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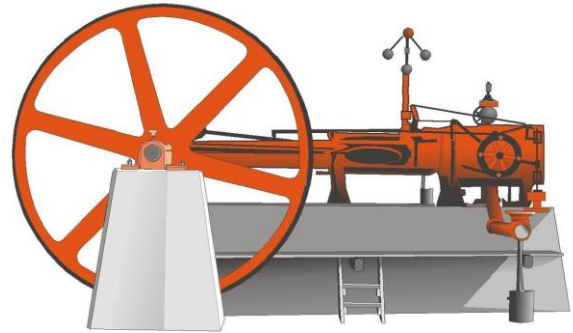
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**Antique Powerland
Museum Association**

HOME OF THE GREAT OREGON STEAM-UP



Santa (and the Grinch) make an appearance at the end of the Steam-Up Parade.
See them both at Holiday Sparkles starting December 8.

**POWERLAND HERITAGE PARK IS OPEN APRIL THROUGH SEPTEMBER.
WHILE IN SEASON, CAMPUS HOURS ARE WEDNESDAY TO SUNDAY FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.
Admission \$6.00, Age 12 and under Free. Special Event Admission Varies.
APMA Members Free Most Events.**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Michelle Duchateau

'A'ohe hana
nui ke alu 'ia

*No task is too big when done
together by all*

As Powerland closes for the season, what a wonderful year this has been! We not only had repeat events here but added a few new ones to the lineup.

The kickoff to this season was the 3rd annual S.T.E.A.M.'d Up for Kids, and what beautiful weather we enjoyed as 1500+ visitors joined us that day. From making rope, washing clothes on a glass washboard and running it through the wringer, to making wood projects and ice cream, it was a wonderful day. At one point, I looked out at the infield and saw children of all ages running around and having the time of their lives. I did hear a few cries of, I don't want to go, put me down! This has always been the indicator that fun was being had. I wish that my camera could have captured the feeling at that moment. It gave me chills as I saw what your APMA Board has been describing and working towards from the inception of Antique Powerland; A place for families to come and learn about machines and the impact they have on modern technology. It was like a dream come true.

Steam-Up was another success this year with awesome, one might even say perfect weather was included! With a new Steam-Up management model in place, your APMA Directors once again stepped up to the plate and with the incredible work of all the volunteers it was nearly our highest attendance in 7 years, 15,324 visitors. We missed it by 4 visitors over 2016! Again, the number of families and children under the age of 12 was phenomenal and the youth passport program was extremely popular. Once again, as I looked at the crowds and watched children dragging their parents from museum to museum, I had that same dream of a family's coming to Powerland to learn about the machines that shaped today's agriculture and economy.

The year wasn't yet complete, two more months of activities were to be had and these did not disappoint.

I want to thank all of you for the part you play in making Powerland, for 2 years in a row, the **Best of The Willamette Valley, Annual Event/Festival**, and **The Best of the Mid-Willamette Valley, Family Attraction**, a great place. This was made possible by all of our volunteers for their countless hours and boundless energy in creating all that Powerland Heritage Park is today.

I believe in the saying that appears in all our newsletters: 'A'ohe hana nui ke alu 'ia ... No job is too big when done together by all.

me ka mahalo a me ke aloha

Michelle Duchateau



STEAM-UP APMA GIFT SHOP

Robin Prine – APMA secretary

Once again this year the APMA Gift Shop was moved out of the Dezotell Museum and into a temporary booth at the Currans Building. The red, white & blue theme from 2022 was carried forward as a bright and cheery way to honor our nation's history and the history of the Park. Sales were particularly brisk the first weekend due to the large crowds.



Gift Shop at Steam-Up

Hats and insulated mugs were the “hot” buys this year. The addition of a ladies' hat was a success as they sold out! The second weekend new shirts and sweatshirts (a new item) were added to the inventory and were very well received. Please stop by the Dezotell Museum and browse the Gift Shop now that it has moved back inside. Christmas is coming and a Powerland item might just fill a spot on Santa's list!



