
ANTIQUÉ ENGINE & TRACTOR ASSOCIATION, INC.

February, 2011 NEWSLETTER

FROM THE PREZ—

This might be short notice but there will be a **general membership breakfast meeting on February 5 at 8 AM at the Geneseo Moose Lodge. Breakfast will cost \$8 and you pay at the door. Please join us for this meeting. Youth 15 and under who attend will be provided free breakfast. Our speaker will be Mike Winkler and he will be sharing about adjusting mold-board plows and plowing contests. You will not want to miss this meeting.**

Please take note of our new address: AETA, PO Box 112, Geneseo, IL 61254-0112. We wanted to bring our mailing address to Geneseo now since this is the location of our show grounds. Also wanted to remind members to keep checking our club website, <http://ae-ta.com>. You will find photos, links, and lots of other information.

We had a good time at the Farm Expo and got to meet and greet many people who showed interest in our Fall Show. Thanks to all of you who worked, attended, or helped in any way.

I need to address something important with the membership. The board is happy and appreciative that so many members want to get involved but we have to ask everyone to follow some guidelines in order to keep everything under control. We need to have things approved by the board before proceeding on your own in order to avoid chaos and hard feelings or worse. Club activities need to be done as a club and in an organized way. Thanks for your enthusiasm but we have to get a handle on this. If you have something you want to do or have information you would like to share, please get it to one of these committee members or a board member for approval BEFORE you begin.

We will announce the committee structure for the fall show very soon. There are some committees already in place to prepare for the club's 50th anniversary, and to permanently preserve the club's history.

3 people are appointed to the Fall Show feature committee:

Tom Hitzhusen, Kevin Bos, Chris Boyens

3 people are appointed to the 50th anniversary committee (to gather history and memorabilia only for the 50th anniversary and this committee will end in Sept.): John Boyens, Charlie Reiss, Dave Carton

2 people are long term historians (to preserve club history beyond the anniversary): John Boyens, Larry Goodwin

Again, thanks for your help and continued interest in the club. We want your involvement and need many volunteers. Watch for more ways very soon that you can get involved in the fall show.

Kevin

***** BULLETIN BOARD*****

**FREE Classified ads for club members. Your ad will run for two months.
Email:kcc41@mchsi.com or call 309-945-1477.**

For Sale: One pair 3 pt hitch draft link supports for 720-30 tractors. Casting numbers are F2778R and F2779R. \$400 per pair. Ron Miller, 12433 US 6, Geneseo, IL 309-944-3156.

For sale: John Deere Model H ground drive manure spreader. It is in good shape and was used up until last year for hauling cow manure. I had the kicker break on it, but it has since been replaced. I now have a New Idea Model 17 ground drive that has been rebuilt and no longer need the John Deere. David Sprung spr2004@msn.com

Wanted: 1920 International Harvester Titan 10-20 water bath air cleaner. Also searching for several International 8-16 and Titan 10-20 parts. Please call Jim Weakley at 309-738-6498.

For Sale: Videos of the 2010 AETA Fall Working Farm Show and past shows are available for \$15 each from Mowers Photography, 728 Cardinal Ct., Geneseo, IL 61254, 309-945-1477, kcc41@mchsi.com.

For Sale: Club related clothing, hats, etc. . Contact Kim at Along The Trail Embroidery. 403 N. State Street, Atkinson, IL 61235. 309-936-7397 or kimsew5@hotmail.com.

2011 DVC Bus Tour Invites AETA to Join

The DVC members are headed to western Iowa this year to see several collections that cover almost all of the colors. Club member Dave Carton and some friends went on an expedition a few months ago and discovered a treasure trove of collectors in and around the little town of Griswold, Iowa. Dave gave me the names and phone numbers of all of these people and we have made arrangements to visit all of them. The collections cover Ford tractors, as well as Ford cars, AC, IH, MM, Deere, Deere lawn and garden and toys. As a bonus we will also travel to visit Farmall Land in Avoca, Iowa.

