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Spring Newsletter

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Dear Member,



It's spring time once again and after that long cold winter, I think it is safe to say that we are all glad that it is finally here. With spring finally arriving and the snow melting away from the warmer temperatures, that means that it is time to start working and cleaning up at the show grounds. We have roads to repair, food buildings to clean, butchering equipment to put away and all of our equipment will need to be gone over so it will be ready for the summer season. We have lots to do in the next few months, especially with our 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Show right around the corner.

Before we go much further into the future and talk about what's coming up, we need to go back a few months and talk about what we have been doing. We'll start in November. On November 28<sup>th</sup>, we were out at the show grounds making potato chips for the "Christmas in the Park" event that is held out at Richfield. It was a very productive day and we had lots of help including some new faces that came out to join in the fun. After we had close to half of the potatoes made into chips, we cleaned up and went out to Richfield to set up the canopy. The next morning, November 29<sup>th</sup>, we met out at Richfield's Basom Park around 7:00 AM and we started setting everything up. We had 5 kettles going all day and ended up going through all 25 bags (1,250 pounds) of potatoes and we almost sold out too. We only had a few bags of chips left when we ended our day at around 2:00 PM. All-in-all, it was a pretty good day. The weather wasn't too bad compared to some years. We started out with some snow in the morning with highs in the 20's. The weather didn't stop the folks from coming out to the event either. There was a nice steady crowd all day. We would like to thank everyone that came out to help us make chips on Friday and Saturday. Everyone did a great job!

Our next busy day was December 13<sup>th</sup>. This was the day of our Christmas Banquet and our first scrapple making of the season. We had a crew out at the show grounds making the scrapple and we had a crew at the banquet hall setting everything up for the Christmas Banquet. This year's Christmas Banquet went very well and the weather was also much better since we didn't have any snow that night. For dinner we had ham and turkey and lots of other great dishes and desserts. After dinner, we had a visit from Santa Claus which the kids enjoyed, the tractor pull trophies were handed out and then we started the gift auction. The auction went great and raised over \$1,100.00 which all goes to help pay for the banquet hall and supplies. If there is any money left, that money then goes to both Associations.

We would like to thank everyone for coming out to the banquet. By our count, we had over 230 people in attendance that night. We also need to thank everyone that brought a dish to share, a gift to be auctioned off and to everyone that bid on and purchased gifts at the auction. Also a big Thank You to everyone that came out to help set up, clean up and who worked at the banquet. Thank you all very much! We couldn't have done it without you.

After the holidays were over, we were back at it, making scrapple again on January 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. We made 2 kettles of scrapple on Friday and another 2 kettles on Saturday. On February 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, we made our scrapple for the last time of the season. We also made the bacon and sausage that we use at the shows. After the day was through, we only ended up with 930 links of sausage, so later on, some members got together and made some more so we would have enough for the year. We now have over 1300 sausage links that are all vacuum packed and frozen. To everyone that came out to help make the scrapple and sausages and to all of the folks that help sell our scrapple, thank you all very much. Our scrapple sales do very well every year because of all of the hard work that goes into making it and selling it. You all did a great job!

That brings us to what's going on now. As soon as the weather gets better and warmer and dries the ground out a little, we will be spending many Saturdays out at the show grounds getting things cleaned up and ready to go for the Spring Show. We will have a lot of work to do and would appreciate any help that we can get. The roads will need to be repaired, the food building will need to be cleaned up and the butchering equipment will need to be stored for the summer, the stage will need to be brought out from under the pavilion and set up and some repairs made to it as well and the tractors and other equipment will need to be gone over in preparation for the spring and summer months ahead. If you are wondering when we will be doing all of this work, I will send out a mass e-mail the weeks that we will be going out to the show grounds to work. If you are not on our e-mail list yet, please send me an e-mail and I will add you to the list.

This year our 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Show will be held May 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>. Our featured tractor this year will be the Massey Ferguson and Massey Harris tractors and equipment. Our featured engine this year is the Wisconsin. Also joining us again at the Spring Show will be the SUN Area Dairy Princess Promotion. They are working on all sorts of activities and events that they will have during the show including: the kid's activity tent, local celebrity milking contest, cheese tasting, kid's pedal tractor pulls, SUN Area Dairy Princess Pageant, milk punch reception and dance, and the free ice cream sundaes, plus much more.

