

Middlecreek Valley Antique Association Inc.



Fall/Winter Newsletter

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*Preserving the Historical Past for the Future!*

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Dear Member,

What a great year it has been for our shows. The Spring Show was very nice but the Fall Show was even better. We had beautiful weather this year at the Fall Show with sunny skies, highs in the 80's and 90's and NO rain. We are very thankful for the great weather, but we are also very thankful for all of the people that came out to help at the show as well. It takes a lot of work, weeks before the show weekend, up to days after the event has ended, to put on a successful show. So, on behalf of the Middlecreek Valley Antique Association's Officers and Trustees, we would like to send out a big **THANK YOU** to everyone that came out to help prepare for the show, work at the show and clean up after the show. We would also like to thank everyone that brought tractors, engines, equipment and displays and to all of the demonstrators and vendors that brought their skills, crafts and products to sell. Without everyone coming together, there would be no show, so again, THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH.

We would also like to take a moment to thank everyone that attends our shows. Without all of the folks that come out to see the shows, we would not be able to have a show, so thank you all for coming out and we hope to see you all next year.

We had a record turn out of tractors this fall. Our featured tractor was Allis Chalmers and we had 27 of them registered. We also had 48 John Deere, 47 Farmalls/Internationals, 15 Oliver's, 5 Ford's/Ferguson's, 3 Rumley's, 2 Case, 2 Minneapolis Moline, 2 Steam Engines, 1 Massey-Harris and 2 unnamed tractors registered. That's a total of 154 registered tractors and we also had 22 garden tractors registered giving us a grand total of 176 tractors at our fall show. There were only two registered steam engines but there were 5 steam engines at the show. They were: Aultman & Taylor, Frick, Farquhar, Reeves and Nichols & Shepard. They were busy at the show running the sawmill, thrashing wheat, baling straw, giving rides and at night some of them were performing spark shows at the tractor pull track.

Thank you all again for bringing your tractors, engines and equipment to the shows and please keep them coming. We would again like to remind everyone that it is free to register and will always be free to register your tractors, engines and equipment at our shows.

We had another great turn out of Flea and Craft Market Vendors this fall, but there is still room for 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,

because the more Flea Market and Craft Vendors we get, the more people we can draw to the shows, especially if we continue to have good weather like we had this year.

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 Inc., 798 South Front Street, Selinsgrove, PA 17870.



**Welcome!**

We would like to take a moment and welcome the new members that signed up at the fall show.

We now have over 665 members on the books, so thank you all for your continued support.

If you know of anyone that is interested in becoming a member, our dues are \$6.00 per person, \$8.00 per couple (Do not need to be married but must reside at the same address) and \$10.00 for a family with children under the age of 18. If you know of 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.

Now onto some improvements that have been made at the show grounds. Not too much has happened since the last newsletter came out. Some of the things that we have done are the scale house that is located at the tractor pull track has been painted white and new trim boards have been added to the corners that are painted green to match the food building. Also at the track, some shrubs, trees and flowers have been planted around the scales and the announcer stand and some mulch has been spread around those areas as well. It is really looking great around the tractor pull track. Work on the barn has stalled, but hopefully we will continue to work on it this fall and winter. There is a new door ready to be placed on the bottom of the barn and we do have the lumber that we need to replace the one section of the floor in the back of the barn. Once those projects are finished and some of the barn boards on the outside have been replaced, we can then paint the barn. Some other projects that need to be done are the corn crib needs to be painted and some of our picnic tables need to be repaired and painted. As you can see, we still have lots of projects to do and we would appreciate any help that we could get.



There have been a lot of improvements made to our web site this year as well. The home page has been updated for next years shows, the truck, tractor and garden tractor pulling rules are now available on the web site, there are now links to other shows and clubs and there is also an events page that lists the show schedules and any activities or events that the MVAA will be attending or holding. The forum has also been updated with a new discussion section. The forum now has a section called "Track Talk" for discussions on the tractor pulls, a section called "Show Biz" for anything related to the shows and events that the MVAA is doing, a section called "Tractor Talk" for any discussions on tractors, implements and steam engines and a section called "Engine Talk" for any discussions relating to Hit and Miss and other small engines. This forum is intended to be used as a place to have discussions on these topics, ask for help on tractors or engines that you may be working on and so on. Let's please keep it clean and let's have some fun with it. If you haven't already, please check out our web site at [www.mvaapa.org](http://www.mvaapa.org) and let us know what you think.

