

ANTIQUÉ ENGINE & TRACTOR ASSOCIATION, INC.

October 2014 NEWSLETTER

Letter from the President - - - - -

As fall settles in and the shows are all wrapped up for the year, I would like to start out again by thanking everyone that has taken the time to help out at any of the summer workdays, show set-up's, to all who helped out during the fall show and also with the clean up after the show. It is only by the cooperation of people who have helped out in some way that we continue to build an even greater organization and are able to put on top notch shows. Thank You.

We will begin the Breakfast meeting in November with the recap of the fall show and the vote for the 2015 directors. That list can be found later in the newsletter. We have a good list this year with some excellent candidates. As we get some names on the list that may not be known to everyone, we also have some returning candidates this year.

We have been asked to help with the Mecum auction again this fall. We will be moving the November Breakfast meeting back a week to **November 15th**. The Mecum Auction is on November 7th and 8th. Please check the club website for the signup form or give me a call (309) 314-3603 if you are interested in helping. They will have shirts this year. I don't need that information from you, they will handle that a little different this time. They are planning on having an Auction shirt for sale, we will be able to get a voucher to pick up our shirts before the sale.

As the planning already has started for the 2015 Fall Show, I would like to remind everyone that we will need more bodies to help out in various areas this year. We need to create more committees to help cover all the necessary duties that will come up in the next 11 months. I will cover this topic more in November. I feel that as our organization continues to grow that it is important that we keep looking forward and keep doing many of the things that set our events apart from other shows. We have received many positive comments about the fall show. We have also received some constructive comments on areas for improvements. That is the kind of feedback that we are always looking for. If you have something to share please send an email to me or drop your comments in the mail and we will look them over and try to implement the improvement as best as we can. It is important to remember that we have more than doubled our membership in the past 5 years and we are still trying to improve on what we do each year. I know that our history reaches back to several locations and several different ways of putting on a show, however our success is in looking forward and planning for the future. If we look back at our many good years in Atkinson, we need to be measuring our improvements, not studying how we did things, and keep moving on because we are not the same club as we were then. Growth can be difficult at times, but the growing pains have been good for the organization as the record crowds this year have shown.

I hope to see you at the coming events yet this year. To those who are still actively farming, stay safe and warm this fall. As for everyone else, please do the same.

Thanks,

Curt

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RETIRED FARMER SHOWS TRACTORS ACROSS COUNTRY

By Keith Skenandore, Managing Editor

Town of Center resident John Baum will be appearing in a 2014 calendar. He will be Mr. May, but I's not your typical calendar that you're thinking on.

John Baum, along with 11 other tractor enthusiasts, will appear in the Classic Farm Tractor Calendar 2014 Collector's Edition. It's the 25th in their series. He is shown with one of his 1939 Sears Roebuck Economy Tractors. Baum said the photo shoot was done on his farm property in the spring of 2013.

Along with the calendar is a DVD with Baum shown first. The DVD will be shown as a future video on RFD-TV. Baum is excited about the exposure, but just to see and hear him talk tractors, that's what he's really excited about. In all, Baum has eight total, two 1938's and six 1939's Sears Roebuck tractors.

"They grow on me and they only made 500 of them," he said of his collection. "When I was at five, I was the world's largest collector. I'm pretty sure I have the world's largest collection." [John Baum told us at the 2014 AETA Fall Show what he now has 10 Sears Roebuck tractors.] He said he discovered the next closest was someone with four.

He purchased his eighth tractor about a month ago, in Kewaunee. It was a 1938 Sears Roebuck tractor for \$8,000. "1938 tractors are more rare," Baum said of the higher price of the 38's compared for the 1939's. He bought his first tractor in 1976. "I didn't really know what I was buying other than it was something different." Baum said. "It was a Sears & Roebuck powered by a Ford Model-A engine."

He said he was too busy farming to attend shows so he stayed local at the Mackville Tractor Pull. He and his brother Ken decided to sell their 85 milk cows 13 years ago, and he's been on the road with his tractors ever since.

Baum, a member of the Fox River Valley 2-Cylinder Club, participated in the 6th Annual Mackinac Bridge Antique Tractor Crossing on Sept. 6 during their two-day show. About 900 tractors crossed the bridge.

He, along with his girl-friend Darlene Bagstad, and other club members, travel the country to attend the many tractor shows. With each trip, Baum loads up his Ford Sportsmobile Custom Camper Van, attaches his 40 foot flatbed trailer, and hauls three to five tractors with him for show and play.

