

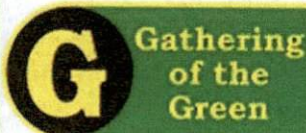
# ANTIQUE ENGINE & TRACTOR ASSOCIATION, INC.

## March — April NEWSLETTER

From the President - Late February/March 2020



Hello fellow AETA members. Unlike last year, winter is slowly nearing an uneventful conclusion. In just a few weeks scenes like the photo on the left will be a distant memory and our thoughts will turn toward springing forward into longer days and the warmth of springtime weather. AETA activities will begin in earnest as we prepare for tillage, planting, spraying, mowing & trimming, building and equipment repairs and a number of other projects necessary to keep our site productive, appealing and attractive. Please don't hesitate to step forward if you have a skill that you can lend to us in completing any of the many projects we will encounter over the next few months. Check with Al Swanson for a list of projects to be done.



Thank you to everyone that worked at the Quad City Farm Show in January. Your help will also be very much appreciated at the AETA exhibit for "The Gathering of the Green" March 18<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> at the River Center in Davenport, IA. This biennial event is a nationwide conference for John Deere enthusiasts. Please go to the AETA website [www.ae-ta.com](http://www.ae-ta.com) to sign up.



Celebrating their 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Mecum Auctions has again asked our group to help them conduct their annual sale beginning March 25<sup>th</sup> through Friday March 28<sup>th</sup> at the Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds in Davenport, IA. A rainbow of colors will cross the auction block and you will have the opportunity to operate a brand or model that you've never driven before and even be filmed by RFD-TV. It's a lot of fun and the Mecum folks support our organization and reward us for our efforts. Drivers are needed beginning on Thursday the 26th. Sign up is available on the AETA website.

In the past we've been fortunate to receive monetary grants to help us meet our mission statement. If you know of any grants that are available, please alert me so the proper documents can be submitted for consideration.

Gene Vandevoorde is searching for a Farmall 450, SN 3233. It was originally purchased from Merle Schrader. Please contact Gene at (309) 935-6360 if you have any information.

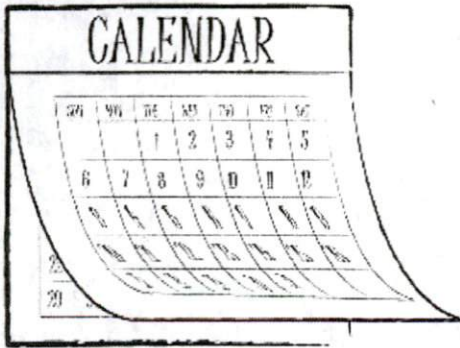
Included within this newsletter are the minutes of the December Board meeting, minutes of the Annual Membership meeting and December treasurers report. Since there was no February board meeting, the January reports will be in a later newsletter. However, I do want to announce the officers for 2020. They are President, Phil Jordan; Vice-President, Chad Jacobs; Secretary, Alex Samuelson and Treasurer, Jason Miller. The officers along with directors Jim Gradert, Kyle Jahn, Leon Rathjen, Al Swanson and Duane Ziegler will lead the organization and serve the membership to the best of our ability. Your input is always welcome.

I understand there will be a segment on RFD-TV Classic Tractor Fever featuring the Moline Universal Reunion at last fall's show. I don't know all the details, so stay tuned.

I'll leave you with this. Did you know, Footballs were actually never made of pig skin? Long before American Football was invented and the NFL was created, the balls were inflated pig bladders. It's true and I don't know about you, but I would not want to be the one to blow up the ball in the early days!!

