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# ANTIQUA ENGINE & TRACTOR ASSOCIATION, INC.

## January/February, 2010 NEWSLETTER

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### FROM THE PREZ—

I would first like to thank everybody who showed up for our general membership breakfast in January. We had a record turnout! Also, thank you to Gary Bos for a great LP presentation. We are looking forward to having another breakfast meeting on February 27<sup>th</sup> so I hope everybody can make it. Since we had limited room at the last meeting, we will be trying the next one at the Moose in Geneseo.

The board has been working on some layouts for the new show grounds. We're hoping to come up with a flexible layout in the next few weeks. We realize the first couple years will be trial and error so we'll not set anything too permanent until we find out the best layout possible.

For this year's show we have divided up all show tasks between all board members. There is a list of these jobs that will be posted on the website as well as in the newsletter. Each board member will require volunteers for each task listed so if you have interest in helping out in a particular area, please contact the board member in charge of that job.

We will be planning some more work days in March or April depending on the weather. We still need to move items from the old show grounds as well as continue work on the new grounds.

We have been asked to host a tour of the new building for the Gathering of the Green on March 20<sup>th</sup>. They have offered us a booth space at their show in the Quad Cities to promote our show this fall. This will take place March 17<sup>th</sup> through March 20<sup>th</sup>. We will need volunteers to help with either of these projects so be considering how you could help. The board will take care of setting up the booth. We will just need volunteers to man it over these three days. This will be a great way to showcase our new grounds and building and to advertise for the 2010 show as well as the 2011 show featuring John Deere.

The board made a decision to print a financial statement the first of each year to post in the newsletter so that members will all know where the club stands financially. We are hoping this will eliminate rumors regarding the financial status of the club.

We have had several new items donated to the club to add onto our current collection. The board is looking for somebody that would like to be in charge of these items. We are also looking for volunteers to maintain and operate both new items and items that have already been donated to the club and have yet to be used at our show. Please let us know if this would be something you're interested in. We're looking forward to a new season and a new show at the new grounds. Thanks to everyone who has helped so far.

Kevin

### **Membership Dues increase -**

Effective January 1, 2010 AETA membership dues increased to \$25 a year. The Board of Directors approved the increase in dues at the October Director's meeting. Increases in postage, insurance and property taxes required the Directors to increase membership dues. All membership dues need to be sent to: **AETA, PO Box 267, Atkinson, IL 61235**. Checks should be payable to AETA.

**Please check the code after your name on the label. If it is 2009M, it is time to renew for 2010.**

Randy Goddard, Treasurer

## Thanks to the Geneseo Communications Foundation

Our club was selected by the Geneseo Communications Foundation to receive a \$10,000 grant to further our work at the new club site. They are supporting our goal of preserving agricultural history and providing educational opportunities in our community. This grant is in addition to the \$10,000 they gave us previously. Scott Rubins, Manager, said; "As a provider of telecommunications products and services, it has always been part of our mission statement to give a portion of those services back to the community we serve". Our thanks to Scott and the Directors of the Geneseo Communications Charitable Foundation for their encouragement and support as demonstrated by this generous gift. Now it is up to us to show appreciation for this support by completing our new building plans in a responsible manner.

Tom Hitzhusen

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### EMAIL LIST

Everyone is busy these days and our calendars quickly get filled up. If you are a person who regularly checks your email, you might be interested in this way to receive AETA information. If you would like to receive your newsletter and other announcements and reminders by email, please let Dick Mowers know at [kcc41@mchsi.com](mailto:kcc41@mchsi.com).

We will not sell the list or allow anyone else to have it but we can use it to send out notices on work days, reminders of meetings, let you know of needs for fall shows, send out news that may need to get out before the next newsletter, etc. This will also help to hold down AETA costs.

You can still opt to have your newsletter sent by the mail but want to get other reminders on email. We can do that as well. In this instant electronic age, we want to offer you another way to receive AETA information that is current and up to date.

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### Moline Plow and Minneapolis Threshing Machine

By Larry Gay

In April 1929, another full-line farm equipment company joined the industry. The new Minneapolis-Moline Power Implement Company was formed by merging three companies—the Moline Plow Company, the Minneapolis Threshing Machine Company, and the Minneapolis Steel and Machinery Company.

