

Middlecreek Valley Antique Association Inc.



Fall/Winter Newsletter

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Dear Member,



Hope this letter finds you well. It's hard to believe that the year is almost over. It doesn't seem that long ago that we were getting the grounds ready for the Spring Show and here we are getting ready for the Christmas Banquet. They say that time flies when you're having fun. Well, we did have some good times this year and we kept busy too with all of the events that we've had throughout the year and all of the things that we've built and worked on this year. We started out working on the steam shingle mill that we purchased last fall and then we designed and built a new stage for our entertainment and kids pedal pulls. We also ended up taking out the floor on the discharge side of the sawmill, installed new support posts and beams and installed a new bigger floor. Along with all of the work that was going on, we also had two shows, the 4th of July campout weekend with fireworks, attended several events that we made potato chips at and had a benefit tractor pull. Yep, I would say that we've had a pretty productive year. No wonder the time went so fast!

This summer, we continued work on the sawmill floor. It is now much bigger and stronger than it was and we are not done yet. We are looking into extending it out past the roof alongside where the steam engines sit so we can install our lumber cart and push it out to where the lumber can be picked off by hand or with the skid steer. We are also looking at putting a section of roof up that would cover that new section. So, the new floor is great, but there is still more work to be done.

The show grounds were looking great again this year, but keeping all of that grass mowed and trimmed is almost a never ending process. We were out mowing and trimming before the 4th of July campout weekend and this time we had some extra help from some of our members that have zero turn mowers. That sure helped out a lot and made the mowing time a lot shorter. Thank you and great job to everyone that came out to help with the mowing and trimming this year. It helps out a lot and it makes the grounds look great.

Once we had the grounds ready, it was time for all of the campers to move in for the 4th of July campout weekend. The weekend went great and we had beautiful weather again this year. On Saturday, July 5th, we had our annual chicken barbeque with corn on the cob. There were also several other dishes there for folks to enjoy along with homemade ice cream and other desserts.

After lunch, we held our membership meeting which was followed by social time. Since there were so many people there to help out, there were some other projects being worked on throughout the day. Work on the sawmill floor continued and there was a group of guys out on the walking trails fixing up the trails and working on one of the bridges that was damaged. They also cleaned up some fallen trees and extended the trails. The walking trails are in much better shape now and it makes for a nice cool walk in the woods on a hot summers day. Once the evening came, it was time to turn our attention to the sky for the fireworks show. This year, the club decided to get \$100.00 more in fireworks to make the show better and a little longer. We also decided this year to advertise and little more. Our fireworks show was advertised on 4 different radio stations, in 2 local newspapers and on WNEP Channel 16. It paid off because the parking lot was filled to capacity. Again this year, we had a great group of folks that set the fireworks off and we also had some back up from DH&L Fire Company just in case there would be a problem. The fireworks show went great and it lasted approximately 25 minutes with an awesome grand finale. We also took up a collection for donations to help pay for the fireworks and the permit and once again, everyone came through. We had enough in donations to pay for the permit and all of the fireworks.

We would like to thank everyone that came out to the campout weekend, to everyone that brought a dish to share with the meal, to everyone that helped set everything up and took care of the chicken and the corn and helped clean up afterwards, to everyone that helped out with the projects being worked on, to everyone that helped out with the fireworks and to DH&L for coming out and to everyone that came out to watch and donated money. Thank you all very much and we hope you enjoyed it!

On July 19th, we headed over to the East Snyder Community Gardens to binder the wheat that we had planted there for a buffer. We also harvested a small patch of oats that the gardens planted too. After we were finished binding, we walked through and shocked the wheat and oats so they could dry.

