

Our organizing meeting was held February 2, 1972 in the home of Stanley and Naomi Card on Lawson Road, chaired by Dorothy Sienkiewicz

Presidents:

1972 Robert Schultz
1973 Edmund Pangborn
1974 Edmund Pangborn
1975 Robert Schultz
1976 Robert Schultz
1977 Loretta Smith
1978 Judith Schultz
1979 Judith Schultz
1980 Martha Carlson
1981 Martha Carlson
1982 Vern Johnson
1983 Vern Johnson
1984 Randy Hinsdale
1985 Randy Hinsdale
1986 Randy Hinsdale
1987 Karen Livsey
1988 Randy Hinsdale
1989 George Mathews
1990 Robert Schultz
1991 Vern Johnson
1992 Vern Johnson
1993 Vern Johnson
1994 Randy Hinsdale
1995 Randy Hinsdale
1996 Winston Frankson
1997 Randy Hinsdale
1998 Randy Hinsdale
1999 Richard Andrews
2000 Richard Andrews
2001 Sue Hinsdale
2002 John Siggins
2003 John Siggins
2004 John Siggins
2005 Randy Hinsdale
2006 John Siggins
2007 Randy Hinsdale
2008 Randy Hinsdale
2009 Randy Hinsdale
2010 Randy Hinsdale
2011 Norman Carlson
2012 Carl Schultz
2013 Carl Schultz

Meetings:

The Society had been trying to get out of the practice of meeting in private homes. The June, 1972 meeting was held at the Busti Grange. The September meeting was in the Mill, itself and the October meeting was at the Community Building (now apartments). September 2, 1981 first official meeting in Museum building basement (no heat or facilities yet but some kitchen equipment already installed)
October 7, 1981 meetings return to Community Building
November 3, 1982 Meetings began regularly in Museum Building. Furnace now in.
We've met in Lakewood at least twice: on April 3, 1991 at the Recreation Building when Gladys Wise was speaker and in June of 1991 at Perkins. We met twice in Kiantone when we had picnics at Swanson's woods. We had planned once to meet at Roger Tory Peterson Institute in Jamestown but we did not.

Expansions

The Society bought the three acre airstrip property across the road on February 8, 1977. It bought the 1.7 acre Jimmy Larson barn, the former Protestant Free Church and district 8 school July 10, 1979. It bought the 12 acre Nelson field May 7, 2008, and the miller house and two acres of property March 25, 2011.

Pavilion

First mention Oct. 4, 1995
Permit April 3, 1996
Completed September 22, 1997

Hexagon or Boathouse

Moved to acquire June 4, 1986
Moved to put canvas roof on August 6, 1986
Roof material ordered Sept. 9, 1986
December 2, 1987 building half painted.
December 2000 accepted bid to reroof

Museum opened August, 1981

The milkhouse put in condition to use
October 1981

June 16, 1979 Barn Bee and Community Social

August 4, 1982 Cecelia Hill Lewis doll collection received for permanent exhibit
Cannot find when it left.

1999-2000 storage barn

Festival Appreciation dances and party
1972-1990 (party) last one

Co-operation with CCAEA

1981 Quilt and portable mill at engine show
April 1986 CCAEA met at Busti
1988 Food concession first time at engine show at Dart Airport
1995 loaned them our tent
2004 last year of food concession

Picnic

1972 Town Picnic in the Town Park
1976 Society picnic at Swanson's woods
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1978 Society picnic Busti Park, 10 members, 4 guests
1980 Society picnic at DeWarren and Beulah Barton home
1981 Society picnic at Grant and Martha Carlson's
1982 Society picnic at the Town Park
1983 Society picnic at the Town Park
1984 Society picnic at the Museum
1985 Community Picnic at the grounds
1986 Community Picnic and Pie Social, Wind River played
1987 Society picnic and work meeting
1988 Formal revival of the Town Picnic, poor attendance. Peter Street Irish trio played
(Dennis Wilson, Howard Blumenthal, Elizabeth Gavne)
1989 Town Picnic attendance 175 Wind River played
1992 Town Picnic – Bartons played
1994 Town Picnic
2000 Town Picnic

Bus Trips

August 24, 1980 48 people to Black Creek Village, Ontario
August 29, 1981 Genesee Country Village 33 people
June 9, 1990 Trip to Black Creek Village, Ontario
May 21, 2011 Genesee Country Village, 30 people

James Kricker, millwright

May 4 & 5, 1990 James Kricker, millwright, first visit.
August 1995
February 21, 2013

We have been offered three houses, two barns, and a steamboat.

April 5, 1989 We set our record attendance that night, 70. The Gilmans played.

OCTOBER 6 MONDAY Went down to help at the mill. Jim _____ from the lime service came over with a huge International articulated front end loader and we moved out all the four millstones and the burr mill to the barn across the road with no loss of life. I was the only one present who had been there when the mill stones came in about 20 years ago.