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# ANTIQUA ENGINE & TRACTOR ASSOCIATION, INC.

## November - December 2007 NEWSLETTER

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### “Roger’s Comments”

The year is winding down and snow will probably be flying within a month. How fast the year goes. This will be the last newsletter for 2007.

At the general meeting I forgot to say thanks to the Board Members who are finishing their terms this year. Ed Mayhew, Lenzy Stickler, Neil West and Dick Zobrist have been valuable members on the board and did a lot of work on your behalf. I thank them very much and hope you will also thank them when you see them.

At the October membership meeting, Skip Farnam, Randy Goddard, Bob Griggs and Ron Miller were elected to the board. At the November board meeting, Larry Goodwin was elected President, Ron Miller was elected Vice President, Randy Goddard was elected Treasurer and I was elected Secretary for 2008.

As you have probably heard by now, at the October meeting of the Club, we accepted the offer of the 40 acres of land from Bill Cole and plan to move our show to that site in the future. We will not take possession of the tillable portion of land until the spring of 2009 and will then need to prepare the property for a show. It will be a few years before we host visitors and see engines and tractors demonstrating on the new site. The board has assigned the Long-Range Planning Committee to plan for that day. If they tap you on the shoulder and ask for some help, please say yes. This will leave the board more time to plan and host our shows and member events.

As I write this, we need someone to edit the newsletter. If you step forward, you will not be left hanging by yourself. Neil West will help you get started. Randy Goddard will print the address labels. Larry Gay will write articles and we can get help to fold, stamp and address the mailings. We do need someone with some computer skills to edit our newsletter each month. Will you call Larry Goodwin or any board member and say yes.

I thank each of you for your support the past year and know you will support the many efforts we have in the coming years. It is a lot of work to host a show each fall and now we also have the job of planning and installing the infrastructure at the new site to host a show in the future. With each person doing their part, it will be accomplished.

As I step outside today the leaves are falling and blowing. It reminds me that it is not too early to start putting those tractors away for the winter; condition the fuel, drain the radiators or check the anti-freeze and store the batteries so they don't freeze and we will be happier next spring.

Hope that you had a Happy Thanksgiving, and have a Merry Christmas and we will see you in Geneseo on the 19<sup>th</sup> of January for the first general meeting of 2008.

Roger Mixer, President

### GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

Approximately 60 members attended the October general membership meeting held at Tom Hitzhusen's farm shop on October 21. Members also had an opportunity to see the land that Bill Cole offered to the club.

All agreed that the 2007 fall show was an outstanding success. One of our biggest problems was parking space, which needs to be addressed before the 2008 show. Several ideas were discussed.

After all bills have been paid, including insurance, we have approximately \$28,000 plus a payment of \$4,500 due for soybeans that have been sold, plus 816 bu. of corn in storage.

Currently we have 187 paid members plus 35 life members. Wyffels Seed has donated one of their people movers to the club.

The club continues to work to set up a means to accept and manage charitable gifts to the club. However, the attorney had not completed the necessary changes to the club by-laws. These changes will be presented to the club for approval at a later date.

The Bill Cole land offer was discussed. Roger noted that the Atkinson village board wants us to stay. The Atkinson attorney urges them to have a lease no longer than 20 years but have the right to extend it. There is a total of 98 acres available at some future point. At this time we have 33 total acres now. We have 5 acres with buildings (ours) and we pay \$1 per year rent. We do pay the taxes of \$436. We pay \$150 per acre for the rest of the land on a yearly lease.

Bill Cole said that his intention in donating the land was to honor his son and he would like us to hold our show at the new location, but he would be

flexible as to how many years before we started to have the show on the land.

Other information about having the show on the new land included the following;

- \$4500 for a septic system from Steve Emmerson and he said that was a very large system. The Henry Co. health dept. has been contacted.
- \$10,000 for a new deep well that would be totally complete at 25 gal. per min. with storage.
- Electric runs on 2 sides of the property now.
- The 10 acres to the north between the grounds and Rt. 92 was discussed and Bill said Don Amory has offered to sell it to him.
- Someone asked if we accept new land offer would Atkinson pull our contract? Roger said that he did not think so.

After the discussion the motion to accept the land passed by a voice vote with a large majority.

The following people were nominated for the outgoing board members: Ron Miller to fill the last two years of Lenzy Sticler's term, plus Skip Farnam, Robert Griggs, and Randy Goddard for three-year terms. There were no other nominations from the floor and the above candidates were elected.



*Meet the new board members: Left to right: Bob Griggs, Randy Goddard, Ron Miller and Skip Farnam*

Bob Griggs of Atkinson, IL was raised on a farm. He has worked in an aircraft shop, painted fire trucks and cars, carried mail and driven semi-trucks. He worked for 32 years at Alcoa retiring in 1992. Besides antique farm equipment, Bob's hobbies include piloting private airplane and motorcycling.

Randy Goddard was born and raised in Moline, IL. He retired after 34 years in public education the last position was as Assistant Superintendent for Business at UTHS. His first

tractor was a 1947 Oliver 88. He as since collected over 40 MM tractors, mostly powered by LP. He is looking forward to developing the club's new show grounds and working with other directors and club members.

Ron Miller is a retired farm from Geneseo, IL. He and his family have a nice collection of Rumley Oil-pull tractors. He was one of the founding members of AETA

Claire 'Skip' Farnam of Geneseo, IL has been a member of AETA for 44 years. He has a 1936 JD A tractor and also enjoys collecting old bottle openers. He is looking forward to serving on the board.

**Long Term Planning Committee** has the responsibility of developing the new show grounds. Members of the committee are Neil West, co-chairman; Chuck Bos co-chairman; Chris Boyens, secretary; Dave Carton; John DeRue; Larry Goodwin; Kevin Bos; and Perry Bolhous.

A surveyor has located the corner markers. Currently a title search is being completed and the deed is being prepared for presentation to the club. We are working with an attorney to clarify of any easements on the property. Preliminary plans are being made for the layout of the show grounds. In addition to a well and septic system, various structures are being considered including a headquarters building, saw mill building, small engine headquarters, tractor headquarters, blacksmith shop and other buildings. The committee will also be working on a timetable and budget. If you have any thing that you would like to be considered, feel free to contact any of the committee members.

Editor's note: The pictures on the next page are from the 2007 fall show. They depict some of the many of the different activities that were in progress throughout the show. You can see a color version of this sheet on our web site.

As noted in Roger's comments, this is my last newsletter. I am willing to help someone get started. The president and secretary will be supplying material. Larry Gay has also agreed to write articles. The editor needs to be able to use a computer to merge the articles. I have used Word, however other programs could be used. Randy Goddard will help with the mailing labels. Printing, stamping and mailing could also be done by someone else.

**\*\*\*\*BULLETIN BOARD\*\*\*\***

**FOR SALE:** Need the room: JD 60 and 70 parts or restore. 2 #5 JD mowers, 2 row cultivator for A, B MY; 290 corn planters: 3 point 6 foot blade: L59 Woods belly mower with MT brackets. 1947 JD A runs good. George Hayes, Erie, IL 309-659-2666 or cell 309-781-1092

**FOR SALE:** 8 ft rear blade, angle adjustable and reversible. Great for snow. \$225.  
Call Perry Bolhous 309 236 0220 (Oct)

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**\*\*\*\*CLUB ACTIVITIES\*\*\*\***

**January Events**

**Board meeting** – January 7<sup>th</sup> - 6 p.m. Geneseo Chamber of Commerce building

**Membership meeting** January 19<sup>th</sup>. Details to follow

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