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Dear Member,

I hope everyone is enjoying this warm weather that we are having this spring. It sure seemed to take Mother Nature a while to figure out which season she wanted to be in. Unfortunately for us, she decided to rain on our parade, so to speak, during our spring show. Hopefully we will make out better in the fall.

Since I mentioned the spring show, we'll get right to it. We started off weeks ahead working at the grounds, trying to get things ready for the show. First on the list was a new tool shed. We picked up a truck box that we converted into a new tool shed, since our old tool trailer was starting to fall apart. We leveled it up, built shelves and then moved all of our stuff over to the new shed. Next we worked on the roads. We had some places that were washed out and some spots that were soft, so we added road millings, graded them and rolled them in to help make the roads harder and smoother. We also got the stage out from winter storage and set it up and set up all of the picnic tables in the pavilion. The office trailer and food buildings were cleaned and organized, the grounds were mowed and trimmed and the loading docks were also cleaned up.

Then on May 15th, the show started. We had some nice weather on Friday which made it nice for all of the activities that were going on, especially all of the activities planned by the SUN Area Dairy Princess Promotion. They had the kid's activity tent featuring the Selinsgrove FFA, the Snyder County Conservation and Peifer Fire Protection and in the evening they had cheese tasting and the local celebrity milking contest. The local celebrities for the milking contest were: State Representative Fred Keller, Snyder County Sheriff Candidate John Zechman, Chip Mull, 3rd grade teacher from the Selinsgrove Intermediate School, Mandi Schewmm from State Farm, Dwight Orndorf from Hoover's Tractor and Josh Knouse from Valley Ag and Turf. The winner of the milking contest was John Zechman. Also happening on the grounds was equipment demonstrations, the Mountain Man display, a tractor parade and antique tractor pulls.

On Saturday, we started out with beautiful weather which lasted for most of the day. Some of the activities for Saturday included: Garden tractor pulls, sawmill and shingle mill demonstrations, tractor parade, tractor square dancing by the Middlecreek Tractor Swingers, the kid's activity tent featuring the PA Game Commission, Peifer Fire Protection, Snyder County Farm Bureau, Snyder County Sheriff's Department and the SUN Area Dairy Princess Promotion.

Also taking place was the kid's pedal tractor pulls and the SUN Area Dairy Princess Pageant with a milk punch reception and a dance.

Unfortunately on Saturday evening a bad storm came through the valley and took care of some of the evenings events like the tractor pulls and the musical entertainment by Lucky Afternoon. During this storm, several canopies in the Flea Market area went flying through the air and our canopy over the stage was also twisted up and damaged. The tractor pulling track was in the process of being rolled back in after being disked up when the storm hit and they didn't have time to cover it so the pouring rains just saturated the clay at the track making it a muddy, sloppy mess. The food building on the other hand, stayed busy after the storm had passed thanks to all of you that stayed and waited for the storm to be over.

On Sunday, we started out with church services in the barn. After that was over, we had the kid's activity tent featuring the Eager Beaver 4-H Club, and Trout Unlimited. We also had some demonstrations, a tractor parade, tractor square dancing and some free ice cream sundaes from the SUN Area Dairy Princess Promotion. This year they were able to get 45 gallons of ice cream to make the gigantic sundae. There was a line for the sundaes from the barn almost up to the food building. After the sundaes were given out, they had the "Kiss the cow" contest. The contestants for this contest were Brad Bingaman representing the MVAA, Debra Kratzer representing Stahl's Sawmill Supplies and the Snyder County Treasurer, Judi Hauck representing the Snyder County 4-H and Jim Baney Jr. representing the Kratzerville Boy Scouts and the Kratzerville Fire Company. The monies collected for each contestant were weighed and the person with the most weight had to kiss the cow. Debra ended up with 5 lbs. of money, Judi had 4 lbs., Jim had 10 lbs. and Brad (with some help from his brother) had over 19 lbs. of money. Brad took it really well and with some help from Jim, they both gave the cow a big kiss. All of the monies collected (\$245.29) went to The Great American Milk Drive. If you would like to see the pictures and video of these events, please head over to our clubs Facebook page and the SUN Area Dairy Princess's Facebook page for all of the pictures from the show. There are also some show pictures on Lucky Afternoon's website at www.luckyafternoon.com.