Gift Shop in the Dezotell Building



NEXT TIME TAKE THE TROLLEY

by John Nagy

The Great Oregon Steam Up of 2023 was a banner year for Powerland and for the Oregon Electric Railway Museum. The weather was great both weekends but in anticipation of possible warm weather we brought out our open-sided trolley from Sydney, Australia. It was very popular but we also had requests for the double-decker trolley from Blackpool, England so we switched trolleys partway through each day. The trolley had the highest recorded revenue and ridership since the museum moved to Powerland in 1996. All four days, nearly every departure from Hopmere Station was full!

In a Powerland first, we had so many riders that we used both trolley cars simultaneously during the peak times and still had people waiting at the station. After the event, the counts showed that Steam Up had over 15,000 visitors and over 3,500 of those took a ride on the trolley.



Lego Display at Steam-Up

At the depot, the Great Northern Lego Railway club put up their display much to the enjoyment of our visitors waiting for our trolleys. Gift shop and ticket sales were brisk, keeping our staff busy and sometimes overwhelmed, with lines out the door. We also had the carbarn open for tours, which had many people stop in after riding the trolley to see the rest of the collection, which led to donations.

In the future, we hope to complete the final section of our mainline track which will close the loop. This will enable us to run multiple cars, shorten the waiting time between runs, let us change out trolleys during the day for variety, run cars that are single-ended and run non-revenue cars like the snowsweeper (which will be 125 years old next year) so that the public can see them in operation.

Trolley ticket revenue is our primary income source so this year was a big boost for our museum and we extend a huge thank you to our volunteers who made it happen! The board would like to thank all the volunteers who came out to help. They include Betty Ballentine, John Ballentine, Nick Christiansen, Micky Dryden, Travis Dryden, Vicki Fabryka, Gene Fabryka, Gage Geist, Michael Hafner, David Harold, Suzi Jones, Rick Lucia, Pete Manuele, John Nagy, Ken Peters, Adam Samish, Debbie Samish, Richard Thompson, Joe Tracy, Nick Williams, & Jan Zweerts.



Steam-Up visitors riding the double decker trolley.
Photo provided by John Nagy

The Great Oregon Steam-Up



Picking up the Passport Map



At the 53rd Annual Steam-up, over 1,550 kids picked-up Youth Passport maps and visited the 18 stops around the grounds during the four days of the event.



Truck Museum



Willow Creek



Fire Museum



Vintage Car and Motorcycle Museum



Caterpillar Museum



Antique Caterpillar Machinery Owners



APMA Farmhouse



Willamette Valley Model Railroad Museum

Photos by Joe Tracy and T. Trent Stetz

Youth Passport



Brooks Historical



Trolley



Western Railway Preservation



Logging



Oregon Women in Timber



Branch 15



John Deere OVMM



Antique Implement Society



Western Steam Fiends



Willamette Miners

Steam-Up Recap

Steve Johnson APMA Director

Well Steam-Up 2023 was a great show. Great weather and near record attendance. Each morning after the raising of the flag and the national anthem I worked with the Oregon Tractor pullers to give kids big and small a chance to drive the tractor down the track pulling the sled that was trying to stop them. We have done this for a few years now and is always a big hit. Joe and his crew know how to work with the kids and help when they need it. He always right beside them as they go. Most of the kids are very excited as the finish a lot of times popping a wheelie. They get a ribbon and a button showing that they pulled at Steam-Up. I also help direct tractors at the north end of the grounds getting them lined up for the parade. It seems like each year we get a little better at making for a smooth parade.



Kids Tractor Pull at Steam-Up 2022
Photo courtesy Danielle Fallin Photography

On another note we raised another chunk of money from the parking fee that goes toward the new bathrooms and showers that will be where the shower shacks are now. We have the plans from the architect and just waiting on the septic engineer to be able to submit to the county so we can get started on them.

