

Middlecreek Valley Antique Association Inc.



Summer Newsletter

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Dear Member,

Here we are, getting ready for our summer activities already. Where did the spring go? Well, I hope you all had a great spring and were able to come to our 17th Annual Spring Show. Before we get into the show, let's start off with some of the activities that happened before the show.



First, during a couple of weekends in March, some members got together at the Mid-Penn Sportsmen's Club to cut down and log out some blown down trees. This took several weekends but the final Saturday that we were there, we were able to haul out 6 trailer loads of logs to the show grounds. These logs will be sawn on our saw mill and turned into lumber for some of the building projects that we have planned in the near future.

The next event that was scheduled was the "Spring Celebration" at the American Heritage Crafters in Milton. It was scheduled for April 20th and we were going to be making potato chips and fries like we have done in the past. Unfortunately, due to some issues at Kuhns Brothers, the event was cancelled so we did not get to go.

The next event took place after some members of the East Snyder Community Gardens in Selinsgrove came to our Board Meeting on April 2nd to ask us if we would like to help them put in a buffer zone next to the gardens. This buffer zone would help keep some of the spray used on the neighboring fields off of the gardens. After some discussion, it was decided that we would plow and plant oats in this 50' by 500' buffer zone. When the oats are ready for harvest, which might be sometime in late July, early August, we would then go back to the gardens and harvest the oats and use them for our threshing demonstrations at our fall show. The seeds gathered at the show would then be replanted in the buffer zone. On April 23rd, a couple of members headed to the gardens and plowed the ground and planted the oats. A picture of this event did end up in the local news paper.

The next event was the 17th Annual Spring Show. This year we teamed up with the SUN Area Dairy Princess Promotion who did an awesome job with all of the events and activities that they had planned throughout the weekend. This took a lot of planning and organizing which all paid off with great crowds and lots of happy kids having a good time.

Some of the new events were; a kids' activities tent which was full of games and activities for kids to do, a celebrity milking contest on Friday night, kids pedal tractor pull, the SUN Area Dairy Princess Pageant on Saturday night and free ice cream sundaes on Sunday afternoon. There were also some special guests like Daisy the cow and Smokey the Bear. Also throughout the weekend was a petting zoo, horse rides and our friends from Puppen Meister Productions who also had games for the kids along with face painting and puppet shows. Also new for this show was the simulated farm accident that took place out in the side parking area on Saturday morning. This featured a rolled over tractor and a baler. And not to worry, this was all done with dummies, not real people. This event was set up by DH&L Fire Company of Selinsgrove and Reliance Hose Company of Middleburg. This was actually used as practice for the fire crews to help them train in the case of an agricultural accident. This also brought in Geisinger's Life Flight helicopter which landed for around an hour so folks could see what it looks like up close. They are looking into the possibility of doing this again with other equipment. Photos of these events are posted on our Facebook page.

Also at the show was the Mountain Man along with tractor square dancing by the Middlecreek Tractor Swingers, garden tractor pulls, truck pulls and antique tractor pulls. There were also sawmill and shingle mill demonstrations, hit and miss engines and our barrel train.

We also had a nice display of tractors which features Oliver this year. The total number of registered tractors and equipment was 132 pieces. There were 43 Olivers, 44 John Deere, 24 Farmalls, 6 Allis-Chalmers', 2 Fergusons, 2 Massy-Harris', 1 Ford, 1 Case, 2 Steam Engines (there were actually 4 there, Aultman & Taylor, Frick, Reeves and Nichols and Shepard) 4 Garden Tractors, 1 1936 Antique Dodge and 2 implements.

Thank you to everyone that brought tractors, engines and equipment to the show. We know that this takes a lot of work to get this equipment to the shows, so we thank you all very much.

We would also like to thank everyone that participated in the events at the show, like the tractor square dancers, all of the tractor and truck pullers, all of the food, craft and flea market vendors, the horse rides, petting zoo, games and puppet shows. Thank you all very much!

We would also like to send a big thank you to the SUN Area Dairy Princess Promotion for all of their hard work to organize all of the games, activities and events. This is what we needed to help boost our show and we are looking forward to working together with them for many years to come to help make these events the best around.

And now to all of the workers. I feel like a broken record here but, there are no words that will show how much we appreciate all that you do and have done for this Organization. THANK YOU to all of you that came out to help set up for the show, work at the show and helped clean up after the show. You cannot ask for a better group of people who work so tirelessly to put these shows on. Again, THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH!

Important, Please Read



Now onto the tough part of the newsletter. I hope that everyone will read this part as it is very important. We are in need of help for our shows. The amount of workers at this show was probably the lowest we've seen yet. There were times that the chip area needed to shut down because there were not enough helpers to keep it going and the rest of the food building was very light in help too. Our workers are not getting any younger and many of them cannot be on their feet from six in the morning to nine at night, but, they do it because this club means so much to them and we all want to see it thrive for future generations.

