

Middlecreek Valley Antique Association Inc.



Spring Newsletter

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Dear Member,



Welcome to another special edition of the spring newsletter. I hope you are doing well and are looking forward to the warmer weather that is approaching as we enter spring. I know that I am ready to hear the sounds of tractors and engines again. We have a lot going on again this year so let's get started!

This year marks another special year for the Middlecreek Valley Antique Association. This year we will be celebrating 20 years since the formation of this great Organization. Yes, 20 years ago this club was formed by a few people and a great idea. It was started with a few members and a couple hundred dollars in the bank and was held at the Middleburg Livestock Auction once a year and has grown into what it is today. It has taken a lot of hard work, time, energy, dedication, money and love for this Association to grow it to what it has become. We now have close to 700 members, thousands of dollars in the bank, our own show grounds, our own equipment and buildings, a tractor pull track, a stage, a sawmill, 2 food buildings and a nice size pavilion. What was once a one show a year Organization has turned into two shows a year, along with other events like scrapple and chip making, tractor runs, campout weekends, chicken barbeques and banquets, Fourth of July celebrations with fireworks and now we will be venturing into having our own tractor pulls throughout the summer. Over the years the MVAA has also been able to help out other organizations and groups like the Boy Scouts, the Selinsgrove Masonic Lodge, the Snyder County Tractor Pullers Association and the Mid Penn Garden Tractor Pullers, the SUN Area Dairy Princess Promotion, the Snyder County Soil Conservation, our local fire departments and others. These groups have all helped us throughout the years and it is nice to be able to return the favor.

We have been very fortunate over the past 20 years and we as an Association have grown tremendously and we look forward to seeing what the next 20 years will bring us.

Now, before we get to the celebrating of our 20th Anniversary, let's go back to November. On November 27th, some members got together at the show grounds to start making chips for the "Christmas in the Park" event held in Richfield. We made about half of the potatoes that morning and early afternoon and then cleaned up, loaded the trailer and headed out to Richfield to set up the canopy.

On Saturday, November 28th, we headed back out to Richfield to make more chips during the event. The day was cloudy and rainy and it was around 50 degrees, which is unusual for this event. It's usually freezing cold with wind and snow, so 50 degrees was a nice change.

The crowd didn't seem as big as in years past so we only ended up using 23 (1,150 lbs.) of the 25 bags of potatoes that we had and we did end up with some chips left over. We had a lot of help for this event and everyone had a good time. We would like to thank everyone that came out to help make chips for the Christmas in the park event. You all did an excellent job!

The next event was held on December 12th. We started out at the show grounds making the first scrapple of the season. While some members were doing that, another group of members headed out to Middleburg to set up the banquet hall for the 19th Annual Christmas banquet. That evening, the hall filled with around 220 people who enjoyed lots of great food and time to spend socializing with one another. The kids got to see Santa Claus after dinner and then the gift auction started. During the evening, we paused for a moment to recognize two of our Officers for their 20 years of service and dedication on the Board of Directors. Those two Officers are Michael Lessman and Mark Cromley. Again, thank you to both of you for your dedication and service to the Middlecreek Valley Antique Association. We would also like to thank everyone that came out to the banquet. Thank you to everyone who brought a dish to share and a gift for the auction as well and also to everyone that bid on gifts during the auction. We also need to thank everyone that worked at the banquet from setting it up, to running the event, to tearing down and cleaning up afterwards. Thank you all very much!

On January 22nd and 23rd we were back at the show grounds making scrapple again. We did our last butchering on February 26th and 27th where we made scrapple and the sausage for our sausage sandwiches. We did 3 kettles of scrapple on Friday and 2 more kettles on Saturday giving us around 350 pans of scrapple which all sold very fast. We also made 1,660 sausage links for our shows which is the most that we've ever made and we also sliced up 65 pounds of bacon that will be used for our breakfasts at the shows. We would like to thank everyone that came out to help with the scrapple and butchering this winter. It is a lot of hard work and we appreciate all of the help that we get. We also would like to thank everyone that helps sell the scrapple and also to everyone that buys it. Our scrapple sales always do very well and we want to thank you all for your support.

