

Middlecreek Valley Antique Association Inc.



Summer Newsletter

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Dear Member,



I hope that you are doing well and are enjoying this warm summer like weather that we are having. I have to say that this has been a pretty busy spring for the Association members. There has been a lot of work going on at the show grounds leading up the show and the proof of this work stands out like a big red barn and a bright white silo. More on that in a bit. We had a lot going on this spring and there's a lot of things coming up this summer so let's get to them!

I think we'll start off with the biggest project that we got accomplished this spring and that would be the painting of the barn. We moved to the show grounds in 2000 and I believe that the barn has been a topic of conversation for almost 16 years. The problem with painting the barn was that the barn needed a lot of work done to it before it could be painted. Since the Association has been where we are now, the barn has pretty much been overhauled. When we moved to the show grounds, the side of the barn towards the silo had no floor due to the floor collapsing. The floor on the other side and in the rear of the barn were in very poor condition as well. We believe that the barn was overloaded at one time and that caused a lot of damage to the structure. We started fixing the barn first by cleaning out all of the old straw and hay that was left behind. Then the barn was jacked up and new beams and posts were installed in the basement. Over the next several years, we installed all new floors (except for the threshing floor, that's original) and new floor joists to support the weight of all of the wagons and equipment that we would be putting in it and so it would be safe for all of the events and activities that we would be having in it as well. Some posts and beams inside the barn also needed to be repaired and replaced and the foundation at the rear of the barn also needed to be pushed back into place and repaired. After the structure of the barn was in good shape, the barn work took a break for several years so we could do other projects around the grounds. The topic of having the barn painted though, never faded from anyone's minds. That was brought up a lot at the membership meetings but there was still too much that needed to be done to it before it could be painted. Several years ago, we installed a new sliding door on the backside of the barn in the basement where a door once was. This made it easier for us to get our lumber in and out of the barn. Then the barn sat again. Then, just a few years ago, we decided to put all new electric in with new lighting and outlets so we could use it for more events and activities including our entertainment. Again the barn sat for a while without paint until this year.

During our meetings this spring, the Snyder County Tractor Pullers Association members came to us asking if we could go together to get the track barriers painted. It was then decided that we should finally get the barn painted as well. During this meeting, it was once again mentioned that there were barn boards that needed replaced and the front doors needed repaired and there were sheets of tin where windows once were and there were pieces of decorative trim missing too. We also discussed who would do the painting and where would we get the paint. After several meetings and discussions, some of our members got in contact with a company from North Augusta, South Carolina that come up here each summer to do painting and they came out, gave us an estimate and set a date to come out and paint the barn, silo, corn crib and the track barriers. This now got the ball rolling to get the barn repaired in time for the painting crew. For several weeks and weekends prior to the spring show, work on the barn continued on until everything was repaired and replaced. On May 18<sup>th</sup>, everything that was on wheels was moved out of the barn and everything else was covered up and the painting crew showed up and started work. The barn was painted red and the silo, corn crib and track barriers were painted white. Over Memorial Day weekend, some members had a campout weekend at the show grounds and they worked on painting the trim on the barn white. As an added bonus, the letters M V A A were also painted in red going down the silo. This was a huge project and after 16 years of work and discussions, the barn has finally been painted and restored. You can see the pictures of the barn on our Facebook page or you can stop out at the show grounds and check it out for yourself. It looks beautiful in



person!

We need to thank everyone that has been involved with the barn restorations over the past 16 years. Some of whom are no longer with us, but I'm sure they are looking down with a big smile that this has finally been accomplished. This has been a lot of hard work over the past many years and it wouldn't have gotten done without the many hands that helped work on it. You all did a wonderful job and

you should be proud of what has been accomplished!

Now onto the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Show! Not only were the members busy with the barn project, we also had a show to get ready for. On May 14<sup>th</sup>, some members were at the grounds getting things ready for the show including mowing and trimming the grounds, cleaning the food buildings and getting equipment ready for the show. During the week leading up to the show, members were busy continuing to clean the food building, mowing, setting the up the flea market spaces, getting the benches out and setting up all of the canopies. Then on May 20<sup>th</sup>, the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Show began. The show started out very nice. We had nice weather and there was a very nice crowd in the afternoon and evening. During the evening hours we had the antique farm tractor pulls and down in the barn the SUN Area Dairy Princess Promotion held their cow milking contest. The participants of the milking contest were: Mr. Parise- Selinsgrove High School's Assistant Principle, Dr. Krause- Selinsgrove High School's Principle, Monica Rae- 92.3 Hannah FM, Cindy Herman- Freelance Writer, Matt Reader- Northumberland County Fair President, Tom Weber- Penn Cheese Corp., John Weber- Penn Cheese Corp., Ken Cotner Jr.- Montour Antique Machinery Collectors Association President, Sherry Brouse- Hallmark Feeds and Jeremiah Zimmerman- Seedway. The winner of the contest was Tom Weber. Congratulations to Tom and thank you to all of the contestants for helping make the milking contest a success!