If you have any ideas for other improvements, questions, comments, or even complaints, please come to our membership meetings held the second 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.

If you can not make it to the meetings, please send me an e-mail (mpclark@ptd.net) or if you do not have a computer, please call one of the board members and we will take your message to the meeting for discussion for you.

Here are a few of the things that we have been discussing at the meetings this summer. At the meeting held in July, the members decided to purchase 3 wagons that were for sale. We were able to use two of these wagons this fall when we thrashed wheat at the show. It was also discussed at this meeting about building a potato chip cooler. This would help cool the chips quicker making it better to bag them. A chip cooler has been built since and was used during the Selinsgrove Street Fair and worked really well.



There is some good news about our entertainment. After some discussion this summer during our meetings, it was decided to combine our budget and have one night of musical entertainment. We were able to book **Covert Action** for both spring and fall shows for 2011.

They will perform on Saturday night, May 14<sup>th</sup> and August 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM. We are anticipating a big crowd, so come out early and get something to eat, sit back and enjoy the show.

It was discussed at our meeting held in September that the tractor pulls were running too late at night or in some cases into early morning. After some discussion on what to do, it was decided to start the pulls one hour earlier than we did this year. That means that on Friday night, the truck pulls will be starting at 6 PM and on Saturday night the antique tractor pulls will be starting at 4 PM. This starting time on Saturday will be close to the ending time of the tractor square dancers performance, so it was also decided that the tractor pulls might have to wait a little until the square dancers are finished.

It was also mentioned at the meeting held in September that the Frick steam engine that was at our fall show will be on display at the 2011 PA Farm Show. The MVAA will also be included in this display, so it was decided to look into having some banners made with the Association's name and logo on it to hang with the steam engine. It was also mentioned that we could use these banners if we would participate in some parades. So watch out, the MVAA could be parading through your town soon!

Also to be held at the PA Farm Show will be the Middlecreek Tractor Swingers. They were invited back to perform on January 14<sup>th</sup>. Don't miss it!

With the Association being a part of the steam engine display at the PA Farm Show, we will be working on our show flyers early so they will be available for the public to pick up. We will be changing the tractor on the front of the flyers to our featured tractor for 2011 which will be Case. The featured engine for 2011 will be the Associated. We only had 2 Case tractors registered this fall, so please get them ready to go this winter because we would like to see a row or two of them at the show.

## **Mark your calendars**

- Annual Fall Basket Bingo at the Selinsgrove VFW- November 19, 2010
- Making chips at Richfield's "Christmas in the Park"- November 27, 2010
- MVAA and BVAMA Christmas Banquet- December 11, 2010
- PA Farm show- January 8-15, 2011
- Annual Spring Basket Bingo- Dates to be announced at a later date
- 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Show- May 13-15, 2011
- 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Show- August 26-28, 2011



Earlier I mentioned that we used our new chip cooler at the Selinsgrove Street Fair. We would like to take a moment and thank everyone that helped make chips ahead of time on Friday at the show grounds and to everyone that helped out at the street fair on Saturday. It was a beautiful day at the street fair and we were able to see lots of people. There were lots of chips made in those two days, enough to go through 1,350 pounds of potatoes. That's a lot of potatoes! Thank you all again that helped. We could not have done it without you.



We will be looking for some help at our fall basket bingo and when we go out to Richfield to make chips. Also, we might be in need of some help setting up at the Christmas Banquet.

There are a lot of tables and chairs to set up at the banquet hall and we usually make scrapple that day so we are limited on the amount of help that we can get. So any help for any of these events would be greatly appreciated.

Before I close, this letter will be coming out around November 11<sup>th</sup> which is Veterans Day. We would like to take a moment and thank all of our Veterans for your sacrifices and service to this great Country. I have received an e-mail once that said this, "We live in the land of the free, only because of the brave!" How true this is. Thank you again for all that you have done.



I would like to personally thank everyone again for another great year of shows and events, for all of the help that you have given us and also for all of your dedication and support to the Middlecreek Valley Antique Association.

I would like to wish everyone a warm and safe winter and a wonderful and joyous holiday season.

