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Spring Newsletter

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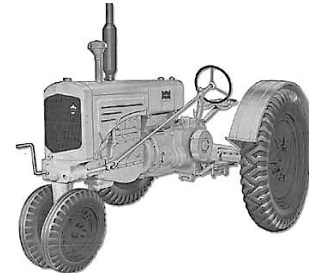
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Dear Member,



It's finally spring! It has been a long, cold, and in some places, frigid and snowy winter and I'm sure you are all as happy as I am to see it go and welcome in the warmer temperatures. It will also be nice to hear the sounds of the tractors and engines running at the show. When you wake your tractors and engines from their long winters nap, make sure you go over them so they will be ready for all of the fun things we have planned for this year. With that said, let's get this newsletter started so I can tell you more about it.

First, let's go over what we did last fall and winter. On November 30th, we headed out to Richfield to their "Christmas in the Park" event to make potato chips. It was a very cold (17 degrees) day, but it went very well. We went through 25 bags or 1,250 pounds of potatoes and we almost sold out. We couldn't have done that without all of the help that we had, which we had lots. A big thank you to everyone that came out to help make chips and set up and tear down the canopy and equipment, especially in the bitter cold. You all did a great job!

The next event was the Christmas Banquet held on December 14th which was hosted by the Middlecreek Valley Antique Association and Buffalo Valley Antique Machinery Association. That was another busy day for us. We had members at the show grounds making scrapple, some others making the meats for the banquet and a group at the banquet hall setting up for the banquet. While we were setting up, we were hoping that the snow would soon stop falling, but, it didn't. It ended up snowing all day and night. We were kind of in a bind because we didn't know what to do about the banquet and if we should cancel it or not, but how do you get in contact with over 600 members in such short notice, so we just hoped for the best. The banquet turned out very well and we ended up with around 150 people there which actually surprised some of us that there were that many since so many of you have to travel long distances to get there. Thank you to everyone that braved the weather and helped make the Christmas Banquet a success and a lot of fun. Also, a big thank you to everyone that helped out at the banquet, from set up to clean up and everything in between, you all are great and we can't do it without you. We also can't forget to send out our thanks to everyone that brought food to share and Christmas gifts for the gift auction. Thank you all very much!

On January 24th and 25th, some members got together at the show grounds to make scrapple again. We found at times that we couldn't keep up. We were actually selling it faster than we were making it.

Our scrapple sales are doing great and we couldn't do it without all of the help that we get. A big thank you goes out to everyone that came out to help make the scrapple. Great job!

In the last newsletter, I had the results of the election of Officers and Trustees. One of the members elected to an Officers position was Perry Aitkin. He has held a position as Trustee for many, many years and for the first time was elected as our new Vice President. Perry was very excited about this new position and was really looking forward to holding the position of Vice President this year. Unfortunately, on February 6th, Perry passed away suddenly. This not only left us with the loss of a good friend, a great worker and an asset to this Organization, but it also left an opening on the Board. Perry will be missed by all of us.

On February 21st and 22nd, we were back at it again, making scrapple and sausage for our sausage sandwiches that we sell at the shows. It was a great two days and we had a lot of help. We made 4 kettles of scrapple and 1,350 sausages for the sausage sandwiches. Now that's a lot of sausage! Everything that was made was vacuum packed, sealed and frozen and is now awaiting the shows. A huge thank you to everyone that came out to help. You all did an awesome job!



Before we get into the upcoming events, I would just like to let everyone know that if you are coming to the show grounds, please watch your speeds on some of the roads. The Township has recently reduced the speed limits on Old Colony Road (which the grounds are located on) from the Snyder County Prison out to Route 204. That section has now been reduced from 40 miles per hour to 25 miles per hour. It has also been reduced to 25 on Clifford Road which connects Route 522 to Salem Road. Please keep alert for these changes. We don't want you to get a ticket on your way to the shows.