Thank You for Volunteering Log your Volunteer Hours Online!

Thank you for volunteering at Antique Powerland Museum Association! Please complete the online form to document the hours you recently volunteered. Note that you can only submit one volunteer entry per date per submission. Feel



free to submit multiple forms if needed. Submit at: www.antiquepowerland.com/volunteer-log



New Flagpole at Powerland



RICHARDSON BUILDING RENOVATION

Bill Prine 1st VP

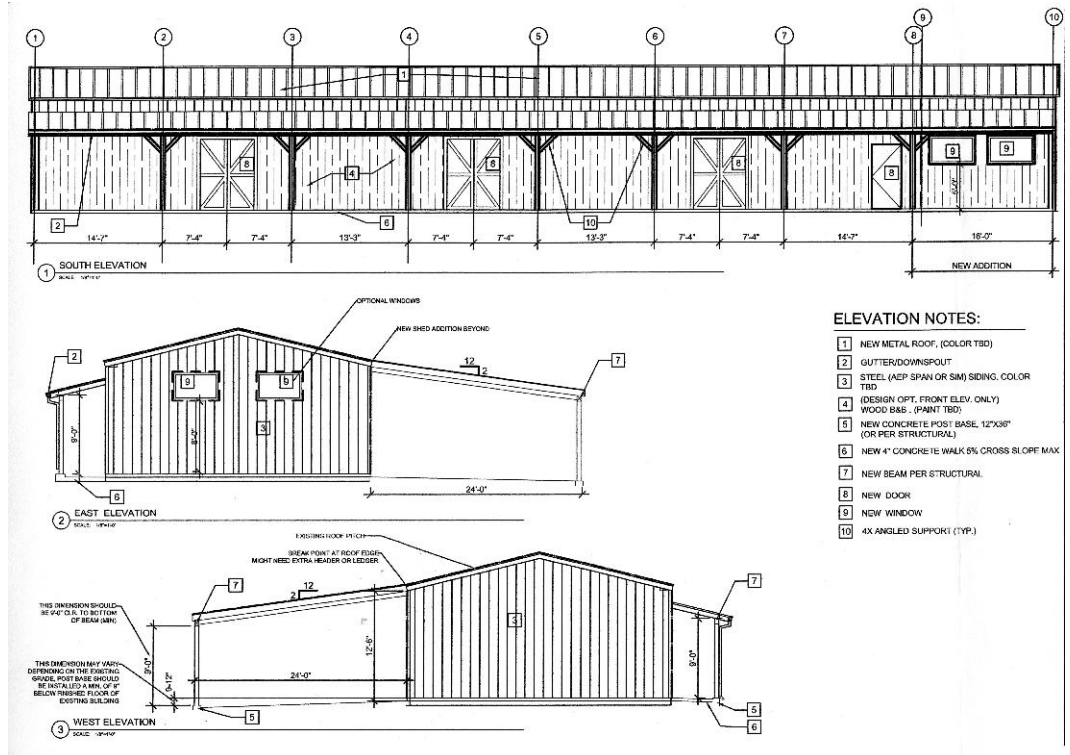
The Richardson Building was the first permanent structure built on the Powerland Heritage Park grounds back in 1972. It was named after one of WAPI's first Presidents, Joe Richardson. For most of the years since, it has served as an APMA storage building. In 2020 the Antique Implement Society (AIS) was granted a lease from WAPI for the Richardson Bldg. AIS then presented a renovation proposal to convert the building into space for additional engine displays and upgrade the exterior to a period appropriate design.

Once the design was approved by the APMA Planning Committee, AIS set out to raise the funds needed for construction. Fast forward to September 2023 and the project is ready to begin! Permits have been issued by Marion County and a contractor selected. Groundbreaking will be underway by the time this article is published. Here are the improvements that will happen:

- The old siding and roof will be stripped away and replaced. The south wall will be board & batten, similar to OVMM and Branch 15 and the rest of the building will be new metal.
- A porch with roof will be added to the south wall. Period "barn style" doors will replace current sliding doors.
- A 16 foot addition will be added to the east end of the building.
- A 24 foot metal roof will be added to the entire length of the north side. The floor area will be graveled and used to house AIS tractors.
- Concrete floors will be added to the interior to finish out the space for engine displays.

