

Middlecreek Valley Antique Association Inc.



Spring Newsletter

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Dear Member,



I hope this letter finds you well. This winter sure has been a crazy one, especially here in central Pennsylvania. We had temperatures in the 30's one day and in the 70's the next. Then, when we're all expecting spring to show up, we get hammered with a blizzard. Well, even though it was rough digging out from that storm, we really did need the water from that snow to help fill the ground water supplies again from the dry summer we had last year. I hope everyone made it through that storm without any problems. We really hope that the good weather that we had will continue on throughout the year for all of the tractor shows and pulls. I guess we'll see what happens and hope for the best.

I was thinking about this newsletter and how to start it and I was thinking about how many of these newsletters there could have been done over the past 21 years. Now, I don't know if in the beginning there were three newsletters done a year like we do now or not, but if there were, then that puts this newsletter at issue 61. Now that we have that figured out, let's get issue 61 started.

Back on November 25th, some members met at the show grounds to make chips for Richfield's Christmas in the Park event. Because we had so many chips left over when we made them last year, it was decided to cut back on the amount of potatoes that we get. We usually get 25 bags, but this time we decided on getting 22 fifty pound bags (1,100 pounds) of potatoes. We did 12 bags on Friday at the show grounds and then after we cleaned everything up, we headed out to Richfield to set up the canopy. The next morning, November 26th, we headed out to Richfield's Basom Park for the event. It was a cloudy and breezy day but it was in the 40's which brought out a very nice crowd of people who attended the event. We had a lot of help for the day and we finished the last of the bags of potatoes around 1:00 PM and we sold out of chips shortly after that. It was a great day and we want to thank everyone that came out to help on Friday and Saturday. Thank you!

The next event was the 20th Annual Christmas Banquet which was held on December 10th. This was also the first scrapple making of the season. This was a busy day as some members were at the show grounds cooking up some of our delicious scrapple while some other members were in Middleburg at the banquet hall setting things up for the banquet that evening. The scrapple sales went very well and we sold out that evening. The Christmas Banquet also went very well.

There were lots of folks at the banquet enjoying the food, conversations and the auction. We also had a visit from Santa Clause who the kids enjoyed seeing and getting gifts from. We want to thank everyone for coming out to the banquet, we hope you all had a wonderful time.

We also want to thank everyone who brought great tasting food and desserts for the meal and a gift for the auction. As always, the food was delicious and we raised enough money from the auction to pay all of the bills from the banquet. Thank you all for your support to the Middlecreek Valley Antique Association and to the Buffalo Valley Antique Machinery Association. We thank you all again for your support and for coming out and enjoying the evening.

We also need to thank everyone that came out to help make scrapple, helped set up the banquet hall, worked at the banquet and helped clean up afterwards. Thank you so much for all of your help!

On January 20th and 21st, we were back at the show grounds making scrapple again. We did a total of 5 kettles which sold very quickly. Our scrapple sales continue to do very well and we thank everyone for all of their help in making the scrapple.

On March 3rd and 4th, members gathered one more time for the last scrapple making of the season. We did 5 more kettles of scrapple along with making the sausages for our sausage sandwiches for our shows and tractor pulls. Everything went very well and we ended up with over 1,500 sausages. The following Saturday, a few members sliced up and packaged the bacon and scrapple that we use for our breakfasts. We would like to thank everyone that came out this season to help with all of the scrapple and sausage making. We couldn't have done it without all of you. Great job and Thank you all very much!

I got to thinking about how much scrapple we make. We make quite a bit. So I decided to crunch some numbers and see just how much we make in a season. We usually average around 70 pans of scrapple per kettle. This year we made 5 kettles each time and we made 3 times this season like we usually do. We use 2 pound pans for our scrapple and it is pretty close and sometimes over that amount. So, each time we make it, we average around 700 pounds of scrapple and we made it three times which gives us 2,100 pounds of scrapple made this season. Wow, that is a lot! Thanks to all of you that help out! You help make this possible. Also a big thank you to everyone that buys it. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Mark Your Calendars!

- MVAA Tractor Pull – April 8th, 2017
- 21st Annual Spring Show – May 19th – 21st, 2017
- 4th Annual Tractor Run – June 17th, 2017
- MVAA Tractor Pull – June 17th, 2017
- Fourth of July “Just for Fun” Campout Weekend and Fireworks show – July 1st, 2017
- 21st Annual Fall Show – August 25th – 27th, 2017
- 39th Annual Selinsgrove Market Street Festival – September 23rd, 2017
- MVAA Tractor Pull – September 30th, 2017
- MVAA Tractor Pull – October 14th, 2017
- Richfield’s “Christmas in the Park” – November 25th, 2017



- 21st Annual Christmas Banquet – December 9th, 2017

Please mark your calendars with the events listed above. As you can see, we have a lot more going on this year. We added a few more tractor pulls to our schedule along with our shows and other events that we attend. It's going to be a busy year and we'll need all of the help that we can get.

Our Spring Show will be here before we know it. We'll be getting the grounds ready weeks ahead and preparing for the show the week of. We will be needing lots of help again for our show.

We will again be joining this spring with the SUN Area Dairy Princess Promotion. They will have lots of events and activities going on during the spring show and we hope that you will check them out. Also going on during the show will be the tractor pulls, pedal pulls, equipment demonstrations, flea market and musical entertainment by the Lucky Afternoon Band and lots of great tasting food.

Also, while you're at the show, remember to stop by our office and renew your dues. Our dues are \$6.00 per person, \$8.00 per couple and \$10.00 per family with children under the age of 18. When you are finished with that, don't forget to register your tractor, engine, tools or whatever you've brought to display for folks to see. This year we are featuring Ford tractors and New Holland hit and miss engines. We would love to see a whole field of Ford Tractors and New Holland engines along with many other brands. We'd also like to see some more antique cars, trucks, some fire trucks and military equipment too. Anything that is an antique. Things like these antique tractors and engines and equipment will never be made again and it's so nice to see the craftsmanship of these items. If you have an item that's an antique and would like to show it, please bring it for everyone to see. It doesn't have to have a new coat of paint, you can show it in its "working clothes". These are gateways to our past and are great to see still working.

After our show is over, we'll be getting ready for our 4th Annual Tractor Run. Our tractor runs are very enjoyable and are followed by a nice lunch when we return to the show grounds. We've been getting a nice group of tractors and would love to see even more. We also have some wagons available for folks and children to ride along in. It's always a nice day out in the countryside with friends and tractors.



You'll see in the schedule that we are starting our tractor pull season on April 8th. This is one of our newly added events. We'll also be having a tractor pull the evening of our tractor run again this year, so if you come out for the run you can stay and watch the pulls that evening or even join in on the pulling fun.

As you can see, we have a lot of things going on again this year. We pray that we'll have good weather and we hope that you will join us for all of the events that we have planned for 2017.

Stay safe and enjoy firing up those tractors and engine this spring and we hope to see you at the shows.

Sincerely,

Michael Clark

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HAPPY SPRING!