

Middlecreek Valley Antique Association Inc. Summer Newsletter



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Dear Member,

Before we get into this newsletter, there is one thing that everyone needs to do. We need to send a BIG THANK YOU to Mother Nature for finally giving us a great weekend for our Spring Show. Other than a few passing showers on Friday afternoon, it was a good weekend for the show. Speaking of the Spring Show, we need to send out another BIG THANK YOU to everyone that helped out at the show. So, on behalf of the Middlecreek Valley Antique Association Officers and Trustees, we wish to thank everyone that came out to help set-up and prepare for the show, work at the show and help clean up after the show. We would also like to thank everyone that brought tractors, engines and equipment that were on display and to all of the demonstrators and vendors. It takes a lot of work to put on these shows and without everyone coming together and helping out and bringing their equipment to display and products to sell, there would be no show, so again, THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH.

We had another good turn out of tractors this spring. Our featured tractor this year is Allis Chalmers and we had 23 of them registered. We also had 42 John Deere, 39 Farmalls/Internationals, 19 Oliver's, 5 Fords/Fergusons, 4 Massey's, 1 Minneapolis Moline, 1 Case and 1 Reeves & Co. steam engine, giving us a total of 134 farm tractors and 1 steam engine. We also had 29 garden tractors and 29 engines registered. Please remember to register any equipment that you bring so that we will know what was at each show. It is FREE to register and you will receive a FREE show plaque for each piece of equipment that you bring.

We had a good turn out of Flea Market Vendors again this spring, but we would like to see even more. If you or anyone you know would like to sell any crafts or goods at our shows, our spaces are 20 feet wide by 28 feet deep and cost \$20.00 per space for the weekend. We would like to see the flea market area full. The more Flea Market Vendors we get, the more people we can draw to the show, especially if we continue to have good weather. If you would like more information on the flea market area, please contact Ira Lessman at (570) 374-6591 or write to: Middlecreek Valley Antique Association, 798 South Front Street, Selinsgrove, PA 17870.



We would like to take a moment to welcome all of our new members and thank everyone that renewed their membership. Remember, our membership runs May to May, but we do know that not everyone can make it to the spring show, so we do except memberships throughout the year. Our dues are \$6.00 per person, \$8.00 per couple and \$10.00 for a family with children under the age of 18.

If you would like to renew your membership or you know someone that would like to join, please contact our Treasurer, Michael Smith at 104 Oak Lane, Middleburg, PA 17842 or call him at (570) 374-9108.

Please make all checks payable to the MVAA. Remember, a club or organization is only as strong as its members and right now we have over 620 members on the books, so thank you all for your support.

Just a reminder: During a meeting held in May of 2008, a motion was made that any member that is in the military shall remain active in our membership until he or she comes home from service. If you know of anyone that is in the service and is currently a member, please contact Michael Smith or myself so we can keep them active in the books.



Now onto some improvements that are being made at the show grounds. We have been able to continue to work on the barn. A new door has been made for the bottom of the barn and will soon be ready to be put into place.

We have recently replaced the old scale house at the tractor pulling track with a new office building that will hold the scales. The old building has served its purpose for the past several years but was in very bad shape, so we were able to purchase this new office building from Conestoga Wood Specialties. A new roof has been added to this office building so all it needs now is a new coat of paint. We have decided to paint it white with green trim to match the food building.

We are also looking into improving the lighting at the tractor pulling track. We were able to try out a new globe on one of the lights during our spring show and found that this new globe has a much bigger light pattern, making fewer dark spots on the track and this will also help light up the parking lot making it safer for everyone there as well. At our membership meeting held in June, the members decided to purchase three more light globes to help with the lighting on the track and in the parking lot.

We would also like to let everyone know about the improvements that were made to our new web-site. If you have not seen our new web-site, please check it out at www.mvaapa.org. There are over 200 pictures of the grounds, tractors and also some aerial shots as well. There is now a forum for posts for those who wish to buy, sell or trade goods, equipment or antiques. Our flea market and food vendor contracts are also now available on the web-site. There are still some links that are empty, like the "Tractor Pulls" link, but we are still in the process of gathering information and getting it put on the site.