The next event that we will be getting ready for will be the 18th Annual Spring Show. We are going to be having a lot of events and activities again this year along with the return of the SUN Area Dairy Princess Promotion. Along with our regular activities, they are planning on having a kid's activity tent set up on all 3 days, the celebrity milking contest on Friday night along with cheese tasting. Saturday they will be having the kids pedal pulls at 2:00 PM and at 7:00 PM they will have the SUN Area Dairy Princess Pageant. At 8:00 PM after the pageant is over, they are planning on having a milk punch reception and dance which will all be held in the barn. On Sunday afternoon at 1:00 PM, they will be having the free ice cream sundaes again while supplies last. You also do not want to miss our free musical entertainment on Saturday night at 6:00 PM which will be Lucky Afternoon. For more information about Lucky Afternoon, you can visit their website at www.luckyafternoon.com.

In case you missed the last newsletter, our featured tractor for 2014 is Minneapolis Moline and the featured engine for 2014 is the Stover. We hope to see lots of tractors and engines again this spring of all shapes, sizes and colors and don't forget those implements. They are really nice to see hooked up to those tractors too.

In order for us to have a great show, we will need to get the grounds ready. As you all know, it has been a very long and very cold winter. We will need to get the grounds cleaned up and ready to go before the show gets here. We will also need to get the food buildings cleaned up and washed down before show time. This will involve a lot of help. We will be working at the show grounds every Saturday from now until show time and the whole week of the show. If you have a free Saturday on your schedule, please come on out and lend a hand. We have a lot to get done.



Some of our big projects that we have on tap are the sawmill expansion in which we would like to take out the existing floor on the discharge side of the mill and replace it with a new bigger floor. This would give us more room to work and room to put in some rails for our new cart to put the finished lumber on. We would also like to build a new stage for our entertainment.

We are looking for a couple of modular housing frames to build the stage on to help us have a sturdy structure. This would also make the stage long enough that if it would rain, we could still have the kids pedal pulls on the stage. As you can see, we have a lot to do again this year, so if you can help us out with some of these projects and clean up, we would really appreciate it.

Now, let's head into some of the items that were discussed during our membership meetings held this year. Back in November, due to a lot of activity happening on the show grounds at night, we decided to purchase and install a new camera system. This system has since been purchased and set up and covers almost the entire show grounds and food building. This will help us if anything ever gets damaged or stolen, which we hope never happens. We have, however, noticed that a cat likes to hang around the food building a lot.



In January, the membership voted on and purchased a commercial grade meat grinder for making the scrapple and sausage. It is a very powerful machine and works great for what we need it for.

We also discussed doing a tractor run this year. This has been discussed a lot over the past several months and it was decided to have one this year. The date will be June 14th with the rain date being June 15th. We will be leaving the show grounds around 1:00 PM and we are working on having food available when we return to the grounds. The route has been mapped out and will be around 14 miles long. We are looking into finding a place to stop for a break and it was mentioned that maybe we could stop at the Old Herman School House. That is still being looked into. We have contacted the local Townships and the State and we now have the proper permits all filled out and approved for the run.

We are also working on t-shirts for the run. The sales from the shirts will help pay for the food that we will be having after the run. We will be needing anyone that is interested in participating in the tractor run and who is interested in purchasing a t-shirt to pre-register so we will know how much food to prepare and so we can get the shirts made in the correct sizes. If you don't get the chance to pre-register for the run and you would like to participate, that's OK, but if you would like a shirt, you will need to order one ahead of time. We will have registration forms available at the office and Trackside Food Stand during the spring show.

We are really looking forward to this new event. We have been talking about having a tractor run for many years and it is now going to happen, so we hope you will be joining us for this fun event.

In February, we discussed the operating times for the food building. After several meetings and discussions, it was decided that during the shows, the main food building will be closing at 9:00 PM so the workers will have time to get things cleaned up and ready to go for the next day. Anyone that would like to buy something to eat after that will need to go up to the Trackside Food Stand located next to the pulling track.

The meeting held in March was probably the biggest meeting that we have had yet. It was a very good meeting and we had a lot of events and ideas discussed. One of the items discussed was advertising for the shows. We have decided to start advertising in the Snyder and Union County Times which will go to every mailbox in those Counties. We also decided to add another radio station to our list which is WJUN 92.5 which covers Juniata, Mifflin, Perry and the western end of Snyder County. To help us out with our advertising, if you think about it when you go into the office to pay your dues, let someone know if and where you heard or saw our ads. This will help us decide where to advertise and how.

