

Let us know what you think the name of our newsletter should be

The Antique Farmer??



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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.

Upcoming Meeting:

The next meeting is to be held on 12/21/2017 at the Essig Center in Rocky Mount. Board and Officers will be meeting at 6 PM with the General Membership meeting to follow at 7 PM.

Getting Involved,

Project and Committee Opportunities listed on p. 2



Merry Christmas All!!

SVAPF says Thank you to Bill Meyers for representing Antique Farm Days in the Franklin County Christmas Parade on December 3rd



Name the Newsletter

At this point, we have received the following recommendations. If you would like to vote prior to Thursday's meeting, please send an email to cebrubaker@gmail.com. Otherwise, we will be looking to name the newsletter during that meeting.

Recommendations to date:

- SVAPF, Then and Now
- The Antique Farm Bugle
- The Whistle
- Preserving the Past
- Antique Farm Day News
- News of the Past
- History of the past
- Learning from yesterday
- Farm Collector News
- Old Iron News

Club News and Notes

A few highlights from our November meeting:

- Announced approval by Franklin County Parks and Recreation to proceed with construction of onsite Blacksmith Shed and plans to proceed in the New Year.
- Board approved holding the horse pull during the 2018 show. Plans are to focus on this pull during our advertising campaign for 2018.
- Finalized plans for survey (very early feedback to remain as is)
- Old committees were reviewed and we seek club members involvement with these activities going forward
- Todd Boone won the door prize for bringing a copy of the newsletter to the meeting. We will hold another drawing this month.

Volunteer Opportunities: Your help is needed.

Newsletter	We are looking for a volunteer writer and some folks who may be willing to help create the monthly newsletter. The newsletter represents a big opportunity to involve and inform our club members, but is also a big ask to add to the responsibilities of the Secretary.
Walking Tour	It is our goal to create some signage, links to website, audio that will allow us to have a permanent tour at the Recreation Park. Bob Stout has agreed to help with the work and we are looking for others who may be willing to help.
Committee volunteers	As we approach 2018, the club seeks to refocus on the idea of committee assignments, where at least 2 people are involved in several activities
Antique Farm Days Assignments	If you are able to assist, please reach out prior to the show. There are items that we can always use support with during the show. (operating club equipment, shuttles (golf cart and tractor), set up, clean up, announcements)
Licenses / permits	We require a few permits to operate the show, we could use assistance in helping to obtain those. A volunteer may work with some of the group who has gotten those permits together in the past.
Meeting Programs	As we seek to make our meetings more interactive, we are always seeking someone who would like to share a tip, trick, or highlight recent experiences with equipment or with other shows. Please let us know if you are willing to share or what you may like to see.
Upcoming projects	<p>A couple of active projects that we are looking to work in the coming year are listed here. While we don't know details at this point, we will share as they become available.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blacksmith shed • Corliss engine Project • Line shaft for Fairbanks engine • Membership drive

Antique Farm Days vendor and exhibitor survey

During our November meeting, we finalized the questions that would be asked on our Survey and the survey was sent out shortly after the meeting. At this point, there has been very limited response with very positive feedback about our show.

We have planned to distribute calling lists during the December meeting as the club looks to get input from as many stake-

holders as possible. To reiterate, the goal of the survey is determining the best approach to ensure we have as much participation as possible during the final day of our show. We are also looking for ideas from the club as it relates to increased participation. We have talked about a few of those ideas and continue to seek additional.



More Volunteer Opportunities: Your help is needed.

During our November meeting, the following list of old committees was distributed. As we move forward, we are looking to involve more people in some of these activities. In many cases, one or two of the former committee members have simply been doing the job. We want to make sure everyone has help and that we have two or more people assigned to all required committees. Please share your feedback during our meeting or contact our Board and Officers for two things. First, we would love to know which committee(s) you would like to serve on. Secondly, we want to ensure we have the right ones. If you would like to see changes to these committees, please be certain to let that be known as well.

<u>Committee Name</u>	<u>Role</u>
Admission Gate	Set up, scheduling, manning, and collection of funds at the main gate
Antique Tractor Show	Assisting all tractor exhibitors in unloading, loading, lining up, and displaying their equipment in a safe and orderly manner
Auction	Setting the rates and fees for conducting the auction
Commercial exhibitors	Registration, collections of funds from the location of the commercial vendors
Demonstrations (not threshing)	Responsible for procuring, setting up, and operating any new equipment obtained by the organization
Entertainment	Responsible for scheduling and assisting all entertainment
Engine	Assisting all engine exhibitors in unloading, loading, lining up, and displaying their equipment in an orderly manner
Exhibitor registration	Finding exhibitors, preparing the layout of all exhibitors areas and assisting all exhibitors in finding their proper areas
Flee market and non food vendors	Obtaining flea market and non-food vendors, the layout of all vendor areas and assisting all vendors in finding their proper areas
Food vendor	Responsible for the layout of food vendor area and assisting food vendors in getting required permits
Grounds Keeping	Responsible for coordinating with trustees in making sure litter and trash is picked up and emptied in a timely fashion
Grounds layout and assignment	Responsible for laying out the entire show grounds and assigning each exhibitor, vendor, or activity to its proper location
Information	Responsible for making available all information staff members may need to carry out their duties
Parade	Responsible for laying out the route, lining up, and the safety of each day's parade
Parking	Responsible for the coordination with trustees, law enforcement officers, and the highway department for the layout, safety, and parking during the show
Shuttle	Responsible for obtaining, routing, and scheduling of the operations of the shuttle (including golf carts)
Sound	Responsible for providing and assisting in the operation of the sound equipment
Steam Power	Responsible for the set up and operation of steam exhibits
Threshing	Responsible for the set up and operation of steam and threshing exhibits
Tractor and Lawn Mower pull	Responsible for coordination, operation, and safety of all activities in the tractor and lawn mower pull area

Future of the Newsletter

Newsletter: This newsletter is being introduced based upon the recommendation of members seeking to ensure the larger membership is able to be more informed of club activities when they are unable to attend meetings. We will be distributing via email on a monthly basis. If you know someone who would not have access to the newsletter on email, please print a copy and share with them. We are looking for your help in forming a committee to help put the monthly version together. We are also looking for your help in choosing / recommending a name for the newsletter. You can see the 2 current suggestions at the top. Please send all of your feedback to cebrubaker@gmail.com for the short term. Club member news and information must be provided in order to be included in future editions. Over the longer term, that will be provided to the chair of the committee

Future sections to include:

- Club Member News
- Virtual Swap Meet
- Highlights of meeting minutes
- Upcoming meeting topics
- Notes from officers

DRAWING: Those of you who print this and bring it to the December 21st meeting will be entered into a drawing for a door prize

As we look forward to the future, your help is critical. We need your input during club meetings as these are the best way to know what our club is doing. We look forward to your feedback about this newsletter as we hope to ensure you have a way to be informed in the event you are UNABLE to make it to the meeting. We also ask for your help in making sure those meetings are interactive and valuable. Your officers and board would like to have your input on meeting topics or programs. We also hope you will be actively involved in providing information to the soon to be formed newsletter committee.

Look forward to seeing you in our next meeting on Thursday, December 21st, 2017 at the Essig Center.