Don't forget to check out our original web-site too at www.middlecreek-valley-antique-assn.org. On this site you will find some of the past newsletters and also some of the minutes from our membership meetings and a link to the Middlecreek Tractor Swingers web-site too.

If you would like to help out with these improvements or you have any ideas for other improvements that we can make, please come to our membership meetings, held the 2nd Tuesday of each month (no meetings held in December) at 7:30 PM, in the community room of the Evangelical, Weber-Rink Health Center, which is located a half mile west of the traffic light on Route 522 in Middleburg.

We are still e-mailing the minutes from the membership meetings to those who can not make it to the meetings or live too far away but would like to attend. If anyone is interested in participating in this e-mail system, please send your e-mail address to; mpclark@ptd.net (please use subject MVAA Minutes) and after the minutes are typed up, I will send them to you.

We have received a lot of good comments about our brochures and posters again this year and Sire Advertising, who makes the design for the brochures and posters, has received a national advertising award for our poster.



This years poster displays our featured tractor which is Allis Chalmers and our featured engine this year is the Ideal. Next years featured tractor will be Case and the featured engine will be the Associated.



This summer, the MVAA plans to hold another “Just for fun” weekend over the 4th of July. It will be held Thursday, July 1st through Monday, July 5th. You can come out and camp all week if you want or just come out for the day. We plan on having BBQ Chicken and possibly corn on the cob on Saturday, July 3rd at 2:00 PM. Please bring a dish to share.

Mark your calendars

- 4th of July “ Just for fun” Picnic- July 1-5, 2010
- Fall Show- August 27, 28, 29, 2010
- Selinsgrove Street Fair- September 25, 2010
- Fall Basket Bingo- November 19, 2010
- Christmas Banquet- December 11, 2010



Show dates for 2011: - Spring Show: May 13, 14, 15

Fall Show: August 26, 27, 28



Please spread the word: Because our entertainment is free to the public, we have to work within a budget that we have set up for the entertainment. Because of this budget, it is hard to find music groups that are willing to come and play for the amount allotted. So, during our meeting held in June, the members have decided that we will not be having any musical entertainment at the Fall Show this year. We will be having Church services in the barn as usual on Sunday morning.

We would like to let the membership know that at our membership meeting held in June, it was decided to let the Association members use the pavilion and grounds for family gatherings, picnics, church functions or even other club events. There is no charge set to use the grounds, we are just asking for a donation. Please keep in mind that there are no restroom facilities available on the grounds, so if you would plan on holding an event on the grounds, you may need to rent a portable toilet. All activities that take place on the show grounds must be approved of by the Middlecreek Valley Antique Association Officers and Trustees in advance. After your event is approved of, you will need to sign our “*Agreement for Occasional use of Grounds*” sheet which leaves the MVAA not liable for any loss, damages or injury and that you agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the Association as posted. If you are interested in using the show grounds, reservations for the use of the grounds may be obtained by contacting a MVAA Officer or Trustee.

We do have a list of rules and regulations for the show grounds, which are listed below and will be posted in the bulletin board on the food building and also in the pavilion.

Rules and Regulations of the Show Grounds

- No alcoholic beverages or illicit drugs permitted on the grounds.

- No loud, foul or abusive language allowed.
- No parking or driving on the swales.
- No pets allowed in the food building. (Except for service dogs)
- All pets must be on a leash during shows and other events held on the grounds.
- Pet waste must be disposed of in trash receptacles or outside of the grounds.
- No dumping of camper waste on the grounds.
- Leave grounds free and clean of trash and litter.

Don't forget that our fall show is now in August and we will be looking for members to help us out at the show. If you can only lend a hand for an hour or help out all weekend, any help that we can get from our members is greatly appreciated.



Just as another reminder, we know that addresses are still in the process of being changed for the 911 system, or if you move, please let us know so you can continue to receive a newsletter and help the Association with the cost of postage.

I would like to wish everyone a wonderful and safe summer and I hope to see you all at the fall show.

Sincerely,

Michael Clark

Michael Clark, MVAA Secretary

Have a Happy Fourth of July!