We also discussed an idea that came to us which deals with the tractor pulls. This idea is to do a couple of classes of tractors as a money class. The classes that we are looking at are the 4500lb, 5500lb, and 6500lb weight classes. We discussed that we would have 2 sets of these weight classes. One would be the ribbon pull and the other would be the money pull. You will need to pick which pull you want to be in. It was decided that to make it fair, you could not pull in the money pull and in the ribbon pull, you will need to pick which one you want to compete in. We are still working on the details of this event but we hope that it will be a success.

After we discussed the tractor pulls, we then discussed the truck pulls. It was mentioned that the trucks are taking way too long for the few that we are getting in. Unfortunately even after changing the days that we have the truck pulls, we are still not getting them to the shows, so, after a lot of discussion it was decided and voted on to end the truck pulls at our shows. This will leave us more time to try the money pulls for the tractors.

After we talked about the pulls, we then talked about our breakfasts that we serve each morning of the shows. We discussed the time that we serve breakfast and that we have a lot of people coming in to eat around 9:00 when we are starting to clean up from the breakfast. After discussion, it was decided that we will now be serving breakfast from 6:30 AM to 10:00 AM. We are also going to be looking into having platters for the breakfasts instead of just buying individual foods.



Earlier in this newsletter I mentioned that the passing of Perry Aitkin left a spot open on the Board of Directors. That position was for Vice President. During this meeting, we discussed this opening and who we were going to get to fill this spot. After some searching and discussions over the past month, we found a member that was willing to give this position a try. After discussion, a motion was made, voted on and carried for Josh Martin to fulfill the position of Vice President. We feel that Josh will do an excellent job and we ask that you give him your support as we move forward this year.

Many of you that have come early to the shows to have breakfast have seen and got to know Terry Shambach who was always helping make breakfast. He also helped out when we made scrapple and chips.

Unfortunately on March 21st, Terry passed away. Terry was a great friend, a hard worker and another asset to our Organization. Terry will also be missed by all of us.

With the loss of both Perry and Terry and the other great members that we have lost over the past years,



this leaves us with a big hole to fill during our events. We need your help! We need our members to step up now more than ever to help fill the shoes of those members so we can continue on what they have started and worked so hard for.

We also would like to see more of our young members getting involved with the clubs events and meetings. If you want to see this Organization continue on into the future, then we need you, the Members of the Middlecreek Valley Antique Association, to help us out and help to keep this club going. It is our hope that those little kids that are now participating in the kids pedal pulls will take over the reins in the future.

Mark your calendars

- 18th Annual Spring Show - May 16, 17, 18, 2014
- 1st Annual Tractor Run - June 14th, 2014, Rain Date: June 15th
- 4th of July "Just for Fun" Weekend and Chicken BBQ - July 5th
- 18th Annual Fall Show – August 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 2014
- 36th Annual Selinsgrove Market Street Festival- September 27th, 2014
- Richfield's "Christmas in the Park" – November 29th, 2014
- 18th Annual Christmas Banquet – December 13th, 2014



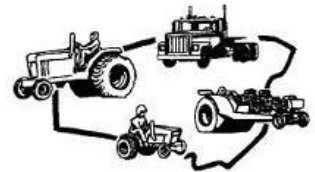
At the Track! Tractor Pull Dates to Remember!

Mid Penn Garden Tractor Pullers

May 25th, June 28th, July 5th and August 31st. May 17th and August 23rd are ribbon pulls.

Snyder County Tractor Pullers Association

April 27th (Test and tune), May 31st, June 22nd, August 2nd and September 27th with the rain date set for September 28th.



As I close this letter, I would just like to thank everyone once again for all of your help this past fall and winter. You all are awesome! I also ask that you keep the Association in your thoughts as we move forward this year. We need your help to keep this Organization going. We have a good thing going with all of the events and activities we have going on, so, please help us to keep it heading in the right direction. I thank you all for your support and dedication!

Wishing you all a great spring and we'll see you at the show!

Sincerely,

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