

Middlecreek Valley Antique Association Inc.



Fall/Winter Newsletter

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Dear Member,

I hope you are doing well and that you are enjoying the beautiful autumn weather that we have been getting. The leaves are changing and falling fast and soon the snow will be falling and we will have to endure another long winter. The plus side is that in only a few months, spring will be coming back around and we will be back at the show grounds again. I believe that we all have some mixed feelings about the weather this year. It has hurt us and it has helped us, but in the end, overall it was a great year. We were hit with a nasty storm on the Saturday night of the spring show which cancelled the musical entertainment and took care of having any tractor pulls for the rest of the show, but it was also a great weekend and the people stuck with us. It sprinkled on us during our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Tractor Run, but that ended up being a great day in the end. The weather hit us again during the Fourth of July. It rained all day on the fourth and there were many questions about the fireworks show. While many communities cancelled their fireworks, we waited to see what the weather would bring and we ended up having our show and a packed house. Then we came to the fall show. We had three days with beautiful weather with warm temps and no rain. Well, just a very little passing shower on Sunday, but that didn't effect anything. So, all-in-all, we had a great year this year with a few ups and downs, but it was a lot of fun and we really appreciate everyone coming out and enjoying our 19<sup>th</sup> year with us.

With that said, let's get on to what we had going on this summer.

During the weekend of July 4<sup>th</sup>, we had our annual "Just for Fun" weekend campout and fireworks show. On Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, it rained for most of the day making the grounds a sloppy muddy mess, but that didn't stop our members from having a good time. The barbeque pit was moved under the pavilion so we could continue making our delicious barbeque chicken for our membership picnic. We had barbeque chicken, corn on the cob and many side dishes that were shared by our members. After the picnic was over and the rain slowed down, we had our membership meeting. During the meeting, it was discussed if we could still have the fireworks and it was decided that as long as the rain stopped that afternoon, we were going to still have them. Fortunately the rain did stop in the afternoon after several surrounding communities had already cancelled their fireworks for the evening. This benefited us since we were still going to have ours. Word of us having the fireworks quickly spread through social media.

Our Facebook page just blew up with people asking if we were still going to have them and where we were located. This helps the Association because these people now know where we are and that we do this event and will hopefully attract more people to our shows.

That afternoon we had a group of members go through the parking lots and rope off the really wet and soft areas before the cars started to arrive. There were also some members having some fun with their golf carts which gave us all a big laugh that afternoon. Those of you that were there or saw it on our Facebook page know what I am talking about. It was a great time! That evening, the fireworks were set up, lines of cars were coming in and DH&L Fire Company showed up to stand by just in case there would be a problem. The parking lot was packed and the driveway was lined with cars waiting to see the fireworks. It was incredible! The fireworks show was great again this year and it lasted around a half hour. There were a few issues with the primer cord used to light the fuses though due to the dampness of the night, so the grand finale wasn't set off quite as fast as we wanted it to go. We will work on that for next year. After the show, there were only a few cars that needed to be pulled out of the mud and everyone did an excellent job of being patient and waiting for help instead of tearing up the grounds and we really appreciated that. After everyone left, we counted up all of the donations that were collected that night and we cheered when we were finished counting. We ended up with over \$1,400 in donations which paid for the fireworks permit and all of the fireworks and will help us to purchase more fireworks for next year. We would like to thank you all for coming out to the campout weekend and to the fireworks show. We also need to thank everyone that helped set off the fireworks including DH&L Fire Company for standing by and to everyone that donated towards the fireworks. Thank you all very much!

On July 25<sup>th</sup>, we got our binder out and went over it and headed out to the East Snyder Community Gardens to binder the oats that we had planted there as a buffer for the gardens. There were a few issues with thistles jamming up the binder, but once we got through those, it all went pretty well.

On August 8<sup>th</sup>, we headed back out to the gardens and collected the oats that we had harvested. Between the gardens and the plot at the show grounds, we ended up with two full wagon loads of oats to thrash at our fall show.

On August 15<sup>th</sup>, some members of the Snyder County Tractor Pullers Association and our Association moved and straightened out the jersey barriers at the tractor pulling track. The following weekend, we worked at the show grounds in preparation for our 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Show. The grounds were mowed and trimmed, the food buildings were cleaned and some equipment was brought out of the barn and set up. It was a very busy couple of days and we thank everyone that came out to help.

