
ANTIQUUE ENGINE & TRACTOR ASSOCIATION, INC.

May, 2011 NEWSLETTER

FROM THE PREZ—

What a year!!! Rain, rain, rain and cold, and 24 hours later we are hit with a record high! The crops will love this. We will pray for a good crop at the show grounds so we can have some fun—and make some money—in the fall.

Plans are underway for the summer show and the fall show as well. We are working hard to prepare the grounds and keep everything moving forward so it is done on time. We are hoping that the summer show will allow us to cut and bind the wheat as well as have some other activities going on.

We continue to need volunteers for almost every area of the fall show and are still looking for craft vendors and financial sponsors. Please check out the list of chairmen on the next page if you have not already signed up to help but are willing to do so.

A big thanks to Curt Jacobs who is really putting in a lot of time on the club website. Please check it out often and don't forget to list your items for sale.

Again we ask you to send us your email address if you want to get notices for work-days or special announcements that come between newsletters.

Get out there and have fun playing in the dirt this spring.

Kevin

Farm Report by Tom Hitzhusen

The corn and beans were planted on May 4 & 5 this year - about 1 week later than last year. Excess rain prevented any planting in April. This year we will have 24 acres of beans and 50 acres of corn to harvest during the show, plus some additional crop exhibit plots.

A big thank you to Pioneer dealers Joe Buysse and Paul Young for donating all the seed corn and to Dan Wolf for donating all the Northrup King seed beans for our club farm this year.

Considering the fact that we have expanded our farm acreage this year, these were very generous donations.

Also, thanks to Orville and Maxine McCord and Curt Samuelson for allowing us to plant and harvest some of the adjoining farm in order to expand our field demonstrations at the fall show.

I planted the beans while Kevin and Paul Kouski planted most of the corn. Here are Kevin and Paul using Kevin's trusty 730 LP and 7000 4-row to plant corn at the AETA farm .



***** BULLETIN BOARD*****

FREE Classified ads for club members. Your ad will run for two months.

Email:kcc41@mchsi.com or call 309-945-1477.

For Sale: Heavy duty tandem axle, flat bed trailer, 15 foot bed tilt bed, 77 inches between fenders, 7.50—15 inch 8 ply tires (nearly new) Pentalton hitch (truck hitch included) - \$1500 and 1,000 gallon plastic tank rectangular shape 66x126x32 inches, - \$500. Neil West 563-340-3630 or email nlwst3@gmail.com

For sale: 1980 IH Crew Cab Truck, Utility Box, Camper, Turbo Charged Cat. Engine, 5 sp trans, 2 sp axle, Good rear tires, new front tires—\$2000. Ron Olson, 309-788-9188.

For Sale: 1992 (last year) **318 Garden Tractor** in excellent condition. **397 original hours.** Power Steering, dual hydraulics, nearly new bar type tires with or without wheel weights. Paint very nice, seat looks like new, Includes #46 38 in. mower deck also in excellent condition. Starts and runs like new. \$2300. Or make me a reasonable offer. Ser.# is MOO318X113897. Pictures available. Larry Goodwin 309-945-8664

For Sale: Club related clothing, hats, etc. . Contact Kim at Along The Trail Embroidery. 403 N. State Street, Atkinson, IL 61235. 309-936-7397 or kimsew5@hotmail.com.

AETA 50th Annual Working Farm Show 2011

SYSTEM FOR CONTROL OF SHOW OPERATIONS

Show Director - Kevin Bos
Feature Coordinator - Chris Boyens/Kevin Bos /Tom Hitzhusen
Show Vendors (non food) - Skip Farnam
Show Food Vendors – Charley Reiss/Ed Mayhew
Gates (Visitor & Exhibitor) - Charley Reiss
Parking (Visitor & Exhibitor) -Dusty Olson
Grounds Transportation (People Movers & Golf Carts) - Larry Colo
Camping - Larry Colo
Show Office - Paul Kouski
Field Demonstrations - Kevin Bos
Non-Field Demonstrations – Ed Mayhew/Chris Koehler
Restrooms - Chris Koehler
Trash Detail - Chris Koehler/Ed Mayhew
Safety – Chris Koehler/Mark Johnston
Loading Dock/Exhibitor Loading & Unloading - Mark Johnston
Garden Tractors - Ed Mayhew
Gas Engines – Skip Farnam,/John Boyens
Non-Feature Tractors - Paul Kouski
Entertainment - Skip Farnam
Sound System/Communications - Kevin Bos
Daily Parade - Charley Reiss
Show Publications & Advertising – Skip Farnam/KevinBos
Show Auction - Dusty Olson
Dust Control – Dusty Olson

