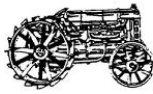
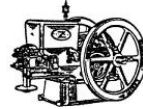


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UPDATE



JUNE 2010

President Notes

For the ones that didn't make the May show it was one of our best ever in many ways. The weather which is always a big factor was near perfect. The show attendance was also one of our best along with the show itself. All of the factors hinge on each other. I think we will continue to grow and become one of the best in New England. Although we have been doing this for awhile, 21 shows according to Ed Bezanson, and we know what we have to do, it still takes a whole lot of effort by many people to make it happen. So thanks to all that help make it happen. Of course we can always use more help. As an all volunteer unit we are dependent on those that do. As Uncle Sam says "You can help too". We also should not overlook the Vendors and display people. They make up a large portion of the show. So our thanks to them for coming and we look forward to them returning for our future shows. July 17th is next. I often ask if there are things we can do differently to make the shows better. I do get some good suggestions, however they usually involve more personnel to be accomplished. So if you see something that you think would improve the shows and are willing to run with it, let me know and we will see if we can make it happen. Donations keep coming in. That's a good thing. If you, your friend or neighbor has an old piece of iron kicking around and would like to get rid of it keep us in mind. It's a good cause and we are a legal registered nonprofit organization so donations are tax deductible. Hope to see you around the farm or at the next show.

LANE 1873 SAWMILL

The antique Lane sawmill continues to be a major public attraction at QVEA shows and the newly restored sawdust removal elevator increases the mills spectator appeal.

The membership is reminded that our insurance agent has specified that this antique belt driven mill is to be used for demonstration purposes during QVEA shows and not for production work. This means lumber produced by the mill must be utilized only on the Zagray farm.

The sawmill is a registered Connecticut Historical site and must be preserved for the public's education.

FROM THE DESK OF THE TREASURER – Art Chester

When the weatherman promised a sunny, warm weekend for our first show of the season I knew we would have a good turnout but the numbers were well beyond that. We parked in excess of 1000 spectator cars and 100 vendors. By mid morning Saturday, spare space in the field was at a premium, so much so that display people were scrunching-up to let others in. Easily our largest show ever, save for the HCEA National Show in 2007. Thanks to all who contributed.

Newsletters are now printed quarterly – March, June, September, and December. Please, **everyone** who can receive their newsletter via e-mail rather than by USPS, make that request to Linda at enwot61@sbcglobal.net. It will save our printing-sorting-folding-mailing crew some labor, and save your club a **lot** of money, as well as being environmentally 'green'.

For those of you who contribute to the United Way campaign, QVEA is now listed as a charitable organization allowing you to direct your donation to us for the support and expansion of the Zagray Farm Museum. Pfizer Foundation also has a volunteer program that provides QVEA with substantial donations each year, based on the volunteer work of members who work or are retired from Pfizer. We appreciate all donations in any form or size.

Happening at the Farm

The Clark forklift has the transmission and engine reinstalled, and is waiting for the return of the hydraulic pumps to complete the project.

We've had so

much trouble with electric fuel pumps that we are going to install a mechanical unit on it, and change a couple of other things. It should return to the farm for July.

Harry's F20 had sticky valves and as a result didn't run very well. Chad and Ethan removed the head, Ed B. ground the valves using some spares in the barn, and I did the disassembly / reassembly. It should be riding around at the July show.

The IH 350 Utility is nearly complete, I just have to remove the steering unit and replace a couple of seals.

Sean Mason repaired the steering without removing the steering box on the orange HU Hough loader and has that back in operation.

John Ostuno again this year brought out many flats of various flowers and plants and planted them around the Dick Babbitt memorial flagpole, the barn, and a few other locations on the farm.

Routine maintenance was performed on several pieces, Cow manure received and spread on the garden and corn field, and maintenance of the grounds is ongoing. Come by and lend a hand.

The terrific turnout at the last show filled to capacity the entire field, and has us looking for additional areas for vendors and displays. We are

thinking of moving the QVEA and personal tractors from around the pond and making that additional vendor space. This area is shaded and thus will probably be very desirable spaces. We are adjusting the parking areas as well in a continuing effort to accommodate everyone at our shows.

We continue to collect and recycle scrap iron from around the farm although it has slowed down substantially. Any members with scrap iron can leave it off in the area within the cement blocks behind the storage container. Place small items in the barrels so it's easier for us to load it later. Clean scrap only, of course. No tires, refrigerators, air conditioners, etc. please!! We sent out 11 tons this spring so the area is clean and empty.

The Zagray Saw Mill

The carriage was re-aligned on the mill, but it looks like we may need to install some concrete piers to keep it consistently stabilized. Ed's sawdust removal device, fashioned after the unit that was on the mill, performed well, quite well. We had run it a few times prior to the show and worked out several issues so we were pretty confident. If anyone needs sawdust bedding we filled a dump truck at the show, so there is plenty to be had. Next show we'll use the Black dump truck that holds twice as much. The babbitt bearings on the saw arbor were getting hot and will require rework. Ed has a line on someone capable of doing this nearly lost art so that the mill is operational for the July show. The sawmill continues to be a major attraction at our shows, and a pleasure to watch and operate. We are cutting now for the siding needed for the drying shed project.

