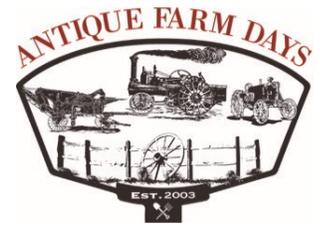


Antique Farm Day News



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SVAPF Mission

The Mission of the Southwest Virginia Antique Farm Days organization is to restore and preserve farm machinery and implements that were used in the agriculture based society of early Southwest Virginia. These efforts are directed toward **educating the public and future generations, through displays and demonstrations**, about the importance that early farm machinery played in shaping life in Franklin County and surrounding areas.

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OUR 1923, Fairbanks-Morse, Model Y, Semi-Diesel is going back to work...

By: Bob Most

OUR 1923, Fairbanks-Morse, Model Y, Semi-Diesel is going back to work! The crowd favorite, smoke ring blowing engine has been running at the Recreation Park during our Annual Show since 2008, under the professional care of William Rutrough. Now it is getting ready to do more than run, it is going back to work! Our FM engine that powered the Exchange Milling Company's plant from 1943 to 1959, then sat idle until it was moved from plant in 2006 by our club members. The engine was then repaired, and operated for the public, for the first, at our 2008 Antique Farm Days Show. It will be great giving the engine something to power again.

In order for our club to be the most effective possible in accomplishing our stated mission of **"educating the public and future generations"**, it will be ideal to show the FM engine

actually running a piece of equipment. This would show our guests how the energy of the FM is transferred through a series of different size pulleys, shafts, clutches and belts to a piece of equipment at the proper speed. By expanding our FM demonstration and displaying how the entire process works, it is believed the entire educational experience will be tremendously enhanced. It is similar to when the club threshes barley with the Frick threshing machine, powered by an antique farm tractor, or the Peerless steam traction engine. The public gets to see the entire process from the power supplied to the threshing machine, via a flat belt, the barley being feed to the threshing machine, the grain being bagged as it comes out the side of the threshing machine, the straw coming out the back of the threshing machine, and finally being bailed. The public gets to see, and understand, how grain in the field ends up bagged to go to the mill. You see many a parent pointing out to their children the different parts of the operation thus completing the educational process.

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Fairbanks cont'd

To make this happen, several club members met at William Rutrough's home recently, where he has been so gracious to store for the club for some 10 plus years, all the line-shafts, pulleys, hangers, bearings, and related fasteners that the club was able to salvage from the Exchange Milling plant's basement. I understand it was a huge undertaking removing the FM engine and all the related equipment, but that is a story for another day. We found, and selected most of the shafting, pulleys, bearing and hangers necessary to install a short version of the power transmission line-shaft in the Club's engine shed, adjacent to the FM engine. We also have a donated Sprout Waldron grinder that could possibly be a piece of equipment suitable to complete the demonstration, but that is really just a thought, there are many possible types of equipment that could be run. ***We would appreciate any suggestions for possible appropriate equipment we might consider operating.***

What is next? As soon as the weather clears we need to

move from William's barn to our engine shed at the Recreation Park the selected shafts, pulleys, bearing, hangers and clutch. Plan the layout of the system, design and install the shaft supports, and finally install the line-shaft system with the equipment we are going to operate.

Finally, all these projects, like our show, take a lot of effort, but we know it is worth it. To see the children smile and look in wonderment at these displays and demonstrations we exhibit. We see the adults pointing things out to their children, and seeing the older people reflect on the memories they have from their youth makes all the work worthwhile. If we don't save this heritage for Franklin County, who will? Let's all get involved, grab a project, offer to help someone else, be a spark plug and make something happen. We all need to be ambassadors for the club, always inviting new members. Remember, many hands make big tasks go quickly.

Preserving The Past For The Future!

Opportunities to support the June Show:

- Committee opportunities
- Afternoon parades (we need your participation)
- Shuttle carts, we are in constant need of drivers
- Saturday morning parking assistance
- Set up prior and clean up after the show
- Supporting the scheduled events
- In the coming weeks, we will be looking for support

with mailing letters to vendors / exhibitors

- There are many more, please make your interests known



2016 - Power Parade during show

Parading and showing

During past Antique Farm Day events, we have held several parades for each event. The first parade generally occurs on the Sunday before the show with tractors parading through town and to Trinity Mission in hopes to support the community and raise awareness. The remaining parades have been scheduled for each afternoon of the show.

During the February meeting, we had

significant discussion about the lack of participation in these parades. We are asking folks to express intention to participate so that we can continue to schedule these critical events.

Thanks to several club members, we have been able to move forward on a couple of exciting projects over the past couple months (building for blacksmiths, line shaft) and have plans to kick off more activity in coming months. I hope you

are interested in participating in these projects to continue advancing our goal of "Preserving the Past for the Future" and of creating a Farm Show that all will want to attend now and for many years to come. Board members and officers names on are on the front page, please let us know or give us a call with any questions you may have.

Charles Brubaker

Horse Pull

In 2018, we are making plans for another horse show. We hope that you will talk this event up with your friends / neighbors and all of those kids in your life would want to see these beautiful animals. This event will be taking place on Friday afternoon at approximately 5PM. In past years, we have drawn teams from several states, and want to make sure we are bringing viewers from several counties to match up.

This event has relevancy in today's world as one of the regular attendees does environmental logging. I am confident that he would love to share additional information about how these horses are used in the production world today.



February Discussion Items

- Project / committee updates
- Committee assignments
- Survey follow up, I am certain some of us still have some work to do
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- Spring swap meet (April 20 and 21), less than 30 days out
- Schedule adjustments for 2018, show
- Volunteers for newsletters / committees
- Band recommendations for Sunday afternoon
- How can we get news and notes for this document?
- Where do we need volunteers at the show (golf cart schedules, announcing, permits, contact for camping....)

Club News and Notes

A few highlights from our February meeting:

- Brian Fezell and Julie Newman were winners of door prizes given during the meeting
- Video program at meetings end. Thanks to Earl Johnson for sharing.
- Progress updates provided on Blacksmith building and line shaft project
- James River Equipment has agreed to support the needs of Antique Farm Days
- Golf Carts

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