The dates are April 2nd & 3rd, 2011. We will be leaving from the Tri-State Travel bus barn, on West 76th Street Davenport, at 6:00 AM on Saturday. I have reserved a block of rooms at the Americas Best Value Inn, north of Griswold on I-80, for Saturday night. The rooms will be \$59.95 + tax for a room with two persons. Please call 712-243-4067 to make your reservations. Tell them that you are with the Deer Valley Collectors group or use my name as a reference. The bus fee will be \$35.00 per person. Please call me with your bus reservation and send me a check for the fee in advance, if possible. Make the check payable to Deer Valley Collectors. The motel has a hot continental breakfast and we will be eating lunch at the Dusty Place Bar and Grill in Griswold.

DVC is extending an invitation to our friends from the Antique Engine & Tractor Association to join us on our trip. The more the merrier! Please get your reservations in as soon as you can. Word has it that there will be a busload of people from South Dakota visiting on the same day! This is going to be a long two days, so be prepared for a long day on Saturday and to get home late on Sunday night.

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The Antique Engine and Tractor Association is governed by a Board and is as strong as the members support the leadership of that Board. The Club needs YOU! Please fill out the following sheet so the Board will know how you would be willing to support their efforts.

_____ I am not able to help with Club activities because of age, time or physical ability.

_____ Yes, I will consider helping if called to lead or assist in an activity or project.

I have some expertise and/or experience in the following and will consider:

_____ Writing; articles, grants, newsletter columns, history, record events.

_____ Farm operation; prepare ground, planting, mow grass (weeds) load bundles, etc.

_____ Demonstration; coordinate or help during a Show Event.

_____ Youth Activity: help plan and develop activities for the youth during the year.

_____ Computer Skills; willing to work on records, charts, lists, graphics.

_____ Solicit donations of money, labor and/or merchandise.

_____ Work at trade shows, special events etc. to promote the club.

_____ Hands on efforts.

_____ Electrical

_____ Plumbing

_____ Carpentry

_____ Metal fabrication

_____ Mechanical/Overhaul

_____ Fence building, tent set up, rope layout of areas.

_____ Jack of all Trades

_____ Financial—grant applications, assist treasurer as needed

_____ Check planting, plowing, threshing, shelling corn, etc.

_____ Monthly meeting; location planning and program etc.

_____ OTHER: _____

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NAME _____ DATE _____

BEST TIME TO CALL _____ BEST PHONE TO CALL _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

Return form to Kevin Bos, AETA, Box 112, Geneseo, IL 61254-0112

Meet Our Future Collectors

We are going to feature our Young Collectors in the upcoming issues of our newsletters . If you have kids or grandkids between the ages of 5 to 18 and are interested in this wonderful hobby, please contact me after 6 PM at 309-441-5915 for more information. Thank you for your support. Dave Carton

Cole Brinkmeier



My name is Cole Brinkmeier, I am 12 years old, and I live on my great-grandfather's farm, with my dad, mom, and brother, in Port Byron, Illinois. I attend Riverdale Middle School and I'm in 7th grade.

My grandpa Paul Tanner, also a proud member of the Antique Engine and Tractor Assoc., helped me get my start in the tractor club. My grandpa and I attend a lot of tractor auctions and shows. As a junior club member, I help out at shows by working the admissions gate.

Currently I have four tractors, two Cub Cadets, one Town and Country Gilson, and one Allis Chalmers D-17. I show the garden tractors and I am getting ready to restore the Allis with the help of my grandpa. I enjoy working and learning how to restore antique tractors and look forward to showing my finished project.

NEWS NOTE: Neil West would like to step down from being in charge of the kids area at the Fall Show. He is willing to help some and give information about what he has done at previous shows to anyone interested in taking this important part of our show over.

If anyone is interested, please contact Ed Mayhew (309-949-2867) or Chris Koehler (309-537-3591).