Once the construction is complete the interior will be divided into 8 or 9 exhibit spaces for AIS members to lease and fill with their own engine(s). The Mt. Hood engine/generator will remain in the building as well. Most of the spaces have already been spoken for and by Steam Up 2024 the building should be show ready.

If you have any questions about this project you should contact Justin Prine who is the project manager and current president for AIS.



After Steam-Up Registration Trailer Comments

Kathie Rosenquist 2nd VP.



It was good to have the Registration Trailer relocated to where we could be seen and we could see the traffic coming. This was the second year being out in the front parking lot for a check-in point for campers, exhibitors, swap meet vendors, and volunteer passes. This relieves much stress and congestion on the APMA Office during this time. All-in-all, it was well received with positive comments, some ideas for us to consider for next year, and a tiny handful of complaints.

Some changes were made this year for Swap Meet Vendors, in that we handed out the wristbands, parking passes and collected if they were paying by credit card. Other changes we implemented was collecting daily/weekend admission from campers that were just here to enjoy the show (not here to exhibit or volunteer).

We'll be looking at re-vamping the camping registration form for next year and making sure we collect all pertinent information needed at the time of registration.

A lot of hours were spent out there the three days before the event and on Saturday mornings. A big THANKS to the handful of volunteers that worked in the trailer! Maybe we can round up more volunteers for next year so our time can be shorter to allow us more than just lunch and bathroom breaks. If you're interested in helping please send an email to admin@antiquepowerland.com with your information. Thanks!

MAINTENANCE

Harold Pruett - Director

They say things come in three and this year it came true.

I found a lake at the shower shacks and luckily, we found that the hose supplying water for the shower shacks had blown a hole in the hose. I thought great that was easy fix.

The next morning, I was told there was a lake in the campground near the shower shacks. I thought now what. It turned out that there was a broken pipe at campground spot 19. Thanks to Steve Johnson for the use of his backhoe the job was much easier for us to repair.

While I was out checking the fire pond water level, I noticed there was water coming up through the railroad tracks west of the building. In looking around I noticed that there was also water in the retention pond.

We originally had to turn the water off for the museums on the east side of the road. Later we found another valve that turned off the museums connected north of break. Steller was able to get out a got it fixed before the show.

Thankfully the rest of Steam-Up had no other water problems.



STEAM SAWMILL BACK IN OPERATION



Boiler tubes for the steam sawmill replaced with a generous grant from the Oregon Cultural Trust received April 2023
Photo of sawmill in operation at 53rd Annual Steam-Up, August 5, 2023

After a long winter, the repairs to the sawmill boiler was completed. Three boiler tubes were replaced. as luck would have it, that replacement activity loosened scale on two additional near-by tubes. Work was completed by Evan Burroughs, sawmill manager, David Boyce, Lowell Boyce, Ethan Wray, Ryan Williams, Dustin Ogden, Hunter Ogden, Hank Burroughs, and Ben Cole. The state boiler inspectors worked with the sawmill crew to get the boiler inspection completed and passed. The sawmill was operational for the second weekend of Steam-Up, with head sawer Butch Ogden at the controls. Boiler tubes replaced with a generous grant from Oregon Cultural Trust from April 2023. Great job sawmill crew!

STEAM CRANE

After completion of a recent boiler restoration, the 128-ton 1928 Bucyrus-Erie Steam Crane (build No. 9869) was steamed-up and operating at Steam-Up. The Southern Pacific Railroad used this crane for 66 years.

The crane was salvaged by Rick Franklin Corporation and restored by the Western Steam Fiends, starting in Nov. 2000 when it was moved to Powerland.

