

# ANTIQUUE ENGINE & TRACTOR ASSOCIATION, INC.

## January - February 2021 NEWSLETTER

From the Board:

Happy New Year!

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas. I would like to start off by introducing you to the 2021 Officer Team: Chad Jacobs-President, Mark Breeden-Vice President, Duane Zeigler-Treasurer, and Alex Samuelson-Secretary. Dave Catron will oversee Membership this year, so please see Dave to renew your membership as soon as possible.

We would like to send a thank you out to everyone who put Christmas lights up around the show grounds. We would also appreciate it when the ice and snow clears up, to please take down the lights you have placed.

Thank you!

I want to personally thank Phil Jordan for the last 5 years of service. You have left me some really big shoes to fill. I hope I can do half as well as you have.

A change you will see this year is this message will be from the board and not just the President. And, as always, if you have any concerns please see a board member.

I will be working on a list of projects to do in the up-and-coming months, as we all know there is always something to do to improve our grounds. With the warmer months coming a list is always a great way to share with everyone what needs to be done. If you have anything to add to the list, please contact me or another board member so it can be added.

I will be keeping fingers crossed that maybe we can get together soon for a breakfast meeting, but we will have to wait and see.

Chad.

## AETA December 2020-January 2021 Board Meeting



The AETA board meeting was held on December 7, 2020 at Phil Jordan's shop.

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), Duane Ziegler (Treasurer), Alex Samuelson (Secretary), Jim Gradert, Al Swanson, Leon Rathjen, and Mark Breeden. Absent board member was Kyle Jahn. New board members present was James Krieger, Tim Fisk, and Dave Catron.

Alex Samuelson (Secretary) provided each of the directors a copy of the November board meeting minutes. Following discussion a motion was made by Al Swanson to approve the minutes as corrected and second by Jim

Gradert: Motion carried.

Duane Ziegler presented the treasures report. A motion was made by Chad Jacobs to approve the treasures report and a second by Jim Gradert.

A motion and cast of unanimous ballot for our nominees, was made by Jim Gradert to present a slate of officers for the 2021 year of Chad Jacobs (President), Mark Breeden (Vice president), Duane Ziegler (Treasurer), and Alex Samuelson (Secretary), and seconded by Leon Rathjen; motion carried.

Dave Catron was appointed to be the membership coordinator.

A discussion was had on the Lester Building. It was reported that the loan balance is at \$63,000. A motion was made by Jim Gradert to pay \$5,000 maximum towards interest and principal. A second by Chad Jacobs; motion carried.

Phil Jordan reported on the progress of the steam locomotive. The locomotive is almost complete and the boiler is about done.

There being no further business to be brought before the meeting. Phil Jordan declared the meeting adjourned.



We are looking for coordinators for the kid zone at the 2021 Fall Show.

Please contact any of the board members if you are interested.

## The Last Rumely Tractors

By Larry Gay

The last Rumely tractors were not OilPull tractors. The last Rumely OilPull tractors were the Super-Powered series with Models W, X, Y, and Z. By 1927, the Advance-Rumely Company was ready to try a new design of a tractor and purchased the patents and rights to a convertible tractor that the Toro Company of Minneapolis had developed and marketed.

Rumely named it the DoAll tractor and manufactured it from 1928 to 1931 in two versions.

The first version was a non-convertible, standard-tread tractor which was rated as a 2-plow tractor. The second version was the more interesting one as it was a "convertible" tractor with two configurations. In one configuration, it was a standard-tread tractor with the same configuration as the non-convertible version. Then by rotating the drop-box final drives into a more forward position and removing the front axle and wheels, the tractor was converted into a motor cultivator. The tractor was now supported by the cultivator which was mounted behind the tractor and was equipped with a single caster wheel at the rear of the cultivator. Differential brakes enabled the tractor to pivot on one wheel when it was in the cultivating mode. Both versions of the Rumely DoAll tractor were powered by a 4-cylinder Waukesha vertical engine. The 2-speed transmission provided speeds of 2.62 and 3.75 mph. A belt pulley, PTO, and fenders were optional.

The Rumely DoAll covered the 2-plow tractor market, but the company needed a larger model to replace the OilPull models. In 1930, the Advance-Rumely Company introduced the Model 6A, a 4-plow, standard-tread tractor. It was unique for 1930 as it was powered by a 6-cylinder Waukesha gasoline engine which was coupled to a 6-speed transmission. The travel speeds ranged from 2.5 to 4.75 mph. A belt pulley was standard equipment. The rear wheels were 48 inches in diameter and were equipped with a double row of spade lugs. Angled cleats for the rear wheels and a PTO were optional. Rumely advertised the 6A as "a 4-plow at the weight of a 3" and "a 6-cylinder at the price of a 4."

