

Celebrating 30

Memories of the Annual Summer Tours

by Sandra Burton



NPARA & PRFA in direct seeded field near Olds, June 2010.



Kenver Equip BBQ crew met us in Manning, AB during 2012 tour & many locations over the years.

| Year | Where | Topics | Hosts | Highlights |
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| 2010 | Rocky Mtn House, Olds, Airdre & Lacombe | Direct marketing beef, managing for timothy hay compression & plant tour, direct seeding & rotational grazing, beef research feedlot & meat quality testing | Iain Aitken Blair Burton Barry Schmidt Graeme Finn Brent Burton John Basarab | Collaborated with PRFSA, NPARA & 3 AB forage assoc |
| 2011 | Rycroft, Tomslake, Pouce Coupe, Silver Valley | Forage finished beef, forest to forage, bison herd & meat slaughter, managing riparian areas, bale grazing, solar waterer, direct seeding | Weders, Hogbergs, Grants, DU, Schneiders, Kendrews, Bill Wilson | NPARA busload joined us & Kenver Equip & Bill Wilson hosted BBQ |
| 2012 | Fairview, Manning | Grass finished beef, PCFBA research plots, Murdock Lake Agroforestry plots, NPARA research farm | Weders, Michael Scott, Two Rivers Hutterites, Bob Noble & Nora Paulovich | Partnered with NPARA & PCFBA |
| 2013 | Progress, Dawson Creek, Bear Mountain, Pouce Coupe | Forest to forage, renovating community pasture, managing riparian areas, working sheep dog demo | Hogbergs, Bear Mtn Community Pasture, Ducks Unlimited Gellings | Partnered with Society for Range Mgt for 3 day tour |
| 2014 | Winnipeg | World Congress on Conservation Agriculture + touring days to & from through AB & SK | Germsheds, Wilsons, Dennis, SCCC, Beaseleys | Met conservation people from all over the world |

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| 2015 | BC Peace | UNBC Soils & Forages Field Courses | Hogbergs, Kendrews, Buchanans, Nimitzs | Partnered with UNBC & Shell |
| 2016 | South Peace | Lively legumes, cows eat weeds, beef jerky plant, value adding | Kendrews, Schneiders, Lazinchuks, Nimitzs | Partnered with South Peace Grain for BBQ |
| 2017 | North Peace | Sheep, weeds & dogs, buffalo to bromegrass, soil quality & grazing | Davidsons, Enns, Holmes & Harrington, Larsons | Training dogs to herd & sheep to eat weeds |
| 2018 | Braden to Ground-birch | Forage & soil quality, improved manure mgt, bee keeping & pasture | Mile 26 Ranch, Smithards, Craig Fossum & Brette Madden | IAF Board joined us for lunch at Smithards |
| 2019 | Beaverlodge | Legume cultivar, crop rotations, feedlot, direct marketing | AAFC Research Farm Fosters, Toews, Armstrongs, Kitts | Partnered with 3 other forage groups & AAFC |
| 2020 & 2021 | South & North Peace | 13 COVID friendly clinics, pasture walks & courses, 11 webinars & 11 podcasts | Wards, Chramostas, Martins, Millers, Nimitzs, Cusacks, Nelsons, Kellys | Organized by Sam Dilworth & Nadia Mori |



Gordon Lazinchuk, Sandra Burton, Julie Robinson & Diane Knight in June, 2016.



Four forage groups jointly tour Beaverlodge Research Farm in June, 2019.