ITEMS NEEDED!!!!

There are always a few new items on our 'needed' list. Call Art at 982-5158, or Ned at 537-2252. The help in this area we've received in the past has been terrific! Thanks to all of you!

A 9 foot dump body for our yellow Ford dump truck (I think we have been offered one)
A grain wagon for harvesting the corn
Two track pads for our 1929 Universal Shovel
A pair of 6788 IH front wheel weights (fits A,B,C,H,M,W4,W6)
Steel 11 inch belt pulley for a Farmall H
A leaf blower for the saw mill area

PROJECTS

Some additional show posts around the pond and in the parking areas need to be added for additional vendor spaces and to guide the spectators in where to park.

A complete refurbishment of the drying shed – see Andy Milardo to volunteer!

Carriage shed (near the machine shop) rebuilding.

Repair and assembly of a bleacher set for the sawmill.

Sawmill framework painting.

Lighting in the machine shop 'working' area

Another bleacher set or two for the Garden Tractor Pulling Pit

Fairbanks Morse engine pad

If you see something that needs doing, speak to one of us about it and your ideas to correct it. **This is your club, we need your input and assistance!**

FOR SALE !

Model 146 John Deere loader from our 2150 tractor (QVEA owned) \$750.00 . Call Dave @860-982-5163

TRACTORS & FARM EQUIPMENT FOR SALE TRACTORS

JOHN DEERE "L" circa 1940 \$2,500.00
Hand crank start.....No serial # plate..... Fluid in rear tires
RUNS WELL – GOOD CONDITION

JOHN DEERE # 40 circa 1953-55 \$3,500.00
Serial # 62751.....3 point hitch.....Standard front end
EXCELLENT CONDITION

FARM EQUIPMENT

HAY RAKE \$ 135.00
9 foot pin wheel, attaches to 3 point hitch

HAY RAKE \$ 150.00
Antique side delivery.....Needs new tires and frame work

SIDE DROP BALE CHUTE For hay baler	\$ 125.00
STATIONARY CORN CHOPPER On steel	\$ 175.00
TRACTOR HYDRAULIC LIFT LOADER With cables	\$ 75.00

CALL ED LAMB at 860-464-9970

BORROWED AND MISSING !

The saw mill area had three log tongs last fall. Somehow, we are missing two of them. I'm sure that they were borrowed to move some logs and tucked in someone's truck or garage inadvertently. If this rings a bell with you, call us and get them back home at your earliest opportunity.

LEGAL PROCEEDINGS UPDATE

On 30 June the Connecticut Superior Court in New London is scheduled to hold a hearing on the application for temporary injunction requested by the Colchester Fish and Game Club. This temporary injunction, if granted by the court, would prevent QVEA from mowing three quarters of the show field along with other restrictions that would severely impact QVEA's ability to hold antique machinery shows at the museum. The QVEA officers are preparing a strong presentation to convince the court not to grant this injunction.

MEETING DATES

I try to notify everyone I can just before each meeting but just incase I don't, here is a reminder of meeting dates. Meetings are held at the Colchester Town Hall with a BOD meeting at 6:30 and a general meeting at 7:30. Hope to see you there.

JUNE 29 – last meeting before July show

JULY 27
AUGUST 31
SEPTEMBER 28
OCTOBER 26
NOVEMBER 30
DECEMBER 28

MINUTES OF MEETING MAY 25, 2010

The meeting was called to order by President Ned Tewksbury with 20 members present. The secretary was absent so no minutes were read. Art Chester gave the treasurer's report. The May show was very successful due to the large attendance.

Ned discussed the show results, mentioning that parking was near capacity. It was noted that the country music group space needs to be upgraded and reserved by marking to assure its availability. Similar action may be need for the blacksmith group until a permanent site is established. More help is needed for parking or some sort of marking for better alignment is needed. Similar help is needed for vendor control.

Ned expressed concern about the hard use the saw mill is getting, considering its age. It was decided that the shaft journal bearings may need re-babbiting. Replacement with pillow blocks was not considered appropriate historically.

Donations received include: 4 telephone poles (which may have been left at the farm by mistake); a model A Ford dump truck in poor condition, a Fordson tractor in poor condition, several lawn tractors and a corn chopper with missing parts. Two large wood working tools are potential donations, a large planer and a joiner. Art Chester will check them out.

Dave McClary described a visit made to the Ledyard Up Down Saw Mill and the work in progress there. It was agreed that if QVEA had counter shafting or pulleys that might be needed by the Ledyard saw mill, these could be given to them if not needed by the machine shop.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 PM