

Canada West Equipment Dealers Association – 2007 Convention

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This event was held at the Fort Garry Hotel, January 25-26, 2007. As part of the event schedule, convention participants visited the MacDon Exhibition and Training Centre for an evening banquet on Thursday, January 25. Nearly 300 people arrived at MacDon in a series of motor coach buses. The evening included cocktails, dinner and some special entertainment.

Gary MacDonald, Executive Vice President and Kyle Campbell, Customer Accounts Manager rounded up some members of the City of Winnipeg Police Pipe Band who made a surprise guest appearance after dinner. The crowd very much appreciated the great performance by the band.

Also, Brandt Tractor sponsored a remote-controlled car racetrack. The track included five cars and banquet participants could compete for the chance to win prizes. The feature race included five drivers who had earned their right to drive during an auction after dinner. All proceeds were donated to the CWEDA Scholarship fund.

This dealer convention marked the last for longtime Territory Manager, Claude Cazabon. Claude worked with the Premier dealership group in Western Canada and has spent countless hours traveling across the Prairies. Claude was with MacDon for eight years and recently retired. Thanks Claude for all your hard work and for making one last trip to Winnipeg as a MacDon representative (Claude and his wife Lynda live in Lacombe, Alberta). We wish you great success and a long and happy retirement.

MacDon was happy to have the opportunity to host this group for the evening. Many of the dealerships that attended sell MacDon built windrowers and headers. See event pictures, including one with Gary MacDonald and Jack Horyshen who ran a dealership in Swan River for many years. Jack, at 93 years of age, still farms 640 acres of land, and is still a big part of the dealership (Kelsey Farm Equipment).

Thanks to John Schmeiser and staff with the Canada West Equipment Dealers Association for bringing your group to MacDon. We would be happy to host your group again when you return to Winnipeg.



Claude Cazabon (2nd from the right) visiting with a group of Convention participants.



Gary MacDonald, Executive Vice President (left) with Jack Horyshen (right) of Kelsey Farm Equipment, Swan River, MB.



Gene Fraser, Director of Marketing (sporting the kilt and leather vest) visiting with Doug Robertson (L) of Robertson Implements, Swift Current, SK and Dennis Brownlee (centre) of Blight Equipment, Portage la Prairie, MB.

