

ANTIQUE ENGINE & TRACTOR ASSOCIATION, INC.

APRIL 2015 NEWSLETTER

From the President - - -

With the winter finally giving up, and the weather turning into something nicer that makes us want to go outside and get our equipment ready for the upcoming shows, and tractor drives. This is most likely the best time of the year. As life begins, we get another chance to watch mother nature pass on the gifts that make the season great. If you haven't gone out and started a tractor or engine, it's time.

Maybe you have been out in a barn and you have found some items that you may no longer need but are still worthy of use. Keep those items in mind, because we are going to have an auction at the summer show. However don't wait until that last minute to let us know about what you have. We need a list to be able to make a sale bill for advertising. I have had some calls about items that people are willing to sell. It's not too early to get ready.

The Summer show plans are well on the way. Lenzy has been busy, and working with a crew already. There are plans for the annual summer tractor drive, a craft show, swap venders, a one day tractor show, fun for the kids, auction and more. Please feel free to let Lenzy or myself know if you would like to help or if you have something to add.

Remember, items can be donated or consigned to the auction. Please contact Skip or Randy for more information on the summer auction. This auction is a good way for the club to make some money to be used on improvements at the show grounds. If you need any information about the summer show please contact Lenzy Stickler 309-314-1649.

The board is working on lining up some projects for this summer. We will be having some workdays and need helpers for the painting project in the south wall of the main barn. Please, DON'T BE SCARED OF HEIGHTS!! We hope to have the south wall completed by summer to take advantage of the nice cool weather. Please let me know if you are interested in helping.

I would also like to remind everyone that the April breakfast meeting has been MOVED to **April 4th**. Sheriff Jim Padilla of the Henry county Sheriff's Department will be there. Also if you would like to help out at the Mecum Auction on April 10th &/or 11th you can still sign up. Curt

KNOW YOUR DIRECTORS

Meet Phil Jordan. He is one of the newest directors.

Phil lives in rural Geneseo with his wife, Karen. They are parents of a son, Scott, and a daughter, Mandy, who are both grown.

Phil's collection is not large but it is mostly IH and includes a 1974 1066, 1955 Farmall 300, 1954 Farmall Super MTA, 1954 Super M and 1947 Farmall B. The 1066 and Super M are still used for odd jobs on the farm. Phil also has a JD 40 that his grandfather bought new on April 3, 1954 and his dad was a salesman at the local JD Implement store at the time. Phil is currently restoring a 1947 KB-6 IH straight truck because he dad owned it from 1951—1959 and picked up milk from local farmers for delivery to Dean's milk company. He sold the truck to a family friend when his family moved from northern to central Indiana in December

1959. Phil was able to purchase it back in 1993 and it sat for 21 years. Phil brought it home in March 2013 and after 4 hours of work, it started. He hopes to have it ready for the fall show this year.

Phil said he was honored to be asked to be a director of AETA. He feels the vision of those individuals who have been involved in the past is evidence of a strong desire to promote the historical value and heritage of agricultural equipment and the way of life farm families experienced. I want to help carry on that vision.

The Fall Farm Show is his favorite event and he wants to help keep the dream alive and strong that was started 54 years ago. Encouraging younger people to become involved is a key element of the society also.



BULLETIN BOARD

WANTED: A member to help Skip Farnam with the Fall Show Sponsorships. Skip is willing to train but we need to get a volunteer soon. Call Skip if you want more information. (309-945-8867).

FOR SALE: A flat belt, rear pto, adapter. It bolts to the rear axle of the tractor. I do not know what brand of tractor it fits. It will not fit my F-12. For more information, call Paul McCracken at: 815-632-0044.

FOR SALE: Pro-Series 16K RV Fifth Wheel Hitch, Non-Slider, \$375.00. Call Russ Gray 309-507-2492

FOR SALE: 1918 Avery Water Tank. Contact Miles Morey at 309-854-0904 or milesmorey60@gmail.com .

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

A Green Thumbers Day

Thank you to the AETA members that journeyed to Davenport on Saturday, February 28th, for a different kind of "Tech Meeting" with DVC. All of the questions & interest made it a great learning experience.

We learned about pruning trees & shrubs, some of the diseases & their treatments, the different kinds of fertilizers & their uses & when to apply it. A lot of information was shared in a couple of hours; a very good morning well spent.

Saturday, April 18th, at 9:30 a.m. will be another meeting at Green Thumbers, Davenport, while we learn about the best annual flowers to plant as well how to arrange them in containers. Be sure to save this date & mark your calendars & join us when we meet with the experts again.

Contact Leon Rathjen if you have any questions at 309-791-5306.

