

Abernethy Celebrates 110th Anniversary

Saskatchewan's Agricultural Societies have been meeting places for our communities and integral in making our communities better places to live. In this issue of the newsletter we have two Agricultural Societies celebrating significant anniversaries. Abernethy is celebrating 110 years and Fairmede 125 years. Each is a testament to the dedication of our volunteers across Saskatchewan who work so hard to make our province the great place it is to live. The article below was submitted by the Abernethy Agricultural Society.

Abernethy Agricultural Society celebrated its 110th anniversary and Canada's 150th year of confederation with its annual ABERFAIR on Friday, July 28. With a record of never being rained out, ABERFAIR was once again opportunity



for several hundred people to gather on a +30° C. day. An all-day horse show, pancake breakfast, over 1100 inside exhibits from Labrador to BC, 30+ trade-show exhibitors, a pet show in its 4th decade, over 130 children and adults participating in races and Highland games, a BBQ pork supper, and fireworks were part of the day. New inside classes included honey, bannock, gluten-free bread, and decorated cakes celebrating the 110th.



The roots of the Aber Ag Society began in the mid-1880s in the community of Pheasant Forks northeast of Abernethy. Descendants of some of those early directors and new residents of the community and many others 'in-between' are all part of the huge volunteer contingent who make the Aber Fair and Aber Dinner Theatre happen each year.

Celebration cakes, the singing of O Canada, and a presentation to honour the 110 years by SAASE Executive Director Glen

Duck added to Fair Day. A 3-day weekend with events planned by other community groups included a classic car show, family dance, and ecumenical church service.

Like all small Agricultural Societies, Abernethy ponders their future yet the enthusiasm by young volunteers present on the 110th indicates that energy abounds in the midst of significant changes in rural Saskatchewan. Nurturing those younger volunteers and responding to contemporary possibilities while maintaining important historical aspects of the Society are all part of the challenge of the future. For more information, check out: <http://www.aberagsociety.sk.ca>.

~ Submitted by Catherine Barnsley, Pet Show & Races Director



Glen Duck from SAASE presents Chad and Tanya Penny and Edna McCall the SAASE and SaskEnergy Anniversary Awards

