

ANTIQUUE ENGINE & TRACTOR ASSOCIATION, INC.

May—June 2020 NEWSLETTER

From the President ... May/June 2020

Hello fellow AETA members. This newsletter is especially difficult to write due to all the uncertainties that abound today. Our world has virtually stopped turning as we all deal with this devastating pandemic. Getting ready for a storm is easier than COVID19. We know about when the storm will hit and when it has passed. COVID19 rides into town in the next semi, pickup, car or tractor unannounced. The only way to "ride out this storm" is to stay away from other people and the spaces where other people have been. You must assume everybody coming into your personal space is sick but doesn't know it yet. Most of the people who have gotten sick thought they were taking enough precautions to not get sick.

The rules are simple, you must keep everybody out of your personal space, especially if you have any of these other preexisting conditions:

- Over 65 • Obese • High blood pressure • Heart disease • Diabetic • Lung conditions • Chronic health condition

For those of us that farm, the following guidelines will help to keep you, your team and your family safe on the farm this spring.

1. Limit traffic in and out of the farm.
2. Schedule all input deliveries for when you can be present.
3. Maintain a 6-foot distance from others.
4. Don't let anyone besides your team to operate equipment.
5. Stock tractors and trucks with sanitizing supplies.
6. Wipe down doorknobs, steering wheels, radio knobs, grab handles, fuel tank covers and other surfaces people might touch. The National Institutes of Health reports that the virus can survive up to three days on plastic and stainless steel surfaces and up to 24 hours on paper surfaces.
7. Reformat team meetings to use technology. Call or text instructions to reduce contact.
8. Analyze and reduce risk around mealtimes and food delivered to the field.

Develop a written contingency plan in case of illness of yourself, family members or workers. Decide who can fill vital roles and share this plan with those involved.

Maintain equipment, but also take care of your health. "You are your farm and family's most important asset."



While much of the world has been silenced by quarantine, American agriculture farms on. This season, the crops will still get planted, the livestock will be fed, and food will continue to be grown, just like it's been for generations.

As stated above the crops will still get planted and cared for. On March 27th nitrogen and herbicide was applied to the winter wheat.



Tom Hitzhusen, Jim Gradert, Bob Delp and I prepared and planted both the corn and soybean acreage on April 11th. Soil conditions were excellent and mother nature even gave it a blanket of snow on Wednesday, April, 15th. There are approximately 25 acres of corn, 9 acres of soybeans and 2.5 acres of wheat currently planted. Other crops to be planted are Spring Wheat, Indian Corn, Broom Corn, Potatoes and Cane Sorghum. Thanks goes out to the individuals and businesses that have donated inputs of labor, equipment seed, fertilizer and herbicides.



There is a long list of projects to do at the show grounds. Al Swanson is coordinating many of these. Please contact him to see where you can help out.

One project that I will specifically mention is landscaping around the new building. It's estimated that \$7000 -8000 will be needed to complete the landscape with decorative blocks. We have looked at 2 different block systems that will work nicely and propose landscaping 7 ½' from the exterior wall on the north, south and east sides.

To accomplish this, "BUILDING BLOCKS for AETA" is being introduced to the membership offering the opportunity for you to make a monetary donation toward this endeavor. No amount is too small and with 300+ members, I believe we can easily reach the goal and be able to add to the beautification of the site. Funds received will be specifically earmarked for the landscape project. Checks may be mailed to AETA, PO Box 112, Geneseo, IL 61254. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Your board has been unable to meet for an organized meeting for several weeks and we have been dependent on our phones for voice calls, text messages and emails. I have looked into some virtual meeting sources such as Zoom and if the shelter in place lasts much longer we will try it. In the future, this will be more commonplace for everyone as we experience what may become the "New Normal" of everyday life. Communication with all members is important. Approximately 54% of the members have an email listed on the membership roster. If you have an email address please share it with us. It will make it much easier to keep you informed on a more regular basis and also to get any quick news sent to you that may be time sensitive.



Many events have been forced to cancel, delay and reschedule. One such activity, The Mecum Auction Spring Classic at the Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds in Davenport, IA is now scheduled for June 17th – June 20th.

AETA is very involved with this auction and tractor & truck drivers are needed. Curt Jacobs has updated the sign up on the web site so please visit www.ae-ta.com to register your name for the days you can help.



I spoke with Zach Sullivan (C of C Manager) and The Geneseo Music Festival which normally occurs on Father's Day weekend is now scheduled for July 30 – August 2nd. The theme this year is "Salute to Agriculture". Let's have a good showing of tractors and fill the Geneseo Park with a rainbow of colors. More information can be found at www.geneseo.org or call 309-944-2686.

As more dates are solidified for events we will do our best to get the information to you.

Sadly, in the past few weeks, we have lost long time members, Sam Hutchinson, Kenneth Bush and Bruce Wells. They all lived in the Milan, IL area. Please keep the memories of these men and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

On a final note, our stance at this time is that the Covid-19 crisis we are experiencing will be under control by September and the 59th Annual Working Farm Show will go on as planned so we can all stand together, work together and share the spirit of agricultural history together once again. So, it's not too soon to be thinking about where you can lend your help for the 2020 show.

Until next time... Phil

A photograph of a green tractor with yellow wheels driving on a paved road. The tractor is moving towards the right. The background shows a rural landscape with a blue sky and white clouds. A safety sign overlay is positioned on the right side of the image.

