

NSFWA FUN DAZE 2018 SEPTEMBER 7,8,9, 2018

POMAJEVICH RANCH PROCTOR, MONTANA



Time is flying and September will be here before we know it. We are still unloading trailers from Arizona and Washington and making ready for your visit. We just got back from a couple of days at the Remington Museum in Cardston, Alberta taking photos and measurements.

About registration and fees: The board decided not to have advance registration and fees. However, it would be nice for us to have an idea of how many are coming.

Please respond by email or phone and let us know you will be here.

What: Jim and Donna Pomajevich invite you to spend a few days in Montana at our ranch.

Why: This event is the brainchild of Jeff McManus and Rawhide Johnson who thought a low key, low cost, eyes- and hands-on weekend might be a good break from our standard fare at Conferences and a chance to see members' collections.

Schedule: . . . will be less structured than usual.

During the entire time you will be free to wander about the ranch with its several outbuildings, artifacts, vehicles, farm machinery and over to the restored Proctor Store, original Proctor Church and Proctor Saloon.

I would anticipate much discussion around several of the vehicles and probably some impromptu stories and informative suggestions. We look forward to comments from members and friends on our vehicles.

Maybe some of you will bring your own vehicles to display. There will be plenty of tables and chairs around which to gather and a PA system and power point projector that can be used by anyone who wants to present on any topic.

Thursday at 5:00:

Informal BBQ at the Proctor Saloon - ½ mile from ranch. This is a project we are just beginning in cooperation with a neighbor who, like us, has done many building restoration projects. Donations will be accepted for the meal and there may be some samples from the still.

Friday:

If you are tenting, tin or otherwise, bunking here or nearby, feel free to gather round for breakfast on your own on Friday, Saturday and Sunday morning. We'll have the coffee pot on in the Carriage House and a supply of dry cereal and milk.

<u>Silent Auction:</u> Bring your leftovers, new finds, junk, etc. and make it someone else's treasure. Proceeds will go to NSFWA. Auction closes Saturday evening.

Vendor Tables - Flea Market: At your discretion... show us your stuff.

<u>Friday at 5:00:</u> Cook your own meal over the BBQ, campfire or charcoal grills. We have room to refrigerate your food 'til dinner time.

<u>Saturday 9:00 – 12:00:</u>

Leave the ranch at 8:30 for arrival in Polson at 9:00.

We will begin at the Polson Flathead Historical Museum.

http://www.polsonflatheadmuseum.org/

Then we will proceed the two miles to the Miracle of America Museum http://miracleofamericamuseum.org/ which houses a very large

eclectic collection of memorabilia. There are several horse drawn vehicles, a blacksmith shop and exceptional gun and motorcycle collections. There will be a \$10 charge for entrance to both museums.



The Polson Flathead museum centers on Pioneer Life on the Flathead Indian Reservation.

On display is the Allard Stage that ran in the area and a nice original chuckwagon along with other vehicles.

You will be free to return to either of the museums during the day.

Some may want to have lunch in town. We can recommend MacKenzie River Pizza Grill and Pub and Fiesta en Jalisco for those board members still looking for a good Mexican Restaurant.

Saturday Afternoon: As you like it!

Some will return to Dayton for a BBQ lunch (pay at the door) and watch the Dayton Daze Parade at 1:00 PM.

Feel free to return to the ranch and just enjoy each other's company or reexamine the vehicles and other artifacts.

There will be something going on in the shop. Hopefully we can have continuing demonstrations of restorations, techniques and anything else regarding the hobby that folks would like to share.

Possibly someone will light up the forge. Late afternoon before the evening meal we may set some tires.



Can you identify this wagon hub?

Saturday Evening 6:00:

Jeff and Barb McManus will be cooking steaks and fixings around the chuckwagon. A \$20 per person donation is requested for meal and soft drinks. BYOB if you would like something stronger.

All other meals will be on your own, but we will provide a propane bbq and refrigerators for your use at the ranch.

Sunday: Feel free to hang around as you like. Church at 9:00.

Accommodations:

Please arrange your own for lodging.

There is plenty of room for "tin tents" and tents at the ranch and at the store. We can provide power and a dump station if necessary.

On a first come first served basis, we can house a few folks. Cleaning and bedding laundry charge applies.

- at the ranch
- at the store
- in an old sheep camp or line shack

There is a nice bed and breakfast nearby and of course motels in Polson (35 miles), Lakeside (15 miles), and Kalispell (35 miles).

Our friends Dale and Trudy Evenson have Wildhorse B&B.

http://www.wildhorsebnb.com/about-us.html

<u>Lake Mary Ronan</u> is about 11 minutes from the ranch. There are three lodges there and I would be happy to check them out for you.

<u>Camp Tuffit</u> is an old-time fishing lodge with many cabins that are quite reasonable.

http://www.camptuffit.com/Camp_Tuffit_Website/cabins/cabins.html

Mountain Meadows Resort

http://lakemaryronanmt.com/cabinsandcamping.htm

<u>Lake Ronan Lodge</u> is a first class, maybe luxury resort with prices to fit. http://lakemaryronanlodge.com/the-cabins/

<u>Big Arm Resort</u> has a restaurant and has added cabins that should be available by September. Probably a bit spendy, but only 10 minutes away. https://www.bigarmresort.com/

We look forward to a fun time and hope to see you here. Please do let us know via email, phone or letter that you will be here, especially for the Saturday night meal.