The crane, with its 45 foot long boom, was initially delivered to Southern Pacific's Ogden, Utah facilities. About 1939 it was shipped to the west coast and stationed at Southern Pacific's Shasta Division in Dunsmuir, Calif. The crane remained in Dunsmuir until 1958, when it was moved to Klamath Falls. It was re-numbered to 7020 at this time. It moved between these locations in the 1970s and 80s. It was last used in 1982 and sat idle until 1994 until being purchased by Rick Franklin Corporation.

Reference: www.farmcollector.com/steam-traction/pulling-its-weight/



New Spokes for the Traction Engine

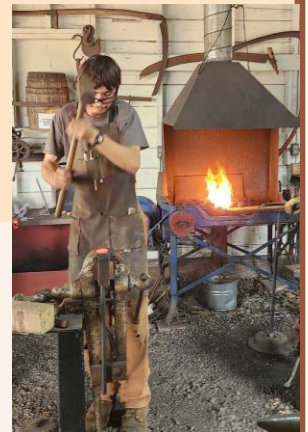
I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers from the Blacksmith's Shop for their time and effort in fabricating the new spokes for the 75 HP Case traction engine.

In the spirit of cooperation between Joyce Nagy of the Blacksmith's Shop and the Western Steam Fiends, we were able to coordinate the efforts of the entire Blacksmith volunteers in making exceptional quality spokes for our 1911 75 HP Case engine.

The original spokes on the left wheel had been worn down to a point where the engine was unsafe to operate.

In the efforts to present The Great Oregon Steam-Up each year in the best possible light to the general public, it is

important that all museums and user groups work together to present a quality event. It is with that in mind, that the Western Steam Fiends are committed toward that effort.



Butch Albrecht, President Western Steam Fiends Association, INC. EDGE&TA Branch #230

The Blacksmith shop enjoyed working on the new spokes for the steam tractor. The project gave the smiths something meaningful to work on during Steam-Up.

These kinds of projects are the reason the blacksmith shop is there. It would be great to see more projects from other museums in the future.

Thanks to all the smiths who worked on the wheel spokes, with all the help the process went smoothly. And thanks to the Steam Fiends for bringing the project to the shop they are a joy to work with.

Peter Reich

Photos provided by Joyce Nagy



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Individual	\$30
Student:	\$7.50
APMA Volunteer:	\$20

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VOLUNTEER AT POWERLAND

You may support Powerland in its efforts to bring history to life and motion by contacting the Antique Powerland Museum Association office at 503-393-2424, 3995 Brooklake Rd NE, Brooks, OR 97303 to volunteer and share your knowledge, skills and \$\$. Thank you!!

Volunteer Work Day is generally the Second Saturday of the Month. Join Us!

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Powerland Heritage Park



Home of the Great Oregon Steam-Up

VISION:

The public will be able to appreciate the heritage of early day machines and better understand the significance of this technology, upon which modern machines, vehicles, and farm equipment is based.



Marlyn Hadley replica steam engine model display in the Dezotell Building during Steam-Up

UPCOMING 2023 EVENTS

- Nov. 18 APMA Annual Meeting (10 am to 12 pm)
- Dec. 8–10 Holiday Sparkles (5 pm to 8 pm)
- Dec. 15–17 Holiday Sparkles (5 pm to 8 pm)
- Dec. 21–23 Holiday Sparkles (5 pm to 8 pm)

UPCOMING 2024 EVENTS

- Apr. 3 Powerland Opens for the Season
- May. 18 S.T.E.A.M.'d Up for Kids
- Jun. TBD APMA Breakfast
- Jul 27–28 The Great Oregon Steam-Up
- Aug. 3–4 The Great Oregon Steam-Up



Featured Heritage Machinery for the 54th Great Oregon Steam-Up will be International Harvester

MISSION

The Mission of the Antique Powerland Museum Association (APMA) is to educate the public about the history and operation of machines and the role they played in developing modern technology and enhancing the quality of life.