

Middlecreek Valley Antique Association Inc.

Summer Newsletter

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Dear Member,

I would like to start off this newsletter by apologizing to everyone that received their spring newsletters late. The newsletters were delivered to the Post Office on March 30th but some of you did not receive them until two and three weeks later. This problem was discussed with our Post Master who was very helpful with this situation, so hopefully next time the newsletters will be distributed in a more timely manor.

As some of you may know, the plow day that was scheduled for April 9th and 23rd, was cancelled due to wet and rainy conditions. If everything goes well and the weather holds out, we may try it again next year.

Now onto the spring basket bingo that was held on Friday, April 15th. The bingo went well, even with a low attendance, and there were a lot of folks there to help with the bingo. A big thank you goes out to everyone that came to play and support the Association and to everyone that helped out. We could not do it without you! Just to let everyone know, our fall basket bingo will be held on November 18th, so please come out and help support your Organization.

These basket bingo parties are a good fund raiser for the Association, but with the declining number of players, we are not making much of a profit anymore. If this continues, we might have to stop doing the basket bingos and start a new fund raiser to help support the Association. We are open for any ideas on what the club can do for a fund raiser. If you come up with an idea for a fund raiser, please come to our membership meetings held on 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, or you can also contact any of the Officers or Trustees and they will take your ideas to the meetings to be discussed.

On Saturday, April 16th, we headed out to Milton to make potato chips and french fries at the American Heritage Crafters "Spring Celebration". The weather did not cooperate with us that day. It was very windy and the rain poured at times making it very difficult to enjoy the day. We were able to go through around 375 pounds of potatoes and that would not have been possible without all of the help that came out in the rain and wind. A big thank you goes out to everyone who came out on Friday to help set up the canopy and tables and to everyone that helped on Saturday. Great job!



Now onto the Spring Show. It never seems to fail. The weather leading up to the show was very nice, allowing us to get the grounds mowed and trimmed and ready for the show. Then the show started and the clouds rolled in. We were able to get two good days out of the weekend which allowed us to get the truck and tractor pulls in and also allowed folks to enjoy the music by Covert Action on Saturday night. There were three steam engines at the show which were an Aultman & Taylor, Frick and a Nichols and Shepard. Unfortunately, I do not have a report this time of how many tractors and engines were at the show. I do know that our tractor numbers were down this spring, but there were a lot of other events going on in the area that weekend. We should have that problem fixed for next years show now. I would like to explain to everyone what happened with the Spring Show dates. Last year when we set this years show dates, we looked at the calendar and went by the dates that looked right and not by the weekend. Our Spring Show should fall on the third weekend in May, but because of this mistake, it fell on the second weekend in May and also fell on some other events that were going on in the area. We corrected this problem and our Spring Show for next year, 2012, will be held on May 18, 19 and 20 which is the third weekend of the month.

Now, with that taken care of, we need to send out some THANK YOUS to everyone that helped out with the show. Because of all of the rain and storms that we had this spring, it was hard for us to get things cleaned up and ready. Most of the work was done the week of the show which included: mowing and trimming the grounds, marking the flea market area, running a new speaker wire to the pole at the barn, cleaning and scrubbing everything in the food building, putting new lights in at the tractor pull track, putting new lighting and power in the barn for the entertainment and a list of other things that needed to be done before the show. A BIG THANK YOU goes out to everyone that came to help get ready for the show, help out at the show and of course help clean up after the show. Everyone worked very hard and did a great job! We would also like to thank everyone that brought tractors, engines and equipment for display and demonstrations and to all of the food, flea market and craft vendors and we cannot forget the tractor square dancers and the truck and tractor pullers who put on great shows every year. We would not have a great show without all of you, so, thank you all very much.



We would like to take a moment and welcome all of our new members to the Middlecreek Valley Antique Association. We hope that you will enjoy being a part of this great Organization.

The month of May kicks off our membership renewal and if you were not able to come to the Spring Show to renew your membership, that's OK, because we will accept them 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 mail your dues, please make all checks payable to the MVAA and send them to our Treasurer, Michael Smith at 104 Oak Lane, Middleburg, PA 17842.

The Middlecreek Valley Antique Association has invested a lot of time over the years, trying to come up with ways to get new members and get the members we have, involved with the club. We now have a lot of ways to keep everyone informed on what the club is doing and when. There are the membership meetings held every month, the minutes from the meetings which are posted on the web site and distributed via e-mail to those who request it, the newsletters, our web site, our new Facebook page and we also have ads on WQSU

radio (88.9) on Saturdays, informing everyone where we will be making chips or when we will be having a bingo party or what's going on at the shows.

Work on the barn has continued this spring. The door on the bottom of the barn has been replaced with a new one, complete with new track and rollers. As mentioned above, there was also new electric brought over to the barn along with new lights and outlets so we can accommodate our entertainment better. There was also some new lighting put in at the tractor pull track on the parking lot side. The Snyder County Tractor Pullers Association and the Middlecreek Valley Antique Association went together and purchased some additional new lighting to help with some of the shadows and dark spots on the track. A new road was also added at the tractor pull track for safety and better access. This will help keep folks away from the track area where the tractors and trucks are lining up and the pull back tractor sits.



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

Mark your Calendars

- 4th of July Picnic and camp out- July 1st – 4th, 2011
- 15th Annual Fall Show- August 26, 27, 28, 2011
- Selinsgrove Street Fair- September 24th, 2011
- Annual Fall Basket Bingo- November 18th, 2011
- Richfield's "Christmas in the Park"- To be announced
- Annual Christmas Banquet- December 10th, 2011



The show dates for 2012 are: 16th Annual Spring Show- May 18, 19, 20 and the 16th Annual Fall Show- August 24, 25, 26. We will be featuring Lesser Known Tractors and Lesser Known Engines. This will be the year to break out all of the rare tractors, engines and equipment that you don't get to see everyday. It will be fun to see what shows up in 2012.

Please remember to mark your calendars with the fall show dates. We had a lot of help at the spring show but we could always use some more. If you would like to help out this fall, please see one of the workers in the food building during the show or anywhere on the grounds and ask them where you can help out. Any help that we get from our members is always greatly appreciated.



Please spread the word about our entertainment. We will be having the musical talents of Covert Action again on Saturday, August 27th at 5:00 PM at the barn. The entertainment is free, so come on out and enjoy the show and bring your friends. We would like to see the entertainment area full this fall, so hopefully we will have some better weather than we did this spring.



The Middlecreek Valley Antique Association would like to remind everyone that alcoholic beverages are prohibited on the show grounds. There were reports of drinking going on during the show and some trucks that were tearing up some of the fields. This is NOT allowed. We would like to keep our shows a family friendly atmosphere and safe for everyone to enjoy. If these activities should continue, all parties involved will be asked to leave the property. We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

On behalf of the Middlecreek Valley Antique Association, I would like to wish everyone a happy and safe summer and we hope to see you at the fall show.

Sincerely,

Michael Clark

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Have a Happy Fourth of July!



Celebrating 15 Years