
ANTIQUE ENGINE & TRACTOR ASSOCIATION, INC.

July, 2010 NEWSLETTER

FROM THE PREZ—

Where does the time go? It seems like just yesterday Karen was asking me for a newsletter article.

Well this month I do have some information for you about things going on at the new show grounds. We have begun cleanup for the floor sealing project that should begin July 12th. Lowell and his helpers are working on setting up the saw mill on permanent footings in the building that was brought over from Cliff Wainwright's farm. It definitely seems nice to have a permanent place to host our show without all the negotiations and contracts to deal with.

Larry and Lowell are working on a driveway for the club itself. I'm not sure how that's working out but the last conversation I overheard was the two of them discussing who's bulldozer could push the most dirt. Anyway it's good to see the competitive spirit at work.

The windmill is disassembled and ready for re-plating. We still need to move the anchors to the new site.

On the farming end of things, it looks like we will be binding our wheat this week for the September show. Thanks to Bill Smith and Bill Rutherford for the donation of the wheat this year.

It looks like there is still a lot of work to do before the show so we are trying to work out details for upcoming work days that people can get involved in. We will try our best to keep everybody informed. The board is going to start having two meetings a month from now until the show since there is so much to get accomplished. Hopefully this will help us to be better prepared and organized once it comes time for the show.

I was very sorry to see the storms and rain roll in the day of the Ryan's Round Barn Celebration. It seems like a lot work and planning to have spoiled by a couple hours of bad weather.

I know we are all hoping for good weather for our summer show on July 31st and August 1st. Make sure to mark your calendar for that weekend and bring out your tractors and equipment for display.

We have also been asked to help out the Rock Island County Fair with a display of tractors, combines and equipment on July 23rd. This will be another good advertising opportunity for our show so let me know if you can bring something and I will fill you in on the details.

Kevin

Membership note

If you are receiving this newsletter by email and want to know when your membership expires, please reply to Randy Goddard, rantil@netexpress.net, or give him a call at 309-936-7494 and he can give you that information.

• * BULLETIN BOARD***

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

1947 Farmall B—Good rubber, paint. A good runner. Contact Cleon Eyrich 815-537-2195 or his cell 815-590-2172.

Coming Events

July 10 & 11, — 5th Annual Rock Falls Chamber Summer Cookout & Antique Tractor Show—Jeff Bright's RV Center in Rock Falls, East Rt. 30. Contact Terry Hadaway, 815-440-9679.

July 17 & 18—32nd Annual Ol' Fashun Threshun Days, Bureau Valley Antique Club, Ohio, IL. , 2 miles south of Ohio, 1/2 mile west to Albrecht's Grove. Kids events, food, tractor pulls, \$4 admission, call Ray Forrer, 815-498-2013 or Larry Buttel, 815-738-2272.

July 31—Aug. 1—**Summer Antique Tractor Show, new show grounds, Contact Dick Black, 309-658-2273 or Lenzy Sticker 309-314-1649. There will be entertainment in the evenings and displays.**

July 31—Aug. 1— 29th Annual Show The Living History Antique Equipment Assoc., Franklin Grove, Displays from 8 AM—4 PM with demonstrations from 9—4. Parade at 1:30 PM. Call David Shaw, 815-857-2151 or Don Hopper, 815-288-6185.

Sept. 9—11—John Deere Fall Fest, Waterloo, IA. Tractor parade from old factory to the assembly plant. Registration fee is \$50 which includes tour of factory, lunch, special photograph, and commemorative gift. Call Chris Boyens, 309-765-4485.

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

2010 Geneseo Father's Day Show

I want to be sure and thank everyone that attended, brought an exhibit, or helped in any way. It could not be done without many hands. We struggled some with the weather and it effected participation, but we did well. I believe that we had 65 units this year including tractors, garden tractors, equipment and gas engines. A great selection of brands and both restored and unrestored.

