

Middlecreek Valley Antique Association Inc.

Spring Newsletter

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Dear Member,

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.

During the meeting held on September 12th, 2000, it was shared with the Association members about the new show grounds that the Association would be signing a lease agreement for. After a lot of meetings and a considerable amount of work, the Middlecreek Valley Antique Association held their first show on their new grounds in May 2002. Since then, the Association has been growing more with bigger shows, more events and a lot more members. This would not have been made possible without a good idea, a lot of hard work and a great group of people coming together to make this happen. Over the years this Association has accumulated a lot of great people in the form of our membership. We now have over 719 members in the books. Thank you to everyone for your dedication, support and hard work that has made this organization what it is. It has been a great 15 years and we're hoping for many more great years to come.



Now onto the news part of the newsletter. Back on November 19, 2010, the Middlecreek Valley Antique Association held its annual Fall Basket Bingo. The attendance was down some, but we were still able to have a good time and everything at the bingo went well. We had a good turn out of help for the bingo which always makes things go better. Thank you to everyone that helped out!

We were busy again on November 27th making potato chips at Richfield's "Christmas in the Park". It was cold and windy again, but with 4 kettles going in the morning and 5 kettles going in the afternoon, it kept us warm inside the canopy. We went through 1,150 pounds of potatoes in one day of making chips. The day at Richfield went well and we had a great turnout of help. A big THANK YOU goes out to everyone that came out to help at Richfield. We could not have done it without you.

The Christmas Banquet held on December 11th was next. It was a busy day with a group of members at the show grounds making scrapple, a group preparing the meats for the meal at the banquet and a group at the banquet hall setting up the tables and chairs for the banquet. The Christmas Banquet went very well again with over 200 members attending. There was a lot of great food and desserts again this year and lots of gifts for the auction as well. Thank you to everyone that helped with setting up, running the activities and the auction and cleaning up after the banquet. Also a big THANK YOU goes out to everyone that brought food for the banquet, gifts for the auction and to everyone that bid on and purchased gifts at the auction. The money raised at the auction goes to the rental of the banquet hall and all of the supplies needed to have the banquet and any money that is left goes to help out both Associations.

During the week of January 8th through the 15th, the Middlecreek Valley Antique Association was lucky enough to be a part of the main feature that was set up in the Maclay Street entrance at the 2011 Pennsylvania State Farm Show. This main feature included the Frick steam engine that was at our 2010 fall show, a display of vegetables surrounding three sides of the engine and lots of our show brochures that were picked up by the folks walking by. We hope that this display will help draw more people to our shows.

After the Farm Show was over, some members got together to make scrapple at the show grounds on January 21st and 22nd and again on March 4th and 5th. The scrapple making went very well which resulted in many pans of it. We were able to have announced on a local radio station, WQSU, that we had scrapple for sale and that was very successful for us. There were lots of folks coming in to buy after hearing the ad on the radio. The Associations scrapple has been a big hit and is a great fund raiser for us.

Here are the results of the election for the Officers and Trustees from the meeting held on November 9, 2010: President: Carl Landis, Vice President: Michael Lessman, Secretary: Michael Clark, Treasurer: Michael Smith, and the two Trustees reelected were Perry Aitkin and Ray Hummel.

If you would like to attend our membership meetings, they are 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 cannot attend, we will gladly send you the minutes (via e-mail) from the membership meetings. You can also see the minutes from the meetings and the past newsletters on our website.



Speaking of our website, as of March 15th, our old website (www.middlecreek-valley-antique-assn.org) has expired. Anyone that was still using that website will now have to use our new site at www.mvaapa.org. Thank you to the folks that got us set up and started and continue to help us on the World Wide Web. Having a website helps us a lot and is a great benefit to our Association. It was decided at our membership meeting held on February 8th to set up a Facebook account. The MVAA is now on Facebook and we are working on getting a link on our website to our Facebook page. We are hoping that this will help attract more attention to our shows and maybe get more people involved.

Do you remember the plow day that was held last spring? Well, at our meeting held on March 8th, it was decided to hold another plow day on April 9th with a rain date on April 23rd. It will be held at the same place as last year, on Dave Daku's farm located along Clifford Road outside of Selinsgrove. If you would like to see if your old tractor can still pull a plow, come on out and join in the fun or you can come out and just watch the entertainment. If you would like more information on this event, please contact Michael Lessman at (570) 837-0156.



April is going to be a busy month because on April 15th the Middlecreek Valley Antique Association is also going to hold their annual Spring Basket Bingo in the Bingo Hall of the Selinsgrove VFW located along Route 522 in Selinsgrove. Then on April 16th we are heading out to Milton to make potato chips. We will be making these chips during the "Spring Celebration" happening at the American Heritage Crafters building a division of Kuhns Bros. Enterprise located at 700 Hepburn Street in Milton. This will be our first time at this event and it will be held from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM or longer if there are people still there. We will greatly appreciate any help for these events.

The spring show will soon be here, May 13, 14, and 15 to be exact. That means we will be doing some work at the show grounds to get ready. We will have a lot of cleaning up to do again this year from the harsh winter. There is some water damage to the roads and this year we have some wind damage too. The wind blew the Tractor Square Dancers announcers stand over and it ripped some of the siding off of the main announcers stand as well.

At our membership meeting held in March, it was decided to have a 50/50 again this year. It will be held each day of the show and you do not need to be present to win. Just fill out the back of your ticket and if you are not at the show during the drawing and your name is pulled, we will mail you the winnings.

Also at this meeting, it was discussed about having sausage sandwiches and chicken fingers to sell at our food stand. This will be a nice addition to the menu and we hope that it will go over very well. With the addition of more menu items, there will be a need for some more help in the food building. There is also a need for more help in the mornings during breakfast. If you are an early riser and would like to help out for the breakfasts, that help would be greatly appreciated. Any help that you could give during the shows would also be greatly appreciated. Just see one of the members working in the food building or anywhere on the grounds and see if they would like some help.



We are excited about our entertainment for this year. We will be featuring Covert Action on Saturday night, May 14th at 5:00 PM down at the barn. This year we are doing things a little different with the set up. We are planning on placing the band just inside the barn and the crowd outside of the barn (bring your umbrellas just in case) because we are expecting a big turnout. During the time that the band will be playing, the lower road that runs from the barn to the sawmill will be closed. Since we are anticipating a large crowd, you might want to come out early and grab some food and spend some time walking through the flea market and get ready to enjoy the music. Also, we will probably not have enough seating available so please bring a chair.

Mark your Calendars

- Plow Day- April 9th with rain date on April 23rd, 2011
- Annual Spring Basket Bingo- April 15th, 2011
- Making Chips at the Spring Celebration in Milton- April 16th, 2011
- Spring Show- May 13, 14, 15, 2011
- 4th of July Picnic- To Be Announced
- Fall Show- August 26, 27, 28, 2011
- Selinsgrove Street Fair- September 24th, 2011
- Annual Fall Basket Bingo- November 18th, 2011
- Annual Christmas Banquet- December 10th, 2011



As you can see, the Association's calendar is packed full of events. So, come on out and enjoy these events and if you can lend a hand, that would be great too.



We also have a big list of things that need to be done around the show grounds. The food building will need to be cleaned for the show, some of our picnic tables are in bad shape and need to be fixed or replaced and they all need to be sanded and sealed. There is a lot of work that needs to be done to the barn and we are going to start work on the sawmill too. We are going to be replacing some of the floor on the sawmill, adding structure to make it bigger and stronger and we are going to add a lumber cart as well. As you can see we have a lot to do, so if you would like to help out, please contact one of our Officers or Trustees and they can let you know when we will be having a work party.

Here are the names of our Officers and Trustees: President- Carl Landis, Vice-President- Michael Lessman, Secretary- Michael Clark, Treasurer- Michael Smith and the Trustees are: Perry Aitkin, Donald Athey, Mark Cromley, Kenny Frymoyer, Ray Hummel and Todd Willow. Please give them your support as we work together to make this Organization great.



We have some good news to share with everyone. Some of our members attended the Snyder County Conservation Districts annual awards banquet held on March 18th. The Snyder County Conservation District presented the Middlecreek Valley Antique Association with the 2011 “Conservation Organization of the Year” award. Craig Bingman with the Snyder County Conservation District complimented the Middlecreek Valley Antique Association for its help in restoring buildings, adding water and electric services to the grounds and helping the Conservation District maintain the land. He also added that the MVAA’s help is very much appreciated. Michael Lessman and Donald Athey accepted this award on behalf of the Middlecreek Valley Antique Association Inc.

As I close this letter, I would like to remind everyone that we are featuring Case tractors and Associated engines this year and we would like to see the tractor and engine area full, so please get those tractors, engines and implements ready to go because show time is right around the corner.

Also, a reminder that May is dues paying time. Anyone that has not paid their dues for the past couple of years, we will be going through the books after the May show is over and removing those names. If you would like to remain on our membership list, please come to the show and pay your dues at our office located behind the food building or you can send your dues to our Treasurer, Michael Smith at 104 Oak Lane, Middleburg, PA 17842 and please make all checks payable to the MVAA.

I want to wish everyone a great spring and see you all at the shows!

Sincerely,

Michael Clark

Michael Clark, Secretary

Celebrating 15 Years