On July 26th, we were out at the grounds again working on some other projects that needed attention. One of the projects was the installation of a new speaker wire for the PA system. The lower speakers were not working anymore so we ended up digging a trench from the tractor pull track, down to the poles by the pavilion. We then installed 2" conduit and new speaker wire which were donated by our show announcer, Dennis Heggenstaller. We then turned our attention to the scale house. This year we had to replace the scale mechanism that is housed in the scale house because it was no longer reading the weights properly. The Snyder County Tractor Pullers Association tried to fix the readout device but it still would not work right. After some looking around, they were able to get a digital scale system which is working great. This new digital system did not cost the Association anything thanks to the Snyder County Tractor Pullers Association and some donations from our members. Now that we had a digital readout, that meant we needed to have electric there all of the time, not just when the lights were turned on, so we ran a new power line over to the scale house. A big Thank You to Dennis, the Snyder County Tractor Pullers Association, our members and everyone that worked on these projects. Awesome job!

On August 16th, we headed back over to the East Snyder Community Gardens and collected the wheat and oats. This year's crop did not turn out too well. We only ended up with one big wagon load of wheat and since it was a small patch for the oats, we only had a small amount of those to bring back. The oats and wheat were used in our threshing and baling demonstrations that took place during our fall show.

Speaking of the Fall Show, that was the next event that we had which took place on August 22nd, 23rd, and 24th. The show went well, but the weather could have been better. It rained on Friday and was a dreary day on Saturday with a few showers and it was a beautiful day on Sunday. This year we featured Minneapolis Moline tractors and Stover engines. We had 7 (which includes 2 garden tractors) Minneapolis Moline tractors, 23 Farmalls, 19 John Deere, 13 Oliver, 4 Allis Chalmers, 2 Fords, 3 Case, 1 Massey Harris, 1 Timber-Cat and 2 Steam Engines (There were actually 5 there which included the Aultman & Taylor, 2 Frick, Reeves and the Farquhar or Pleasant Valley Express) registered. That gave us a total of 75 registered tractors. We also had 7 garden tractors and 2 implements registered as well. In the small engine and exhibit area, we had 14 exhibitors who had 32 various items which included hit and miss engines, gas engines that operated machinery, tools and related items.

Some of the events and activities that were going on throughout the weekend were; lots of demonstrations which included: sawmill (powered by steam engines), shingle mill, a miniature sawmill, miniature baler, a very large Fairbanks-Morse engine, several pieces of equipment and engines running in the hit and miss area and threshing and baling. Also this fall, we had the local fire companies come back for some more simulated rescues which involved a car, school bus, a tractor and a baler. We also had the garden tractor pulls, antique farm tractor pulls and kids pedal tractor pulls. We had a total of 24 kids for the kids pedal tractor pulls which was held on the stage. Speaking of the stage, we also had our musical entertainment on Saturday night by the Lucky Afternoon Band. Fortunately the weather had gotten better that evening so folks could come out and enjoy some country music, some polkas and a few oldies that the band performed. I also have to say that I have never seen so many folks getting up and dancing at our show like they did that night. There were folks of all ages dancing away and having a great time, which is what we like to see and is what our shows are all about. We also can't forget about the barrel train rides, the horse and pony rides and the horse drawn wagon rides and of course the square dancing action by the Middlecreek Tractor Swingers.

Even though the weather wasn't the greatest, we did end up having a pretty good show and that wouldn't be possible without everyone coming together to help put on these shows. So, with that said, on behalf of the Middlecreek Valley Antique Association's Officers and Trustees, we would like to thank everyone that came out to help set up for the show, work at the show and helped clean up after the show, to everyone that brought tractors, engines, equipment and displays, to all of the Flea Market and Food Vendors, to the Middlecreek Tractor Swingers, to the Lucky Afternoon Band, to all of the folks that participated in the tractor pulls, to the local Fire Companies and everyone that put on demonstrations and of course to everyone that came out to support the Association, THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH!

The next event that we attended was the Selinsgrove Market Street Festival where we made our kettle cooked potato chips. This event was held on September 27th, but we started on Friday the 26th so we could make ahead so we could keep up at the street fair. We had beautiful weather on Saturday and there was a pretty nice crowd there too. We were able to go through 33 bags (1,650 pounds) of potatoes and we just about sold out too. It was a very busy 2 days and again we would like to thank everyone that helped out with this event. It takes a lot of people to make our kettle cooked potato chips and we are fortunate to have a great team of people that continue to make it possible for us to do these extra events. Thank you all that helped out! You all did a great job!

