

# ANTIQUUE ENGINE & TRACTOR ASSOCIATION, INC.

## Late August/September 2020 NEWSLETTER

From the President...Late August/September 2020

Hello fellow AETA members. By the time you have received this newsletter, the 2020 Harvest Show will be approximately 4 weeks away. There is nothing to sugar coat as we remain in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic that has plagued our everyday lives for months on end. Folks who have been home bound are anxious to do something that is enjoyable, educational and safe to attend. We can offer that but it's going to take the cooperative effort of us all, as members, to have every possible precaution in place to keep everyone who attends safe and healthy. Your board of directors is working hard to minimize the areas that create a place to gather and will take the steps necessary to insure "Social Distancing", however we will encourage (not require) that masks be worn. Placards will be in place, floors will be marked, vapor barriers will be installed where needed, sanitation stations will be strategically placed and traffic areas will be defined with directional signs to minimize personal contact. Your help will be needed during the week leading up to the show to get all of these items done as well as during the show to accomplish our goal to have a successful 2020.

Included as an inserted page is a "System of Control for Show Operations" that lists the many items involved with the show. Please look through the list to see where you can help and contact the individual listed for that area. Two very important areas that need someone every day and every hour of the show are the exhibitor and visitor gates to collect entry fees. Duane and Alex will be compiling a schedule and contacting people to fill the time slots. Your help will be appreciated. Another important area is tractors, drivers and riders for the people movers. Please see the request from Leon and Inez Rathjen later in the newsletter.



Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup> was a beautiful day as nearly 40 drivers from Illinois and Iowa participated in the AETA tractor drive coordinated by Perry Coziahr, Darrell Lievens and Jim Gradert. The winding 3 ½ hour drive through Henry County's scenic Phenix Township covered about 40 miles. The day culminated at the Timber Frame Barn with a sack lunch provided by the coordinators. The following weekend (August 1<sup>st</sup>), AETA showcased 20 tractors at the Geneseo Park. Thank you to everyone who participated!



Work began the week of August 10<sup>th</sup> on the landscaping project for the new building constructed last summer. The base was prepared for the 4400# blocks that have been purchased with funds donated for "Building Blocks for AETA". The generosity of several members will cover the expense of the entire project. Plans are ongoing for getting the blocks delivered and put in place. More information will be in the next newsletter concerning this project. Thank you to everyone who has helped in any way up to this point.

As we progress through the remaining weeks leading up to the Fall Harvest Show please keep your thoughts and prayers with those who have been affected by the pandemic or other afflictions.

I'll leave you with this. *"Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in".*

Until next time... *Phil*





### CHRISTMAS AT THE RED BARN & SOUP SUPPER

Too early to be thinking of Christmas you say. Never. But this time it brings sad news . . . what would have been the fourth annual Christmas & Soup Supper will be postponed until 2021. Sadly, we cannot meet the social distancing and criteria set forth by Covid-19.

But it cannot stop us from decorating the show grounds for Christmas!

The Friday after Thanksgiving, November 27 at 9:00 am, we will be decorating as usual.

Please plan to help in whatever way you feel comfortable. We would like to see timers on your decorations, so lights come on at dusk and go off about 11:00 pm to help with the electric cost.

Many people drive through the grounds to view the lights so we will still be promoting the AETA and the show grounds. Let's show them we are still here and active!

Any questions/comments may be directed to the board members or Deb @ 309-314-4410; June @ 309-781-2206; Inez @ 309-791-1024.



**DEER VALLEY COLLECTORS** will have a Tractor Ride Saturday, August 29, 2020 (rain date Sunday, August 30, 2020) starting at 9:00 am at the River Valley Coop Anhydrous plant on the east side of Eldridge, Iowa. Cost \$10 for DVC members; \$20 for non-club members.

