

## Riverland Recreational Trail Society



*Volunteers: Vicki Brooker and Marjorie Scott*



### N.E. Muni-Corr Ltd. Plaque Presentations

L – R: John Trefanenko, Johnnie Doonanco, Ray Danyluk, Ed English, Robert Bouchard  
Missing: Debra Pelechosky, Dave Franchuk, Ed Rondeau

Outgoing N.E. Muni-Corr Directors, who have served a minimum of three years on the Board, are recognized for their hard work and commitment to keeping the 300 kilometres of rail line intact and ensuring the legacy continues.

## RRTS AGM

On April 22, 2013, Riverland held their annual AGM at Boscombe Hall. Everyone enjoyed a great meal followed by a short program which included a power point presentation, “Year In Review”.

Elections were next – thank you to all the volunteers who let their names stand and new nominees. Marvin Bjornstad was voted in as the organizations’ President.

Next on the agenda were N.E. Muni-Corr plaque presentations to outgoing Board Members and a special plaque presentation to Former MLA and Government Minister of Municipal Affairs, Infrastructure and Transportation, Mr. Ray Danyluk.

The evening ended with entertainment by Rollie Poitras and The Good Tymers.

### **Beaver River Trestle Update**

N.E. Muni-Corr representatives met with Gord Macdonald of Macdonald & Lawrence Timber Framing Ltd. at the Beaver River Trestle on April 30<sup>th</sup> to check out the stabilization work. An “A” frame was constructed to hold the steel span up off the damaged wooden supports.

The public can access the trestle from the south side and it is safe to go on right up to the barricaded section to view the damages.

The stabilization and assessment are now complete and work is being done on Phase III of the project; Drawings and Guaranteed Maximum Price.

Fundraising efforts are under preparation to raise the needed 1.5 million dollars to repair the damages to the trestle.



“A” frame construction to hold up steel girder.



Burnt fencing, posts and upper deck.



L:R Gord Macdonald, John Irwin, Glen Johnson  
Ed Rondeau, Ernie Isley, Ray Prevost,  
Duane Lay, Vicky Lefebvre

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### CFEP Grants Received

On May 1<sup>st</sup>, we received a surprise visit from Jackie Fenske, MLA for Fort Saskatchewan / Vegreville who, on behalf of Minister Klimchuk, presented two CFEP cheques.

The first was to Riverland Recreational Trail Society for \$2,887.00 to establish the trail surface through Danyluk Hill in Smoky Lake County.

The second was to N.E. Muni-Corr for \$45,000.00 towards the rebuilding of the Beaver River Trestle.



RRTS President, Marvin Bjornstad accepting CFEP cheque from MLA, Jackie Fenske

### Trail Counters

Riverland Recreational Trail Society received a grant from Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation to purchase two trail counters. The counters have been installed on the trail since the May long weekend; one near St. Paul and the other near Mallaig. Data downloaded shows steady traffic through the week and increasing in Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The July long weekend saw traffic double.



### Beaver Control

Adjacent landowner, Fred Saiko wasn't going to let the beavers get the best of him this spring. Those industrious critters were creating a lot of water back up which was flooding Fred's hay land. Fred did some research on the internet, found some material and welded together a cage to put in front of a culvert where the beavers were the most active. Over a period of two days the water went down over a foot. Thanks Fred for being a part of the solution!



L:R – RRTS President, Marvin Bjornstad, Admin. Coordinator, Marianne Price, MLA Jackie Fenske & Muni-Corr President, Dwayne Yaremkevich

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Alberta TrailNet President, Ross Hayes presenting Jerry Bidulock with the 2013 Boot Award

## Hosting Alberta TrailNet

Riverland Recreational Trail Society had the honour of hosting Alberta TrailNet for their AGM on May 31 – June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Friday started with a tour of the Beaver River Trestle to check out the stabilization work. Everyone was given a copy of the Macdonald & Lawrence assessment and, as luck would have it, the Maple Flag event was taking place so we had an incredible airshow while on site.

Thanks to Town of St. Paul Councilor Don Padlesky for giving us a guided tour of the St. Paul staging area and sharing how the community pulled together to build it.

Saturday afternoon, there were several presentations including Jeff Grutz about the Great Divide Trail and Jerry Bidulock about the Lakeland Country Regional Trail Development.

The Awards Banquet closed out the day. Presentations included:

- 10 Years of Trail Building – RRTS President Marvin Bjornstad and Past President, Sheila Thompson
- Developing Safe Cycling Trails – Edmund Auger
- Geo-Textiles and Their Use in Solving Problem Trail Areas – Rob Woito w/ Paradox Access Solutions and Athabasca Recreational Trails Association
- 2013 Alberta TrailNet Boot Award presented to founding Iron Horse Trail President, Jerry Bidulock
- Trail Builder Award presented to former MLA and Government Minister of Municipal Affairs, Infrastructure and Transportation, Mr. Ray Danyluk. This was the inaugural presentation for this particular award.

The final day of the AGM saw two groups head out on the Iron Horse Trail. One group took ATV's from St. Paul to Elk Point while the other group hiked from Armistice to Elk Point. Both groups met up to enjoy a great BBQ hosted by the Town of Elk Point. Alberta TrailNet graciously made a \$500.00 donation to RRTS – thanks! This money will go towards trail maintenance.

Special thanks the following for their assistance:

County of St. Paul, Town of Elk Point, M.D. of Bonnyville, Town of St. Paul, Power Merchants, Performance Motorsports, T & T Power Sports & X Power & Performance.

## 2013 Alberta TrailNet Boot Award

Jerry Bidulock from Power Merchants in St. Paul was this year's Alberta TrailNet Boot Award recipient.

Jerry is the founding President of Alberta's Iron Horse Trail and his endless hours of volunteering, work on trail development and the Alberta Trail Advisory Board were just a few of the projects he was being recognized for.



Jerry with TransCanada Trail Chair, Valerie Pringle at the N.E. Alberta Trail Map Launch in 2008.



Alberta TrailNet tour of the Beaver River Trestle



Ross Hayes and Reg Gunson at Armistice



Betty Anne Graves presenting Ray Danyluk with Boot Award

Voluntary Trail Pass Contribution	
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Amount Contributed	
Year of Contribution	2013
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Members Needed - \$10.00 / Year	
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The Iron Horse Trail will be featured in an upcoming episode of the Dimestore Fisherman, scheduled to air early 2014. Pictured here are the ATVing participants, Jim Hoey and his film crew.

## Trail Maintenance

This spring, several volunteers hit the trail to do some clean up work. In preparation for some major events taking place on the trail, outhouses and picnic tables were repaired and painted.



While doing further maintenance, a couple vehicles got stuck in the spring by Heinsburg.



*If you see any maintenance or other issues along the Iron Horse Trail, please report them to our office at:*

*Toll free (888) 645- 4155 or  
(780) 645- 2913*

*Or email to:*

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