COMING EVENTS

April 4—AETA Breakfast meeting

April 11: Bishop Hill Heritage Presentation—*HE GAVE THE WORLD THE STEEL PLOW: THE JOHN DEERE STORY*—APRIL 11 **BHHA** will be hosting Richard Morthland in the Dairy Building at 2 p.m. His program will be *He Gave the World the Steel Plow: The John Deere Story*. This free program is a first person portrayal of John Deere. Call 309 927-3899 or email bhha@mymctc.net. for more details.

April 18— DVC Tech Meeting, 9:30 a.m., Green Thumbers in Davenport (see article in this newsletter)

June 6 - Antique Tractor and Car Show in the open lot across from the Christian Church in Erie, IL. Hours will be from 9AM until 5PM. More information will follow as plans are finalized.

June 6 & 7 - Andover Tractor Show . Contact Ron Jacobson.

June 20—21, 2015—Geneseo Music Fest tractor show and parade. Details to follow.

July - Watch for the Summer AETA show. Details coming soon.

July 31—Aug. 2, 2015—Green Iron Days, John Deere Historic Site, Dixon, IL

Aug. 13—16, 2015—Northern Illinois Steam Power Show, Sycamore, IL

Aug. 27—30, 2015—Half Century of Progress show, Rantoul, IL. Check their website for details.

Sept. 3—7, 2015—Old Threshers Reunion, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. Check their website for details.

The Advance-Rumely Company

By Larry Gay

When the M. Rumely Company filed for bankruptcy in January 1915, Finley Mount was appointed as the receiver. He was able to obtain additional financing and then proceeded to reduce the size of the company. Mount sold the former American-Abell plant in Toronto, Ontario; the Garr-Scott plant in Richmond, Indiana; and the previous Northwest Thresher factory in Stillwater, Minnesota. By the end of 1915, the reorganized company was named the Advance-Rumely Company with factories in LaPorte, Indiana, and Battle Creek, Michigan. The steam engines were built at Battle Creek and the tractors were constructed at LaPorte. Some threshers were manufactured at LaPorte, but most were built at Battle Creek. Finley Mount was the president of the new company.

John Secor and William Higgins had resigned in early 1915, but Mount was able to get them to return to the new company. The 30-60 Model E and the 15-30 Model F OilPull tractors continued in the line and were supplemented with new smaller 8-16 and 12-24 models of the IdealPull tractor, which were being developed before the bankruptcy. These were long tractors with a 2-bottom and 3-bottom plow, respectively, mounted under the frame of the tractor and ahead of the operator who was seated at the rear of the tractor. The 4-cylinder Advance-Rumely vertical engine and the drive wheel were located at the front of the tractor. Production of the two IdealPull models lasted for only about two years.

The next generation of Rumely OilPull tractors began to appear in 1917. First was the Model H with an initial rating of 14-28 horsepower. Within a year, the power rating was changed to 16-30. Its 2-cylinder, horizontal engine was the first OilPull tractor with a 180-degree crankshaft, so the pistons were moving in opposite directions. The two cylinders were cast as a pair with a 7-inch bore and an 8.5-inch stroke. Engine speed was increased to 530 rpm from 375 on the early large models. The transmission provided two speeds of 2.1 and 3 mph. The fuel tank held 31 gallons of kerosene and the water mixed with the kerosene to prevent preignition was held in a 15 gallon tank. The rear wheels were 56 inches in diameter. The giant 1-cylinder 15-30 F OilPull was dropped when the popular Model H was introduced.

The Model G, rated at 20-40, was added in 1918. It was an intermediate size between the 16-30 H and the 30-60 E. The two cylinders were cast individually and were built with an 8- x 10-inch bore and stroke. Engine speed was 450 rpm. The enclosed transmission provided two forward speeds of 2 and 3.2 mph. The fuel tank was larger than the 16-30 H's with 41 gallons and the water tank held 29 gallons. The rear wheel diameter was 64 inches compared to 80 inches for the 30-60 E.

The Model K was also a new tractor for 1918. It was the smallest of the Rumely OilPull models with a 12-20 horsepower rating and was advertised as a 3-plow tractor. Its 2-cylinder, 6- x 8-inch bore and stroke engine was a smaller version of the Model H's and operated at 560 rpm. The two forward speeds were 2.1 and 3.2 mph. The other dimensions were scaled down with the drive wheels being 51 inches in diameter, the kerosene tank at 23 gallons, and the water tank at 15 gallons.

The 12-20 K, 16-30 H, and 20-40 G OilPulls were built with channel-iron frame members. A canopy was provided on the 16-30, 20-40, and 30-60 models, but wasn't available for the 12-20. The OilPull tractors continued to feature a cooling tower at the front of the tractor and used oil as the coolant. They were painted a dark green, but some after World War I were painted battleship gray. The reason for the gray color is not known, but some people guess this was surplus paint after the war. Production of the 30-60 E ended in 1923 and the other three models were phased out in 1924.

LAST AETA BREAKFAST MEETING FOR THE YEAR —APRIL 4
Breakfast starts at 8 a.m.—\$9 each, children under 12 are free
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