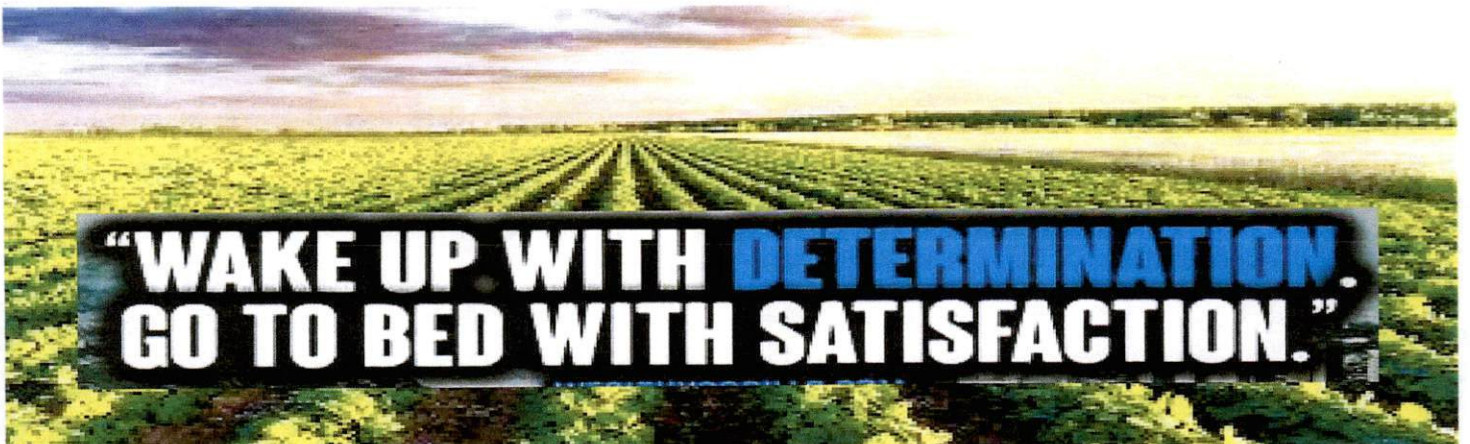
Must have proof of insurance, valid driver's license & SMV sign required. Side mirrors are recommended & NO riders unless have a buddy seat. 10 MPH MINIMUM ROAD SPEED. Approximately 26-mile ride with lunch stop at the Donahue Depot, pay for your own lunch.

Contact: Ed Vieth @ 563-271-3551; Brad Mundt @ 309-292-8254; Nathan Tank @ 563-370-3561.

We need volunteers once again for the People Movers, preferably one on each wagon plus the tractor driver. The person on the wagon will help ensure everyone is safely seated & signal the driver to proceed. Tractor drivers will provide their own tractor with good brakes. We hope to have enough volunteers that you would only be on for a half day, either in the morning or the afternoon.

People movers will be sanitized after each trip.

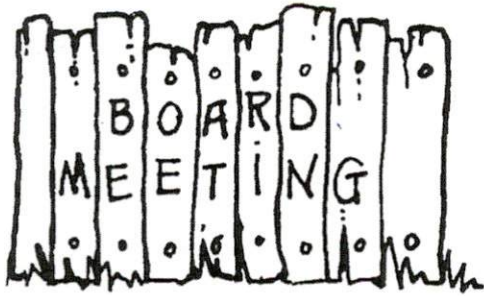
Contact Leon @ 309-791-5306 or Inez @ 309-791-1024 to volunteer. If we do not get enough volunteers please be willing to help when you are contacted.



**"WAKE UP WITH DETERMINATION.  
GO TO BED WITH SATISFACTION."**



## AETA Board meeting June 28, 2020



The AETA board meeting was held on June, 20, 2020 at the Phenix Township Building. President Phil Jordan called the meeting to order and Secretary Alex Samuelson recorded the action.

The following Directors were present Phil Jordan (President), Chad Jacobs (Vice President), Alex Samuelson (Secretary), Jim Gradert, Al Swanson, Duane Ziegler and Leon Rathjen. Also in Attendance were Curt Jacobs, and Ed Mayhew. Absent directors were Jason Miller (Treasure) and Kyle Jahn.

Alex Samuelson (Secretary) provided each of the directors a copy of the June 6 board meeting minutes. Following discussion a motion was made by Chad Jacobs to approve the minutes as corrected and seconded by Leon Rathjen. The motion carried.

Phil Jordan presented the treasures report due to the absence of Jason Miller. After

discussion a motion to approve the treasures report was made by Leon Rathjen and seconded by Chad Jacobs. The motion carried. A discussion was had regarding the 2020 fall show. The board decided to hold a harvest show and determine which events would take place at the show.

A motion was made by Al Swanson to spend no more than \$500 to repair the floor of one of the people movers. Chad Jacobs seconded. Motion carried.

The board discussed workdays at the grounds. The first will be on July 18 and wheat binding will take place. There being no further business to be brought before the meeting, Phil Jordan declared the meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.



