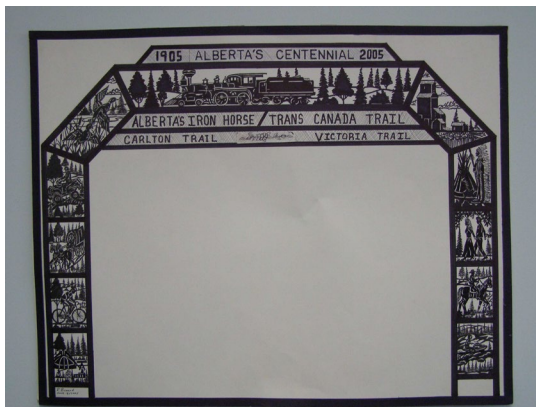




**Merry Christmas  
and a very  
Happy New Year!**

**Welcome!** The Iron Horse Trail Tourism Product Club would like to welcome Marianne Price – the new Industry Coordinator. She had this to say about her new position, “What an exciting time to be getting involved with the Iron Horse Trail. All aspects of the trail are progressing quickly. We are aggressively working on establishing tourism experiences along the trail and increasing membership. I’m looking forward to meeting the people in each community that have worked so hard on the IHT.” She is in the St. Paul office Mon., Tues. and Fridays and invites you to stop in and say “hi”. Marianne and her partner live on 80 acres just south of Bonnyville where they raise a few head of cattle. Marianne is in the process of starting a Strawberry U-Pick. Price said, “Nothing big yet – I just want to get my feet wet so we are only planting about half an acre and we’ll grow from there.”



Picture of the St. Paul Staging area archway. Construction of the staging area is well under way thanks to the nice weather!

Twenty Wacky  
Excuses Drivers  
Give For Their  
Accidents

20. As I approached the intersection, a stop sign suddenly appeared in a place where no stop sign had ever appeared before. I was unable to stop in time to avoid the accident.
19. An invisible car came out of nowhere, struck my vehicle and vanished.
18. I collided with a stationary truck coming the other way.
17. I was thrown from my car as it left the road. I was later found in the ditch by some stray cows.
16. When I saw I could not avoid a collision, I stepped on the gas and crashed into the other car.
15. The other car came directly toward me. I had just been in another accident and was afraid of getting another whiplash so I opened the door and fell out of the car.
14. I heard the skid marks coming and the next thing I knew he’d smashed in my backend.
13. A low flying bird committed suicide using the grille of my car.
12. My car sat in the sun too long and absorbed too much solar energy. When I started the car, I could not control it.
11. I was driving down the road at approximately 35 m.p.h. As I turned around a curve, I felt a sudden rush of air. When I looked over, my wife was gone.

(More Wacky Excuses in next issue!)

**Centennial Relay CD**

Now available at \$10.00 each. Contact the Riverland Recreational Trail Society for your copy or mail your payment to:

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Destination Marketing Organization

Iron Horse Trail  
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## 2006 Way Out Women (WOW) Relay

WOW kicks off on January 9<sup>th</sup> in Newfoundland. The Alberta team is scheduled to be on the Iron Horse Trail on February 21<sup>st</sup> as they make their way from Cold Lake to Two Hills.

Polaris announced it will be the main sponsor of the 2006 International WOW (Way Out Women) Relay, a cross-continental snowmobile relay ride by women to raise funds for breast cancer research in Canada and in 2007 in the United States.

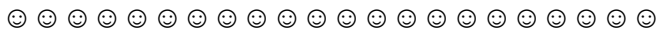
The first two WOW Relays successfully increased public awareness about breast cancer and raised more than \$550,000 dollars to support breast cancer research.



Check [www.polarisindustries.com](http://www.polarisindustries.com) for further details. The Bonnyville Snowdusters are planning some activities around the Relay.



Alberta's Lakeland DMO would like to extend a huge thank you to Philip Champagne and Jerry Bidulock for helping promote the Iron Horse Trail at the 2005 ASA Show in Edmonton. The show was very successful with excellent response from the people attending.



### Attention

- Riverland Recreational Trail Society Members
- Muni-Corr Board Members
- Alberta's Lakeland DMO Members

A strategic planning meeting has been set for February 5, 2006 in Mallaig. This date is still tentative. The purpose of this meeting is to develop a long term plan for building, development, maintenance and marketing the Iron Horse Trail. Your input is required so please plan on attending. We will confirm the date and send out the agenda as soon as possible.



While attending the RRTS Directors meeting in Mallaig on December 19<sup>th</sup>, I had a few extra minutes to drive around and admire all the beautifully decorated homes. Great Christmas Spirit! I also met some of the crew that are working on the Mallaig staging area. I'd like to congratulate them on all their hard work – it's going to be a great place to stop along the IHT! ☺ Marianne

## 2006 Memberships

Membership, donations and volunteers are needed to help with the materials and maintenance of the Iron Horse Trail. Please take a moment to fill out your form and send it in. Membership also makes a great Christmas stocking stuffer!

### Membership Form

**Yes!** I want to support Trails. Please sign me up as a Member.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Individual Member \_\_\_\_ (yr) x \$10.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Family Membership \_\_\_\_ (yr) x \$25.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Group Membership \_\_\_\_ (yr) x \$50.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Donations** are greatly appreciated to help our volunteer Trail Stewards with the materials needed for IHT trail maintenance \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL ENCLOSED \$** \_\_\_\_\_

Please make cheque payable to:  
**Riverland Recreational Trail Society**

**Yes!** I want to volunteer with AB Iron Horse / Trans Canada Trail, managed by Riverland Recreational Trail Society.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Dated \_\_\_\_\_

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