

Middlecreek Valley Antique Association Inc.



Summer Newsletter

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Dear Member,

Here we are, another summer and the 16<sup>th</sup> year of the Middlecreek Valley Antique Association. The time just flies by. First, I would just like to thank everyone once again for all of the support, donations and help and of course all of the hard work that so many of you have put into this Association over the years. We would not be where we are today without all of you pulling together for this Organization. THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH!

The first event that the MVAA attended this year was the "Spring Celebration" held in Milton on April 21<sup>st</sup>. This was the second year that we attended this event and it went very well. We made fries and potato chips and we used around 10 bags (500 pounds) of potatoes that day. The weather held off for us too. It was a nice day until it was time to clean up, then it rained on us. A big THANK YOU to everyone that came out to help and to everyone that came out to support the Association. You all did a great job!

The next big task was to get the show grounds ready for the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Show. The roads needed graded and rolled, the grass needed mowed and trimmed, Flea Market and tractor areas needed marked and lined, signs put out and the food building needed to be cleaned and set up for the show. Tons of work goes into setting up and running these shows and it takes a great group of people to do it. Luckily, this year some of the work was able to be spread out across a couple of weekends and then the week of the show. Words cannot say enough to everyone that put in the hundreds of hours that it takes. Thank you all so much. You all do an awesome job!



Now onto the Spring Show. WOW, what can we say about the weather, but, FINALLY some sun! It was a beautiful weekend with clear skies, warm temperatures and NO RAIN. We had a nice display of tractors and hit and miss engines and other interesting items on display as well. The food buildings did very well, especially our newly expanded Trackside Food Stand. There were several times that the pavilion was filled to capacity with folks enjoying the great food that was available.



Folks also got to rock out with Covert Action on Saturday night at the barn, but, unfortunately the crowd was not that big. Remember, our entertainment is FREE and it does not cost anything to park or get in. We do have Covert Action scheduled again for the fall show in August, so please spread the word and bring your friends and neighbors to the show.

This year we are featuring Lesser Known makes of tractors and engines. We did have a good variety of tractors which totaled over 130 pieces. The tractors registered were: John Deere, Farmall, Oliver, Allis Chalmers, Choremaster, Huber, Massey Harris, Ford, Leader, White, Ferguson, Minneapolis Moline, Massey Ferguson, Case, Timber Cat, Cockshutt and 3 steam engines which were the Aultman & Taylor, Frick and Reeves. There were lots of garden tractors too, especially for the garden tractor pulls held on Saturday morning. There were also over 25 gas engines and other items like lanterns and tool displays throughout the hit and miss engine area. We still have lots of room for more tractors, engines and also antique cars and trucks. So this fall, let's see if we can fill the field!



We need to take a moment to thank everyone again for all of your hard work and dedication to this Association. Without everyone coming together, there would be no show. So, to everyone that helped set-up, run and cleanup after the show, to everyone that brought tractors, engines, equipment and displays, to all of the Flea Market, Craft and Food Vendors and to all of the tractor pullers and tractor square dancers, Thank You All Very Much!

While we are still on the subject of the show, we need to take another moment and welcome all of the new members to the Middlecreek Valley Antique Association. After redoing the membership books, we now have over 691 members. Thank you all for your support!

If you know someone that would like to become a member, our dues are \$6.00 per person, \$8.00 per couple and \$10.00 per family with children under the age of 18. You can send these dues to our Treasurer, Michael Smith at 104 Oak Lane, Middleburg, PA 17842 and please make all checks payable to the MVAA.

If you were at the Spring Show, and we hope you were, you probably saw how small the Flea Market and Craft Vendor area was. We know that the rain that we have had over the years has had an effect on the Vendors that used to attend and we hope that we can continue to have beautiful weather for years to come like we had at this year's spring show. We have lots of space available so if you or someone you know has some goods to sell or if you want to get together with your neighbors to have a community yard sale, please come on out to the show. The more Vendors we get, the more people will come in to buy. If you or someone you know is interested in a vendor space, please contact Ira Lessman at (570) 374-6591, write to: Middlecreek Valley Antique Association, 798 South Front Street, Selinsgrove, PA 17870 or you can find our vendor contracts on our website ([www.mvaapa.org](http://www.mvaapa.org)) under the Vendors page.

