

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. The Museum also honors the people and their families whose lives contributed to making Bradford the "Highgrade Oil Metropolis of the World."

A Quarterly Newsletter

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Golubock Memorial Clays Event a Success!

from Event Chairperson Marsha McCracken, with photos by Board Member Jim Frick

October 10th was a beautiful day for the Harvey Golubock Memorial Sporting Clays Event at the Bradford Gun Club.

The Shoot went off without a hitch! While there were just 15 shooters this year, the event was a great fundraiser along with being the **only** fundraiser the museum was able to hold in 2020.



A table full of Chinese Auction goodies

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The plan is to schedule the 2021 Sporting Clays Event for either February or March. We hope to see you there!



Isabelle with a display of Sponsor signs



The Penn Brad Oil Museum Rig Replacement / Capital Improvement GoFundMe page is up and running. To learn more or to make a donation, follow the link available on our website or Facebook page.



Chip & Steve enjoy the day with friends

A Chinese Auction, 50/50 raffle, and Scratch Off Lottery Ticket raffle raised almost \$400! Thank you to all of the local businesses that donated items for the auction. It is greatly appreciated.



Becky & Marsha busy selling tickets

PENN BRAD OIL MUSEUM

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Open: Tuesday to Friday

9 AM to 4 PM

Saturday

9 AM to 2 PM

Admission Cost:

Adults - \$5.00

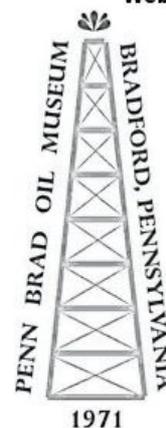
Seniors - \$4.50

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Volunteers Work Hard to Improve Museum Grounds

Text & Photos by Fran Bottone, Museum Manager

Saturday work sessions at the museum have been taking place throughout the summer and the most recent project has been relocating and repainting a large Cabot pumping jack that was donated by board president Tom Miller.



The 40,000 lbs. / inch jack originally was on a Pennzoil lease on the south end of the Guffey pool. The jack is unique in the fact that it is larger than most, due to the depth and amount of fluid it handled.



Tom and Jim Frick brought the jack from Knapp Creek on a tri axle trailer and recently skidded it across the museum's property using a D2 Caterpillar, then leveled it up near the large tank at the south end of the museum.

The second phase of this project was painting the large tank a contrasting aluminum color so the pumping jack is more visible against it.



Jim Frick, not afraid to get his hands dirty for a good cause



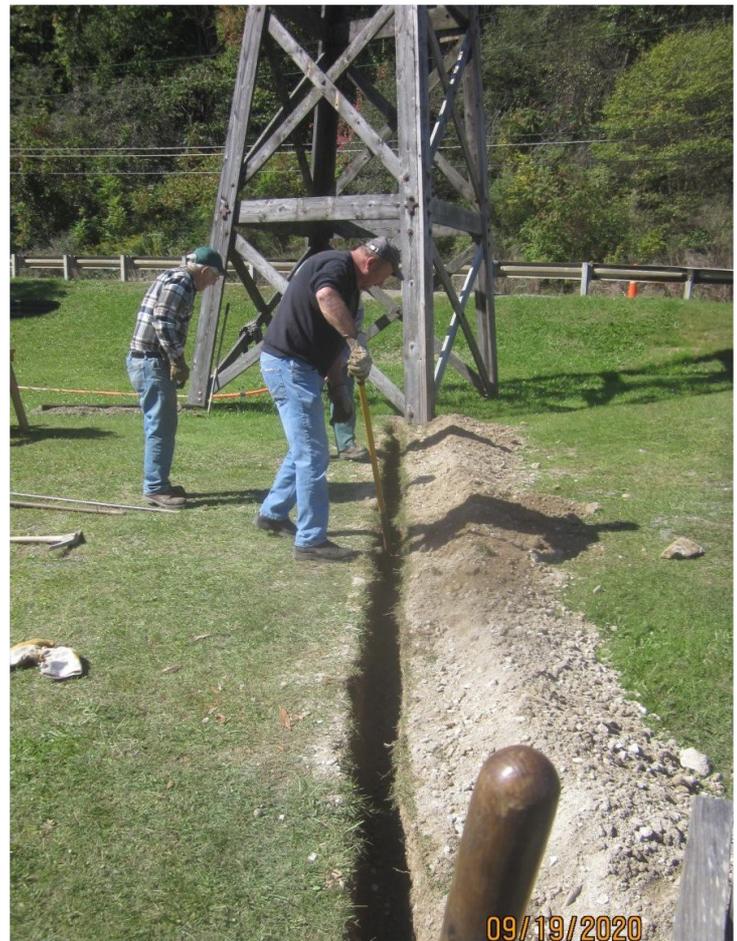
Jim & Tom Miller put in some back-breaking work