Once October came, it was time to start getting things winterized and put into storage for the winter months ahead. Before we could put everything away though, we had one more special event planned out at the show grounds. Back in September, one of our local farmers, Andrew Snook, was injured in a farming accident when one of the rungs on the ladder of the silo he was on gave way and he fell about 40 feet. After this happened, word of his accident spread throughout the community and donations and benefits to help Andrew started happening. Some of our members got together and came up with the idea to have a benefit tractor pull which was held on October 25th. This was an all-day event with a few hours break in the afternoon so that the local farmers could leave to take care of their farms and animals. During the first session, there were 97 hooks and during the second session there were 55 hooks for a total of 152 hooks. The top pullers in each class were awarded money in which most of the pullers donated back. At the end of the night, after all of the hook fees were counted and after the money from the food stand and donation boxes were tallied, we were able to send close to \$7,000.00 to the Snook Family. We would like to thank the community and businesses that came together for this event and for this cause. The following is a list of the sponsors for this event: Aumiller & Associates Insurance, Beaver Community Fair, Beaver Creek Tractor and Nick Snook, Brad and Lisa Bingaman and Family, Greg and Deb Bingaman, Cen-Pe-Co and Don Crone, Greg and Jen Brouse and Family, Butterkrust Bakery and Mike Beaver, B & R Farm Equipment, Deb Ewing, Kenny Frymoyer, Lori Gardener & Family, Donny Herbster, Jim & Denise Krebs, Mike Lessman & Family, L & L Market Place, Dennis Heggenstaller & Dianne Crater, Katrina Hestor & Family, Linda Hollenbach, Red Kreider, Patrick & Nancy MacClellan, Josh and Crissa Martin, Middlecreek Valley Antique Association, Frank & Dawn Miller, N.S. Troutmans & Sons, Tim Reich & Family, Richards Portable Toilets, Ritter Feeds, Rich Scarlet & Family, Spigs Plumbing and Heating, Snyder County Tractor Pullers Association, Craig Ulmer, Weaver's Bakery-Port Trevorton, Windview Truck and Trailer Repair and Everyone that pulled tractors, came out to watch, bought food and donated time and money for the pulls and for the Snook Family. Again, thank you all very much for coming together to help out a local family.

Mark your calendars

- Richfield's "Christmas in the Park" – November 29th, 2014
- 18th Annual Christmas Banquet – December 13th, 2014
- 19th Annual Spring Show – May 15th-17th, 2015
- 2nd Annual Tractor Run – June 13th, 2015
- 19th Annual Fall Show – August 28th-30th, 2015



Earlier in this letter, I mentioned that we have a great team of people that come together to help make chips. We do have a great team and if you would like to help us out, please come on out when we do these events and we will show you how to do the things we do when we make chips and scrapple. Just like all organizations, we are always looking for more help too. We are always in need of some help during our shows

and we could always use some extra hands when we go out to do the other events like the street fair, Richfield and when we make scrapple. Don't be shy, just come on by and lend a helping hand!

Special Note: We would like to give everyone a heads up for next year, 2015. Penn DOT has contacted us about the small bridge at the end of Old Colony Road next to Route 204. Next year this bridge will be in the process of being replaced during our shows so detours will be set up. The easiest way to get to our grounds will be by taking Route 522 to Salem Road, travel 1.1 miles and then turn right onto Old Colony Road and the show grounds will be on your left. These directions are on the back of the show brochures. Also during show time, we will have the show signs out to help you. Also, if you have a GPS system, you can use the following address: 600 Old Colony Road, Selinsgrove. That is the address for the Snyder County Prison that is located next our grounds. There will be a reminder about the bridge replacement in the spring newsletter.



Speaking of the brochures, you may find them a little different next year. We have decided that in order to save money, we will be doing our own artwork and having a local printer print them for us which should save the Association almost \$2,000.00 a year. Once we get them printed, check them out and let us know what you think!

Just a reminder to everyone with pets, you need to keep your pets on a leash during all shows and events that are held on the grounds. We have had several concerns and complaints about pets being left to roam the grounds unattended. Your pet may be very friendly, but most people won't know that and may be scared of your pet. This is not only one of our rules, it is also a state law. We appreciate your cooperation.

