

Middlecreek Valley Antique Association Inc.



Summer Newsletter

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Dear Member,

I hope everyone enjoyed their spring. After a long winter like we had, it was sure nice to finally get to our 18th Annual Spring Show. Before we could have the show though, we needed to get the grounds ready and the food buildings cleaned up. We also decided to start one of our projects before the show began so we would have it available to use and that project was our new stage. We were able to find 2 mobile home frames to use and after taking several measurements, we started sawing some logs to the size lumber that we needed for the beams and joists. We then spent some time running the planer to get the lumber all smooth and uniform. After all of that, we spent around 2 weekends building the stage. We also ended up designing and building a canopy for over the stage. The stage turned out great and we ended up using it for the kids pedal tractor pulls, the musical entertainment on Saturday night and for the church services on Sunday morning. Great job to everyone involved with the stage project!

While the stage was being built, there were some other members working on our steam shingle mill that the Association purchased last fall. The boiler was re-plumbed, new gaskets and seals were installed and a new relief valve was ordered and installed. We also had the boiler inspector come out to inspect the boiler and it passed. After we got the boiler in good working order, we then turned to the mill itself. It also needed some work done to it to make it work properly and safely. Some new guards were made for it, a new belt was also made for it and after some bolts were turned and a lot of oil and grease were used, we got it working again. It was being used throughout the day on Saturday during the show. Great job to everyone that helped out with the steam shingle mill!

To everyone that helped out with the stage project and the shingle mill and to everyone that helped get the grounds ready and the food buildings cleaned up and ready for the show, thank you all very much for your continued hard work.

Now, on to the show! The grounds were mowed, the stage was set and we were pretty much ready to go for the show, until a heavy storm came through the area on Thursday night. We put ropes over the canopy on the stage and tied it down, we tied tractors to the train station canopy and tent, we thought we would be OK, but the wind ripped the stage canopy off of the stage and took the railings with it.

After the rains had stopped on Friday morning, we began to repair the railings and reinforced them and then we bent all of the pipes for the canopy back to their original shape. Luckily, the new tarp for the canopy was not harmed. By mid-day, the stage was once again ready to go for the show. Fortunately, that seemed to be the only damage made by the storm.

On Friday evening, the SUN Area Dairy Princess Promotion held the Celebrity Milking Contest in the barn. The contestants for the milking contest were: Drew Kelly from radio station WQKX, Nikki Krize from WNEP Channel 16, Joe Kantz, Snyder County Commissioner, Dennis Keefer from West Milton State Bank, Cathy Keiser, Selinsgrove High School's Field Hockey Coach, Jayme Longacre, Mifflinburg High School's Field Hockey Coach, Aaron Shiltz, Middleburg Girls Softball UIO Coach, Tony Adams, #88 Late Model race car driver, Ralph Dietrick from Central PA Vintage Iron Club and Mike Lessman from the Middlecreek Valley Antique Association. Everyone that participated in this event received prizes and the ability to say that they got to milk a cow. The barn was filled with a great turn out of people that wanted to see these folks try their best at milking a cow. Everyone did a great job and we thank them all for coming out and participating!

On Saturday, we had a beautiful day filled with lots of activities going on all throughout the day. The SUN Area Dairy Princess Promotion had the kids activity tent going on all day, along with a hay bale maze, games, agricultural activities and events and much more. They also incorporated a safety day this year which included: Geisinger Trauma, Peifer Fire Protection, Snyder County 911 Communications, Snyder County Sheriff's Department and Selinsgrove's DH&L Fire Company. DH&L and Peifer Fire Protection were doing fire extinguisher demonstrations to show folks how to handle and use a fire extinguisher properly.

Also involved with the activities were: Penn State Cooperative Extension, Snyder County Farm Bureau, SUM Child Development and of course, the SUN Area Dairy Princess Promotion. We would like to thank all of these great groups and organizations for coming out to the show and helping out with the kids activity tent and all of the other activities that were going on throughout the day. Thank you all very much!