Our musical entertainment this spring will be Lucky Afternoon which will be held on Saturday night starting at 6:00 PM. Something new we are going to try this year is some of our members and friends along with Lucky Afternoon, are going to be performing a square dance or two during the evening's entertainment. You don't want to miss it!

We will also have lots of other activities going on throughout the weekend like the sawmill powered by steam, tractor square dancing and the antique farm tractor pulls. You also don't want to miss out on all of the great tasting food that we have at the show.

Since you'll be at the food building grabbing a tasty bite to eat, this would be the perfect opportunity to head over to our office trailer and take care of your membership. Our membership runs May to May and only costs \$6.00 per person, \$8.00 per couple and \$10.00 for a family with children under the age of 18.

While you're there, you can say hello to our new Treasurer; Delphia Lohr. If you can't make it to the show, you can always send your dues (check made payable to the MVAA) to Delphia Lohr at 311 Stover Road, Mifflinburg, PA 17844.

If you haven't seen our new show brochures yet, when you do, you will notice that they are a little different from the past several years. After lots of discussion, the Officers and Members decided to do the brochure artwork ourselves and have a local print shop print them for us which will save the Association close to two thousand dollars a year. Once the artwork was finished and approved, we sent the artwork to Ink Spot Printing and they came back looking very nice. We are currently working on the fall show brochures and will hopefully have them available by the spring show.

## **WHAT'S HAPPENING!**

This year we've been having a lot of new ideas and long discussions at our membership meetings. One of the new things that was discussed was to have the brochure artwork done by us and have a local print shop print them for us which has happened. Now we are looking into all new shirts and hats being made with a new design and a larger selection to choose from. We are looking at putting the MVAA and our logo on the front of the shirts and a new design with tractors, engines and equipment on the back. Also, instead of just having t-shirts made, we are also going to have pull over hoodies and zipper hoodies made as well.

Back in January, a discussion about having a fall festival at the show grounds was started. During this discussion, it was brought up that we could have our own pumpkin patch so kids could come in and pick out their own pumpkins and we could also have hay rides and sell some food like hot dogs and hot apple cider. We would also set up donation boxes to help pay for the supplies needed to hold this event. We have a lot more to figure out and discuss on this event and if anyone has any ideas that would go well with a fall festival, please let us know what they are.

### **TRACTROR PULLERS, PLEASE READ THIS SECTION**

One of the biggest discussions that we've had was on the tractor pulls. If you pull in the antique farm tractor pulls or the garden tractor pulls, please pay close attention to this section. One of the first things that we discussed was the age of the tractors allowed to pull. It was mentioned that every year, the tractors get another year older and so we should allow newer tractors in to the shows. After a lot of discussion, it was decided to go with tractors that are 30 years old and older. This will put the year of the tractors to 1985 and older. After we figured out an age, we then discussed adding a few more weight classes to the tractor pulls. Again, after lots of discussion, a motion was made to try some 12,000 pound and 13,000 pound classes. These added classes will be held on the Saturday of the show. We've also decided to set the pace of these pulls to 4 ½ MPH. After that discussion was over, we then talked about the safety of all of the pullers. It was brought to our attention that there are some very young children pulling farm tractors at the tractor pulls. This brought up many safety concerns for everyone involved with the pulls. We thought about setting an age limit, but that didn't seem fair to everyone because there are some younger members that can handle a tractor very well and then there are some that may need help.

So, after a very long discussion, it was decided to add the following statement to our tractor pulling rules:

“The tractor driver needs to be able to fully operate the tractor independently without any help.”

This statement will affect the antique farm tractor pulls and the garden tractor pulls. If there would be any questions about if a driver could handle the tractor, a tractor pull official would then take that driver to the tractor square dancing pad and watch them operate the tractor to see how well they can handle the tractor. The official would then decide if they are ok to pull or not.