The Moline Plow Company traced its history back to 1852 when Henry Candee and Robert Swan began building fanning mills in Moline, Illinois. Candee, Swan and Company added plows in 1865 when a former Deere employee joined the company. The company's 1866 catalog with "Moline, Ill." plows was almost a duplicate of Deere's Moline Plow Works catalog. After a few years of legal battles between the two companies over the Moline name, Deere incorporated as Deere and Company and Candee, Swan and Company became the Moline Plow Company. George Stephens and later his son directed the company as it prospered over the years, expanded its line of implements, and became known for its Flying Dutchman sulky plows.

In 1915, the Moline Plow Company purchased the Universal Tractor Company in Ohio and started manufacturing a tractor with two large drive wheels located in front with a 2-cylinder engine located above the front axle. Attached implements with wheels completed the machine and the operator sat on the implement seat. With a cultivator in place, it was a row-crop tractor. A new tractor factory was built at the east end of Rock Island and the engine was changed to a 4-cylinder Root & Vandervoort. An electric starter and a headlight were standard equipment.

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John Willys of Willys-Overland automobiles became the majority owner in 1918. However, during the agricultural depression of 1920-1924, the company reorganized several times with revised company names and new officers. Production of the Moline Universal tractor was stopped and the tractor factory was sold to International Harvester, who named it the Farmall Works.

The Minneapolis Threshing Machine Company was founded in 1887 when John McDonald joined with other investors and moved his thresher manufacturing business from Wisconsin to Minnesota. A new factory was built at Hopkins, west of Minneapolis. Initially, the new company built threshing machines and bought Huber steam traction engines for resale. A few Minneapolis steam traction engines were built in 1890 and quickly grew to 250 units for the 1892 season.

The first Minneapolis tractor was the 25-50 model for 1911. It was built by the Northwest Thresher Company until Minneapolis built a tractor factory in 1913. The 25-50 was powered with a 4-cylinder, cross-mounted, vertical engine. Minneapolis also bought and resold the Universal 20-40 with a cross-mounted, opposed, 2-cylinder engine during 1911-1914. For 1912, Minneapolis added the 40-80 tractor with 85-inch diameter rear wheels. This giant 21,000 pound tractor was powered with a horizontal 4-cylinder engine. After the 40-80 was tested at Nebraska in 1920, it was re-rated as a 35-70. The Minneapolis 20-40, a smaller version of the 40-80, with a horizontal, cross-mounted, 4-cylinder engine was added in 1916. It would later be re-rated as a 22-44.

Minneapolis joined the trend to smaller tractors with the 12-25 in 1919. The 12-25 was built with a vertical, cross-mounted, 4-cylinder engine and was to be the first tractor tested at Nebraska. However, its test wasn't completed until later. The 17-30 was added in 1921 with a vertical 4-cylinder engine that was cross-mounted. It was the first Minneapolis tractor with the radiator mounted cross-wise at the front of the tractor and a hood over the engine. A 17-30 B model, with a 10-inch longer frame, was new for 1926. Minneapolis replaced the 35-70 with the 39-57 in 1928. The 39-57 weighed about 9,700 pounds and its vertical 4-cylinder engine was mounted lengthwise in the frame. The 39-57 tractor also had a hood over the engine and a cross-wise radiator at the front of the tractor.

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### **AETA DVD's FOR SALE**

Dick Mowers has put together several DVD's for purchase by anyone who is interested. You may purchase the following by contacting him at (309) 945-1477 or [kcc41@mchsi.com](mailto:kcc41@mchsi.com) or send a check and shipping information to 728 Cardinal Ct., Geneseo, IL 61254

Building of the new show barn—1 1/2 hours for \$20.00 (1 DVD)

Photo DVD of the new show barn— \$10.00

Fall Show at Atkinson—3 1/2 hours for \$20 (2 DVD set)

Photo DVD of fall show—\$10

Binding Wheat DVD — 1 1/2 hours—\$15.00

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### **HELP IS NEEDED**

There will be many weekend workdays scheduled at the new show grounds to prepare for Gathering of Green tour on March 20th and the fall show.