"I put on about 25,000 miles a year traveling to these shows," Baum said. His next trip is to Yuma, Ariz. In January of 2014. "With each trip we always do some type of sight-seeing," Baum said. "But the Yuma trip will depend on the weather. We might take the long route of going straight south to Texas to get across." In the end of February, they'll be off to Ft. Meade, Fla., for a show. Then it's off to Kalamazoo, Mich. on June 27—29 for a three-day show. On July 12-14, in Penfield, Ill, Baum will be off to the Historic Farm Days tractor show where he and the other 11 calendar tractors will be featured. Baum has a listing of every tractor show scheduled in the "Farm Collectors Show Directory" publication.

"This is the bible of all of the shows," Baum laughed. He also joined a tractor club in Alaska a couple of years ago. His trip was featured in the Freedom Pursuit. Baum plans on returning next year in August through September.

"You join that tractor club up there, and you get to know people." Baum said. "Some from there will be going to Yuma, Ariz. I'm looking forward to getting together with them"

[NOTE: John Baum attended the 2014 AETA Fall Working Farm Show and left this article with us. He said there will be a 2015 show in Baraboo, WI where he will also be displaying his Sears & Roebuck tractors.]

AETA BREAKFAST MEETINGS

November 15

December 6

January 10

February 7

March 7

April 11

Breakfast starts at 8 a.m.—\$9 each, children under 12 are free [NOTE NEW PRICE FOR 2014-15] .

Geneseo Moose Lodge, 1025 S. State Street, Geneseo, IL 61254

AETA Board candidates for 2015:

Phil Jordan

Rollo Searl

Ed Mayhew

Vince Heller

Leon Rathjen

Thanks to outgoing board members: Larry Goodwin, Kyle Jahn, and Vince Heller. Vince is willing to stay on if elected. Again.

BULLETIN BOARD

Note from Jim Coers: I was given a carburetor from a Farmall 560 from someone in Geneseo to work on. I have completed the work but now don't know from whom the carburetor came as it was brought to me by a young man who worked for this person and they no longer are employed there. If anyone wants to claim the carburetor, please give Jim a call at 815-499-7771.

FOR SALE: 4 tractors. The asking prices are Cat 10 \$3500, Cat RD4 \$1600, Cat D2 \$5000, and JD \$9000 or Best offer for each. Contact W. Heyen 970-759-9041.



FOR SALE: 1956 WD-45. Runs very good, no smoke, tires very good, 1 set weights, snap coupler system, Power steering, tin work is good, new battery, \$1750. Has older A/C hydraulic loader, works. Contact Larry Goodwin 309-945-8664.

PLEASE SEND ANY ITEMS FOR SALE OR THAT ARE WANTED TO US FOR THE NEWSLETTER. DICK MOWERS, 309-945-1477 OR KCC41@GENESE0.NET . WATCH THE AETA WEBSITE FOR OTHER ADS.

Get to know your Board of Directors: Ed Klundt

Ed lives in Cordova in the home in which he was raised. He is the father of 2 children and 6 grandchildren. He loves them all.

Ed's collection has green and orange tractors. All of his tractors still have working clothes on. One day when he retires, he will get to play and work on the tractors. He can't wait for that day.

He likes serving on the board and feels it is a great honor to be asked to be part of it. He is not afraid of work or changes. Ed listed two favorite club activities: 1) the Saturday morning breakfast meetings where we have a tremendous group of people both young and old; and 2) show time weekend.

When asked what other thoughts he would like to share, Ed said he still thinks the show can grow in many areas with a lot of volunteer workers. The show can be a lot more diverse and also educational so it never loses the younger people or their interest in a farming life of past generations.

THANKS FOR THIS INSIGHT, ED. YOU ARE A GREAT DIRECTOR AND HAVE DONE MANY THINGS FOR THE CLUB AND WE APPRECIATE IT. THANKS FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP .

FALL ACTIVITIES

Oct., 19—Coon Creek Men's Club 29th Annual Farm Toy Show. 9 a.m.—3 p.m. at Prophetstown High School. Call Gerry Halpin for information or questions. (815-537-2631)

Nov. 15 & 16—Craft show at the Showbarn. Contact June Cole for more information, (309-781-7285)

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NOTE: We have heard lots of wonderful comments from our visitors about the fall show and now we want to hear from you, our members. If you have comments or suggestions that you would like to make to the Board of Directors, please put them in writing and sign your name and email or mail them to any of us listed below. We realize that each year, growing pains happen and things are missed as the membership and show continue to grow. We want to hear constructive comments that will help this show to continue to improve. We will listen to and consider **EVERY** comment and suggestion that is made. We may not be able to do them all or make the changes suggested, but they will be considered and implemented as decided by the board. This is also another plea to serve on the board to help make the changes you might suggest. We can't change what we don't know about. It's not too late to send your thoughts.

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