### AETA BOARD OF DIRECTORS—2020

#### Term ends 2020

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#### Term ends 2021

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**AETA 59th Annual Working Farm Show - September 18 - 20, 2020**

**SYSTEM OF CONTROL FOR SHOW OPERATIONS**

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Show Director:	Phil Jordan	Phil Jordan
Feature Coordinators: Case & Related Equip.	Leon Rathjen/Kyle Jahn	Minnie Mo Moved to 2021
Moline Universal Coordinator	Loren Book	N/A
Vendors (non food):	June Cole	June Cole /Phil Jordan
Vendors (Food):	Ed Mayhew / Bob Delp	Ed Mayhew / Kyle Jahn
Gate/visitors:	Phil Jordan / Ralph Edgar	Duane Ziegler/Alex Samuelson
Gate/exhibitors:	Phil Jordan / Ralph Edgar	Duane Ziegler/Alex Samuelson
Parking (visitors, exhibitors, vendors, trailers):	Ed Mayhew **	Ed Mayhew /Curt Jacobs
Camping:	Angie Jacobs	Angie Jacobs
Golf Cart Operators:	**	None for 2020
Threshermen's Dinner	Phil Jordan/Reservations/Front Counter	CANCELLED
Show Office:	Jim Gradert/Al Swanson/Larry Gay **	Jason Miller/Al Swanson/Larry Gay
Daily Opening Flag Raising		Leon Rathjen
Field Demonstrations:	Chad Jacobs/Tom Hitzhusen	Chad Jacobs/Tom Hitzhusen
Non Field Demonstrations:	Miller Family	Miller Family
Sugar Cane Hvst and Pressing		****
Potato Harvest		Neal West + a board member
Mercantile: (cooling area)	Karen Mowers (need help Sunday, 9/15)	****
Childrens Area:	Deb Rogers/Karen Jordan	CANCELLED
Saw Mill:	Lowell Gramling / Leon Rathjen	Leon Rathjen / Lowell Gramling
Black Smith Shop	Lewis Bodamer	Lewis Bodamer
Restrooms:	Bill Cole / Kyle Jahn	Bill Cole/Kyle Jahn
Trash:	Vince Heller / Chis Koehler **	Vince Heller/Chris Koehler
Safety/Safety Meeting:	Chad Jacobs/Al Swanson	Chad Jacobs/Al Swanson
Loading Dock, loading & unloading:	Chad Jacobs/Phil Jordan	Chad Jacobs/Phil Jordan
People Movers & Tractors:	Leon Rathjen/Inez Rathjen	Inez & Leon Rathjen
Garden Tractors:	Steve DePauw / Brian Ashmore	Brian Ashmore/Steve DePauw
Gas Engines:	Rollo Searl / Michael Bruhn	Rollo Searl/Michael Bruhn
Non-feature Tractors:	Jim Gradert/Ed Klundt/Ed Mayhew	Jim Gradert/Ed Klundt/Ed Mayhew
Entertainment:	Randy Goddard	Randy Goddard
Sound System & Communications:	Skip Farnum	Skip Farnum
Public Address Announcer	Larry Lord	***
Daily Parade:	Kyle Jahn/Curt Jacobs/Vern Mariman	CANCELLED
Publications and Advertising:	Randy Goddard	Randy Goddard
Auction:	June Cole/Skip Farnum/Inez Rathjen	CANCELLED
Dust Control:	Jacobs Family	Jacobs Family
Signs:	Roger Mixer	Roger Mixer
Education Day & School Visits:	Alex Samuelson	CANCELLED
Railroad Transportation Director:	Larry Colo/Jim Gradert**	Jim Gradert/Larry Colo
First Aid Kits:	Inez Rathjen	Inez Rathjen
Portable Toilets:	Kyle Jahn	Kyle Jahn
2 Way Radios:	Kyle Jahn	Board action 8/3/2020
Defib / Ambulance	Katie Lewis	Katie Lewis
ATM	Al Swanson	CANCELLED
Cleanup Director:	Board Members	Board Members
	Subject to revision 8/11/19	Subject to Revision 8/3/2020

**AETA NEEDS YOU!!** The System of Control for the show is shown above. Areas highlighted with yellow are those needing volunteers to fill time slots throughout each day of the show. Please contact the individual(s) listed and volunteer your time to help us have a smooth running & successful show. Spouses, significant others and special friends are welcome too!!