Until next time....Phil

**Mark your calendar for upcoming events!**



- March 14, Sublette Farm Toy & Antique Tractor Show
- March 18-21, The Gathering of the Green, Davenport, Ia, River Center
- March 25-28, Mecum Auctions Gone Farmin', Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds, Davenport, Iowa
- April 7 AETA Board Meeting, Phenix Township Hall, 6:30 pm
- April 11, AETA Membership Breakfast, Geneseo Moose Lodge, 8:00 am
- April 17 Corn Items Collectors Spring Meeting & Auction, Lincoln, IL

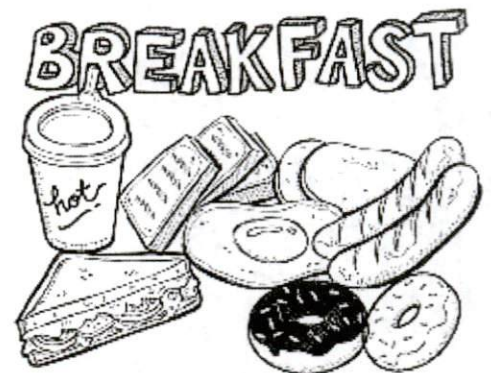
For shows throughout Illinois and the remainder of the US go to [famcollectorshowdirectory.com](http://famcollectorshowdirectory.com)

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.

**WINTER Breakfast Meeting Schedule**

April 11th, 2020, Speaker is Attorney Jim Nash

ALL meetings are at the Geneseo Moose Lodge beginning at 8:00 a.m.



AETA January 2020

Board Meeting

The AETA Board meeting was held January 7, 2020, at the Phenix Township Building 14850 N 2550 Ave., Geneseo, IL. 61254 at 6:30p.m.

President Phil Jordan called the meeting to order and Secretary Bob Delp recorded the action of the meeting. The following directors were present, Phil Jordan (President), Chad Jacobs (Vice President), Jim Gradert (Treasurer), Bob Delp (Secretary), Alex Samuelson, Al Swanson, Deb Jacobs, Leon Rathjen, Kyle Jahn and new board members Jason Miller and Duane Ziegler being all the directors. Also attending was club member Vern Mariman and Curt Jacobs. Secretary Bob Delp had provided each of the directors with a copy of the minutes of the December 2019 Board Meeting. Following discussion, a motion was made by Jim Gradert and seconded by Leon Rathjen to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Treasurer Jim Gradert provided each director with a copy of the December 2019 treasurer's report. Following discussion, a motion was made by Alex Samuelson and seconded by Chad Jacobs to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried. Jim also reported on the unsuccessful efforts to collect on the bad check received from one of the food vendors at the Fall Working Farm Show. Efforts are being made to find two new vendors for the Fall Working Farm Show. President Phil Jordan asked for nominations for the offices of President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer to the board. Kyle Jahn nominated Phil Jordan to the office of President. A motion was made by Jim Gradert and seconded by Leon Rathjen to close the nominations for President and cast a unanimous ballot for President Phil Jordan. Motion carried.

Alex Samuelson nominated Chad Jacobs to the office of Vice-President. A motion was made by Leon Rathjen and seconded by Jim Gradert to close the nominations for Vice-President and cast a unanimous ballot for Vice-President Chad Jacobs. Motion carried.

Kyle Jahn nominated Jason Miller to the office of Treasurer. A motion was made by Leon Rathjen and seconded by Alex Samuelson to close the nominations for Treasurer and cast a unanimous ballot for the Treasurer Jason Miller. Motion carried.

Kyle Jahn nominated Alex Samuelson to the office of Secretary. Alex Samuelson accepted the nomination and was elected unanimously.

President Phil Jordan appointed Al Swanson to serve as the Membership Coordinator for the association and he agreed to serve.

President Phil Jordan reviewed comments in regards to the discussions at the November 14<sup>th</sup> breakfast at the Moose Lodge. Concerns about the life member and advance payment of dues to reach life membership early. It is at the board's discretion to not allow prepayment of dues to become a life member earlier than normal age 75.

Members spoke of having speakers on the people movers as narrators as the movers travel through the show grounds. This would require additional volunteers and portable P.A. systems which would make it difficult to hear over the noise of the tractors and other activities.

Member concern over the control of personal vehicles permitted on the show grounds including golf carts, gators and four wheelers.

Curt Jacobs presented the annual report to be filed with the Secretary of State with the information of the newly elected directors and officers of the board of directors.