During the week of August 23<sup>rd</sup>, we were preparing the grounds for the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Show which was held on August 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>. The food buildings were getting cleaned up and prepared for the show, the grounds were mowed one more time, the benches were brought out of the barn and washed and set out, the train station was set up and so were the canopies. The Flea Market spaces were measured out and marked, the saw blades on the shingle mill and sawmill were sharpened and work on our new tractor pulling sled was being finished up. It was a busy week leading up to the show.

On Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Show began. We had three beautiful days for our fall show with sunny skies and warm temperatures.

We had great crowds of people attending the show too that got to see all sorts of activities and displays. Some of the activities were: the sawmill running by steam engine, our steam shingle mill, some stone crushing, threshing and baling of oats, tractor displays, tractor parades, tractor square dancing by the Middlecreek Tractor Swingers, antique tractor pulls, kid's pedal tractor pulls, hit and miss engines and displays, flea market, the Mountain Man display, musical entertainment by the Smooth Country Band, church services and lots of great tasting food.

The featured tractor this year was the Massey Harris and Massey Ferguson. We ended up with 3 Massey Harris tractors and 3 Massey Ferguson Tractors registered. The rest of the registered tractors included: 31 John Deere, 19 Oliver, 17 Farmall, 5 Allis Chalmers, 2 Fords, 2 Case, 1 Cockshutt, 1 International Harvester, 1 Ferguson and 8 garden tractors. That gave us a total of 93 registered tractors this fall. There were also 4 steam engines and 1 steam shingle mill at the show including: Aultman & Taylor, Nichols and Sheppard, Farquhar and a Frick. There were also 3 implements on display as well. Also on display in the display area were 38 hit and miss engines, 7 Maytag engines, 2 chainsaws, 2 General Electric Mowers, a sewing machine, 13 antique household items and 11 tool items on display plus much more. This year we also had 3 antique cars on display at the show as well.

We would like to thank everyone that took the time to bring their tractors, engines, antique cars and displays to the show. We know how much work it takes to get these items ready for and hauled to the shows, set up and then taken back home again and we really appreciate everyone's hard work in doing so. We had a nice display of tractors this fall although the count was down. We would love to see more tractors and implements and more antique cars at our shows. We are really happy to see our hit and miss engine and display area growing. There are a lot of nice items on display there that you don't want to miss.

Again, thank you all for bringing these pieces of history for everyone to enjoy!

We also need to take a moment and thank everyone that came out to work at the show this fall. You all do an amazing job and we would not have a show without everyone coming together and working as hard as you all do. Thank you all very much!

On September 25<sup>th</sup>, some members were at the show grounds making chips in preparation for the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Selinsgrove Market Street Festival. This year we only purchased 30 bags (1,500 pounds) of potatoes instead of 35 bags for the Street Fair. We made around half of the potatoes on Friday at the show grounds. On Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, we started the day around 6:00 AM setting up the canopy and getting the tables, kettles and equipment out of the trailers and set up for the event. Our first batch of potatoes were going into the kettles around 7:30. It was a beautiful day for the Street Fair and there was a really nice crowd there too. Although it was a nice crowd, we are noticing that the people are not coming out like they used to. We only used 28 out of the 30 bags of potatoes and we had a bunch of chips left over. We had a great group of people there to help make chips, but we really could have used some more help. We just had enough to do the jobs and a few were able to switch around to other jobs to help give some breaks, but we really needed more help there for this event. It is a lot of hard work to make these chips and we need the help to continue on making them. If we can no longer get enough help, the workers that we do get are going to get tired of being the only ones there and we will no longer be able to do these events which help to keep this organization going. So please, if you are able to come out and help us, we'd really appreciate it. We will show you what to do if you have any questions.

Now, with that said, all-in-all we had a pretty good day at the Street Fair and we ended up with a little over \$2,000.00 profit. So, to everyone that came out to help at the show grounds on Friday and at the Street Fair on Saturday, Thank you all very much for your continued dedication and hard work! Great Job!

*Now, onto what's coming up, so please mark your calendars!*

## *Mark Your Calendars!*

- Richfield's "Christmas in the Park" – November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015
- 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Banquet – December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015
- 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Show – May 20-22, 2016
- 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Show – August 26-28, 2016



On the Friday after Thanksgiving, we will be making chips out at the show grounds in preparation for Richfield's "Christmas in the Park" which will be held on Saturday, November 28<sup>th</sup>. We will be making chips Friday morning and then in the afternoon, we will clean up and take the chip trailer out to Richfield and set up the canopy for the event. Then on Saturday, we will all head out to Richfield and set everything up and start making chips for the day. We will be in need of lots of help again for this event, so if you are available, please come on out and enjoy the day with us. There are always some great stories being told around the kettles.

On Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, we will be very busy once again. There will be a group out at the show grounds making scrapple and a group out at Middleburg setting up for the Christmas Banquet. There will be more information regarding the banquet at the end of this newsletter. If anyone would like to help out, please come on out the show grounds and lend a hand. We will be making the scrapple on December 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. The rest of the scrapple making events will be scheduled at a later time.



Now onto our monthly meetings. We've discussed a lot of things throughout the summer and fall this year. One of the things discussed was the tractor pulling rules. What we decided to do was set up a tractor pull committee and that group then sat down together and set up the rules for the tractor pulls. Our goal was to make these rules more fair for all of the tractor pullers so everyone can have a good time and enjoy the event. We've also talked about the tractor run that we have in the spring. This year we only had 15 tractors. We are hoping to get more tractors for the future runs. In order to do that, we may have to look at changing the date on which we have the tractor run. This will be something that we will have to look into as the time gets closer. The pavilion, stage and barbeque pit were also topics of conversation this year. We discussed building a roof for over the barbeque pit. We actually could have used a roof this year for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July picnic, but the pavilion worked out just fine for us this time. The stage was discussed several times. We talked about moving it to a different location to keep the canopy over it from getting hit by the wind from storms and we've also discussed building a roof for over it. It was eventually decided to just keep it the way it is for now until we do some other work at the grounds. During our last meeting of the year which was held on November 10<sup>th</sup>, we had our elections of Officers and Trustees.

The results of that election are as follows: President; Michael Lessman, Vice President; Josh Martin, Secretary; Michael Clark, Treasurer; Delphia Lohr and the two Trustees elected were Donald Athey and Mark Cromley.

After the fall show ended, we went through and updated the membership books. We now have around 685 members. If you haven't paid your dues this year and would like to, you can send your dues to our Treasurer, Delphia Lohr, 311 Stover Road, Mifflinburg, PA 17844. If you know someone that is interested in joining, our membership is \$6.00 per person, \$8.00 per couple and \$10.00 per family with children under the age of 18. You can make your checks out to the MVAA. *Thank you for your continued support!*

If you would like to join us for any of our membership meetings, they are 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. We are always looking for new ideas and new events to try. We discussed earlier this year about having a fall fest, but due to some unforeseen events, we were not able to get it planned out. We are hoping that if there is still an interest, we will be able to have a fall fest next year.

We are currently in the process of doing the artwork for next year's brochures. The tractor that will be on the cover of next year's brochures will be a John Deere. That's right! We are featuring John Deere tractors and engines in 2016. We know that there are a lot of John Deere fans out there so we want to see them at the shows. As for all of the other brands of tractors, we want to see a full field of those too. And don't forget about those antique cars and trucks. We had three antique cars at our fall show and we would love to see more of those too. So, this winter, get those tractors, engines, implements, cars, trucks and tools all cleaned up, tuned up and ready to show off at next year's shows. We're looking forward to seeing a full field of equipment next year!



If you want to know who we will be having for our musical entertainment next year, we can tell you that now. We will be having the Lucky Afternoon Band for our Spring Show held in May and we will be having the Top Shelf Band for our Fall Show which is held in August. You can check out the Lucky Afternoon Band at [www.luckyafternoon.com](http://www.luckyafternoon.com) and the Top Shelf Band at [www.topshelfpa.com](http://www.topshelfpa.com). We hope that the weather cooperates next year and we hope everyone enjoys the music.

As I close this letter, I would like to thank everyone for their hard work, dedication and support for this great Organization. It takes a lot of work, time, energy and money to keep things running smoothly and we wouldn't be able to continue on without everyone coming together for this Association. I want to thank you all for everything that you do.

I'd like to wish you all a safe and warm winter and a joyous holiday season!

Sincerely,

*Michael Clark*

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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 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015 to hold our 19<sup>th</sup> 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, Delphia Lohr, 311 Stover Road, Mifflinburg, PA 17844.



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 THAN December 9<sup>th</sup>, 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 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).



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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

Merry Christmas

and

Happy New Year!