Sincerely,

*Michael Clark*

Michael Clark, Secretary

## News from Buffalo Valley Antique Machinery Association

Dear Friends,

"Thank You" for celebrating Buffalo Valley Antique Machinery Association's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year. The week end was busy with exhibits, demonstrations, tractor pulls, etc. Music by the Gospel Strings provided melodies we all enjoyed. The Memorial Award was presented to Elwood Budman and church service was enjoyed with Bill Renno presenting the word.

The Association will be having a Memorial Tractor pull November 13<sup>th</sup> honoring members we have lost over the years. January 1<sup>st</sup> we have our traditional New Year's Day pull (weather permitting).

Our website is [www.bvama.net](http://www.bvama.net) - please view and enjoy as time permits.

Officers for 2011 are: President, Pete Wertman; Vice President, Mark Cromley; Secretary, Janet Mincemoyer; Assistant Secretary, John Bush, Jr.; Treasurer, Walter Katherman, Jr. and Assistant Treasurer, Cathy Katherman. Please give them your support. As Secretary of Buffalo Valley Antique Machinery Association I would like to "Thank" everyone involved in making our 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Autumn Exhibit a success.

Janet Mincemoyer, Secretary



### **Christmas Banquet Invitation**



The Middlecreek Valley Antique Association and Buffalo Valley Antique Machinery Association will join together again this year on December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010 to hold our 14<sup>th</sup> annual Christmas Banquet. This banquet will be taking place in the banquet hall of the Grace Covenant Community Church on North Shuman Street in Middleburg.

The doors will open at 4:30 PM and we will eat at 6:00 PM. The drinks, dinnerware, and two kinds of meat will be provided by the Associations, we just need side dishes and deserts. There are lots of good cooks and bakers in both Associations, so PLEASE bring a dish to share.

Please Note that the Christmas banquet is for current members. If you would like to attend and are not currently paid up to date, members of the MVAA, please send your dues to our Treasurer, Michael Smith at 104 Oak Lane, Middleburg, PA 17842, or if you are a member of BVAMA, please send your dues to Buffalo Valley's Secretary, Janet Mincemoyer at 79 Houser Lane, Watsontown, PA 17777. If you forget to send in your dues, that's OK, you can still pay them at the banquet.

Again this year, we will be holding our annual Christmas gift auction. The money raised by the auction goes to both Associations to help pay for the banquet supplies and the rental of the banquet hall. In order for the auction to work, we will need gifts to auction off. Please bring a Christmas gift (wrapped) for the auction. Please do not bring prank or gag gifts to be auctioned off.

If you wish to bring a gift for a child, please mark it "For a Boy" or "For a Girl" and maybe the age group. If you bring a gift that is quite valuable, please let the auctioneer know so he doesn't sell it for less than it is worth.

Again this year, both Associations would again like to give each child (12 years of age and younger) that attends this banquet, a Christmas gift. We will need to know the name, age, and whether a boy or girl, of each child. We will need this information by November 27<sup>th</sup>, so there will be enough time to shop for the gifts. THIS IS IMPORTANT, we want every child to receive a gift, so, no matter which Association you are a member of, please mail, call or e-mail this information to me.

If you wish to attend this year's banquet, regardless which Association you are a member of, PLEASE follow these instructions:

- Fill out the RSVP slip below with your name and how many will be in your party, and mail to: Michael Clark, 735 Salem Road, Selinsgrove, PA 17870.
- Or e-mail me with your name and how many will be in your party to: [mpclark@ptd.net](mailto:mpclark@ptd.net) (Please use subject "Christmas Banquet")
- Or call me at (570) 374-9420

I would again like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season and I am looking forward to seeing you at the Christmas Banquet.

Sincerely,

*Michael Clark*

Directions: Grace Covenant Community Church, 99 North Shuman Street in Middleburg. If you are going South on Route 522 from Selinsgrove, North Shuman Street is the first street on the right past the Middleburg High School (high school will be on your left). If you are going North on Route 522 from McClure, North Shuman Street will be the first street on the left past Center Street (Center Street will be on your right).



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Christmas Banquet Hosted by Middlecreek Valley Antique Association and Buffalo Valley Antique Machinery Association

RSVP Slip

I will attend the 14<sup>th</sup> annual Christmas Banquet held December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people in my party: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and age of child/children 12 years of age and under that will be attending: