

Middlecreek Valley Antique Association Inc.

Fall/Winter Newsletter



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Preserving the Historical Past for the Future!

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Dear Member,

Here we are again. It's that time of year when the seasons start to change from the hot and sticky days of summer to the cold and brisk days and nights of fall and winter. Since the weather is getting colder and the tractor shows are now over, now is the time to get your tractors and engines ready for that long winter nap. The most important thing to remember is to treat your gas tanks with your favorite brand of fuel stabilizer so your tractors and engines will be ready to go next year.

Well, that's enough talk of the cold, so let's go back to the 4th of July "Just for fun" weekend. We had another very hot weekend, but it all went very well and everyone had a great time. On Saturday, July 6th, we had our annual 4th of July picnic with great tasting barbeque chicken, corn on the cob and other great tasting dishes that our members supplied. After the meal, we had our July membership meeting followed by a time of socializing and relaxation. That night, we had the fireworks show which lasted close to thirty minutes. This was the first year that we advertised having the fireworks and it was a great success. The upper parking lot was filled and we are estimating that there were at least 500 people there to watch. We passed a donation box around the grounds and ended up with enough money to pay for the permit and the fireworks. Over all, it was a great weekend and we thank everyone for coming out!

On July 20th, some members got together and headed into the East Snyder Community Gardens to binder the oats that we had planted there as a buffer zone. Then the week before the show we went back to the gardens and gathered the oats up. We ended up with two wagon loads of oats from the gardens.

The next event for the Association was the 17th Annual Fall Show. The show went very well and we had another three days of beautiful weather. (Maybe we can get rid of that "Muddycreek" nickname that has been looming over us for years.) We had great crowds that got to see several activities going on throughout the grounds all three days. On Friday, the Association was a sponsor for the American Red Cross blood drive that took place just up the road from the show grounds at the Salem Lutheran Church. Their blood drive goal was 15 pints of blood. They ended up with 26 pints of blood and 173% of their goal was achieved.



Together, we can save a life

These 26 pints of blood will help 78 patients. The American Red Cross and the Middlecreek Valley Antique Association thanks you all very much for your support!

On Saturday there was a kids activity tent set up and the SUN Area Dairy Princess was there along with a calf. That afternoon we had the kids pedal tractor pulls which drew a big crowd. There were 31 kids that pulled in that event. On Saturday night we had our musical entertainment by Country Trash. We tried something different this fall and had the entertainment up at the pavilion which seemed to work out very well. We had a lot of good feedback and we are planning on having next year's entertainment there again.

Other activities throughout the weekend included: sawmill demonstrations powered by steam engines, shingle mill demonstrations, threshing and baling demonstrations also powered by steam, tractor parades, garden tractor pulls, antique tractor pulls and truck pulls, also tractor square dancing by the Middlecreek Tractor Swingers, steam engine rides by the Pleasant Valley Express, horse drawn wagon rides, pony rides and barrel train rides.

We had another great display of tractors and engines this fall. We featured Oliver tractors and equipment this year. We ended up with 58 Oliver tractors, 1 Oliver garden tractor and 2 Oliver implements which were a plow and a manure spreader. We also had 30 John Deere, 28 Farmall's, 7 Allis Chalmers', 3 Massey-Harris', 1 Massey Ferguson, 1 Ford, 1 Minneapolis Moline, 1 Cockshutt, 5 Steam Engines (there were 6 there) which were: the Aultman & Taylor, 2 Frick, Reeves, Farquhar (or Pleasant Valley Express) and the Nichols and Shepard. We also had 2 antique cars which we were very happy to see and 21 garden tractors giving us a total of 161 registered tractors, cars and implements. We also had 25 gas engines, 2 pumps, 2 tools and 8 other pieces of equipment registered for a total of 37 engines, tools and other pieces of equipment. What a great turn out of display pieces this year! Thank you all for getting them to the show and displaying these pieces of history for everyone to see.

In the last newsletter, I did not have good news when it came time to thank everyone for their help. This time, I am happy to say, we had some new faces in the food building and some additional members that were able to come out and join us and help out. We are very thankful for the additional help at this show. So, with that said, on behalf of the Middlecreek Valley Antique Association's Officers and Trustees, we would like to thank you all very much for all of your help and support at the show. We would also like to thank everyone that brought tractors, engines and other display items to the show, thank you to all of the vendors for coming out and supporting us, to the folks at the SUN Area Dairy Princess Promotion, the Middlecreek Tractor Swingers and the members of the Buffalo Valley Antique Machinery Association, to everyone that participated in the events at the show and to everyone that came out to see and support the show, THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH!



The next event was the 35th Annual Selinsgrove Market Street Festival. The street fair went very well and we had beautiful weather again. We were very busy all day and we had 5 kettles going the entire time which kept us all moving. We ended up using 1900 pounds of potatoes and sold out. That was a great day for the Association! Thank you to everyone that came out to help on Friday and Saturday for the street fair. We couldn't have done it without you!



On October 20th, we had an event that took place on our show grounds which was the heavy rescue training for our local fire departments. This involved members of DH&L from Selinsgrove, Reliance Hose Company from Middleburg and some from Shamokin Dam Fire Company. This training involved a rig flipped over on a car, a dump truck on top of a car, lessons on how to lift and stabilize a heavy piece of equipment like a front end loader and they also got to learn about the structure of a school bus and how to cut one apart which gave them practice using their tools and equipment like the jaws of life. It was very interesting and educational to watch. These activities not only gave the Association exposure with the local fire departments, but we were able to help them with training that could one day save someone's life.

On November 9th, a few members got together at the show grounds and cleaned up around the sawmill and then decided to head over to the Community Gardens to plow and disk the plot of ground that we are using as a buffer zone. On November 16th, some members headed back to the gardens and disked the soil one more time and then planted wheat. The wheat will act as the new buffer and then will be harvested next year to be used for demonstrations during our show.



- Richfield's "Christmas in the Park" - November 30th, 2013
- MVAA and BVAMA Christmas Banquet- December 14th, 2013
- 18th Annual Spring Show- May 16, 17, 18, 2014
- 18th Annual Fall Show- August 22, 23, 24, 2014

On November 30th, we will be heading out to Richfield to Basom Park for their "Christmas in the Park" event to make potato chips. This will be the final time this year that we will be making potato chips. We will start making chips on Friday the 29th at the show grounds and then we will make all day on Saturday at Richfield. We will be in need of some help for this event so please come on out and lend a hand.

On December 14th, members will be getting together at the show grounds to start off our scrapple making season. The scrapple will be sold at the food building and what's left will be brought to the Christmas Banquet that night. The scrapple making will continue on throughout the winter months.



We have discussed a lot over the last few months at our membership meetings on some new projects and ideas that we have in mind and some security issues that we need to get fixed.

Back in September, we discussed the safety zone up at the pulling track. This is the area between the jersey barriers and the chain link fence. Before any of the pulls start, this area needs to be clear of all spectators. This is for everyone's safety!

We then discussed the entertainment for next year's shows. We will be getting Lucky Afternoon for our spring

show and we will have Country Trash again at the fall show. We will also be having the SUN Area Dairy Princess Promotion back at the spring show next year. There will be more information in the spring newsletter regarding all of the activities that will be planned for that show.

Since we had the entertainment at the pavilion this fall, which seemed to work out very well, we have also been discussing building a stage in that area. We had one suggestion of making the stage at least 40 feet long so if it would rain, we could have the kids pedal pulls on the stage. We still have a lot of planning to do with this project but are looking forward to getting it started.

In October, we discussed another project that we are getting ready to work on and that is an expansion on the sawmill. We would like to replace the floor on the discharge side of the mill and make the floor area bigger and also add a cart on rails to put the finished lumber on. This will be a great improvement for the sawmill. Also at this meeting we discussed purchasing a shingle mill that was to be sold at an upcoming auction. This mill is built on a trailer and is powered by steam. With some modifications, it could also be run off of a belt pulley on a tractor. On October 19th, we were able to purchase this shingle mill. We are now working on getting the boiler inspected to see what it will need to get it running again.

At the meeting held in November, we discussed doing a tractor run next year. We first talked about doing a run out to Wendts Pork Palace but then decided that it would not be safe to go out onto Route 522 with tractors. We are now looking into doing a run on some of the back roads that are close to the grounds. There is still some planning that needs to be done for this event, so any dates and times that are decided on will be posted in future newsletters and on our Facebook page.