Other events that happened on Saturday were the Kid's Pedal Tractor Pulls which took place on the stage. There were 41 kids ages 3 to 12 that participated in the pulls this spring. We hope that all of the children enjoyed the pedal pulls and we would like to thank all of them and their parents for coming out to the show. On Saturday night, we had our musical entertainment by Lucky Afternoon rocking out on our new stage and entertaining a great crowd of folks enjoying the music, followed by the SUN Area Dairy Princess Pageant that was held in the barn. The barn was filled with folks as they listened to speeches and watched the crowning of the new Dairy Princess, Miss Lacey Smith. Following the Pageant, a milk punch reception and dance was held in the barn and Lucky Afternoon hit the stage once again to entertain those that braved the cool damp weather.

On Sunday, the show started off with church services at the stage followed by several activities going on throughout the grounds including the kids activity tent, barrel train rides, pony rides, wagon and steam engine rides, sawmill demonstrations, tractor pulls and of course, the free ice cream sundaes. Yum!

We added a lot of new events to the show this year and one other new item that we tried was the new breakfast menu and times. Our breakfast hours were extended to 10:00 AM and we now have a new menu with specials each day. It seems to have gone over very well especially after hearing the Treasurers report from the show. We hope you had the chance to try it and we hope you enjoyed it!

Now earlier I mentioned about the storm that came through the area before the show started and we are thinking that is what kept a lot of the tractors away this spring. This year, we are featuring Minneapolis Moline tractors and we had 1 of them registered. Also registered were: 25 John Deere, 19 Farmall, 19 Olivers, 5 Allis Chalmers, 2 Fergusons, 1 Case, 1 Cockshutt, 1 garden tractor and 2 steam engines (there were actually 6 there, Aultman & Taylor, 2 Frick, Reeves, Farquhar (or Pleasant Valley Express) and the Nichols and Shepard). This gave us a total of 76 registered tractors for the spring show.

In the Hit and Miss Engine Area, we had 12 exhibitors featuring 27 gas engines, 5 pieces of equipment, 1 tool display and 1 toy display. A Big THANK YOU goes out to everyone that brought tractors, engines, equipment and displays to the show. Also, a huge thank you goes out to everyone that helped set up for the show, worked at the show and helped clean up after the show and to everyone with the SUN Area Dairy Princess Promotion for all of the hard work that you do to set up all of the groups and organizations that come to the shows and all of the events and activities that you had for everyone, especially the children, to enjoy. You are all an awesome group of people and we could not do it without everyone coming together and working so tirelessly to put on a great show. Again, great job and THANK YOU ALL!

After the show was over, it was once again time to start working on some more of our projects that we have to do at the show grounds. The next project on our list is the sawmill floor replacement and expansion. We started out by cleaning up all of the slab wood from the show and then we removed the old floor on the discharge side of the mill. We then cleaned up the ground, drilled some holes for the new posts and set the support posts in place. We are now in the process of installing some new beams to these posts and then the floor joists will be put on top of that and then the new floor will be installed. This will be a very strong floor when it is finished and will be able to support our new lumber cart and maybe someday, an edger.



On June 14th, the Association held its 1st Annual Tractor Run. It was a little cooler than expected, but over all a nice day. We had a nice turn out of people and tractors for our first time doing this. We ended up with around 22 tractors and 2 of those tractors were pulling wagons for hay rides. The run was around 14 miles long and took around 3 hours to do. During the run, we stopped at the Old Herman School House for a break and a tour of the school. After that, we loaded back up and headed out again. When we returned to the show grounds, we had a nice meal waiting for us which included hot dogs, chicken corn soup, chips, several cakes and desserts, homemade ice cream and drinks for everyone to enjoy. We hope everyone had a good time and enjoyed the day and we hope you will all join us again next year.

