

President's report November 2020
Greg Elems 11/14/20

This will be short. We've had some good weather since the last board meeting and Phil Schmierer along with David Roth have been reducing fire hazards on the museum grounds. That includes tree removal, cutting brush up and remove branches in the trees in the balloon track and surrounding areas. The parking lot had a huge brush pile and that has been cleaned up to a point we can use the parking lot again.

Along with the tree work Ethan Doty has been cleaning up the balloon track area with weed abatement and brush removal. Some new fire brakes were made with the repaired backhoe also.

The price for repairing the roof on the north lean-to, which houses the gift shop, restrooms and boardroom, was within our budget for 2020 on grounds repair so now we are waiting on D&D Roofing to schedule a crew to come over and repair the leaks. That will leave the recoating the roof till next spring or early summer when the temperatures are warm enough.

Since the last board meeting a steam work session came and went, with a lot getting done on the 165. Even with a skeleton crew, work is getting us closer to a hydro test and possible steam up next year.

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