about the opportunity to participate this year.

By giving through Pick.Click.Give, you join others to become an important force in bettering our communities and our state. For those of you who already support **Museum of Alaska Transportation and Industry**, we appreciate your gifts and hope you will use this option to make an additional donation.

When you go on-line to sign up for your dividend, you will see an option to "Pick.Click.Give."

Follow the instructions to make a new donation, or an additional gift. At the same time, please take the extra step you will see after you make your donation to provide your contact information to us. We want to acknowledge and recognize your generous support, and this is the only way we will know it's you making the gift.

You can find more information about the program, including frequently asked questions at

www.PickClickGive.org.

Or you may call us at **376-1211**.

******It's not too late, if you have already filed for your PFD, you can go back and PickClickGive. What a difference \$25 could make at your museum.*******



\$2.00 Tuesdays

We will be open on Tuesdays
during the winter months,
October 1st thru April 30th.
Come join us inside the gallery
to look around and enjoy some
hot cider.

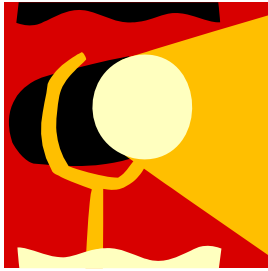
Open 10:00am-2:00pm.

Call 376-1211 for more information.

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Stay current with MATI news and events. If you have any items for the newsletter, please email them to sherryedmati@gmail.com

Check out the MATI web site at <http://museumofalaska.org>



Volunteer Spotlight



Sharon Patchett

Sharon has been involved with the museum for several years. She is always available to help keep the dust and cobwebs down to a minimum. We rely on her to bring out the big guns (her Dyson) to clean up the mess. Sharon has previously worked in the gift shop and is very knowledgeable about the State and many exhibits at the museum. She is helping with getting our collections in order. With her experiences of being a true Alaskan living remotely with her family of 6 children in Cordova, Sharon being the tireless volunteer that she is, we are very lucky to have her here at our museum.



2010

Spring Clean-up Day	April 24th
Opening Day	May 1st
Blast from the Past	June 5th & 6th
Mystery Quilt Show	June 19th
3rd Annual Art on Fire	June 26th
Community Day- Parade	July 4th
Annual Rummage Sale	July 28th & 29th
3rd Annual Truck Show	August 7th
Alaska State Fair	August 26th-Sept 6th
Annual Meeting	October 17th
Halloween Event	October 30th

Keep checking our website for added events

The Mission of the Museum of Alaska Transportation and Industry is the collection, preservation, restoration, exhibition and interpretation of artifacts relating to Alaska's transportation and industrial history. adopted 1991

Vision Statement: To celebrate through creative interpretation of tools and equipment, the lives of those persons known and anonymous, who built the modern State of Alaska. adopted 1998



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Presidents Report ***Lonnie Jackson***

Welcome to a new year!

This past year has been a very tough and challenging year for MATI. However we came through it with flying colors. We welcomed a new Executive Director Sherry Jackson during a period of extreme economic and tourism downturns. Membership numbers are at an all time high and my thanks to all renewing members and our new members. Without your continued support MATI could not survive this downturn in the economy.

Many tourism companies report upward of 40 percent decline in visitor-ship and some companies were not so lucky and were forced to close. I am very happy with our performance this past year as we were able to attract a new audience to MATI. The "Art on Fire" event is fast becoming our biggest event, many thanks to the Valley Art's Alliance as we strive to make this event one that can not be missed. The Belly Dancers were a big hit and our thanks to all the live performances and artists that make this event so much fun.

Our truck show was also a tremendous success and we are working toward a bigger and more exciting event next year.

MATI held its first annual "Night at the Museum" event and it was well attended and patrons expressed thanks for having an event the younger kids could enjoy. We ran out of candy early and we partnered with "KAYO Country Legend's 100.9 FM to get the word out. We are looking forward to further our partnership with KAYO in the future. My thanks to the Wasilla Drama Club for their outstanding work and dedication making this event so wonderful.

Time for a special word for a Board Member who served MATI through 3 terms and very difficult times. My thanks to Dick Wilson and Marie Wilson who lets him come out and play. Without their dedication and service MATI would probably not be here today. We are honoring the Wilsons with the renaming of our "Cold Storage Building to "The Wilson Building" Next time you see the Wilsons be sure to give them the thanks they deserve.

While on the subject of our Board, I would like to give my thanks to all past and current MATI Board Members and employees. We have a very dynamic Board and we are looking a ways that we can invite a new demographic to MATI. Expect to see new ideas and we intend to be very visual in the community. Our goal this year will be to leave no stone unturned as we head into the new decade. MATI is healthy and has renewed energy, energy that will ensure our continued success.



Surplus Items for Sale

1962 Corvair
Collection Liquor Decanters
Various sized Bottles
Machetanz Prints
If interested in any of the above items, please contact. Sherry Jackson 376-1211

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Breeden Barn Project

The milking parlor is now enclosed. Thanks to Arnie Stoltenberg and Dick Wilson for putting the rafters and roofing on the milking parlor. Make a \$20 donation to the barn project and receive a Barn T-shirt.

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