Now onto what's coming up! Our first event of the year will be our 20th Annual Spring Show which will be taking place on May 20th-22nd. This year we are featuring John Deere tractors and John Deere engines. We are looking forward to seeing a sea of green and yellow at the shows this year. We also want to see a multitude of other colors of tractors, engines and implements at the shows as well and don't forget about some antique cars, we would love to see more of those too. Also happening at the spring show will be the SUN Area Dairy Princess Promotion and all of the activities and events that they will be having. Some of these events are: Milking Contest, Kid's Activity Tent, Kid's Pedal Tractor Pulls, SUN Area Dairy Princess Pageant, a Dance and Free Ice Cream Sundaes. The musical entertainment featuring the Lucky Afternoon Band will be held on Saturday evening at 6:00 PM. We hope very much that we will not be hit with a storm again this year like we did last year so the band can perform for everyone. If you want to learn more about the band, you can visit their website at www.luckyafternoon.com.



You can also learn more about the SUN Area Dairy Princess Promotion by visiting their website at www.sunareadp.web.com.

Also, while you're at the show, don't forget to renew your membership at the office which is located just above the main food building. Our membership dues are \$6.00 per person, \$8.00 per couple and \$10.00 per family with children under the age of 18.

We will be getting ready for the spring show weeks in advance starting on Saturdays and then we will be working at the grounds the whole week leading up to the show. If anyone would like to lend a hand, come on out to the show grounds.

We will have our usual work that needs to be done like mowing and trimming, fixing the roads, marking the flea market area, getting the equipment ready to go, any repairs that need done and cleaning the food buildings. There will be lots to do before the show, during the show and after the show so please come on out. We will especially be in need of lots of help during the show. We will be needing people to help out in the food building (main food area and chips), demonstrations and the tractor pulls.

We also hope to see lots of people enjoying all of the activities that will be taking place during the show. We hope and pray like we always do for good weather for our shows so hopefully we'll be lucky this year.



After the show is over, we'll be getting ready for our 3rd Annual Tractor Run which will be held on June 18th. We hope to see a lot of tractors this year. Make sure that the tires have air, the engine has oil and the fuel tank is full of fuel and then come on out and enjoy the day with us!

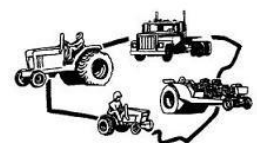
Mark Your Calendars!

- 20th Annual Spring Show – May 20th – 22nd, 2016
- 3rd Annual Tractor Run – June 18th, 2016
- MVAA Tractor Pull – June 18th, 2016
- 4th of July “Just for Fun” Campout Weekend, Picnic and Show – July 2nd, 2016
- MVAA Tractor Pull – July 23rd, 2016
- 20th Annual Fall Show – August 26th – 28th, 2016
- 38th Annual Selinsgrove Market Street Festival – September 24th, 2016
- MVAA Tractor Pull – October 29th, 2016 (Weather Permitting)
- Richfield's 15th Annual “Christmas in the Park” – November 26th, 2016
- 20th Annual Christmas Banquet – December 10th, 2016



Fireworks

Other events that will be taking place at the show grounds will be the Snyder County Tractor Pullers Association's tractor and truck pulls that will be happening on June 25th, July 16th, August 13th and October 1st (East Coast Pull).



There is a rain date set for the first three pulls which is September 10th. We hope that you will come on out and enjoy the pulls and help support the Snyder County Tractor Pullers Association. You can find more information on their website at www.ptpapullers.com.



Now onto a few things that were discussed during the meetings. At the meeting held in February, we discussed the repairs on our batwing mower that we use to mow the grounds. From all of the years of use, the hinges on the wings are very worn so we are going to be replacing those along with all new seals for the gear boxes since they were leaking. Also during this meeting the track barriers were discussed. Last year the Snyder County Tractor Pullers Association had the barriers straightened and now they would like to get them painted. The MVAA will be helping pay for the paint for the barriers and we figured that while we were looking for paint for the barriers, we should also look for paint for the barn as well. We are currently getting prices for the paint. Also discussed was the dates for the tractor run and the Fourth of July picnic and fireworks show. It was also at this meeting that the idea of having our own tractor pulls during the summer was mentioned. This idea then went to the tractor pull committee to be discussed and then the dates were decided on. The dates for the new pulls are listed in the “Mark your Calendar” section. During the March meeting, the prices of paint were discussed, the tractor pull dates were decided and some items about the show were also discussed. We also discussed starting the tractor run a little earlier this year since we will be having tractor pulls later on that day. No, that was not a type-o in the “Calendar of Events” section. The tractor run and the tractor pulls will be held on the same day.