Safety Tips

1. Slow down! Stay Back!
2. Remember farmers often turn into fields instead of roads or lanes
3. It is common for farmers to be on the roads after dark during peak planting and harvesting seasons.

Keep watch for the orange and red slow moving sign

A red and orange triangular slow moving sign, which is a standard warning sign for slow-moving vehicles.

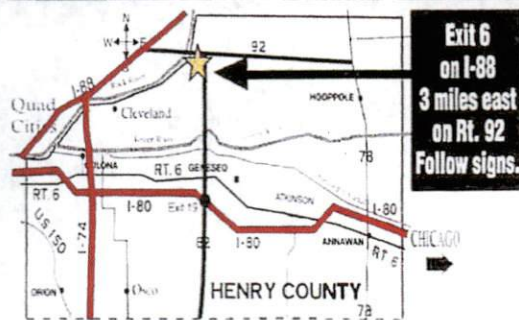
59TH ANNUAL ANTIQUE ENGINE & TRACTOR ASSOCIATION GENESEO, IL WORKING FARM SHOW

SEPTEMBER 18, 19, 20, 2020



FEATURING

Minneapolis-Moline Tractors & Implements



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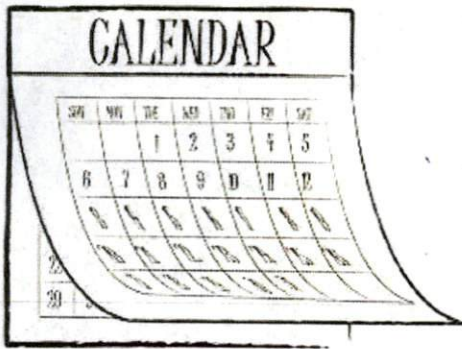


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Games & Activities



Mark your calendar for upcoming events!

May 10th—Mother's Day

June 21st—Father's Day

August 1—2 Geneseo Music Festival—Salute to Agriculture at the City Park

September 18-20 AETA Tractor Show

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.



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Happy Mother's Day
to all our Mothers out there
near and far!

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day, spending it doing
some of your favorite things.

Let's not forget
all the Great Fathers out there
too. Happy Father's Day
to all our fathers near and far!



Minneapolis-Moline Tractors 1937-1950

By Larry Gay

The Minneapolis-Moline Z, a two-three plow, row-crop tractor, started a new era for MM in 1937 with a styled hood and mesh grill, a new Prairie Gold paint scheme with red wheels and grill, and removal of the Twin City name. The model Z featured the MM manufactured RE four-cylinder engine and a five-speed transmission. A standard-tread version of the Z soon became available.

In the summer and fall of 1938, Minneapolis-Moline introduced two versions of the three-four plow model U with a four-cylinder MM engine and a five-speed transmission. First was a regular standard-tread version. Second was the UDLX Comfortractor with a steel cab, fenders over all four wheels, and a front bumper. It had a top speed of 40 mph and the cab was equipped with a radio, heater, windshield wipers, and a wide seat for two people. Only 150 of the UDLX were built, because farmers didn't accept the concept of one vehicle to work on the farm and then provide transportation to town. A row-crop version of the U was added during 1939, a LP-gas engine was introduced in 1941, and the red mesh grill on the U changed to a curved gold-bar grill in 1942

The Minneapolis-Moline model R appeared in 1939. This two-plow tractor was built in row-crop and standard-tread versions, was powered by a four-cylinder MM engine, had a four-speed transmission, and continued the Prairie Gold and red styling. A steel cab was available as an option. The R, the Z, and the U models were built with a hand clutch, a steering wheel offset toward the left side of the tractor, and a relatively low seat. The "Universal" versions, MM's word for a row-crop tractor, provided an adjustable rear wheel tread with large diameter rear wheels mounted on a straight bar axle.

The large standard-tread Minneapolis-Moline tractor became the model GT for 1939 with a four-five plow rating, a four-cylinder MM engine which developed 55 belt horsepower, a four-speed transmission, and a curved red-bar grill. For 1942 the GT became the GTA with a revised engine and a curved gold-bar grill. The GTB replaced the GTA in 1947 with 58 belt horsepower, a five-speed transmission, and a flat gold-bar grill. The GTB model name was shortened to G for 1950.

In 1948 a wide adjustable front axle was made available for the R and Z tractors. Next, the model Z was replaced in 1949 with the ZA which had a larger displacement engine and a flat gold-bar grill. The ZA retained the five-speed transmission, hand clutch, and the offset steering wheel.

During this time period, Minneapolis-Moline operated four factories. The Lake Street factory in Minneapolis continued to build tractors and power units. MM combines, corn pickers, corn shellers, and grain drills were manufactured at the Hopkins plant. The Moline factory built plows, planters, cultivators, and tillage tools. The Como plant in Minneapolis was acquired in 1941 and after making shells during World War II, produced hay balers and mowers. In 1948, Minneapolis-Moline considered merging with the Oliver Corporation, but the talks were discontinued. The company shortened its official name from Minneapolis-Moline Power Implement Company to Minneapolis-Moline Company in 1949. Warren MacFarlane continued as the president.

Larry Gay

11 December 2019

Article No. 3 for the AETA newsletter.

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 14th 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 4th 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 19th-21st.

The February board meeting has been canceled and the next board meeting will be held March 6, 2020 @ 6:30 p.m. at a location to be determined.

There being no further business to come before the meeting President Phil Jordan declared the meeting adjourned at 9:40 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 Membership dues now!

AETA Membership dues can be mailed to:
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