By 1929, the Advance-Rumely Company was experiencing declining sales and was in financial difficulty. The company decided to close the Battle Creek, Michigan, factory and operate only the two plants in LaPorte. President Mount of Advance-Rumely began holding talks with President Falk of Allis-Chalmers about a possible combination of the two companies. Dr. Edward Rumely, who had resigned as president in December 1913 but was still a major shareholder, encouraged the two companies to keep talking. Finally in April 1931, Allis-Chalmers announced it was buying the AdvanceRumely Company.

Allis-Chalmers had become a full-line company by buying the Monarch Tractor Corporation and its line of crawler tractors in 1928 and the LaCrosse Plow Company and its line of tillage tools in 1929. The purchase of Advance-Rumely added the extensive distribution system A-C needed with 24 sales branch houses and 2,500 dealers. Since the purchase occurred during the Great Depression, it took years for Allis-Chalmers to sell the inventory of unsold Rumely products. The former Rumely tractor factory became the plant where Allis-Chalmers manufactured its famous 5-foot All-Crop combine. Later it became the harvesting equipment factory for Allis-Chalmers and it was A-C's implement factory when production ended in 1984. Today the original Rumely factory site south of the railroad in LaPorte is a hospital with many historical markers at the southeast corner of the property. Much of the old tractor factory site north of the railroad is now a shopping center. The building where the Power Farming Schools were held is now a store and the Rumely Hotel is a senior citizens living center.

# 60TH ANNUAL ANTIQUE ENGINE & TRACTOR ASSOCIATION GENESEO, IL WORKING FARM SHOW

## SEPTEMBER 17, 18, 19, 2021



FEATURING

# Minneapolis-Moline *Tractors & Implements*



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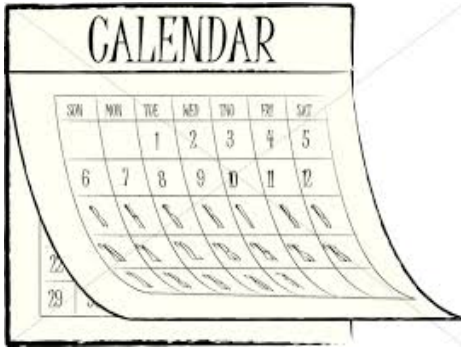


Daily Parade on  
Grounds at 1pm

Thresherman's Dinner  
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Blacksmith Shop  
Gardening  
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of All Ages!



FUN FOR  
THE KIDS  
Games & Activities



**Mark your calendar for upcoming events!**

**Mecum Auction: Gone Farmin' Spring Classic 2021**

**March 25—27 2021 Watch for more information, Help may be needed!!**

**2021 Steam Schools for beginners and experienced engineers.**

**For Illinois engineers, the event is on June 5-6, 2021 at Thresherman's Park in Pontiac, Illinois. The tuition is \$60.00 (\$50.00 for each additional family member).**

**For Iowa engineers, the event is on May 15-16, 2021 at Heritage Park of North Iowa in Forest City, Iowa. The tuition is \$75.00.**

**For Iowa engineers, the event is on May 1-2, 2021 at Midwest Old Threshers ground in Mount Pleasant, Iowa. The tuition is \$75.00.**

**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.**

## **FUN FACTS:**

- 1. Agriculture is the single largest employer in the world. In fact, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United States reports that "there is a largely untapped reservoir of farm and non-farm employment opportunities in agriculture and beyond." Examples include jobs in sustainable ag, agri-business development and related support services.**
- 2. There are 914 million acres of farmland just in the U.S.**
- 3. The average farmer in the United States can feed up to 155 people. For a comparison, in 1960, a single farmer fed only 26 people. Farm favor reports that farmers today can grow twice as much food with less land, energy, water, and fewer emissions.**
- 4. Farming began around 10,000 B.C. during the First Agricultural Revolution, when nomadic tribes began to farm. Additionally, this is when the eight so-called "founder crops" of agriculture appeared: 1) emmer wheat, 2) einkorn wheat, 3) hulled barley, 4) peas, 5) lentils, 6) bitter vetch, 7) chickpeas, and 8) flax.**
- 5. The Industrial Revolution led to faster and more efficient farming technology, which helped usher in the Second Agricultural Revolution from 1700 to 1900 in developed countries. Many less developed countries are still experiencing the Second Agricultural Revolution**
- 6. The Third Agricultural Revolution, or the Green Revolution, corresponds in the late 20th century with the exponential population growth occurring around the world. It includes biotechnology, genetic engineering, chemical fertilizers, and mass production of agricultural goods.**

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 2021 Membership dues now! AETA Membership dues can be mailed to: AETA, PO Box 112, Geneseo, IL 61254.

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Our first 2021 AETA Newsletter! Open it up and see what is inside. Save the dates, information on this years fall show and so much more! Hope you enjoy!