Tom and Jim did all of the prep work, repainted the large tank and also assembled the big Cabot pumping jack.



The finished product – Looks great guys!

Another project tackled by the work crew was digging a trench and burying a conduit for future lighting of the new derrick tower sign post and the tank and pumping jack.



The work crews have been mixed and recognition must be given to the repeat volunteers headed up by crew boss Jim Frick, including Tom Miller, Paul Estus, Fran Bottone and Isabelle Champlin.

The Ultimate Recycling Project!

by Fran Bottone, Museum Manager

One day, a month or so after the derrick came down in May, Jim Frick, Tom Miller and I were outside discussing the clean-up and disassembly of the old derrick sections when someone suggested that maybe we could utilize the top portion of the derrick as a draw for passersby, and it might be a good spot for a few large signs that we had kicking around the grounds of the museum. After a little further discussion we decided that this would be a good project for an upcoming work session. The project ended up spanning three Saturdays.



The first one entailed repairing some of the deteriorated upper structure on the derrick and affixing sign brackets. The second saw the foundation of railroad ties laid and leveled, then the top of the derrick rolled on pipes with planking to the spot we had leveled, and stood up using the remaining portion of the derrick as a gin pole.



Board president Tom Miller's truck raised the top section using a 10 ton winch. This process went pretty flawlessly and, the next thing you know, at least part of the derrick was back up. After a few adjustments, it was bolted to the ties using heavy duty brackets and lag bolts.



The next work session involved affixing our signs to the derrick.

This proved slightly trickier than we had anticipated, but thanks to resident daredevil Jim Frick, the signs were leveled and affixed to the derrick.



Overall, this project turned out better than we could have hoped for. Special thanks to all of the volunteers; Tom Miller, Jim Frick, Paul Estus, Dean Bauer, Steve Pratt, Dale Smith, Bill Pantuso, Fran Bottone, Pat Miller and Isabelle Champlin. Thanks also to Worth W Smith Hardware and Bradford Pipe and Supply for their generous donation of materials to make this project possible.

After the project was completed, unofficial museum photographer, Tom Huntoon, stopped down with his ever-ready drone and took some great photos of the museum grounds and the repurposed derrick. Thank you to everyone for making this project possible and for making the museum more attractive and visible to potential visitors. Our efforts have received many positive comments.





Photo by Tom Huntoon



Heath Cousins and crew, from Cousins Design in Eldred, did a beautiful job on a new sign for the museum.



The Museum has closed for the winter, but the Gift Shop will remain open until the holidays, from 9am to 2pm on Saturdays.

Gun Raffle to Benefit Penn Brad Oil Museum Capital Projects

Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased at the museum or from any board member. The drawing will be on September 19, 2021.

The winner will receive this amazing Henry Lever Action .44 Magnum / .44 Spl American Oilman Tribute Edition.

The brass receiver is engraved with oil field images, including derricks, pumpjacks, and rough-necks.

To view more details and gun specifications, visit www.henryusa.com and search for "Oilman Tribute."



Paul Estus, Dale Smith, Tom Miller, Dean Bauer, Jim Frick, Fran Bottone



American Oilman Tribute Edition

Movies About Oil (To Get Your Blood Pumping)

Compiled by Isabelle Champlin

As we head into long winter evenings, here is a list of movies about oil, mostly famous ones, with a few duds for laughs. You can view them on N (Netflix), F (Fandango Now), V (Vudu), P (Prime Video), H (Hulu), A (Apple TV), according to Rotten Tomatoes. These are arranged by date of release.

