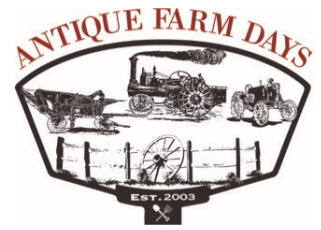


Antique Farm Day News



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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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Spring Swap Meet 2018 April 20th & 21st



The grounds are ready and the first people are sitting up. It is our hope that each of you will be able to make it out this weekend.

Food is available, so come hungry!!

SVAPF: Improvements Are in the works!



Permanent Blacksmith shed:

Construction is underway with a goal of being ready for this year's Antique Farm Days. Construction started this week across from the Jr. Machinery shed. This project provides a permanent home for another display and starts creating space for future projects. The 2017 wheelbarrow raffle has paid part of the costs for this project, and we will be looking for similar opportunities in the future.



Line Shaft to Fairbanks engine

This project has been dormant for several years, but we are looking to begin construction inside the Fairbanks building soon and targeting the end of 2018 for this to become a functional exhibit. Many thanks to William Rutrough who has stored the parts in his barn for a long time. Several club members helped to move the parts to the Rec Park in March, and additional planning is underway.



The set up of the Corliss engine that was donated to the club by the Roycroft family is a longer term project, but as you can see plans for the foundation are underway. Eventually, there will be a new covered shed adjacent to the existing. This building will be home to the Corliss engine, allow flexibility with other displays and eventually serve to help support a year round "Walking Tour"

The Future of Preserving the Past is Bright

I drove into the Recreation Park today in anticipation of the upcoming swap meet. It is exciting to see all of the things our club has going. I noticed one vendor already had a few items out for the swap meet, and then realized many will be coming in tomorrow. I also thought about how SVAPF has transformed the park with roads, facilities, and continued growth.

The excitement grows as we think about the projects mentioned on the prior page. These changes will impact this year's show and more to come. This month's feature article was replaced with key pro-

ject updates as we want to make sure everyone is aware of the progress made in these endeavors.

We also have plans for a permanent walking tour so that people can have year-round opportunities to appreciate the past. There has been some very preliminary work done on this project, but more is to come and your input is requested

It is also as overwhelming as it is exciting to think about the opportunities for club participation, work days, and more ideas to come. Please continue to keep suggestions coming to your board and officer

team, look for work-day opportunities, and volunteer for show time support.

Looking forward to having the best show in our 15 year history in June 2018.

Charles Brubaker

Volunteer Opportunities

- Committee assignments
- Sign up for activities during the show
- Coordinate some "mini-projects" in show prep
- Work days for the larger projects to be scheduled in the future
- **Submit information for the newsletter**
- Meeting programs
- Suggestions / recommendations for improvement of club events
- Research for walking tour displays
- Parade participation
- Show announcers

Club News and Notes

A few highlights from our March meeting:

- Door prizes were awarded to Bea Barbour and Nancy Jamison
- Show mailings have gone out to vendors
- Plans are underway for the celebration of 15 years, please contact Julie Newman for additional information
- Required permits have been approved

April Meeting plans:

- Follow up on old business
- Identify clubs, organizations, individuals who should be recognized in 15 yr. celebration
- Antique Farm Days prep
- **Hopefully those agenda items you would like to discuss**

Newsletters now posted on website at www.SVAPF.org

Submit your article, what do you want to see in the Newsletter: As we prepare this newsletter each month, we would like to include the articles that would interest you. Is there are piece of equipment you would like to share, a story you would like to tell, or a personal profile you would like to see highlighted. Please reach out via email or phone and let us know your idea for the feature story.