



ANDY STALKER

The Bulkley Valley Agricultural and Industrial Association wishes to acknowledge the passing of one of its most supportive fans, Andrew William Stalker, better known as Andy.

Andy had been a very familiar face at the fairgrounds over the years through his membership in the Lions Club. Andy Stalker was, in many ways, the face of the Lion's Club which had a food booth at the fairgrounds for many years. He was also your "go to" man to purchase your yearly ticket on the Lion's Club 222 Lottery Draw. Due to declining numbers of members, the Lions booth is no longer at the Fair.

Andy served as the Independent Chairman of the Fall Fair Management Committee which reported to the Town, the owner of the grounds. The committee was made up of two members from the Town, two members from the Fair and an independent chairman chosen by both groups.

In 1983 or earlier, Andy became the chair of this group and he served in that capacity until April 2002. These were the "building years" of the Association as well as for the other user groups. Every new building or event had to have the okay from the Management Committee. The barns, the race track, the stage, the mall and even the new exhibit hall were built during his tenure. The groups had to work through usage policies and time tables for events, etc.

It took a person with knowledge, people skills and a sense of humour to keep things on an even keel. Some of the meetings could become fractious when differences arose between the user groups. Andy managed to bring consensus without making enemies. Not only that, he was a practical person and could ask the right questions and guide the decisions.

Andy always had a smile on his face; a joke to tell; or a news tidbit that maybe you hadn't heard.

We salute our memories of Andy and his service to the Fair Association as well as acknowledge his tremendous dedication to his community. Our sympathy goes out to his family and friends on their loss. Their loss is ours as well.