President Phil Jordan presented information in regards to items donated by Mel Becker to the club, including a Farm Hand PTO driven feed wagon plus other equipment and tools. He also has a corn crib which he would like to have removed from his property.

President Phil Jordan asked the Membership Coordinator, Al Swanson to report on paid memberships.

President Phil Jordan made a report of the committees and reviewed the list of possible 2020 projects.

A motion was made by Leon Rathjen and seconded by Deb Jacobs to take from the table the main motion as stated in the November 4<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes which was made by Jim Gradert and seconded by Leon Rathjen to increase the refundable deposit for the rental agreement to \$500 and charge \$2,500 for the rental of the barn for a wedding. This motion failed to pass.

A motion was made by Kyle Jahn and seconded by Chad Jacobs to approve changes to the Rules and Use Permit to update the rental fee for a wedding to \$2,000 and a refundable deposit of \$500 and include language for an inspection of the facilities prior to and after the event, use of the barn and restrooms only and the office is not to be used except for access to the electrical panel in case of an emergency. Motion carried.

President Phil Jordan asked Al Swanson to review his list of possible AETA grounds related projects for 2020.

President Phil Jordan and Treasurer Jim Gradert gave an update on the status of the repairs to the steam engine which has been awaiting the rebuilding of the boiler.

President Phil Jordan reminded the board about the Member Breakfast meeting at the Geneseo Moose Lodge on January 11, 2020, 8:00 a.m. (program will be Jeff Laleman). Following the breakfast, weather permitting, Christmas lights at the club grounds could be taken down. He reminded members of the board that there will be a sign-up sheet for volunteers to help at the QCCA Farm Show scheduled for January 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>.

Article No. 2

## **Minneapolis-Moline Tractors 1929-1936**

By Larry Gay

Due to the J. I. Case Threshing Machine Company buying Emerson-Brantingham and Massey-Harris buying the J. I. Case Plow Company in 1928, the Minneapolis Steel and Machinery Company decided to expand by adding tillage tools to its line. It started by holding talks with the Moline Implement Company (Moline Plow Company's name in 1929). When the Minneapolis Threshing Machine Company learned about the pending deal, it asked to be included. In April 1929, the three companies merged to form the Minneapolis-Moline Power Implement Company.

The first task facing Minneapolis-Moline was to eliminate the duplicate products and decide where the remaining products would be manufactured. The Twin City tractors were selected over the Minneapolis tractors and continued to be built in the Lake Street factory in Minneapolis. The Minneapolis threshers, combines, and corn shellers were retained and the Twin City threshers and experimental combine were dropped. These were built at the former Minneapolis Threshing Machine Company factory in Hopkins, Minnesota. The Moline Implement Company factory in Moline, Illinois, manufactured MM's tillage tools and planters. Moline's factory in St. Louis, Minnesota, continued to build grain drills. Of course, the discontinued products remained in the line until the inventory was sold. Warren MacFarlane was elected president of the new company and the Hopkins facility became the company headquarters.

The initial Minneapolis-Moline tractors were labeled MM Twin City and included the standard-tread 17-28, 21-32, and 27-44 models originally built by Minneapolis Steel and Machinery. The three-plow 17-28 now provided a third forward speed and a PTO as options. During 1929, the 21-32, rated as a three-four plow tractor, became the FT with an increased engine speed and a three-speed transmission. Then the FT became the FTA with a four-plow rating in 1935 when the size of the engine bore was increased. The large 27-44 continued to be rated as a five-six plow tractor. These MM Twin City tractors continued with the gray color.

A new model introduced in late 1929 was the KT (Kombination Tractor) with an arched front axle and drop-box rear axles which enabled it to cultivate three rows. This two-three plow tractor was powered by a four-cylinder, vertical engine and the transmission provided three forward speeds. The KT became the KTA for 1934 with a three-plow rating due to a faster engine speed.