Happening in our community

Here are some other events that are taking place throughout the community that were brought to my attention for the newsletter. The first one is a “Cruise In” which will be held on May 14th from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the SUN Area Technical School in New Berlin. There will be motorcycles, antique, classic and street rods, farm tractors and trucks there along with food. Sounds like an interesting and fun event to check out. The second event is the Freeburg Fire Company’s Annual Fireman’s Parade which is scheduled for June 16th at 6:30 PM. They are looking for floats, bands, antique and classic automobiles, organizations, churches, groups and tractors.

Another event that we are possibly looking at attending and taking some tractors to for display is the Middleburg Heritage Festival that will be held on May 7th from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM in Charles Park and the Middleburg Fireman’s Carnival Grounds. They will be having handmade arts and crafts, antiques, food, local vendors, antique cars and tractors, music, a heritage display and a walking tour. Looks like an interesting event to go check out!

As I close this letter, I would like to thank everyone once again for all of your help and support this past winter season. We have a lot to look forward to this year as we celebrate our 20th Anniversary. We couldn’t have come this far and accomplished as much as we have without all of you, our members! Thank You All! I hope that you will join us as we celebrate our 20 years and enjoy all of the events and activities that we have planned for this year.

Wishing you all a great Spring and Summer Season!

Sincerely,

Michael Clark

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An excerpt from the 2011 Spring Newsletter. Hope you enjoy!

Welcome to this special edition newsletter as we celebrate the 15 year anniversary of the Middlecreek Valley Antique Association. Using the minutes from the meetings, we are going to take a little trip back to 1996 when the Association was formed. It started on October 8th, 1996 with a small group of folks meeting with the management of the Middleburg Livestock Auction to see if there was any interest in having a show on the auction grounds. After it was decided to have a show there, it was then discussed what to do about food, where to have the parking and if there was enough lighting and while visiting at the tractor pull track, discussed the possibility of having a "Stock Antique Tractor Pull". A date for the first show was decided on and set for May 16, 17, and 18 of 1997. It was then decided that a name for the organization was needed. It was at the next meeting held on November 12th, 1996 when it was mentioned that the valley is named Middlecreek Valley and so a motion was made to call the organization the Middlecreek Valley Antique Association and the motion passed. It was at the meeting held on December 10th, 1996 that a checking account was opened with a balance of \$192.00 from donations. At the meeting held on January 7th, 1997, a new Secretary was voted on and installed and the rest of the meeting was dedicated to constructing the new By-Laws, Articles of Organization and the formation of the clubs Constitution. On February 4th, 1997, an agreement was signed to finance and pay for the incorporating of the Middlecreek Valley Antique Association. For the next several months, the members met and discussed charter memberships, insurance, food, drinks, flea market vendors, tractor pulling rules, lighting and other items needed to have the first show. It was also during this time that a decision was to be made on what logo was to be placed on the new show buttons that were to be made for the first show. Back in 1871, the Middlecreek Valley Railroad was completed which ran from Lewistown to Selinsgrove, so a decision was made to make the Associations logo the steam locomotive which was then placed on the first show button. During the meeting held on May 13th, 1997, it was reported that there was \$499.81 in the bank and there were 44 members as of this date. A parade route was decided on, times for the entertainment were set and prices were also set. At the meetings held in June after the first show was over, it was reported that the membership was now up to 87 and after all of the bills from the show were in, there was \$832.40 in the bank account. Also during this meeting, the show dates for the next show were decided on which would be May 15, 16 and 17, 1998. Over the next several years, the meetings continued, the membership and the bank account grew and the shows went on.

CELEBRATING 20 YEARS!