Now onto the tractors and engines! This year we are featuring Massey Harris and Massey Ferguson tractors and equipment and Wisconsin engines. This springs show display included: 27 John Deere, 21 Olivers, 14 Farmalls, 7 Allis Chalmers, 6 Internationals, 5 Fergusons, 2 Fords, 1 Case and 3 Steam Engines which included the Aultman & Taylor, Frick and Farquhar. That gave us a total of 86 registered tractors and steam engines. We did have a lot more than that on display at the show though. There were also 8 implements and 2 garden tractors that were registered and on display. Also at the show was a very nice display of hit and miss engines, tools and other pieces of equipment. This included 24 registered hit and miss engines plus 2 GM diesel engines, 2 Maytag engines, 2 chainsaws, 1 Sheppard engine and 3 clothes washers.

We would like to say a big Thank You to everyone that brought their tractors, steam engines, hit and miss and small engines, implements and equipment and tools and displays to the show for everyone to see. It takes a lot of work to get these items to the show and set them up and we really appreciate all of everyone's hard work doing so. We would also like to thank everyone for hanging out and sticking with us through that storm on Saturday evening. It was a nasty storm and fortunately no one was hurt. Yes, a few canopies got damaged, but the most important thing is that no one was injured. We do not understand why we keep getting plagued with this bad weather all of the time. Many of us are getting very frustrated by it because it takes months of work to plan and set up these shows and all it takes is one bad storm to come through and wreck it all.

So, with that said, we also need to thank everyone who has stuck by us over the years through all of the bad weather and the few times that we had some excellent weather. We couldn't have done it without all of you sticking by the Association and coming back each year. We also couldn't have done it without all of the help that we get to help set up for the show, work at the show and clean up after the show. You all do an excellent job and we appreciate all of your hard work. Thank you all!

After the show was over, it was time to start planning for the 2nd Annual Tractor Run which was held on June 13th. We had around 15 tractors show up for the run and we had 2 wagons full of riders. We had a few sprinkles when we left the show grounds, but once we were out on the road, we had a nice ride. The run lasted around an hour and a half and everyone made it back safely. When we returned to the grounds, we had a nice meal of chicken corn soup, hot dogs, chips and several desserts and drinks waiting for us. Some of our members made a weekend out of it and camped out on the grounds. I think everyone had a good time and hopefully we will be doing this again next year. We would like to thank everyone that came out for the run and we also need to thank everyone that put this run together and worked during the run that made everything possible so we could enjoy the day. To those of you that got the permits, ordered the t-shirts, set up and made the food, helped block and control traffic for us and to those that hauled tractors, Thank you all very much!

Now, let's take a look at what's coming up. On July 4th, we will be having our annual "Just for Fun" campout weekend with our chicken barbeque and fireworks show. As usual, we will be having a full day of activities starting with lunch at 12:00 noon featuring our yummy barbequed chicken and corn on the cob. After lunch, we will have our membership meeting followed by social time and we will probably be doing some work throughout the grounds for the remainder of the afternoon. Once the sun sets, it will be time to look towards the sky for our annual fireworks show. Our fireworks show is free and open to the public. Again this year we will be placing our donation boxes around to help pay for the fireworks and the permit. The past several years, we have collected enough in donations to pay for all of the fireworks and the permit. We thank you for your donations and for your continued support.



Our chicken barbeque lunch is for our members and we just ask that you bring a dish to share. The weekend campout is open for as long as you want to stay. You can come for a week or just stay for the day, it's up to you. We just require one thing, that everyone has a good time!

The next event will be our 19th Annual Fall Show. This will be held on August 28-30. Again, we ask for your help for this show. We will be needing lots of help in the food building and around the grounds. During this show we will be having our antique tractor pulls, kid's pedal tractor pulls, tractor square dancing, sawmill and shingle mill demonstrations and threshing and baling demonstrations, along with lots of tractors and engine displays. We really hope that we have some great weather for this show. We would really like to see a full field of tractors and engines and if you have an antique car or truck, we would love to see those at the shows as well. Or how about some old military vehicles. That would be great to see too! On Saturday night, our musical entertainment will be the Smooth Country Band. You can check them out on Facebook as well as their website, www.smoothcountry.org.

