

# BUCKSTOP SENTINEL MEMBERSHIP NEWSLETTER

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members and Friends of Buckstop Junction,

Ah ha! So it's that time of year again? The time of giving is upon us. When I think of this season, it's gifts and giving – I am humbled by your continuous generosity to this MVHS project which is Buckstop Junction.

I'm a list maker at core and I has been bestowed upon us far. I'm trying not to give you artifacts, collectibles, equip-money, dedication, talents,

You give us everything from ing the accounts - all for free vation of the history of our for buildings and people and share yourself with MVHS

Please understand that embarrassing overflowing of figure out how to best use

Societies purpose. Please be assured that we are thankful for each gift and that we pledge to judiciously and creatively put it to the best use we can, be it a book or a building, an hour of volunteer time or a dollar of donation. We have great plans for Buckstop Junction and sometimes the dreams of what should be keeps us up at night. (If it were not so, I wouldn't be writing this at 3 a.m. on a Friday morning.)

The progress we have made through 2009 is astounding. The numbers of tours and other visitors to Buckstop, the varied activities that the rentals of our hotel and church make possible; our income from fund raising such as our Old Settlers' Day/ Corn Feed, The Shoppe, or the publicity and the good will of the public all show this.

So, in this season of thanking and giving, we salute you, our members and friends. We ask you to join us for our Christmas Open House at The Shoppe on December 12<sup>th</sup>. See you there.

We remind you to pause in this busy season to do two more things for Buckstop Junction. Please return your MVHS 2010 membership application to us soon and tell someone about MVHS & Buckstop Junction during this Holiday Season.

From all of us , Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas & Have a wonderful new year of 2010.

AH Ha! & Ho! HO! Ho!

*Judy*

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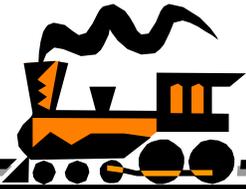
This is another of the many hats I wear at Buckstop Junction, Judy.

could go on for pages to tell what this and each of our 19 years thus a list but, just consider: Buildings, ment, hospitality, labor, time, food, and vision.

cleaning the bathrooms to balanc- because you believe in the preser-area- because you have a passion fun and service – because you and Buckstop Junction.

sometimes we have such an gifts that it takes us a bit of time to your generosity to fulfill our

# THE RAILROADS OF BUCKSTOP JUNCTION



**Whooo! , Whooo!**

Guess what has been happening at Buckstop Junction this fall? Mike Beck has been laying ties and rails. No, you can't go for a ride on the rails around Buckstop Junction but there is progress. It has progressed to the point where you can see where the track will go and for the doubters, it looks like you lose. Mike Brady has been busy too. He has gotten one of Mike Beck's speeders going and will be working on a second one.

**Hats off to the Mikes for their dedication!**

## DAKOTA CENTRAL & WESTERN MODEL RAILROAD

We seem to have problems getting beyond track layout and moving into building scenery. Some changes have been made however, in track layout looking toward more specific plans to install industries of various types around the track such as a coal mine, a power plant and sidings to enable access to mention a few things.

We have a couple new members who have interest and experience in building scenery and we are looking forward to their leadership in getting us started in doing some tunnels, building some mountains, getting some grass and trees and the other things that go with modeling.

Thursday evening after 7 is the general time to run trains, choose a particular project and work or just visit about modeling or other subjects. Please come out and join us or review what is happening. Since December has Christmas Eve and New Years Eve both on Thursday evening this year we will not meet those evenings. For clarification or more information call 258-6418.



## Christmas at The Shoppe!

*The Shoppe* at Buckstop Junction is in a Holiday Mood! We have Vintage Christmas decorations and gifts. In our "Christmas Past" collection we have ornaments for your tree: Shiny- Brite, handmade ornaments, traditional wood bead strings, and there are wise men, angels, bells, books and Santas. (Just about makes us feel like elves!)

Special gift ideas include Vintage jewelry, ND Centennial items (1889-1989), North Dakota hometown & church souvenirs including commemorative plates & cups. Knick knacks, vintage needlework, candle sticks, pictures and wall décor abound. Stuffed animals & dolls from Judy's Jungle are sure to delight your little people. We also have a special selection of Swedish art from Three Crowns.



Even the Teddy Bears are helping!

In our Collectable Books & Magazine Area: Cookbooks, Craft books, Children's, Classics, Music, North Dakota History, and sets of encyclopedia from 1931, 1948 or 1954. We also feature books of local interest including *Old Walls do Tell Tales-The Pioneer Stories of Buckstop Junction* by Brenda Tzipori.

Very special items created by our Buckstop Junction supporters include: bird houses and dinner bells by blacksmith Dave Poppke and hand-loomed rag rugs by Roger Fredrickson.