With the addition of the SUN Area Dairy Princess Promotion, we have seen a nice increase in the crowds and this is resulting in our workers working harder and longer. We do understand that some of our members had graduations and other commitments that made it that they could not attend the show, but, after going through the books, we now have 591 members and we hope that some of you will consider joining our awesome work force that helps keep this Organization going. If we can get enough help, then the workers can rotate in and out and can get a chance for some breaks and can walk around and enjoy the show too. We do understand that many clubs and organizations have this same problem, but if we do not start getting some new help, we will not be able to keep this show going like we have been which may not only affect us, but also the other organizations that use our grounds too, like the Middlecreek Tractor Swingers, the Mid-Penn Garden Tractor Pullers, the Snyder County Tractor Pullers and now, the SUN Area Dairy Princess Promotion. We are trying to build our shows up and we are looking into adding some new activities for the fall show. If we continue to grow, we will be in need of more help, not just in the food building but all over the grounds to help run these new activities. Please consider joining our team. You won't just be helping the present workers, you'll be helping your club too! We thank you!

As you have read above, we now have 591 members in the books. If you know someone that would like to become a member, our dues are \$6.00 per person, \$8.00 per couple and \$10.00 per family with children under the age of 18. If you didn't make it to the spring show to pay your dues, that's OK, you can still pay them at the fall show or you can always send your dues to our Treasurer, Michael Smith at 104 Oak Lane, Middleburg, PA 17842.

If you are interested in joining us at our membership meetings, they are held 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.



- 4th of July "Just for Fun" campout weekend- July 4th – 7th, 2013
- 17th Annual Fall Show- August 23, 24, 25, 2013
- 35th Annual Selinsgrove Market Street Festival- September 28th, 2013
- Richfield's "Christmas in the Park"- November 23rd, 2013
- MVAA and BVAMA Christmas Banquet- December 14th, 2013
- 18th Annual Spring Show- May 18, 19, 20, 2014
- 18th Annual Fall Show- August 22, 23, 24, 2014

This year our 4th of July “Just for Fun” weekend will be held from July 4th to July 7th with the picnic being held on Saturday, July 6th. You can come for the whole week to camp or just come in for the day, it’s up to you. For the picnic, we will be having barbeque chicken and if available, corn on the cob which will be supplied by the Association. We just ask that you would please bring a dish to share. Please note, this year we will be eating at 12:00 PM (noon).

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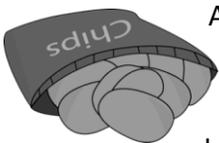


That Saturday evening, we will be having our fireworks show. This is planned for just after dark, so please come on out and enjoy the evening with friends and family. The fireworks show is free to the public, so to help the club cover some of the costs of the fireworks and the permit, we will be asking for donations like years past. All donations are very much appreciated.

The next event after the 4th of July weekend will be the 17th Annual Fall Show. We will need help for this show as well. We are looking into having the kids pedal pulls again and there may also be the possibility of having other kids activities there again too. We are also talking about getting some other new activities at our show. One suggestion we had was that we could try doing a skid steer rodeo, which would be an obstacle course and skills event. This could be a possibility but we would need someone to help run it. If anyone has any other ideas that we could try, please let us know. With the addition of the SUN Area Dairy Princess Promotion and all of the new events and activities that they brought to the show, they helped get the ball rolling with some fresh new ideas, so let’s keep it going. The more new events we can add to the show, the better chance we have at drawing in more people from in the area and from outside of the area, which not only helps us, but also the local communities and businesses.

Just a reminder, our Flea Market and Craft Vendor area is still a free (donation only) area, so this would be the perfect place to have a yard sale. For more information about the fall show or for vendor contracts, you can visit our website and don’t forget to check out our Facebook page as well.

IMPORTANT NOTE: We found that there were some issues with 4-wheelers on the grounds during the shows, so, for everyone’s safety, we have decided at our meeting held in June that 4-wheelers (or any ATV of the like) will no longer be permitted on the grounds during the spring and fall shows. We thank you in advance for your cooperation.
(Golf carts are still allowed at the shows)



After the fall show, we will be getting ready for the 35th Annual Selinsgrove Market Street Festival which will be held on September 28th. We will be making potato chips that Friday at the show grounds to get ahead and then all day Saturday at the Festival. This will be a very busy two days and we will be needing lots of help. We hope to see you there!

As I close this letter, I would just like to take a moment and thank everyone once again for their hard work and commitment to this Organization. I especially thank all of the workers and the Dairy Princess Promotion for the great job you all did during the spring show. With that said, on behalf of the Middlecreek Valley Antique Association Officers and Trustees, we wish you all a safe and happy summer and we hope to see you at the 4th of July picnic and the fall show.

Wishing you all a great summer!

Sincerely,

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HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!