50th Celebration Coordinators – Charley Reiss/Dave Carton/John Boyens

NOTE FROM HISTORIANS: The club historians would like help in finding AETA photos. They would like to make sure that anything submitted are copies so that they don't have to be returned. Photos should go to John Boyens (563-355-2133) or Larry Goodwin (309-945-8664). They will be screened for inclusion in the new AETA History Book. They can be from present all the way back to the beginning. Please be sure they are copies. We are also looking for aerial photos of new property in various seasons if possible.

Spring Open Barn at the 'Old Barn'

**Saturday May 14,
10 am - 4 pm**



*Located on Harmony Lane just off
Houser Street
The former Muscatine County Home
Muscatine, Iowa*

**Lunch available by
Lake 4-H Club**

FREE ACTIVITIES for EVERYONE!

Drive-a-Tractor
Archery Demonstrations by the
Buffalo Bullseyes 4-H SESS Group
Antique Tractor & Farm Machinery Display
Corn Box for the Kids Bean Bag Toss Pony Rides
Rope Making Treasure Hunt Ring Toss
Antique Engine & Tractor Assoc, Geneseo, IL,
Presentation Iowa Barn Quilts, Washington, IA,
Cedar County, IA, Historical Group Demonstrations:
Tatting, Bobbin Lace, Spinning Wheel

**Questions please contact:
John Haskins @ 563-571-0401
Inez Rathjen @ 563-732-3704**

The barn was built in 1926 on the County home property. The cost was \$5,432, and was completed in 60 days. Friends of the old barn have raised the money to restore the barn and added an elevator to the hay loft.



SAVE THE DATE!
Summer Tractor Show
July 23rd & 24th, 2011
AETA Show Grounds
More information to come

GRANT MONEY RECEIVED

Our club has received \$20,000 as the third installment on a grant from the Geneseo Foundation. This money is to be used to further our goals of preserving agricultural history and providing educational opportunities. The community continues to support our organization through grants and sponsorships, which are an encouragement as well as an endorsement of our programs. Take the opportunity to thank Mike Kelly and the Foundation Board of Directors for their continued support of our club.

Tom Hitzhusen For the Grant Committee

Note from Chris Boyens, Tom Hitzhusen, and Kevin Bos about the fall show:

We would like to display 50 John Deere Model “D”s at the show, ideally we would like to have one of each year and other variations. The “D” was made from 1923 to 1953. If you would like to have your model D in the display we are opening up to members first and then to other exhibitors. Please contact Chris Boyens at 563-370-1757 or cboyens@msn.com

We would like to display first year John Deere models at the show, ideally we would like to have one of each model, for example a 1934 model “A” or 1959 model “430”. If you would like to have your first year tractor in the display we are opening up to members first and then to other exhibitors. Please contact Chris Boyens at 563-370-1757 or cboyens@msn.com

50th ANNIVERSARY

The Early Day Gas Engine & Tractor Association Branch #3 was formed on July 4, 1959 in the Geneseo City Park. The Club operated under the Flag until 1971 when it was retitled Antique Engine and Tractor Association (AETA) as it is known today. The Club's first official show was held in 1961 at the Athletic Field in Geneseo, Illinois in conjunction with Geneseo's 125th Anniversary celebration.

In 2011 Geneseo will be celebrating their 175th anniversary and the AETA is celebrating their 50th show. Including a very special 50th REUNION. The show dates are September 16-17-18, 2011

There are many activities and displays scheduled for the show that will focus on our club's history.

Saturday, September 17th, we will have a Time Capsule presentation followed by the introduction of 10 original members from 1959–1967. Three of these are our original founding fathers. These 10 members will be leading the parade along with Bill and June Cole who donated our 40 acre location which brought the club back to its roots. Also on September 17th, we will be honoring 23 families that were involved with the show during the beginning. Our show started in Geneseo in 1959, has been held in 8 different locations and returned to Geneseo in 2010.