<b>THERE ARE FIVE REASONS TO VOLUNTEER:</b>	
1. You develop new skills	
2. You help a cause that you believe in	
3. You meet new people and develop friendships	
4. You connect with your community & your organization	
5. You expand your horizons	

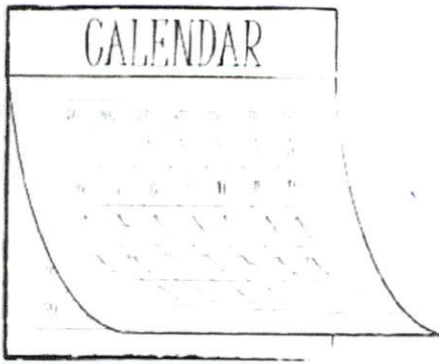




My Grandfather use to say  
that once in your life you need  
a Doctor, a Lawyer,  
a Policeman, and a Preacher. . .  
But every day, three times a day  
You need a FARMER.

Brenda Schoepp - Farmer





Mark your calendar for upcoming events!

September 18-20 - Fall Show harvest setup. If you are available and can lend a hand we could use your help in setting up for the show. Come one, come all!

If you have an event or know of an upcoming event that members may enjoy attending, let one of your board members know and we will get it on the AETA Calendar.

**We Want  
YOU!**

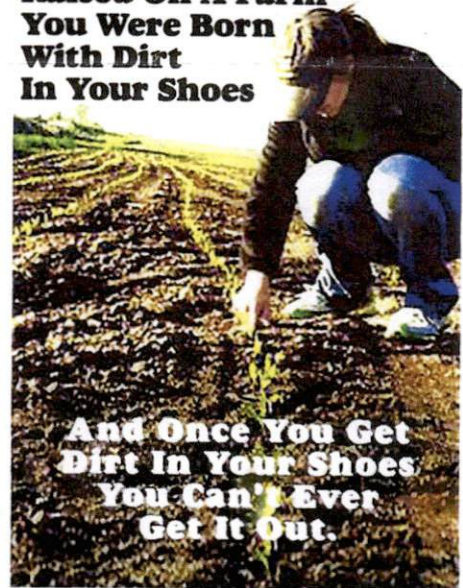
WE NEED VOLUNTEERS for WORK DAYS in preparation for the Fall Harvest Show. If you have some time to spare, please consider helping out at the show grounds. There is a lot of work that needs to be done throughout the summer, (actually all year long) in preparation of the fall festivities.

Please contact one of the AETA Board Members to see how you can do your part to participate.

We Thank you in advance for your time!!!

JOIN OR RENEW YOUR  
**MEMBERSHIP**  
TODAY!

**I Think That If You Were  
Raised On A Farm  
You Were Born  
With Dirt  
In Your Shoes**



**And Once You Get  
Dirt In Your Shoes  
You Can't Ever  
Get It Out.**

Become an AETA Member today. Contact Al Swanson, membership chairman or ask one of our board members and they will get you set up. Already a Member? Pay your 2021 Membership dues now! Or at the Fall Harvest Show. The dues are \$25.00 and yearly membership runs from annual show to annual show.

AETA Membership dues can be mailed to: AETA, PO Box 112, Geneseo, IL 61254.



**Antique Engine & Tractor Association Will be hosting a  
Fall Harvest Days Event this September 18, 19, & 20 , 2020.**



**This event will include the following:**

1. Harvest of the Corn & Soybeans
2. Featuring all brands of Tractors & Equipment from the 1900's to 1970's  
(You can still bring your tractor to place on display)
3. Plowing & Tillage
4. Threshing
5. Horse Drawn Equipment
6. Sawmill & Blacksmith Shop
7. Baling Straw
8. L&G Displays & Hit & Miss Engines
9. Potato Digging & Indian Corn Harvesting
10. Food & Ice Cream vendors
11. Cane Sorghum Pressing
12. Craft Vendors
13. Train rides

**This event will NOT include the following:**

1. A Featured Tractor (see you in 2021) But come to the show if you would like in 2020
2. The Kids Zone
3. The Entertainment Tent
4. Exhibitor bags and buttons

Due to Covid-19 restrictions for social distancing the following MAY BE on hold:

1. Daily Parade

Gate fees: \$5 daily, kids 12 and under free    Golf carts and side by sides: \$5 daily    No weekend passes.

Activities may change due to guidelines from state and / or federal authorities.



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With 2020 Summer winding down and fall harvest just around the corner, please continue to watch out for those slow moving vehicles on a highway near you. There is always work to be done and someone is always out there working. This time of year it is balers, silage wagons, combines and grain wagons sharing the highway. BE SAFE and please keep our Farmers and their Families Safe!