During our membership meeting held on November 11th, we had our election of Officers and Trustees. The results of the election are: President: Josh Martin, Vice President: Michael Lessman, Secretary: Michael Clark, Treasurer: Delphia Lohr, and the 2 trustees elected are Kenny Frymoyer and Jeff Radel. These positions will take effect on January 1st. We ask that you please give your support to the Officers and Trustees in the coming year. As you can see, we had a change in the Treasurer and Trustee positions. We would like to thank Mike Smith and Todd Willow for their dedication and hard work throughout these past several years. We ask that you help support Delphia and Jeff as they start their new journey on the Board.

After the first of the year, our new Treasurer's address will be: Delphia Lohr, 311 Stover Road, Mifflinburg, PA 17844. Any dues mailed in can be sent to her address after January 1st.

As I close this letter, I would once again like to thank everyone for their dedication and hard work that you put into this Organization all year long. We wouldn't be where we are today without everyone coming together and working hard to keep this Organization going. With some new events and activities added, we feel that we are heading in the right direction.

So, thank you all very much and I wish you all a safe winter and a wonderful holiday season.

Sincerely,

Michael Clark

Michael Clark, Secretary

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Christmas Banquet Invitation

The Middlecreek Valley Antique Association and Buffalo Valley Antique Machinery Association will join together again this year on December 13th, 2014 to hold our 18th Annual Christmas Banquet. This banquet will be taking place in the banquet hall of the Grace Covenant Community Church on North Shuman Street in Middleburg.

The doors will open at 4:30 PM and we will eat at 6:00 PM. The drinks, dinnerware, and two kinds of meat will be provided by the Associations, we just need side dishes and desserts. There are lots of good cooks and bakers in both Associations, so PLEASE bring a dish to share.

Please Note that the Christmas banquet is for current members. If you would like to attend and are not currently paid up to date, please send your dues to our Treasurer, Michael Smith at 104 Oak Lane, Middleburg, PA 17842.



Again this year, we will be holding our annual Christmas gift auction. The money raised by the auction goes to both Associations to help pay for the banquet supplies and the rental of the banquet hall. In order for the auction to work, we will need gifts to auction off. Please bring a Christmas gift (wrapped) for the auction. Please do not bring prank or gag gifts to be auctioned off.

If you wish to bring a gift for a child, please mark it "For a Boy" or "For a Girl" and maybe the age group. If you bring a gift that is quite valuable, please let the auctioneer know so he doesn't sell it for less than it is worth.

Again this year, both Associations would like to give each child (12 years of age and younger) that attends this banquet, a Christmas gift. We will need to know the name, age, and whether a boy or girl, of each child. We will need this information by NO LATER THEN December 9th, so there will be enough time to shop for the gifts. THIS IS IMPORTANT, we want every child to receive a gift, so, please mail, call or e-mail this information to me. (This information is at the top of the newsletter)

Important Information, Please Read

Again this year we are NOT going to have any RSVP's which means, you do not have to call, e-mail or phone anyone that you will be attending. We are going to set up for the same amount that have been attending for the past several years. The only information that we need this year is for the kids gifts.

I would again like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season and a very Merry Christmas and I am looking forward to seeing you at the Christmas Banquet.

Sincerely,

Michael Clark

Directions: Grace Covenant Community Church, 99 North Shuman Street in Middleburg. If you are going South on Route 522 from Selinsgrove, North Shuman Street is the first street on the right past the Middleburg High School (high school will be on your left). If you are going North on Route 522 from McClure, North Shuman Street will be the first street on the left past Center Street (Center Street will be on your right).



Christmas Banquet Hosted by Middlecreek Valley Antique Association and Buffalo Valley Antique Machinery Association

Name and age of child/children 12 years of age and under that will be attending:

Name: _____

Age: _____

(Circle one) Boy / Girl

Name: _____

Age: _____

(Circle one) Boy / Girl

Name: _____

Age: _____

(Circle one) Boy / Girl

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