We have had the opportunity to try some new advertising this year. We have decided to advertise more on the radio stations in the area. We have been advertising with WQSU 88.9 for over a year now and we are also advertising with Big Country B98.3 and we have added this year, Wheels 106.1 and WFBM 90.1 and 90.5. We are using these tools to help us cover a bigger area than what the paper advertising has done. We also have our website and our Facebook page for everyone on the internet.



We have been discussing at our meetings about making a new barbeque pit at the show grounds. We have now decided to add 40 more feet to the existing pavilion on the food building side and put the barbeque pit under that roof.

The pit will be at the far end towards the electric poles and the tables will be put in the new end closer to the food building. We plan on starting this project soon. The other project that is still on the list of things to do is the barn. There is still one back section of flooring that needs to be replaced, the louvers also need to be fixed to help keep the pigeons out and the barn still needs to be painted. As you can see, we have a lot to do again this year, with making chips, getting ready for the fall show and working on all of these projects. If anyone would like to come out to help, please don't be shy, any help from our members would be greatly appreciated.



Speaking of help, we were a little short on help during the spring show. We were able to find some new helpers in the food building which was great to see, but, we could still use some more help for the fall show. We are in need of a little more help for the breakfasts, especially on Saturday morning and the rest of the food building all three days of the show. If you are not sure what to do or where to go, you can always stop by the office trailer located behind the food building and ask about who you would need to see and where you can help out.

If you were at the tractor pulling track, you probably got to see our newly expanded Trackside Food Stand. A new water line has been run, the new pizza oven has been installed and is working great and it has been inspected and passed by the food safety inspector who was very pleased with the outcome of the remodel. Great Job to everyone who worked so hard and fast to get the building finished before the spring show.

On June 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, the MVAA went to Lewisburg to make chips and fries at the "Days Gone By, Antique Tractor, Car and Truck Show". It was two beautiful days and thankfully we were under a roof because it was also pretty warm out too. This was the first year for this show and we would like to thank everyone for coming out and helping support this new event. We would also like to thank everyone that came out to help. Great Job!

The Association is planning on having their annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July "Just for fun" campout and picnic again this summer. The members have decided to have it the weekend after the 4<sup>th</sup> which would be July 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. You can come out for the day or come out and camp all week, it's up to you. The picnic is planned for Saturday, July 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM and we will be having BBQ chicken and possibly corn on the cob which will be supplied by the Association. We will just need some other tasty things to go with it, so, we just ask that you please bring a dish to share.

We know how much everyone likes fireworks, so, the members have decided to have fireworks again this year which will be held on Saturday night. Because of the cost of the permit and the fireworks, the Association is asking for any donations to help with the cost of the fireworks show. Any donations would be greatly appreciated.



This year, we are going to start to try to get more e-mail addresses from our members so we can send out some of the newsletters via e-mail to help cut the cost of postage which will help save the club some money. We are also looking into trying to send out the paper newsletters without the envelopes to help cut costs there as well. This will probably not happen until next year, so, if you have an e-mail address that you would like to share or any input on these ideas, please do not hesitate to contact us and let us know.

# Mark Your Calendars

- 4<sup>th</sup> of July “Just for fun” weekend with fireworks- July 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012
- 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Show- August 24, 25, 26, 2012
- 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Selinsgrove “Market Street Festival”- September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2012
- Richfield’s “Christmas in the Park”- TBA
- MVAA and BVAMA Annual Christmas Banquet- December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012
- 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Show- May 17, 18, 19, 2013



For anyone interested in birds, there is a gentleman by the name of Jason Weller who is doing a bird trail on and surrounding the show grounds. With help from the PA Game Commission, he has placed several bird houses and nesting boxes around the property including a Barn Owl box. According to his blog, he has spotted up to 66 different species being observed on the trail. He was also able to see a clutch of 4 Barn Owls and their parents this month. He has an interesting blog about this bird trail along with some awesome pictures. The blog address is: <http://snydercountybirdingtrail.blogspot.com/>.



Please spread the word. The Fall Show is August 24-26, any extra help will be greatly appreciated and don't forget to tell your friends, family and neighbors about Covert Action on Saturday Night, August 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM down in the barn.

I would like to wish everyone a fun and safe summer and have a wonderful Fourth of July.

See you in August!

Sincerely,

*Michael Clark*

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