The first Minneapolis-Moline tractor with dual front wheels and drop-box rear axles for row-crop work was the Universal MT introduced in 1930 with a two-three plow rating. Its four-cylinder engine could burn gasoline, kerosene, or distillate and was connected to a three-speed transmission. In 1934 the MT became the MTA with a three-plow rating due to a faster engine speed. Also new for 1934 was the Universal JT, a two-plow, row-crop tractor with large diameter rear wheels on a straight bar axle which provided an adjustable rear wheel tread. It started with a Waukesha four-cylinder engine and a five-speed transmission. However, many of these tractors were later converted to a MM RE engine. These early row-crop tractors were also labeled MM Twin City and painted gray.

Larry Gay

10 December 2019

Article No. 2 for the AETA newsletter.

AETA December 2019

Board Meeting

The AETA Board meeting was held December 2, 2019, at the Timber Frame Barn 13451 IL. Hwy 92, Geneseo, IL. 61254 at 6:30 p.m.

President Phil Jordan called the meeting to order and Secretary Bob Delp recorded the action of the meeting.

The following directors were present, Phil Jordan (President), Chad Jacobs (Vice President), Jim Gradert (Treasurer), Bob Delp (Secretary), Alex Samuelson, Al Swanson, Deb Jacobs and Leon Rathjen being all the directors except Kyle Jahn. Also attending was club member Inez Rathjen.

Secretary Bob Delp had provided each of the directors with a copy of the minutes of the November 2019 Board Meeting. Following discussion, a motion was made by Deb Jacobs and seconded by Al Swanson to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Treasurer Jim Gradert provided each director with a copy of the November 2019 treasurer's report. Following discussion, a motion was made by Alex Samuelson and seconded by Al Swanson to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

President Phil Jordan discussed correspondence and conversations during the past month. Following discussion, it was requested that the board take up the discussion of the frequency of board meetings with the new board of directors.

President Phil Jordan read a letter from Jim Gradert advising the board that he will not be a candidate for re-election as treasurer.

President Phil Jordan discussed the issue which Ed Mayhew had with a bad check from one of the food vendors at the Fall Working Farm Show. The Treasurer, Jim Gradert will contact the bank to determine if further action is possible on their part.

President Phil Jordan presented a request from Vern Holevoet to display his model farm at the Fall Working Farm Show. Following discussion, a motion was made by Deb Jacobs and seconded by Leon Rathjen to accept his offer to display the model farm at the Fall Working Farm Show next September.

President Phil Jordan asked Inez Rathjen to report on the comments made about the Mecum Auction. Following discussion, it was suggested that this information be shared with the members at the next member breakfast. Inez requested the board purchase (5) five radios for the use at the auctions. No action was taken at this time.

President Phil Jordan discussed the issue of the condition of the construction trailer at the entrance of the club show grounds. He suggested that the board should consider replacing the trailer with a building for better storage of the signs and equipment now being stored in the trailer.

President Phil Jordan asked Al Swanson (Coordinator of Memberships) to report on the status of paid memberships. He reported there are 124 life members, 150 paid 2020 memberships for a total of 274 paid up memberships. There are 91 memberships that expired as of the last day of the September 2019 Fall Working Farm Show.

President Phil Jordan made a report of the committees and reviewed work that has been done at the show grounds.

President Phil Jordan asked Inez Rathjen to report on plans for the Soup Supper and Christmas at the Barn scheduled for December 7<sup>th</sup>.

President Phil Jordan reminded the board about the Member Breakfast meeting at the Geneseo Moose Lodge on December 14, 2019, 8:00 a.m. (program will be Reemer Schuett). Christmas at the Barn is scheduled for December 7<sup>th</sup>.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for January 6, 2020 @ 6:30 p.m. at a location to be determined (welcome new directors and officer elections).

There being no further business to come before the meeting President Phil Jordan declared the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

# JOIN OR RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP TODAY!

Become an AETA Member today, ask one of our board members and they will get you set up. Already a Member? Pay your 2020-\$25.00 Membership dues now!

AETA Membership dues can be mailed to:  
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