We are not trying to discriminate against young tractor pullers, we are just looking out for the safety of all involved with the tractor pulls. We want everyone to be safe and have a good time. If there are any questions or concerns about this, please contact the Board Members or come to one of our meetings to discuss your concern. We will be glad to discuss it with you.

*Mark Your Calendars!*  
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- 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Show – May 15-17, 2015
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Tractor Run – June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015
- Fourth of July “Just for Fun” Weekend – July 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>, 2015
- 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Show – August 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>, 2015
- 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Selinsgrove Market Street Festival – September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015
- Richfield’s “Christmas in the Park” – November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015
- 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Banquet – December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015

After the spring show is over, our next event will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Tractor Run. We had a good turn out last year and a lot of folks told us that they wanted to do it again, so we will be having the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Tractor Run on Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>. At this time, we do not have any times set as to when we would be leaving the show grounds. When this information becomes available and we have everything set up, I will be sending out e-mails and Facebook posts about this event. We will also be printing up flyers for the run as well. Stay tuned for this info and we hope to see a lot of you there again this year.

The next event after the tractor run will be the Fourth of July “Just for Fun” weekend and campout. There will be information about this in the next newsletter.

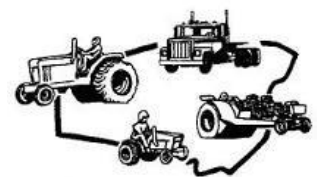
### *Other Events Happening at the Show Grounds*

#### *Snyder County Tractor Pullers Association*

Tractor Pull Dates: April 19<sup>th</sup> (Test and Tune), May 30<sup>th</sup>, June 20<sup>th</sup>, July 18<sup>th</sup> and October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

#### *Mid-Penn Garden Tractor Pullers Association*

Garden Tractor Pull Dates: May 24<sup>th</sup>, July 4<sup>th</sup> and September 5<sup>th</sup>.



Check out Snyder County Tractor Pullers and Mid-Penn Garden Tractor Pullers websites for more information, times, schedules and any date changes.

Earlier in this newsletter I mentioned that if you had any concerns or questions that you should talk to one of the Board Members. I got to thinking that some of you may not even know who all of the Officers and Trustees are, so here are the names of your Board of Directors. President: Josh Martin, Vice President: Michael Lessman, Secretary: Michael Clark, Treasurer: Delphia Lohr, Trustees: Donald Athey, Mark Cromley, Ray Hummel, Greg Bingaman, Kenny Frymoyer and Jeff Radel.

If you would like to see any of the Board Members, you can always come to our membership meeting held on the second Tuesday of each month (no meetings held in December) at 7:30 PM in the community room of the Evangelical, Weber-Rink Health Center, which is located a half mile west of the traffic light on Route 522 in Middleburg.



Just as a reminder to everyone that travels to the shows via Route 204 and turns onto Old Colony Road. The small bridge at the east end of Old Colony Road will be closed this spring and summer due to this bridge being replaced. You can either follow the detours set up by Penn DOT or continue on to Route 522 to the red light, turn right, go approximately a mile and turn right onto Salem Road and follow our show signs to the show grounds.

As I bring this letter to an end, I ask that you please mark down all of the dates that are listed in the “Mark Your Calendar” section of this newsletter. We are going to be needing your help at these events and shows that we have planned throughout the year. We will be needing a lot of help again this spring in the food building and especially in the chip area. We always have a good turnout of help when we go out to make our chips, but at the show, everyone that usually helps is elsewhere doing other things like working in the main food areas, working in the demonstrations area or up at the tractor pulls. If anyone is interested in helping us out during the shows, please come on out and talk to one of the workers to see where you can help. We have a good thing going with all of the events and activities that we have going on, so, please help us to keep it heading in the right direction. I thank you all for your support and dedication!

I would again like to thank each and every one of you that helped us out this past fall and winter with all of the activities that we did. You all did an awesome job and we appreciate all of your hard work.

I want to wish you all a great spring and I hope to see you at the Spring Show!

Sincerely,

*Michael Clark*

Michael Clark, Secretary

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