We also have limited edition, WWII North Dakota Aviation Art prints featuring North Dakota Pilots by artist Scott Nelson. These prints are signed by the artist and the pilots.

If you haven't been to The Shoppe in awhile you will be surprised by our new displays and many added collectable items. Our Christmas Open House will be on December 12<sup>th</sup> (see back of newsletter). After that we are open for our Special Second Saturdays 10-4 on January 9, February 13, March 13 and April 10<sup>th</sup>. Meanwhile, June is here to help you Monday through Thursday from 10-2.

The Shoppe at Buckstop Junction is located in the Visitors Center at Buckstop Junction. Proceeds from sales at *The Shoppe* benefit the Missouri Valley Historical Society who established and operate Buckstop Junction.

*Take Care, Marlette*

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

## FOND FAREWELL

We mourn the passing of Clemence (Clem) Miller.  
Clem passed away on November 19, 2009 in Bismarck.

Clem Miller was born March 30, 1924 in St. Anthony ND.  
In 1949 Clem married Ione Berg. After a lifetime of farming  
and ranching he retired in 1984.



Clem included woodworking as one of his many hobbies. A large part of his  
woodworking can be found at Buckstop Junction. The Miller Farm Museum is located  
in the old Bismarck Lumber building which his family and he refurbished. He  
recreated the original 1915 homestead where he was born and raised. The recreation  
is built to scale and includes horse drawn equipment.

The Missouri Valley Historical Society members extend our sympathy in the loss of  
Clem and offer our sincere appreciation for his contributions and support of Buckstop  
Junction.

## Volunteers – THANKS!

An organization like the Missouri Valley Historical Society (Buckstop Junction) runs on volunteers.  
Volunteers help run the *Shope*, give tours, mow the grass, water the trees and flowers, paint the  
buildings and serve on committees and the Board.



Volunteer, Doug Alm cleans tree rows

This past year we have had 165 people work as volunteers  
at Buckstop Junction. Of these 165 volunteers 53 are current  
members. It is nice that we get support from the community  
in our operations. If you as a member can help in one of  
these areas please give us a call at 701-250-8575 and leave  
your contact information and the areas in which you would  
care to help.

By the way now would be a good time to renew your  
membership for 2010. With your 2010 membership you will  
get a 10% discount at the *Shope*, free admission to the  
Junction for MVHS sponsored events and the satisfaction of  
knowing you have helped keep Buckstop Junction growing.

A Special Thank you  
*Larry Strand*

## Missouri Valley Historical Society Membership Application Form

I/We want to support the continued development of Buckstop Junction:

New Member  Renewal  Address Change

Enclosed is a check/money order payable to MVHS covering my 2010 dues.

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

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

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Single (\$25)  Family/Grandparents (\$35)  Donor (\$50)  Business/Organization (\$75)

Please make check payable to **MVHS**. MVHS is a 501 (C) (3) organization.

Membership runs from January 1 to December 31.

[www.BuckstopJunction.org](http://www.BuckstopJunction.org)

*Please check areas where you are interested in volunteering:*

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|---|--|---|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conducting Tours | <input type="checkbox"/> Work at entrance building | <input type="checkbox"/> Building or Grounds maintenance        | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity        | <input type="checkbox"/> Fund raising              | <input type="checkbox"/> Committee member                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Board Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adopt a building | <input type="checkbox"/> Enjoy Buckstop Junction   | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>The Shoppe</i> at Buckstop Junction |                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____     |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Please send volunteer information      |                                       |

**Mail to: MVHS, PO Box 941, Bismarck, ND 58502-0941 MVHS Phone: (701) 250-8575**

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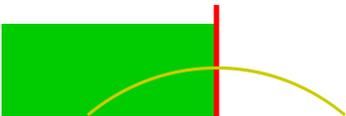
### Membership

\*Memberships go from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup> so get your renewal sent in. Your 2010 membership gives you a 10% discount at the *Shoppe*. This begins when membership is issued and excludes food items and special promotions. Do your Christmas shopping at the *Shoppe* or get a gift membership for someone. Shopping is not crowded at the *Shoppe*.

Membership: Larry Strand 701-258-5128.

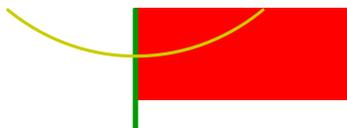


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Mission Statement

*This organization shall  
stimulate, coordinate, conduct  
and assist in activities relating  
to the preservation of this  
area's history.*



**CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE**  
SATURDAY December 12, 2009  
10 AM to 4 PM

Share Free Coffee and Treats with old and new Friends  
Free balloon animals by Cuz'n Cal for the children!  
Play Christmas Trivia & Browse in *The Shoppe*

*The Shoppe at Buckstop Junction*  
Located in the Buckstop Junction Visitor Center!  
*10% off at The Shoppe with paid 2010 MVHS membership!*