

ON THE LAZY BENCH

Penn Brad Oil Museum strives to preserve the history of the Bradford Oil Field and the unique culture that developed along with it. It also honors the people and their families whose lives contributed to making Bradford the "Highgrade Oil Metropolis of the World."

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Fred Fesenmyer, Yellow Dog Honoree for 2016

Fred is smiling as he holds the Yellow Dog Award presented to him by his daughter, Meredith.

On Saturday, June 4, the Museum held its second annual Yellow Dog Award Dinner at the Pennhills Club in Bradford. The dinner is the Museum's largest fund raising event. This prestigious award is presented to an individual (or individuals) who has contributed to the success and growth of the Museum. This year's award was presented to Frederick W. (Fred) Fesenmyer. Fred, who is Chairman and president of Minard Run Oil Company has served on the Museum board for over forty years. Each guest received a copy of Yellow Dog Award Journal which contained congratulatory

notes and ads recognizing Fred for his achievements.

The Pennhills Club provided an elegant venue for the Yellow Dog Award Dinner. Cocktails were served on the patio and music was provided by Ritusko Wada and company. Guests were treated to an exceptional dinner provided by the Pennhills staff.

Harvey Golubock, event chairperson and emcee for the event provided entertainment with his droll comments. Following dinner, Meredith Fesenmyer presented her father with the prestigious Yellow Dog Award.

In his remarks, Fred spoke of his 44 years of affiliation with the Penn

Brad Oil Museum, his gratitude for the award and his leadership role both in this company, Minard Run Oil and the museum.

Following his remarks, Fred was presented with citations from the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, courtesy of Rep. Martin Causer; the PA Senate, courtesy of Sen. Joe Scarnati and the United States House of Representatives, courtesy of Congressman G.T. Thompson.

The evening concluded with remarks by museum board president, Thomas Miller who reminded everyone of the mission of the museum to preserve the rich history of our region and the importance of supporting it for the benefit of future generations.

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Monday to Friday

9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Saturday

9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Admission Cost:

Adults - \$5.00

Seniors. - \$4.50

Children - Free

**Open annually from
April 1 to November 1**



Desk and Derrick Club Visits Powerhouse at ANF

On June 9, 2016 the PYOGA Chapter of the Desk and Derrick Club arranged for a special viewing and operation of the Powerhouse attraction in the Allegheny National Forest. The Powerhouse is located on PA Route 321 west of Marshburg just past the Ranger Station.

In recent years, with the help of many partners, the USDA Forest Service has restored the powerhouse as an interpretive site. Participating in that restoration was Penn Brad Oil Museum board member, Isabelle Champlin and her University of Pittsburgh at Bradford anthropology students.



Operated by Bob Wright for many years for the Pennzoil Company, the power is now operated Jim McCluskey.



The signs at the Powerhouse we made in the shape of wooden oil tanks, cut open to reveal the message on the inside.

A Cooper Bessemer Engine provides the power to operate the band wheel.



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Memorials are available by calling 814-368-6824, or by mail to: Penn Brad Oil Museum, P.O. Box 163, Bradford, PA 16701. A notice from the Museum will be sent to the recipient.

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Not Just Oil

by Dale Smith

Bradford, home of one of the first major commercial oil fields in the world also spawned industries that are known even in the most remote corners of the earth. Dresser industries, Zippo Lighters, Case Cutlery, Piper Aircraft, Holley Carburetors and Kendall Oil now known as American Refining Group all call Bradford their place origin.

It is the discovery and production of oil that created the seed money and fostered the conditions that allowed ingenuity and entrepreneurship to thrive. The importance of oil to the development of this region can hardly be overstated.

Thus it is the purpose of the Penn Brad Oil Museum to show the when, where, and how this amazing story took place.

Events Calendar

2016

June 28 - 3:40 PM U B Bus Tour

July 1 - 7:30 AM Museum Board Meeting

July 6 - 7:30 AM Fireside Pumpers

July 19 - 3:40 PM Bus Tour Destinations +

Aug 13 - 11:00 AM Derrick Day Festival

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Genealogy Research

One of the missions of the Penn Brad Oil Museum is to collect and showcase the history of the men and women who worked in the Bradford Oil Field. Our goal is to include not only the producers, but also the people who worked in the various capacities to make the leases run – the drillers, tool dressers, rig builders, roustabouts, shooters, excavation contractors, machine shop workers, and oil field equipment suppliers.

We get many calls from family researchers requesting information on relatives who worked in this area and many times we are able to help them. Our file of information on oil field people is growing and we appreciate any information we receive. Our resources include the following:

- A complete set of Producers' Monthly magazines dating from 1936 to 1969.
- Pennsylvania County history books
- Genealogies donated by family researchers
- Bradford City Directories
- Bradford High School Barkers (yearbooks)
- A 5-volume set of Patents that came out of the Bradford field.

We also have access to the Internet so that we can access genealogy web sites. Anyone wishing to have research done may contact Susan Perry or Sherri Schulze through the Penn Brad Oil Museum.

Donations to the museum for research done are appreciated.



Spudding Shoe - Used to start a new well

Museum Powerhouse Display Advances



One step closer to completion, the cleaned and restored engine returns to the museum. With the help of Tom Ross and Pete Fuller, board members Tom Miller and Paul Phillips plan to build a working rod line power display.

Memories from the Yellow Dog Award Dinner



Remember **The Derrick Day Festival** • August 13, 2015 from 11 AM to 5 PM.
Mark your calendars and plan to visit us that day!