Membership Renewal Notice

We would like to encourage all AETA members to renew now for 2011. Renewal rates are \$25 per year and you can renew for multiple years at a time. Please pay at the Feb. 5 breakfast meeting or mail your renewals to AETA, Box 112, Geneseo, IL 61254-0112.

John Deere 1837-1918

By Larry Gay

John Deere, a Vermont blacksmith, moved to Grand Detour, Illinois, in 1836. After hearing farmers complain about their plows not scouring in the prairie soil, Deere solved the problem in 1837 by using a discarded reciprocating saw-mill blade to build a plow with a steel moldboard and share. John Deere did not invent the steel plow, but he made it a commercial success. He expanded his blacksmith shop into a small plow factory and production increased to 100 plows in 1842. In 1843, John Deere entered into a partnership with Leonard Andrus and production moved to a building along the Rock River. The partnership lasted through 1847.

John Deere realized he need better transportation for his raw materials and finished plows, so he moved his operation to Moline, Illinois, in 1848 (not 1847 as shown on the popular drawing of the first building in Moline). The company continued to grow and built 13,400 plows in 1856. John Deere's son, Charles, became the manager of the company in 1858 and 10 years later the company was incorporated as Deere & Company. The leaping deer logo first appeared in 1874. Between 1869 and 1889, Charles Deere created an excellent distribution system with sales branches in Kansas City, St. Louis, Minneapolis, Council Bluffs, Dallas, and San Francisco. These branch houses sold the John Deere products plus products built by other companies.

Deere's first riding implement, a cultivator, was added during the mid-1860s. Gilpin Moore, a Deere employee, patented a one-bottom, riding plow in 1875 and Deere sold 3,000 Gilpin sulky plows that year. A partnership between Deere and Mansur started building corn planters in a remodeled quilt factory just west of the plow works in 1877 and these were sold by Deere's branch houses. Wagons built by the Moline Wagon Company were added to the line in 1880.

President Charles Deere died in October 1907 and was replaced by William Butterworth, his son-in-law. The company decided in 1910 to consolidate its operations by becoming the sole owner of its branch houses and the Deere & Mansur factory and to expand its line of implements by purchasing other manufacturers, some of whom were already selling their products through the Deere sales branches. The companies included the Marseilles Company (corn shellers and elevators), Kemp & Burpee (manure spreaders), Dain Manufacturing (hay tools), Syracuse Chilled Plow Company (chilled cast-iron plows), Van Brunt Manufacturing (grain drills), Union Malleable Iron (castings), and some wagon and buggy companies. The Marseilles Company and Kemp & Burpee were combined and relocated to a new factory in East Moline, Illinois, and in 1912 Deere started building another factory in East Moline for mowers and binders.

As tractors became more popular, Deere & Company decided to experiment with tractors. The company's first attempt in 1912 was a motor plow with a 3-bottom plow carried under the tractor, but only one prototype was built. In 1914, Joe Dain was asked to develop a tractor capable of pulling a 3-bottom plow and he built a 3-wheel tractor with two powered wheels in front and one wider powered wheel at the back. The prototype tractors started with a Waukesha 4-cylinder engine, but soon changed to a McVicker engine. The transmission provided two forward speeds and two in reverse. Many improvements were made and by December 1917 the company decided to build 100 of the All-Wheel-Drive tractors. However in March 1918, Deere & Company bought the Waterloo Gasoline Engine Company which was building the Waterloo Boy tractor. The All-Wheel-Drive tractor project was dropped after the 100 tractors were built and sold.

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COMING EVENTS— - -

Feb. 5—Breakfast meeting, 8 AM Geneseo Moose, \$8 each for adults

May 14—Muscatine is hosting a show similar to the QC Expo Farm Show

June 18 & 19—Father's Day Tractor Show—Geneseo Music Fest, City Park

Sept. 16—18—Working Fall Farm Show at AETA show grounds

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