Don Schupp won 1st place with his IH Super C, 2nd went to Richard Tittle with a J. D. "H" and 3rd went to Ron VanDeWoestyne with a WD Allis Chalmers. Thank you again and look forward to seeing you next year. Larry Goodwin

Young Collectors Club By Dave Carton

In an effort to get the young people involved in collecting and restoring old farm equipment, the Young Collectors Club has been established. It was formerly known as the Under 21 Club. It is designed for youth ages 5—15 years old. They must have their own project, have a family member as an AETA club member, have their own displays, and be ag related. Their project can be farm machinery, farm tools, hit-miss engines, lawn and garden tractors, pre-1984 farm tractors, or horse equipment.

There are currently 18 club members. They have already been attending winter breakfast meetings and AETA club meetings. The AETA club will furnish one laminated name card per club member listing name, city and state. Additional laminated name cards can be purchased from Creative Images in Geneseo for \$6.25 each. There will be extra blank tags available during the Fall Show and after the show, new members will receive their laminated tags.

The Young Collectors Club will also assist with the preparation of the club grounds and the fall show by doing such projects as painting benches, changing signs, and helping with children's games with adult supervision. Some additional suggestions given for activities for the club are to host tech meetings, history seminars, discussions with older club members, viewing working displays and demonstrations, etc. There may also be an open house for school children and area FFA clubs on the Thursday night before the Fall Show. These types of events will help to satisfy some of the requirements from grants AETA has received for education.

At the Gathering of the Green conference in March, there were a lot of questions about how to get this type of program going and what was involved. A lot of other clubs are trying to get something to happen in their area but they have not had much success. They took suggestions from me and are going back home to their clubs to try them. It will be interesting to hear their reports at the next Gathering of the Green.

For more information, to join the Young Collectors Club, or to volunteer to help with their activities, call Dave at 441-5915 after 6 PM. .

NEWS NOTE CORRECTION:

Ernie Telkemeyer is the PUBLICITY DIRECTOR of the Fall AETA Show. He will be taking care of television and radio contacts. Contact him at 309-441-5014.

AETA 49th Annual Working Farm Show 2010 **SYSTEM FOR CONTROL OF SHOW OPERATIONS**

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

**IF YOU ARE AVAILABLE TO HELP WITH ANY OF THESE AREAS,
PLEASE CONTACT THE BOARD MEMBER IN CHARGE OF THAT
PART OF THE SHOW.**

General Membership Meeting

The time capsule was opened at the June 10th general meeting where 70 members attended. There was a discussion about upcoming shows. July 31 and Aug. 1 will be the Pre-fall show at the new show grounds. This will be a test for the fall show which will include tractor games, a hammered dulcimer player, food vendors, and more. There will be security on the grounds during the weekend. Future plans for the show grounds include a Spring Swap meet, the Summer Pre-show, and the Fall Show.

Kevin outlined the jobs that will be done before the fall show is held.

1. Saw mill will be set up
2. The light poles will go up
3. The driveway will be set up from IL 92. Larry Colo is working on getting the State Permits.
4. Floors will have epoxy applied that has a 25 year life.
5. Heat/ furnace will be installed. Claussen Heating from Clinton, IA is giving a new boiler and Dale Schultz is donating labor. There was also a donation of the needed copper piping. Wirth Plumbing and Heating is donating a forced air furnace.
6. A club member and his dad are donating the labor for the duct work in the barn.
7. Volunteers are needed for the gate duty during the show.

The windmill and flag poles have been taken down and are being galvanized by a company in Sterling. They are doing it at no cost to the club as long as they can have a sign on it noting their donation. Call the board members listed on page 3 if you have an interest in helping with any of these projects.

Bob Westphal, the Henry County Zoning officer, has inspected the building and has given Kevin the list of things that need to be done to have the fall show. A walk through by the Fire Marshall is also required.

Kevin said that the board is putting together a list of items that are needed for the new show grounds that could be given as memorial gifts.