Also at this meeting, we discussed and voted on getting a surveillance camera system for the show grounds. The neighbors to the grounds are telling us that we are having some traffic coming into and out of the grounds at night. Luckily, nothing has been damaged or taken, but, we would like to know what is going on so we can prevent something like that from happening.

Also during this meeting we had our election of Officers and Trustees. The Officers and Trustees that were elected for office for 2014 are: President: Michael Lessman, Vice President: Perry Aitkin, Secretary: Michael Clark, Treasurer: Michael Smith and the two Trustees are: Ray Hummel and Greg Bingaman.

As I close this letter, I would just like to take a moment and reflect back on this year. This has been one of our best years yet! We had beautiful weather for both shows and thanks to the addition of the SUN Area Dairy Princess Promotion and all of the new activities that they brought to the shows, we had great crowds too which not only produced a nice profit for the Association, but also created a spark in the membership to try to keep this ball rolling and to continue to come up with new ideas and new events that will make this show one of the best events in the area.

I would again like to thank everyone for their continued support, commitment, donations and help throughout the year and I look forward to working with and seeing everyone in the New Year. I would also like to wish everyone a safe and warm winter and a blessed holiday season.

Sincerely,

Michael Clark

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Christmas Banquet Invitation

The Middlecreek Valley Antique Association and Buffalo Valley Antique Machinery Association will join together again this year on December 14th, 2013 to hold our 17th Annual Christmas Banquet. This banquet will be taking place in the banquet hall of the Grace Covenant Community Church on North Shuman Street in Middleburg.

The doors will open at 4:30 PM and we will eat at 6:00 PM. The drinks, dinnerware, and two kinds of meat (Turkey and Beef) will be provided by the Associations, we just need side dishes and desserts. There are lots of good cooks and bakers in both Associations, so PLEASE bring a dish to share.

Please Note that the Christmas banquet is for current members. If you would like to attend and are not currently paid up to date, please send your dues to our Treasurer, Michael Smith at 104 Oak Lane, Middleburg, PA 17842. If you forget to send in your dues, that's OK, you can still pay them at the banquet.

Again this year, we will be holding our annual Christmas gift auction. The money raised by the auction goes to both Associations to help pay for the banquet supplies and the rental of the banquet hall. In order for the auction to work, we will need gifts to auction off. Please bring a Christmas gift (wrapped) for the auction. Please do not bring prank or gag gifts to be auctioned off.



If you wish to bring a gift for a child, please mark it "For a Boy" or "For a Girl" and maybe the age group. If you bring a gift that is quite valuable, please let the auctioneer know so he doesn't sell it for less than it is worth.

Again this year, both Associations would like to give each child (12 years of age and younger) that attends this banquet, a Christmas gift. We will need to know the name, age, and whether a boy or girl, of each child. We will need this information by no later than December 11th, so there will be enough time to shop for the gifts. THIS IS IMPORTANT, we want every child to receive a gift, so, please mail, call or e-mail this information to me. (This information is at the top of the newsletter)

Important Information, Please Read

Again this year we are NOT going to have any RSVP's which means, you do not have to call, e-mail or phone anyone that you will be attending. We are going to set up for the same amount that have been attending for the past several years. The only information that we need this year is for the kids gifts.

I would again like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season and a very Merry Christmas and I am looking forward to seeing you at the Christmas Banquet.

Sincerely,

Michael Clark

Directions: Grace Covenant Community Church, 99 North Shuman Street in Middleburg. If you are going South on Route 522 from Selinsgrove, North Shuman Street is the first street on the right past the Middleburg High School (high school will be on your left). If you are going North on Route 522 from McClure, North Shuman Street will be the first street on the left past Center Street (Center Street will be on your right).



Christmas Banquet Hosted by Middlecreek Valley Antique Association and Buffalo Valley Antique Machinery Association

Name and age of child/children 12 years of age and under that will be attending:

Name: _____

Age: _____

(Circle one) Boy / Girl

Name: _____

Age: _____

(Circle one) Boy / Girl

Remember, you can always find us on Facebook