Many of our displays will be honoring our early members from 1959—1966 and other influential members who were on the show plaques and show buttons. We are excited to report that there will be over 60 rare items on display. Some of these items have not been displayed at our show for over 30 years.

Founding member F. L. Williams owned a 1918 Dain Tractor that was part of our early shows. The tractor went to California and was later donated to the Northern Illinois Steam Power Club of Sycamore, Illinois. This Dain tractor will be back on display on our club ground this year! Our sincere thanks to Eric Haloney of Maloney Equipment in Fulton, Illinois for sponsoring the Dain and to the Northern Illinois Steam Power Club for loaning the tractor to us for our 2011 show.

The Northern Illinois Steam Power Club's annual show will be held August 11-14, 2011. Please visit their website for further information at www.threshingbee.org.

We will also have other rare tractors on display, including a 1911 Reeves, 1923 Lawson and a 2 Wheel Rock Island Heilder 510C from the early 1900's.

Steam engines on display will include Avery, Woods and Case.

Gas Engines will also be represented with Stover, Sheldon, R&V, Gade and an amazing line up of Rock Island and Headless Witte engines seldom seen in these numbers!

Custom built scale models of tractors and engines will also be showcased.

Early 1900 farm equipment will be on display also.

In our early shows Kourtesy Kustom LTD Car Club participated with displays. They may reappear to reminisce and help us celebrate with items and memorabilia on display.

There is a chance some of these items will never be on display together again. Don't miss this once in a lifetime opportunity.

ALSO—BE SURE TO CHECK OUT THE OTHER SHOW INFORMATION ON OUR WEBSITE, INCLUDING OUR SHOW FEATURE—JOHN DEERE TRACTORS AND EQUIPMENT.

Check out our website: www.ae-ta.com

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**IF YOU HAD A FAMILY MEMBER THAT WAS INVOLVED DURING THE EARLY YEARS (1959—1967) AND I HAVEN'T CONTACTED THEM, PLEASE CALL ME SO THEY WON'T BE MISSED THE SATURDAY CELEBRATION. THANKS. DAVE CARTON
309-441-5915 AFTER 4 PM.**

If you have not checked out the newspaper article from The Dispatch, Monday, April 25, 2011, please take time to do so at qconline.com. This article spotlighted two members that are very important to AETA.

Meet Our Future Collectors

We are going to feature our Young Collectors in the upcoming issues of our newsletters . If you have kids or grandkids between the ages of 5 to 18 and are interested in this wonderful hobby, please contact me after 6 PM at 309-441-5915 for more information. Thank you for your support. Dave Carton

Hi, my name is Jehna Thomas. I enjoy doing tractor shows with my grandpa, Dennis Mechling and his friend, Ron Bitting, with his double wooden washing machine. I have been involved with tractor shows since I was six months old. I am now 13 years old. I still attend the antique engine and tractor shows every year. At my first tractor show in 1997, I was watching the parade and when the fire engine sounded, I screamed and cried. I have been back every year since then. My grandpa puts on a display with corn grinders, engines, and shellers. As I grew up I got to work the hit and miss and the corn grinders. I also graduated from my peddle tractor to my 155 case. I enjoy doing tractor shows because it is enjoyable and because it makes me different from other people my age.



Jehna at age 6 months on the 1948 Oliver 77 with Grandpa Denny



Jehna, age 13

Annual Father's Day Show and Parade— Geneseo celebrates 175th Birthday

Calling all colors of antique tractors. We are having the 43rd Annual Show and Parade in Geneseo, Il. Saturday June 18 and Sunday June 19 (Father's Day) in the main Geneseo city park. The tractor show itself is 10AM – 6PM on Sat. and 9AM – 4PM on Sunday. There also is a parade on Sunday starting at 2PM and we have a spot where we can parade as a group or you can register for your own spot if you prefer. You are welcome to bring restored or un-restored whichever you prefer. They just ask that no steel wheeled units are on the park grass. Garden tractors are also welcome. Our display area is in the north city park area where we have been in the past. There is also some trailer parking if needed down at my lot on Stewart street. There are lots of activities going on all weekend with a lot of cool music plus various vendors and food purveyors. Come and have a fun weekend. If any questions, you can call me at 309-944-2670 (home) or cell 309-945-8664. Larry Goodwin

Membership Renewal Notice

We would like to encourage all AETA members to renew now for 2011. Check your label if you receive a paper copy to see when your membership is up. Renewal rates are \$25 per year and you can renew for multiple years at a time. Mail your renewals to AETA, Box 112, Geneseo, IL 61254-0112.

