Greetings from Lowell

I want to welcome y’all to this second issue of the new Lowell Davis Collectors Newsletter.

This past winter, I have been very busy working on the storyline and art for my new Snow Folks book. I spent quite a bit of time at our cabin so that I could focus on my new book. I also completed the 2nd and 3rd and I am finishing up the 4th painting in the Lowell Davis series “The Dalton Gang – up to their old antics again”.

We had a very hard winter here at Red Oak II as you will read about later in this newsletter. We are very glad that spring has finally arrived.

Thanks for your kind comments on the first issue of my new collectors newsletter and for your suggestions for future issues. We will endeavor to incorporate your suggestions into this and future issues. We have already implemented one suggestion that we received from several of you and now you can view and/or download all issues (current and past) of this newsletter from our new Red Oak II Missouri web site: www.redoakiimissouri.com

If you have any comments and/or suggestions for the newsletter, please email them to: lowelldaviscollectors@att.net.

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Red Oak II Update

There is always a lot going on at Red Oak II. Here are some of the happenings over this past winter:

Winter at Red Oak II

It has been a really hard winter here at Red Oak II. On December 1, 2006 as a large low pressure system moved
through South West Missouri, Red Oak II received a couple of inches of rain followed by 1" of ice and about a foot of snow.

As you can see, the snowstorm left a beautiful white blanket on Red Oak II. This snowstorm really inspired Lowell to get his new Snow Folks book kicked into high gear.

On January 12-13, 2007, NE Oklahoma and SW Missouri experienced a severe freezing rain event which coated everything with several inches of ice. This ice buildup had a devastating effect on the mature trees at Red Oak II and took out most of the power lines in the area.

Red Oak II was without power for 4 days and folks survived by huddling around their fireplaces. It took Lowell and the other Red Oak II residents quite some time to clean up all the tree limbs and branches that broke off under the weight of that incredible ice buildup.

Christmas at Red Oak II

Lowell and Rose had a very nice Christmas at Red Oak II with Lowell’s sister Evelyn, all his daughters and their families and Rose’s son Aaron. Lowell’s son Jeb and Jeb’s new wife Bing also came to Red Oak II for Christmas. Lowell is so proud of his new grand daughter Regan who can be seen in the following photo with Santa.

Red Oak II to be Featured in Japanese TV Special

On Monday, April 2, 2007 a film crew from the Japanese broadcasting giant NHK was at Red Oak II taking some footage for a special that they are doing on Route 66.
Since last fall, Lowell has been working on the story line and art for his new book on the Snow Folks of Red Oak II. The majority of the story line and art has been completed and are at USA Print in Joplin MO where an initial layout of the book is being produced. We don’t want to give too much away at this time but here is one of the magnificent art pieces that Lowell has created for the book:

We will let you know when the book is published and available for purchase. We will also make Giclée prints of some of the more detailed paintings which will be available for purchase.

On this same Snow Folks theme, the first set of Lowell Davis Snow Folks Greeting cards was released late in 2006. The set features 12 - 5” X 7” art greeting cards each with a different Snow Folks painting on it plus 12 envelopes. The set also includes a cover sheet which is a print of Lowell’s Snow Folks Red Oak II winter scene painting.

Lowell Davis, Bob Tommey as Marshall Hooker and film crew from Japan – Use of photo courtesy of The Carthage Press

Lowell was interviewed about how he created Red Oak II and Lowell’s long time friend and fellow artist Bob Tommey portrayed Marshall Hooker for the filming crew. A copy of the full article from The Carthage Press can be found on the new Red Oak II Missouri web site:

www redoakiimissouri.com

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Snow Folks of Red Oak II

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Lowell decided to leave the inside of the cards blank so you can add your own personal greeting. These have been very popular with Lowell’s collectors and have almost sold out on the Red Oak II General Store on eBay.

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The Dalton Gang – up to their old antics again

Lowell finished the 2nd and 3rd paintings in his version of The Dalton Gang – up to their old antics again. Lowell feels and has heard from others who have seen these two new paintings that these are among the greatest oil paintings that he has ever done.

“Holdup at Wolf Creek Pass”

The 2nd in the series is “Holdup at Wolf Creek Pass”. In this painting, the Dalton Gang members have felled a tree to stop the train and are surrounding the train on their faithful steeds at gun point. In Lowell’s version of the Dalton Gang, the gang members are the three Border Terriers who live in the Dalton House on Red Oak II and ride turkeys instead of horses. Lowell was inspired to use Wolf Creek Pass, Colorado as the location for this painting when he drove through this pass on their recent trip to Los Angeles. This is Lowell’s first train painting and this has inspired him to do additional train paintings.

“Eluding the Posse”

The 3rd in the series is “Eluding the Posse”. In this painting, the Gang has headed out to Monument Valley Utah to elude a posse that was after them. Check out the detail in this painting which includes a rattle snake and road runner.

Lowell is just finishing up the 4th painting in this series in which the Gang
is riding in front of the Condon Bank in Coffeyville Kansas and one of the Gang says to the others “This is gonna be a piece of cake”. Several other concepts for future paintings include a stage coach holdup and the gang visiting Pearl’s house of ill repute. The Gang also will make a cameo appearance in Lowell’s new Snow Folks book. Eventually Lowell will be doing a book on the Dalton Gang of Red Oak II.

Giclée prints of all the Dalton Gang paintings are available in the Red Oak II General Store on eBay.

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Collectors Exchange

If you have Lowell Davis art or collectibles that you would like to swap, buy or sell, just email a detailed description of the item to: lowelldaviscollectors@att.net. We will list your items in this newsletter so that other interested collectors can contact you. We will only serve to connect up collectors and take no responsibility for any transactions that may transpire.

We have received requests from collectors looking for the following items:

- Set of Lowell Davis Egg Cups/ Holders in Mint condition
- Lowell Davis Quilting Bee Thimbles and Thimble Holders

If you have any of these for sale, please send us an email at lowelldaviscollectors@att.net stating which you have, condition and asking price.

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2007 Lowell Davis Art Calendar

The 2007 Lowell Davis Art Calendar has been very popular. It features 12 of Lowell’s magnificent paintings, a different one for each month. This is the first in a series of annual Lowell Davis art calendars that we will be offering. The 2007 calendar is almost sold out but some are still available from the Red Oak II General Store on eBay.

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“there ain’t no memories in First Class”

Lowell’s autobiography “there ain’t no memories in First Class” is a must have for all his collectors and fans. This is a tell all book, the Demise of Schmid, the burning of his studio. It is a complete history of his art career, the good years and the bad years. You will laugh and you will cry but one thing you won’t be able to do is put this book down.
once you start reading it. Lowell’s autobiography contains some new art that Lowell created just for the book. To purchase a personally autographed copy, please contact Lowell’s wife Rose at: redoakrose@ecarthage.com

In this newsletter, we will endeavor to keep you up-to-date on the latest chapter in Lowell’s life and of course, you are always welcome to visit Lowell at Red Oak II to get a first hand account.

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Thanks to USA Print

We want to acknowledge the great work that Keith and Linda Kuehle at USA Print in Joplin Missouri have been doing scanning Lowell’s art and creating Giclée prints, art calendars and greeting cards for us. They are now working on the layout of Lowell’s new Snow Folks book. We will have a feature article on USA Print and how they create Giclée prints in a future issue of the newsletter.

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I hope you enjoy this second issue of the new Lowell Davis Collectors Newsletter. Please send me any suggestions for future articles or if you want to submit an article for publication, please feel free to do so.

Hope to see you all at Red Oak II.

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