

## Spring Newsletter for the Middlecreek Valley Antique Association Inc.

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Dear Member,

It is nice to see that winter is starting to fade away and signs of spring are showing up around us. So, before we think of warm weather, let's rewind back to last fall and winter. In November we headed out to Richfield's "Christmas in the Park" to make potato chips. It was a cold and windy start to the day which made for a rough time setting up, but once we had the four kettles going, it was a nice warm place to be. It was a long day, but everyone had a good time. Thank You to everyone that helped out. Moving on to December, the Christmas Banquet was a success. It was nice to see so many people there and everyone seemed to enjoy the time spent together. A big THANK YOU goes out to everyone that helped set up and prepare for the banquet and to the ones that organized the evening's events and helped out with the auction. Also, Thank You to everyone that brought food to share and gifts for the gift auction and to everyone that bid on and purchased gifts at the auction. The money raised at the auction goes to help pay for the rental of the banquet hall, the meats and supplies and the remaining money goes to help out both clubs. Thank you all for your generous support!

We were able to do some work to the barn this winter. The back of the barn was jacked up and the foundation was moved back into place and reinforced. What was left of the barn door on the bottom of the barn was removed to fix the foundation and now needs to be replaced. We might get back to this project when the weather warms up.

Now, moving forward to 2010, here are the results of the election of Officers and Trustees; President: Michael Lessman, Vice President: Carl Landis, Secretary: Michael Clark, Treasurer: Michael Smith, and Trustees: Donald Athey and Mark Cromley will join Perry Aitkin, Ray Hummel, Todd Willow and Kenny Frymoyer for another term.

Our spring show will soon be upon us. The show dates for 2010 are: May 14, 15, 16 and August 27, 28, 29. This year's featured tractor is Allis Chalmers and the featured engine is the Ideal. There is still time to get those tractors and engines tuned up and ready to go for the spring show. We are looking for a full field of tractors, engines and equipment and remember to register your equipment so we will know what was at the show. It is free to register and you will receive a free show plaque when you register your tractors, engines and equipment.

Our spring show is membership renewal time. So, when you come out to the show, don't forget to renew your membership at the green office trailer behind the food building.

Our dues are \$6.00 per person, \$8.00 per couple and \$10.00 for a family with children under the age of 18. If you can't make it to the show, we will accept your dues throughout the year.

Special Note: Any members that have not paid their dues in the past two years will be removed from the membership list after the spring show. If you would like to remain on this list, please pay your dues at the spring show or you can send your dues to our Treasurer, Michael Smith at 104 Oak Lane, Middleburg, PA 17842.

You may have noticed that there are no raffle tickets enclosed with this newsletter. After a lot of discussion at our meetings, the members have decided not to have the raffle this year and instead we are going to try a 50/50 at the spring show. The members made this decision because it is getting very hard to get prizes donated for the raffle. It is possible that when the economy gets better, we may go back to doing the raffle again. We are going to hold a 50/50 each day of the spring show. It was decided that you need not be present to win. You can fill out the back of the ticket and we can mail the prize to you if you win. These tickets will only be available at the show.

We are always looking for new ideas to help draw more people in to the shows and we are looking for ideas for things that the club can do throughout the year. If you have any thoughts or ideas that you would like to share, please come to our membership meetings held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month (no meetings 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 in Middleburg on Route 522.

If you would like to attend these meetings but can't come or you live too far away, we have discussed at our meeting in January, doing an e-mail system with the minutes. It would work like this: After the membership meeting is over and the minutes are typed up, I will send the minutes through e-mail to everyone that sent me their e-mail address. Then if you have any ideas, thoughts or concerns that you would like brought up at the meetings, you can e-mail me your thoughts and ideas and then I will take your e-mail to the meeting to be discussed. This will not be used to send spam mail, jokes and other junk e-mails. This will be used for MVAA purposes only. If you would like to participate in this new system, please send your e-mail address to [mpclark@ptd.net](mailto:mpclark@ptd.net) (please use subject MVAA Minutes). We are trying to reach out to more members and we are trying to get more members involved with the Association.



We would like to let everyone know that the Middlecreek Valley Antique Association is in the process of updating our web site. If you look at the top of the first page, you will see that we have a new web address. This new address is: [www.mvaapa.org](http://www.mvaapa.org). We are going to redo the entire site and we are eventually going to be switching solely to the new address for the web site. The address we have now will still work and you can use the new address too. Once it is up and running, we may be able to post the minutes from the monthly membership meetings there along with the newsletter. We will keep everyone posted on our progress with this project.

At our meeting held in March, the members discussed the musical entertainment that is held in the barn on Friday and Saturday nights of our shows. Because the entertainment is free to the public, we have to work within a budget that we have set up for the entertainment. Because of this budget, it is hard to find music groups that are willing to come and play for the amount allotted.

So, at this meeting we have decided to cancel Friday night's musical entertainment. We are still planning on having entertainment on Saturday night and there will be Church services held in the barn on Sunday morning as always.



When winter finally leaves and spring unveils all of the damage that the snow and water has done to the show grounds, we will need to clean up the grounds, buildings and roads. We will try to start cleaning up the grounds on April 24<sup>th</sup> and work every Saturday after that, up to show time. Any help will be appreciated. We will also be in need of help at show time. If you would like to help out at the show, please ask someone if they need help or where you can go to help out. If you can only help for a half hour or if you can help out all day, any help from our members is appreciated. Remember, a club is only as strong as its members.

Did you ever hear of a Plow Day? Well, if you haven't, you can see it for yourself. On April 10<sup>th</sup>, members will be meeting out at Dave Daku's farm on Clifford Road outside of Selinsgrove to hold a Plow Day just for fun. If it rains on the 10<sup>th</sup> we will try again on April 17<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to join in the fun, bring your tractor and plow along. If you do not have a plow to use, that's OK, there will be some there to hook up to. So, come on out and have some fun and see how well your tractor can plow the soil, or just come out to watch the entertainment of the event. If you would like more information on this event, please contact Michael Lessman at (570) 837-0156.



Mark your calendars:



- Plow Day- April 10, 2010      Rain Date April 17, 2010
- Spring Show- May 14, 15, 16, 2010
- Fall Show- August 27, 28, 29, 2010
- Fall Basket Bingo- November 19, 2010
- Christmas Banquet- December 11, 2010

Just as another reminder, we know that addresses are still in the process of being changed for the 911 system, or if you move, please let us know so you can continue to receive a newsletter and help the Association with the cost of postage.

I hope that everyone had a warm and safe winter and I would like to wish everyone a great 2010. We hope to see you all at the shows!

Sincerely,

*Michael Clark*

Michael Clark, MVAA Secretary