There was also a discussion about the trees at the old show grounds and new show grounds. The decision will be made how to proceed after negotiations are completed with the Atkinson Township officials who are considering taking over the lease at Atkinson.

There was an offer to have horse drawn demonstrations at the fall show this year.

There has been a suggestion that items over 100 years old be put into the building for display to show off the 100 year old building design. This will be considered.

Kevin announced there is a lawyer currently working on a contract for donations of items so that everyone understands the terms of donations.

Minneapolis-Moline Tractors 1951-1958

By Larry Gay

The Minneapolis-Moline Company purchased the B. F. Avery & Sons Company of Louisville, Kentucky, on March 1, 1951. The purchase provided MM with additional factory space, two models of small tractors, and an improved distribution system in southeast United States. The red Avery V, a 1-row, 1-plow tractor, became the Minneapolis-Moline V painted prairie gold. The Avery R, a 2-row, 2-plow tractor became the Minneapolis-Moline BF. After one year, the V model was replaced with the BG which was a 1-row, 2-plow tractor with the same Hercules 4-cylinder engine as the BF, but offset to the left. The BG and BF replaced the MM R tractor.

Minneapolis-Moline introduced a unique type of tractor for 1951, the Uni-Tractor, which was a self-propelled chassis for mounting a 9-foot combine or a 2-row corn picker. Later the line of mounted implements was expanded to include a picker-sheller, a baler, and a forage harvester.

The Minneapolis-Moline UB row-crop tractor, with a 4-plow rating, was new for 1953, replacing the 3-4 plow U row-crop model. The UB featured an operator's platform above the transmission, a foot clutch, and a steering wheel on the centerline of the tractor. A 4-cylinder diesel engine for the UB was added in 1954, along with the 3-plow ZB which replaced the 2-3 plow ZA. The ZB was also built with a raised operator's platform, a foot clutch, and center-line steering. A new 6-cylinder diesel engine was also added in 1954 for the model G.

The next addition to the "B series" was the 5-plow GB standard-tread tractor for 1955. Its 4-cylinder gasoline or LP-gas engines produced 65 and 70 belt horsepower, respectively, and the 6-cylinder diesel engine was rated at 62 belt horsepower. The UB Special was new for 1956 with the ability to interchange a single front wheel, dual front wheels, or an adjustable wide front axle. Also the grill was changed to the flat-bar type, matching the ZB and GB.

During 1956 Minneapolis-Moline introduced the 335 and 445 tractors with new styling and curved hoods. The 2-plow 335 started as a utility tractor, but a row-crop version was added for the second year. The 3-plow 445 was built in utility and row-crop versions. The 4-cylinder MM engines produced 33 and 41 belt horsepower, respectively. A 5-speed transmission was standard and the Ampli-Torc transmission, which provided on-the-go down shifting in each regular gear, was optional.

The Minneapolis-Moline 5-Star tractor with a 4-5 plow rating replaced the 4-plow UB Special for 1958 with about a 10-percent increase in power from its 4-cylinder MM engine. It was available in row-crop and standard-tread versions and its styling matched the 335 and 445. It too had a 5-speed transmission which could be equipped with the Ampli-Torc option.

During 1953 farm equipment sales dropped dramatically, because the post-war demand had been satisfied, and by 1954 Minneapolis-Moline's declining profits became a loss. As a result, the company closed the Louisville and Como factories in 1955 and the Moline plant in 1956. During 1955, Edward Reddig and his associates gained control of the board of directors and Reddig became the chairman. The possibility of a merger with the Oliver Corporation was considered in 1956, but nothing materialized. By November 1957, the Rittmasters were in control of the MM board of directors and long-time President Warren MacFarlane was replaced by J. Russell Duncan. However, all of these changes in leadership did not resolve Minneapolis-Moline's financial problems and Duncan lasted for only three years before he was replaced.

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