On Saturday, things had changed. The weather had decided to be its normal self during our shows and decided to rain on and off throughout the day. With some quick thinking by our members, we decided to make the best of a rainy situation and put as many of the activities that we could into the barn. Unfortunately we had to cancel the garden tractor pulls, the tractor parades and the tractor square dancing for the day, but everything else went on as planned, just inside. The kids activities, the kids pedal tractor pulls and the evenings music were all rescheduled in the barn. Even with the rain, there was still a nice turnout of kids for the pedal pulls. There were 17 kids in all different age groups that participated in the pulls. Thank you to the kids and the parents for coming out and we hope you all had a great time! Saturday evening we continued on with the events and since the pulling track was covered to protect it from the rain, the tractor pulls were able to go on as planned. Down in the barn on Saturday night we had our musical entertainment by the Lucky Afternoon Band. After their first set was over, the SUN Area Dairy Princess Pageant began along with the crowning of the new Dairy Princess. The 2016-2017 SUN Area Dairy Princess and her Court are: Hannah Ross; Dairy Princess, Abbigail Doak; Dairy Maid and Tabitha Hauck; Dairy Maid. Congratulations to all! After the pageant ended, the Lucky Afternoon Band fired back up again and there were even some folks that got up and enjoyed dancing the night away to the band's music which is always great to see. A big thank you to the Lucky Afternoon Band for squeezing into the barn and entertaining us on Saturday night. On Sunday morning, the weather wasn't much better but started to clear up as the day went on. The church services were cancelled and so were the other events that were scheduled for the day. The one big event that still took place was the free ice cream sundaes that was put together and dished out by the SUN Area Dairy Princess Promotion. There was a decent crowd standing in line for a yummy dish of ice cream that afternoon. The weather doesn't just effect the events that we have, it also effects the amount of tractors and engines that are on display as well. This spring we had a total of 102 registered tractors and engines. We know that some pieces of equipment don't always get registered so there were more there than what is listed here. This year we are featuring John Deere Tractors and John Deere Engines. We had a total of 28 John Deere, 24 Farmall, 15 Oliver, 3 Allis-Chalmers, 1 Fordson, 1 Ferguson, 1 Case, 3 Massey Harris and 2 Garden Tractors registered. There were also 2 steam engines registered but there were 4 at the show which included the Aultman & Taylor, Frick, Farquhar (Pleasant Valley Express) and the Nichols and Shepard. We also had 18 registered engines, 1 chain saw, 1 corn huskers display, 1 corn sheller and 1 grinder for a total of 22 registered display items. A big Thank You to everyone that brought tractors and equipment to the spring show. We appreciate all of your work to get these pieces of history to the shows for everyone to see.



On behalf of the Middlecreek Valley Antique Association's Officers and Trustees, we would like to thank everyone for their hard work helping set-up and preparing for the show, working at the show and help cleaning up after the show. Everyone did a great job and we thank you all very much. We would also like to thank the SUN Area Dairy Princess Promotion for all of their hard work putting on their events and activities as well. You all do a great job and we know that it takes a lot of time and effort to get all of your activities put together, so Thank You all very much. We also need to thank all of the Food and Flea Market Vendors for coming out and supporting the shows. We appreciate all of you very much for sticking by us and supporting this Association through the good weather and the bad. Thank you all!

## Mark Your Calendars!

- 4<sup>th</sup> of July “Just for Fun” Campout Weekend, Picnic and Fireworks Show – July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016
- MVAA Tractor Pull – July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016
- 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Show – August 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016
- 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Selinsgrove Market Street Festival – September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016
- MVAA Tractor Pull – October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016 (Weather Permitting)
- Richfield’s 15<sup>th</sup> Annual “Christmas in the Park” – November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016
- 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Banquet – December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016
- 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Spring Show – May 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017
- 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Fall Show – August 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017



## Coming up:

On July 2<sup>nd</sup>, we will be having our annual “Just for Fun” campout weekend with our chicken barbeque and fireworks show. As usual, we will be having a full day of activities starting with lunch at 12:00 noon featuring our yummy barbequed chicken and corn on the cob. Our chicken barbeque lunch is for our members and we just ask that you bring a dish to share. After lunch, we will have our membership meeting followed by social time and we will probably be doing some work throughout the grounds for the remainder of the afternoon. Once the sun sets, it will be time to look towards the sky for our annual fireworks show. Our fireworks show is free and open to the public. Again this year we will be placing our donation boxes around to help pay for the fireworks and the permit. For the past several years, we have collected enough in donations to pay for all of the fireworks and the permit. This year, because we received such a large amount in donations last year, we have decided to purchase more fireworks for a longer and better show. We hope that we get a nice crowd again this year and everyone enjoys the show! We thank you for your donations and for your continued support. The campout weekend is open for as long as you want to stay. You can come for a week or just stay for the day, it’s up to you. We hope that everyone enjoys the weekend and has a good time!



Don’t forget about our new summer tractor pulls. Our first summer pulls will have already taken place by the time this letter gets out. That pull and the tractor run was held on June 18<sup>th</sup>. There will be info on those events in the winter newsletter. Our next summer pull will be held on July 23<sup>rd</sup>. We hope to have a nice turn out of tractors for these pulls. Come on out and enjoy the day!

The next event will be our 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Show which will be happening on August 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>. We will be having lots of activities planned for the fall show including antique tractor pulls, demonstrations including

sawmill, shingle mill, threshing and baling. We'll also have the kids pedal tractor pulls, tractor parades and musical entertainment by the Top Shelf Band. You can check out the band at [www.topshelfpa.com](http://www.topshelfpa.com).

This fall, even though it is printed in the brochures, there will no longer be any more tractor square dancing. This past spring show was their last performances. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Middlecreek Tractor Swingers will be hanging up their steering wheels. We want to thank all of the drivers and callers for all of their hard work and dedication over the past many years. You all have put in many, many hours in practicing and performing your routines, turns and maneuvers and we appreciate you putting on your dances and routines at our shows. We thank you again for your dedication and support to our shows and you will be missed by many.

Please remember to mark the show and chip making dates on your calendar. If you are able, we would really appreciate your help during these events.

As I close this letter, I want to again thank everyone for all of their hard work and dedication to this Organization. We wouldn't be where we are today without everyone coming together and working to make this Association great. Thank you!

I want to wish you all a great and safe summer and we hope to see you at the upcoming events!

Sincerely,

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