There are some items remaining from the Dec. 12 auction that need to be removed. There also needs to be moving of trees, saw mill, windmill, and other items from the Atkinson Show Grounds to Geneseo and then they need to be set up again. There also will be a need for lots of help to create the new driveway. The rock has already been donated and is on site but must be moved.

We are still looking for someone to work with Skip on Sponsorship as that is a big financial help to the club. Please let any board member know if you are willing to help so you can be contacted for workday information.

## **Financial Report as of January 31, 2010**

**From Randy Goddard**

On January 31, 2010 the AETA had a balance of \$30,869.55 in the investment account at the Farmers National Bank in Geneseo and a balance of \$782.73 in the business checking account at Wells Fargo Bank.

As of January 31, 2010 the AETA had collected \$152,010.20 in donations for the development of our new show grounds and we are continuing to accept donations.

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### **Grants received during 2009:**

\$80,000 from the Geneseo Foundation (The AETA received \$20,000 in 2009 and will receive \$20,000 in 2010, \$20,000 in 2011 and \$20,000 in 2012.)

\$10,000 from the Geneseo Communications Charitable Foundation (The AETA has received \$5,000 and will receive the remaining \$5,000 this spring.)

\$15,000 from the Bill & Susan Sherrard Fund administered by GIFT Foundation

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The following are expenses that the AETA has incurred thus far in developing the new show grounds.

\$308,804.67 for the timber frame barn (includes approx. \$30,000 of donated logs/lumber)

\$42,037.03 for the bathroom/shower facility

\$6,865.82 for the well and water system

\$2,443.35 for the electrical system

\$1,016.00 for the septic system

\$719.81 for the sawmill building

\$35,000 for the purchase of an additional ten acres

To fund the development of the new club grounds, the AETA borrowed \$130,000 from the Central Bank in Geneseo in December 2009. This is a 20 year loan with an interest rate of 5  $\frac{3}{4}$  %. Our annual payments are \$11,177.95. The interest rate on this loan will be adjusted at the end of 5 years.

# AETA 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Working Farm Show 2010

## SYSTEM FOR CONTROL OF SHOW OPERATIONS

Show Director - Kevin  
Feature Coordinator – John & Randy  
Show Vendors (non food) - Larry  
Show Food Vendors – Ed & Randy  
Gates (Visitor & Exhibitor) – Ed & John  
Parking (Visitor & Exhibitor) - Dusty  
Grounds Transportation (People Movers & Golf Carts) - Larry  
Camping - Skip  
Show Office - Randy  
Field Demonstrations - Kevin  
Non-Field Demonstrations - Mike  
Restrooms - Randy  
Trash Detail - Chris  
Safety – Kevin, Mike & Dusty  
Loading Dock/Exhibitor Loading & Unloading - Mike  
Garden Tractors - Ed  
Gas Engines - Kevin  
Non-Feature Tractors - Dusty  
Entertainment - Larry  
Sound System/Communications - Kevin  
Daily Parade - Chris  
Grounds Maintenance (Pre-Show: mowing, fences, driveways) – Skip & Kevin  
Show Publications & Advertising – Skip  
Show Auction - Randy

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**FREE Classified ads for club members. Your ad will run for two months.**

**For Sale:** Parts for Maytag gasoline motors including rings, carburetor, kick start parts, etc. Walter Aspelmeier, 309-755-4966

**Wanted:** Swap meet buttons from 2003, 2005, & 2006. Dave Carton, 309-441-5915

**For sale:** Climax 2 cyl Power Plant, Made in Clinton, IA. Engine is free but not running Crank included, Engine is in Good Condition Hood is missing. \$700 Contact: 309-945-5045 To request picture: email: gardener2@everestkc.net Janice Young

**\* \* \* CLUB ACTIVITIES \* \* \***

**Coming Events—See inside for more details.**

**Feb. 27**—Breakfast meeting, 8 AM  
Geneseo Moose Lodge

**March 17—20, 2010**—Gathering of the Green,  
Davenport, IA

**March 20** - Gathering of the Green tour of new  
show grounds

**Sept. 17—19, 2010** **AETA Fall Show at  
new show ground**

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