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# **ANTIQUÉ ENGINE & TRACTOR ASSOCIATION, INC.**

## **January, 2012 NEWSLETTER**

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**From the Prez— - - - -**

Happy New Year to one and all. I hope everyone had a great holiday season. I would like to start out by introducing myself. My name is Curt Jacobs and I am your new president for 2012. I would like to invite everyone to the January 7<sup>th</sup> general meeting at the Moose Lodge in Geneseo. We are working on a program that we didn't get a chance to feature last year so come join us and be surprised! DVD 2 of the 2011 Fall Show will also be playing during breakfast.

If you have not been able to make it to the past couple breakfast meetings. I would like to recognize the new board members Kyle Jahn, Vince Heller and Larry Goodwin. The new officers for 2012 are Secretary Kyle Jahn, Treasure Paul Kouski, Vice Pres. Mark Johnston, and as you already know, Curt Jacobs President. Our remaining board members are Paul Kouski, Larry Colo, Skip Farnam, Mark Johnston, and Charley Reiss.

The board is already working on both the summer and the fall shows. We will be bringing you more information on both these events in the coming meetings. We will be having a booth at the QC Expo Center Farm Show again this year on January 15-17. If you have time and are willing to help out please call Amber Bos (309-945-1440) and get your name on the list to help out.

If you haven't paid your 2012 dues please remember to do so at this meeting.

We plan on seeing you on the 7<sup>th</sup> at 8 AM at the Geneseo Moose Lodge. Breakfast will cost \$8 and with children 12 and under eat for free. You pay at the door. Please join us for this meeting.

*Curt*

**Thanks goes to the outgoing board members. A BIG thank you to Kevin Bos for stepping in as President and doing a great job for three years. Kevin was able to help the club navigate some difficult transitions from the Atkinson grounds to the new location at Geneseo. He helped to oversee the building of the new barn and the planning for the future. Thanks to you, Kevin, for all you have done.**

**Thanks also goes to Ed Mayhew and Chris Koehler who have worked so hard on the board during all the events and planning and moving. We appreciate your energy and willingness to serve the club as board members.**

# Mark Your Calendar For the Winter Breakfast Meetings!



Winter breakfast meetings will be held the Saturday following the first Monday of the month which is the AETA board meeting. The meetings will be held at the Geneseo Moose Lodge, 1025 S. State Street, Geneseo, Illinois beginning at 8 AM. The cost is \$8 for adults and children 12 and under are free. Programs will vary but breakfast is always good, there is plenty of parking, and you get an opportunity to spend some time with fellow collectors! What a great way to begin a Saturday.

**Reserve January 7, February 11, and March 10**

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## Congratulations to the newly elected officers for 2012

**President:** Curt Jacobs

**Vice President:** Mark Johnston

**Secretary:** Kyle Jahn

**Treasurer:** Paul Kouski

**Board Members:**

Skip Farnam

Charley Reiss

Larry Colo

Larry Goodwin

Vince Heller

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## Dates to Remember and put on your new 2012 Calendar

**January 2—AETA board meeting**

**January 7—AETA Breakfast**

**January 15—17th— Quad Cities Farm Show QC Expo Center (AETA will have a display and still needs some volunteers)**

**February 6—AETA board meeting**

**February 11—AETA Breakfast**

**March 5 - AETA board meeting**

**March 10—AETA Breakfast**

**March 14 –17—Gathering of the Green, RiverCenter, Davenport, IA (AETA will have a display table and will need help. Early Registration for the conference is due Feb. 15. Go to [www.gatheringofthegreen.com](http://www.gatheringofthegreen.com). Theme: “Generations of Power” and celebrating the 100th year anniversary of John Deere becoming a full-line company.)**

**Summer Show—July (date to be determined but watch for it)**

**Fall Farm Show— September 14—16, Featuring Allis-Chalmers**

(Feature Contacts: Ed Klundt - 309-292-0601 (IL) or Leon Rathjen - 309-791-5306 (IA))

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## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

This is a reminder that all memberships are due for renewal on January 1 unless you are a life member. Please send a check to Paul Kouski for \$25 for the 2012 membership year. He will also be accepting payments at the club breakfast meetings.

### ***Balloon cards that were returned from release at Fall Farm Show***

1. In our yard in Old Town, Maine
2. We found the balloon 9/17/11 in the road ditch on 296th Ave. Found by James Johnson, 1760 296th Ave., Maquoketa, IA 52060
- 3.

***Kind of fun to read. Hope to hear something on the others sometime soon.***

### ***HELP!!!!***

21<sup>st</sup> Quad Cities Farm Equipment Show - January 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. 2012 (Sun-Tues) Quad Cities Expo Center, Rock Island

Need volunteers to work the AETA booth all three days. Job involves passing out flyers to advertise the fall show, answering questions about the club and hopefully signing up lots of new members. Choose from a morning or afternoon shift. Contact: Amber Bos, 309-945-1440 or email: [bofare@geneseo.net](mailto:bofare@geneseo.net)

## **The 50th Reunion - A Special Celebration of Our Past**

The 50th reunion celebration was held on Saturday, Sept 17th, 2011 with great weather and record attendance! It was a great feeling to see our older members getting together again just like the "Old Days". They were talking and pointing at the old equipment, most of which hasn't been together for more than 30 years, and reminiscing .

We honored 14 founding club members with a special display of 21 tractors, engines and equipment from the first show in 1961. All of the pieces except 2 are still owned by family or club members. The E.P. Lain scratch built steam engine is now owned by the Atkinson Township Historical Museum and the F.L. Williams Dain tractor is owned by the Northern Illinois Steam Power Club of Sycamore, IL. A special thanks to these 2 special organizations who loaned us these rare items for the weekend to make our display complete.

Of the 14 founding members honored, five are still alive and lifetime members - Frank Claeys, Herman Reschke, Orville Morey and Ron & Lora Lea Miller. Almost all of them were on the show grounds at some time during the weekend to see all the special displays.

Two of our oldest members, brothers Frank & Pete Claeys had a picture taken of them with their engines at our 1963 show. Carl Hauger helped recreate this same picture 48 years later. Carl now owns the engines from that early picture and helped set up the display to recreate the photo. The new photo shows Frank and Pete holding the original picture surrounded by the same engines. Frank and Pete are not only our oldest (99 and 101) living members, they also have the longest continuous club membership.

We also honored members from our first 5 shows (held from 1959 to 1967). There were 16 members in attendance and 45 pieces of equipment on display. So in total we honored 31 members and had 66 special pieces on display. Six of these pieces are now owned by the club and are used as part of our working displays.

I want to once again thank everyone involved in the 50th Reunion celebration, especially those who got all the pieces of equipment out of storage and got them running just for this show. Some pieces took over a year to get in shape and ready for the display. Most of this stuff has not been together for our show for over 30 years and might not ever be all together again for another show - but I sure hope that's not the case!

Thanks,  
50th Anniversary Committee

### ***Bulletin Board:***

Wanted - 3-point hitch 2-row corn planter and cultivator. Steve Elmer @ 309-944-7076.

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**COMING EVENTS— - - -**

**Jan 10—AETA Breakfast meeting, 8 AM Geneseo Moose Lodge**

**Jan. 15—17—QC Farm Show, QC Expo Center, Rock Island, IL**

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