

Lennox Welding & Supply Ltd

Golden Achievement Award - August 11, 2018

By Ray Sampert

Lennox Welding was initiated by entrepreneur Bruce Rome in 1952; they specialized in fabricating winch decks, grill guards and tow hooks for one and two ton trucks for work in the blossoming oil fields around the Edmonton area.

In 1952 Clarence Lennox took over the business operating out of a small two stall building on a then, graveled street on the outskirts of south Edmonton. Demand for the rigging for larger trucks called for additions to the original building several times over the years.

The fabrication on the trucks consisted of heavy duty beds with live rolls and gin poles. Attached winches were mounted at the back of the truck cabs, which increased in size as the loads in the oilfields became heavier. Sturdy Grill guards were mounted in front - not only for protection of the radiator, but to shunt equipment and buildings for the drilling rigs into position. With the progression of more modern equipment, hydraulic cranes are now being mounted on tandem and tri-axle trucks, including some with tandem front axles.

As business increased more and more, Ted Hunter was hired in the late 50's to look after all of office duties. Eventually Clarence retired and sold the business to Ted in 1972. Ted carried on the ever expanding business and eventually took his two sons, Gordon and Jim into the company as partners. Sadly, Ted passed away suddenly in 1997 at age 71, and the brothers carried on the business.

In 2000, the partnership was dissolved, with Gordon and wife Karen carrying on the business. In 2005 Kent Hunter and Ken Moffit were taken into the business as junior partners with Gordon.

Kent had started working part time in the shop during the early 80's, and Ken started work for the company in 2003. Gordon started welding in the shop in 1967 - so in 2008, after 41 years he decided to retire, and sold the business to Kent and Ken.

As the demand grew to increase the size of trucks to be rigged up, and the increased inventory of winches, parts and steel supplies expanded, a decision was made to re-locate to a new location where they had more room to expand.

By now, Gateway Blvd, the main entrance to the city of Edmonton was passing by the front door of Lennox Welding. This became a real problem to move the long wheel base trucks in and out of the building. In 2011-12 property was purchased in the Sherwood Park Industrial area which is on the eastern outskirts of Edmonton. Plans were drawn up and construction began for a large ten stall shop along with a parts department, two floors of office space, employee's lunch room and rest rooms were included.

The facility is heated with natural gas furnaces, and has an excellent air exchange system to eliminate all smoke and fumes. The large yard is fenced and gated to

allow parking for the large trucks and trailers and also has enough space to allow the large rigs room to maneuver in and out of the building. All construction was completed in 2013 and Lennox Welding moved to the new premises on their 60th anniversary.


The pictures of the massive trucks posted below illustrate the size of the rigs that Lennox is dealing with when trying to maneuver them in and out the service bays. These rigs remind me of the old Country song, “Give Me 40 acres and I’ll turn this rig around”.

The Golden Achievement Award for Lennox was presented to Kent Hunter and his wife Dana, by Ray Sampert. The presen-

tation was made on August 11th at the Alberta Chapter, Presidents Bbq at Pioneer Acres in Irricana. A beautiful bouquet of flowers was presented to Dana as well.



Dana & Kent Hunter



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