(Reminder the AETA year is Jan.—Jan. not from fall show to fall show.)

John Deere 1952-1960

By Larry Gay

The John Deere 50 and 60 tractors were introduced in 1952 as the replacements for the B and A models, respectively. The 50 was rated as a 2-3 plow tractor and the 60 as a 3-4 plow tractor. The 70, which replaced the G, followed in 1953 with a 4-5 plow rating. All three models were row-crop tractors and the 60 and 70 were also built as standard-tread and Hi-Crop tractors. The 50, 60, and 70 started with horizontal 2-cylinder, gasoline or all-fuel engines. Styling was revised to include the fluted type of grill. A 6-speed transmission, rack and pinion wheel adjustment, and live Powr-Trol hydraulics were standard. A live PTO was an option. LP-gas engines for all three models and optional power steering were added for 1954. A diesel engine for the 70 was announced for 1955, which soon became its most popular engine.

Also new for 1953 was the 40 model which replaced for the M model. The 2-plow 40 was built in 1-row and 2-row cultivating versions with a vertical 2-cylinder engine and a 4-speed transmission. It started with a gasoline engine, but soon added the all-fuel version, and featured live hydraulics and a 3-point hitch. There were several versions of the 40, including a Hi-Crop.

Production of the large standard-tread 80 started in June 1955, almost a year after production of the R ended. The 80, with 67 corrected belt horsepower, was rated as a 5-6 plow tractor with its horizontal 2-cylinder, diesel engine. It featured the V-4 starting engine from the 70 Diesel and a 6-speed transmission. Power steering, live hydraulics, and a live PTO were optional.

Introduced in August 1956 as New for 1957, the John Deere 520, 620, and 720 row-crop tractors replaced the 50, 60, and 70 models. The most noticeable feature of the new models was the 2-tone color scheme, with a yellow stripe on the sides of the hood. Although the new models retained 2-cylinder horizontal engines with a choice of three fuels, plus a diesel for the 720, a revised design and faster engine speeds resulted in about a 20-percent increase in power. The three models were now classified as 3-, 4-, and 5-plow tractors. The Float-Ride seat with a rubber torsion spring suspension and an improved 3-point hitch were new.

The standard-tread 820, with the 2-tone color scheme and the Float-Ride seat, replaced the 80. However, its increase in power to 75 corrected belt horsepower didn't arrive until the second year. Other standard-tread models were the 620 and 720, which were also built as Hi-Crops.

The new utility tractors for this era included the 320 introduced in August 1956 and the 420 which was introduced in November 1955. As a result, the first 420s were painted green and didn't receive the 2-tone paint scheme until the introduction of the other models. The 320 was a combination of M and 40 parts, resulting in a 1-2 plow rating. The 420 stepped up to a 2-3 plow rating with a revised engine with about 15 percent more power.

John Deere introduced its last series of tractors with 2-cylinder engines in August 1958. The six new models (330-830) were built for the 1959 and 1960 model years and replaced the corresponding models of the 20 series. The 30 series did not change mechanically from the 20 series, but featured new stylish sheet metal, an attractive 2-tone color scheme, push-button starting, and optional flat-top fenders with dual headlights for the 530, 630, and 730 row-crop tractors. A 435 utility tractor with a 2-cylinder, 2-stroke diesel engine was added in April 1959. Today the 30 series is the most popular series of John Deere tractors with the tractor collectors.

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COMING EVENTS— - -

May 14—Muscatine is hosting a show similar to the QC Expo Farm Show
June 18 & 19—Father's Day Tractor Show—Geneseo Music Fest, City Park
July 23 & 24—AETA Summer Show, show grounds
Sept. 16—18—Working Fall Farm Show at AETA show grounds

Follow the Antique Engine & Tractor Association on Facebook, check out the constantly updated and changing website: ae-ta.com

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