Before we move on, we need to thank everyone that was involved with this event. First, to everyone that set this event up, got the OK from the Townships and got the permits for this event, to those involved getting the t-shirts ordered and made, to everyone that got and made the food for us to enjoy and to the guys that helped direct and stop traffic for us, Thank you all very much! Secondly, we need to thank everyone that came out and participated in this tractor run. Thank you all! Again, we hope everyone had a good time and we hope to do this again next year.

Mark your calendars



- 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



Now we can move onto the events that are coming up. The first event will be the 4th of July “Just for Fun” weekend and campout. This will be held the week of the 4th of July and we will be having our annual chicken barbeque picnic on Saturday, July 5th at 12:00 noon. We will be having barbequed chicken but unfortunately it looks like we will not be able to get any corn on the cob this year because it will not be ready yet. All of our Members are invited, we just ask that you bring a dish to share.

After the picnic is over, we will be holding our July Membership Meeting and then in the evening at dusk, we will be holding our Annual Fourth of July Fireworks Show. Again this year, we will have the donation boxes sitting around for anyone that would like to make a donation towards the cost of the fireworks and the permit. The fireworks show is free and open to the public, so invite your friends and neighbors to come on out and enjoy the show.

This is a “Just for fun weekend”, so you can come out for the day or you can camp all week, it is up to you. We just ask that you have a good time!

The next event will be the 18th Annual Fall Show which will be held August 22nd - 24th. Again, we will be needing lots of help for the show so we hope to see everyone back again to lend a hand and we would also love to see some new faces come out and help us especially in the food building.

Also, remember that we are featuring Minneapolis Moline tractors and equipment and Stover engines this year so get those tractors and engines out and to the show. We would love to see a full field of equipment and we would also like to see some more of the antique cars too. Antique cars and trucks would be an awesome addition to the shows.

If you did not see the e-mail or the post on Facebook, unfortunately we will not be having Country Trash for our musical entertainment during the fall show. We booked them again after their performance at last year’s fall show and since then, their band is no longer performing, so we are now in the process of finding another music group to play at our fall show. We will post who we are getting as soon as we find a group.

After the show is over, the next event that we will be attending will be the 36th Annual Selinsgrove Market Street Festival which will be held on Saturday, September 27th. We will start making chips on Friday the 26th at the show grounds so we will have enough chips to stay ahead.



We will be needing lots of help again for this event too, so come on out and enjoy the day with us and as they say, "It's free and it's fun! And it's always a great day in the Grove!"

After the Street Fair, the next event will be the "Christmas in the Park" event which will be held on Saturday, November 29th in Basom Park in Richfield. We will be making our kettle cooked potato chips again for this event and we will start making them on Friday November 28th to make ahead and then we will head out to the park to set up the canopy. Again, we will be needing lots of help for this event too, so please come on out and join us for a day of fun and lots of "storytelling" around the kettles.

I just want to send out a reminder to all of our members, if you haven't renewed your membership yet this year, please stop by the office during the fall show and you can take care of that there. If you can't make it to the show, you can always send you dues to our Treasurer, Michael Smith at 104 Oak Lane, Middleburg, PA 17842. Please make your checks payable to the MVAA. Also, if you know of anyone 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.

After going through the membership book this spring, we now have 694 members. This is an increase of over 100 members since last year. We thank you all for your continued support to this great Organization.

If you would like to know what is happening with your Association, you can always join us at our membership meetings which 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 make it to the meetings but would still like to know what is going on, you can always send me your e-mail address and I will add it to the list on our mass e-mail. We are now sending out mass e-mails to all of the members that we have an e-mail address for. Just so you know, we are only sending out club information (NO Spam mail) like the meeting minutes and any information that might come up that we feel our members should know about. Don't forget to check out our website for information and our Facebook page for things that are going on now and there are also lots of pictures and videos to look at too. Check it out!



As I close this letter, I would again like to thank everyone that keeps this Organization going. You all work so hard and dedicate a lot of your time and energy to keep this Association going and keeping the grounds and buildings looking their best. You couldn't ask for a better group of people! Again, thank you all very much!

Wishing everyone a safe and fun summer and a wonderful Fourth of July!

Sincerely,

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