While you're at the show, if you haven't done so in the spring, you can always stop by our office trailer and take care of your membership dues. Our dues are only \$6.00 per person, \$8.00 per couple and \$10.00 for a family with children under the age of 18. While you're in that area, you can stop by the food building in the chip end and check out our new t-shirts and hooded sweat shirts. We really sold a lot in the spring and there will be more for the fall show. We'll also have some of the tractor run t-shirts available to sell as well. Make sure you check them out!

Mark Your Calendars!
Woods Batwing Golf & Country Club



- Fourth of July "Just for Fun" Weekend – July 3rd-5th, 2015
- 19th Annual Fall Show – August 28th-30th, 2015
- 37th Annual Selinsgrove Market Street Festival – September 26th, 2015
- Richfield's "Christmas in the Park" – November 28th, 2015
- 19th Annual Christmas Banquet – December 12th, 2015

After the fall show, the next event will be making potato chips at the Selinsgrove Market Street Festival which will be held on Saturday, September 26th. As usual, we will be making chips the day before at the show grounds so we can make enough ahead to keep up. We will be needing help for this event on both days.

After the Street Fair, the next event will be Christmas in the Park which is held at Basom Park in Richfield. This event will be taking place on Saturday, November 28th. Again, we will be making chips the day before at the show grounds. We will be in need of help for this event too. We hope to see many of you at both of these events enjoying the day with us.



Now onto items discussed at the meetings. At the beginning of spring, we were discussing getting another tool shed because our old tool trailer was starting to fall in on its self due to the roof leaking. We were able to find a fella that had a truck box that he did not want, we were able to get it and convert it into a new tool shed. During one of our meetings, it was suggested that we should take the old tool trailer and use it to haul and store the benches on so we wouldn't have to load and unload and stack benches at every show. This will be a project for the near future.

We've also been discussing the condition that our Woods Batwing mower is in. We purchased it used when we came to the new grounds around 15 years ago and it has mowed a lot of grass in those 15 years. It is really starting to show wear and it now needs new hinges for the wings. We are in the process of getting someone to repair or replace the hinges, but at our meeting held in May, it was suggested that we should start looking for another mower. The one we have now is a 15 foot mower and we would like to stay with that size. If anyone comes across a good used mower, please let us know.

In the last newsletter, I mentioned that we were looking into doing a fall festival. During our Board of Directors meeting held this month, it was decided that since the pumpkins were to be planted right after the

show and everyone was tied up with other things, that we would wait until next year to plant the pumpkins. We are still working on if we still want to have a fall fest this year or not. If we do decide to have one, I will be posting it on our Facebook page and I will send out mass emails about it, to keep you all posted. Also discussed during our Board Meeting held in June was the tractor pulls. This discussion also spilled over to our Membership Meeting. The following things were discussed: The tractor pulling rules, redoing the pulling rules, the tire sizes, the age of the tractors allowed to pull and setting up a tractor pull committee. So, after a lot of discussion, a motion was made and moved to set up a tractor pull committee to come up with new rules and bring them back to the Association to be discussed. A committee of 8 members was then set up. Also discussed was what the Association considers an antique. Earlier this year we decided that since every year these tractors get another year older, then we need to update the age that we consider an antique. So, after discussion, it was decided to go with 30 years old and older. That will take us to 1985 and older. This now opens up a big door for tractors to come to the shows and participate in the pulls. There should be a full field of tractors at the shows now!



Just another reminder about the bridge repair on Old Colony Road. The bridge is being replaced at the Route 204 end of Old Colony Road. The week of the spring show, Penn DOT informed us that since the utilities were taking some time moving poles, they would open the road for our show. We thank Penn DOT for doing that for us. After the show ended, this bridge has since been removed. As far as we know as of right now and from what Penn DOT has told us, the bridge will still be out at the time of the Fourth of July campout and Fireworks show and the fall show so, all traffic will have to enter and exit Old Colony Road via Salem Road.

As I close this letter, I would like to say a big thank you to everyone that comes out to help at all of the events and activities that we do. We couldn't do it without all of you! I would also like to send out another big thank you to everyone that has hung with us and sticks by the Association every year through the good weather and of course, the bad weather. We could not survive without all of you sticking by us and continuing to support, donate, and putting your blood, sweat and tears into this Organization. I would like to say that you are all Awesome! And on behalf of the Middlecreek Valley Antique Association's Officers and Trustees, THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH!

I want to wish you all a great summer and a wonderful Independence Day and I hope to see you at the campout and the Fall Show!

Sincerely,

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