
ANTIQUUE ENGINE & TRACTOR ASSOCIATION, INC.

OCTOBER, 2006 NEWSLETTER

“Chuck’s Comments”

I want to start off by thanking each of you members for all of your hard work helping to put on our best Fall Show ever. Calling it our best show is not just my opinion, I heard that comment from our visitors several times during the show and many times since the show. The extra ground trains were a big plus and the ice cream stand did a good job of satisfying everyone’s sweet tooth. Perfect weather on Friday and Saturday allowed the crops to be harvested and most of the ground was plowed during the show, as well.

Two steam engines on the grounds allowed us to have an engine on the sawmill all three days and we were able to do most of the threshing with steam power. We had horses again this year and they were very well received. In addition to pulling the wagon for hand picking corn and pulling a plow, horses were used to give rides around the grounds in a wagon.

The food stands and kitchen did a record business this year, especially on Saturday when our visitor parking, exhibitor parking and tractor display areas were all filled to capacity. Your board of directors will be looking into ways to accommodate the growth in visitors and exhibits we have been experiencing the last few years.

Once again, thank you to all who had a part in making this a very successful show.

Chuck Bos, President, AE&TA, inc.

\$ REPORT FROM THE TREASURER \$

Our 2006 Fall Show was a financial success. We took in about \$5,400 more than we took in during our 2005 Show. We took in \$6,590 from gate admissions on Saturday alone which is almost as much as our gate admissions for three days last year. That means we had 1318 paying visitors on Saturday plus all the members and exhibitors. Every lunch stand did more business than in 2005.

A larger Show means our expenses are also greater with more advertising and sponsor promotion, cost of food purchased and everything going up each year. I expect to receive and pay another \$5,500 to \$5,800 in bills before the middle

of October. We are expecting to receive about \$5,000 from crop income that is being sent to us. We also will receive about \$7,000 from Sponsor donations that is being held in a separate account. The new John Deere lawn mower is now paid for.

Last year when most of our bills were paid by mid October, our bank balance was \$4,620. I expect our bank balance to be about \$18,500 to \$19,000 by mid October this year. We are in good shape for starting 2007.

Roger Mixer, Treasurer.



Beautifully restored rare pieces of big iron on display at our fall show. For a perspective of size, note the observer on the LH side of the photo. The 1912 25-45 Rumely Oil Pull belongs to Ron Miller and the 1907 30-60 Hart Parr belongs to Chuck Bos. The Rumely ran on the sawmill and the Hart Parr ran on the dyno.

MEMBERSHIP

*Our club membership has grown about 13% this year. The current mailing list includes 203 members. The new membership year begins with the Fall show in September. If you have not yet renewed your membership now is the time to do it. For only \$20 you get 2 free passes to the fall show, 10 newsletters, several tech seminars, access to a network of collectors, and a year of fun. Don’t recall if you have renewed? Check the address label on this newsletter – if the date code says LIFEM or 2007M that means you are paid up and need do nothing else. If it says 2006M that means you have **NOT** yet renewed for 2007 and need to send your \$20 to the address shown on the return address of this newsletter, or give it to Roger Mixer.*

FARM SHOW

By all measures our 45th Farm Show was a success. We had excellent weather, record number of exhibitors and visitors, FFA club tractors from as far away as Cotton Center, Texas, a historic visit by a rare triple headed steam locomotive train, successful working demonstrations, good crops, good food, no injuries, and most importantly a good time by the majority of folks who attended. Over 270 exhibitors displayed more than 400 items this year.



You be the judge – Is Bob Young having fun demonstrating his 1939 JD model G and 3-16 plow? You can tell by the grin that everything is running well.

Several changes were implemented this year and proved successful – for example, the expanded parking area, an increased number of people carriers, a new entrance for exhibitors, a new communication system staffed by 3-D Sound, FFA project tractors, Youth Day activities on Sat., a program booklet for all visitors, more bleachers and seating areas, ice cream vendor (the editor checked this one out several times!), increased level of sponsorship, a club store, and coordination of the steam train event.



Neil West instructs a young driver on the art of cultivating pop cans with an AC model G at the Youth Day event.

But even an excellent show can be improved, and that's what the Board of Directors would like to discuss at the general meeting on Oct 15. Come share your thoughts about what went well at this year's show and what areas can be improved for next year.

Thanks to everyone who helped plan and run the show this year.

THANKS: *The sponsorship and advertising committee put in a lot of extra effort this year to insure that our show would be well funded and very visible. The committee included Skip Farnam, Rich McNeill, Dick Zobrist, Dave Carton, Ernie Telkemeyer, and Chairperson Carol Ann Wells. Thanks for all your effort in helping make this show a success.*

THE FARM REPORT

Our 21 acres of crop yielded very well this year which made for good demonstrations and also helps to pay some of the cost of the show. Three acres were seeded to oats and were bundled in July on the hottest day of the year. Bundles were stored inside on hayracks until they were threshed at the show. Yield was 72 bu/ac.

8.5 acres of roundup ready soybeans were planted in 38' rows in early May. Due to cool cloudy weather in late summer they were maturing slowly. So Paraquat was applied 10 days prior to the show to speed dry down of the grain as well as the plant. (Old combines need all the help they can get to handle green stem Bt varieties) Thanks to 82 degree weather during the show the beans averaged 13.2%MC and yielded 48.5 bu/ac.

Corn was planted on May 5 on 9.5 acres. This short season 98 day hybrid was down to 21%MC by Sept 16. One acre was cut for silage and the remainder was harvested by hand, with pickers and picker-shellers. It yielded 144 bu/ac dry basis.



Russ Bos harvesting 50bu/ac soybeans – one whole row at a time - with a MM combine and MM model Z



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

FOR SALE: Three point hitch mounted post driver. Requires remote cylinder. \$100.00. *Tom Hitzhusen (309-441-5720)*

FOR SALE: Camper for 8' PU box. *Ron Jackson (309-658-2420)*

FOUND: Crank for antique tractor on Route 6 after Farm & Fleet Show. *Call Ernie Telkemeyer (309-441-5014)*

FREE: Classified ads for club members. Your ad will run for three months. Send ad information to Tom Hitzhusen, 24762 Hazelwood West Rd, Geneseo, IL 61254, 309-441-5720, thomaseng@geneseo.net,

******CLUB ACTIVITIES******

OCTOBER EVENTS

Board meeting: *Monday, Oct 2, 6:00PM, at Chuck Bos home.*

General Meeting: *Sunday, October 15, general membership meeting to review results from Fall Show and elect new board members. Meet at Tom Hitzhusen's farm shop at 2:00pm. Refreshments and review of tractor collection. Directions: From Geneseo go north on Highway 82 for 2.5 miles to Wolf Road, west on Wolf Rd three miles to road 1130E (Hazelwood West Rd), then north 3/4 mile.*

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*****NEWS FROM OTHER CLUBS*****

October 7, Country Tractor Ride, leave Hillsdale Flea Market at 10:00, buffet dinner at Cordova Farmer's Table at 12:00. Min. speed 10 MPH. Contact Lenzy Stickler (309-523-2744 or 314-1649) or Dick Black (309-658-2273)

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