1. **Boom Town** (1940). Clark Gable and Spencer Tracy as wildcatters and oil tycoons. F, P. (Trivia note: As a teenager in Oklahoma, Gable actually worked in the oil fields.)



2. **Giant** (1956). Elizabeth Taylor and James Dean in Texas. Make a lot of popcorn: this beautiful epic is 3 ½ hours long. F, V, P.

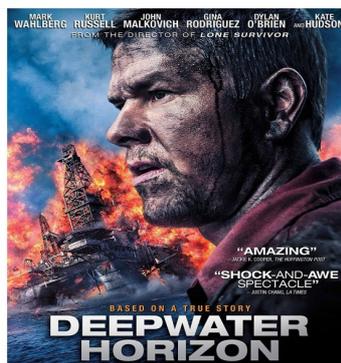
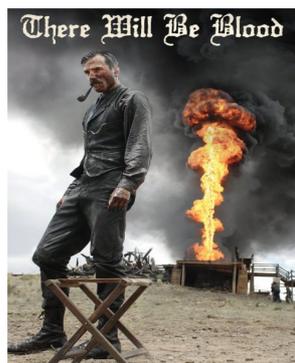
3. **Hellfighters** (1968). John Wayne fighting well fires in Venezuela, among other places. Based on the life of Red Adair. You can buy this on Amazon or on Turner Classic Movies (tcm.com).

4. **Mad Max 2: The Road Warrior** (1981). Mel Gibson in Australia, in a future where oil is more valuable than gold. F, P.

5. **The World is Not Enough** (1999). Pierce Brosnan as James Bond in Spain, London, Azerbaijan, Turkey. Bad guys want to raise the price of oil by blowing up Istanbul. N, F, V.

6. **Syriana** (2005). George Clooney in the Middle East. Everyone is

corrupt in this fast-paced political thriller. F, V, P.



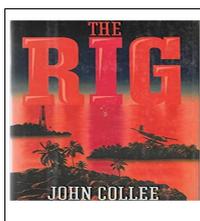
7. **There Will be Blood** (2007). Daniel Day Lewis drilling for oil in California. N, F, V. Even with its 2 ½ hour length, this Academy Award winner (Best Leading Actor, Best Cinematography) has very high ratings in most polls.

8. **Day of the Falcon**, also called **Black Gold** (2011). Antonio Banderas in 1920s Arabia when oil discoveries spark off tribal warfare. F, V, H.

9. **Promised Land** (2012). Matt Damon in Pennsylvania, working for a duplicitous fracking company. This is the film that the IPAA called "derivative, condescending and clichéd". N, F, V.

10. **Deep Water Horizon** (2016). Kurt Russel on an ultra-deep rig in the Gulf of Mexico, based on the real disaster. F, V, P.

11, 12, 13, 14. All four of these horror movies take place on offshore drilling platforms and all of them are rated pretty terrible! **Proteus** (1995) V, P, A; **The Thing Below** (2004) P; **Parasite** (2004) V; **The Rig** (2010) V, P,



Book Review

The Rig by John Collee William Morrow and Co. 1991

The hero of this tale is an old, disabled, but experienced Canadian driller hired to go to Madagascar to inventory and dismantle a dry hole rig. He soon realizes this pity job involves multiple murders, confusing international intrigue, corporate greed, sabotage, isolated missionaries, and lots of local government problems. Read this book to learn about an exotic locale, the arcana of steel rigs with their monkey boards and geronimo lines, memorable characters, and a plot that twists and reveals clashing motives. (If you are interested in more recent facts about Madagascan oil exploration, see the 27 Feb. 2019 post at <https://www.petroleum-economist.com>.)

The Scottish author, John Collee, not an oilman himself, was an emergency medical doctor in Madagascar and writes with sympathy and detail about the hard work of oil field workers. This book is available in the museum's Kinley Library.

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A new area motorcycle club donated one of their commemorative club coins to the Penn Brad Oil Museum. It was a token of their gratitude for using a likeness of our derrick as part of their logo. The club is a law enforcement-based McKean County based chapter of the Punishers Motorcycle Club. Thank you to Michael Boser for this nice gift, which will be put on display in the museum.



Sit a spell
on the lazy bench

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