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

# The Antique Farmer?? SVAPF, Then and Now?? Other recommendations??



Volume I, Issue I November, 2017

## Getting Involved, volunteer opportunities

We need your help in "Preserving the past for the future"

- Newsletter
- Walking tour
- Committee volunteers (2 or more per group)
- Show help
- Licenses
- More opportunities to come

If you have questions about or are willing to support the club with any of these opportunities, please contact one of your officers or board members

Cont'd page 2

#### Folklife Festival 2017

On Saturday October 28, 2017, we arrived at the Ferrum Folklife Festival around 7:30 a.m., Larry Boone and I started branding some leftover shingles that were cut at our June show, there were around 20 or so, and within an hour we had handed out all of the shingles to onlookers. Approximately at 11:00 Larry started his Massey Harris up and I started to saw shingles, Garey Boone and Dave Carper pitched in and started the branding process again. The next milling time was going to be at 1:00 p.m. we finished branding the shingles just in time to begin sawing shingles again. The 1:00 p.m. milling started up just as the previous one, Ebbie Boone stopped by and helped with the branding on this go around. After the 3:00 p.m. shingle milling we had sawed and

branded 200+ shingles and given out 120+ bags of cedar shavings. At the end of the day we collected donations of \$140.50 for the shingles and bags of shavings. There was a line all day for the patrons wanting to get a fresh branded cedar shingle as a souvenir with the SVAFD logo. We talked to a lot of folks from near and far, there was one individual from the Badger Steam & Gas Engine Club in Wisconsin. Ray Boone was able to come up for a while and make sure we were doing it correctly; he gave us the thumbs up. It was a wonderful day at the folklife festival and I am looking forward to next year. Thanks for all the club members that came with exhibits and supported the club at the Folklife Festival this year, also a special thank you to Earl Johnson,

Bob Most, and Larry for helping to move the Shingle Mill to Ferrum, and thanks to Larry, Garey, Ebbie, and Dave for helping to move the mill back to the Recreation Park. Todd Boone



#### **2018 Election Results**

**Club News:** Elections were held during the October 19th meeting and the following slate of officers and board members will begin their terms in January 2018 (**Bold** type indicates change from prior officers / board):

- President, Charles Brubaker
- Vice President, Tommy Agee
- Treasurer, Todd Boone
- Secretary, Garey Boone

- 3 years: Jonathan Burgess, William Rutrough
- 2 years: Phillip Austin and Bob Most
- 1 year: **Jonathan Custer** and Tony Clements
- Past President: Brian Rutrough

#### Getting involved (more details)

#### Continued from page I

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 assign-

ments, where at least 2 people are involved in several activities

Antique Farm Days Assign-

ments

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 got-

ten 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 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.

Blacksmith shed

• Corliss engine Project

Line shaft for Fairbanks engine

Membership drive

#### Antique Farm Days vendor and exhibitor survey

As many of you know, our club has long looked for a way to solve the problem of Sunday afternoon. Specifically, the issue is extremely limited participation, so show guests pay to get in and see very little in terms of exhibits and displays. While we understand this to be a common problem among shows of our nature, we have tossed around many ideas to see

if we are able to address that concerns. During the past two meetings, we have discussed ideas to include:

- •Transition to a 2 day show (will this help)
- •Drawing for those who stay
- Preferred spaces

An email and phone survey of exhibitors

and vendors is planned over the next couple of months. No changes are planned in 2018, and we would love to have your input. Finally, we ask our club members to be the leaders and keep as many items as possible as exhibits during the Sunday of our show. We have to demonstrate our requested behavior within our club in order to encourage others to do the same.

#### **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 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 November 16th meeting will be entered into a drawing for a door prize

### **Quick News**

Peerless engine past inspection on Thursday, Nov 2nd and is good for an additional 2 years of operation

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, November 16, 2017 at the Essig Center.