



## A Historical Non-Profit Corporation NEWSLETTER

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### Swap Meet

The annual swap meet will be this Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, at the Brady Showgrounds. Everyone and everything is welcome. Admission is free, with a vendor fee of \$20.00. For information, contact Earl Haller, Dennis Ficken, or Bill Montgomery. Hopefully the weather will cooperate!

### Perry Brothers Blacksmith Shop

The Blacksmith Shop has been completed and is awaiting the equipment to be installed. The building is named after the Perry brothers, who were among the very first members of the Missouri River Valley Steam Engine Association. Stanley Perry was one of the Charter members of the club, which started in 1964. Stanley's brother, Charlie Perry, worked on the MKT railroad as an engineer until retirement, so he was very interested in steam engines. Charlie made a very nice contribution to our club, which enabled us to build the Blacksmith shop. Brother Jim Perry lived in Florida, and came to the show every year for his annual vacation to spend time with his brothers. For now this is all the history on the Perry brothers from Earl's memory. Earl plans to put together a story about the Perry brothers to have on display at the Blacksmith Shop.



### 2015 Association Tractor Raffle

Drawing is on Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>    Donation: \$1 each or 6 for \$5

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize: 1957 Farmall Cub w/ belly mower
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: Farmall 766 Pedal Tractor
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: Farmall 460 Toy Tractor
- 4<sup>th</sup> Prize: 2015 Brass Belt Buckle

The Rackers (Charlie & Carol/Nick & Rose) attend many swap meets, tractors shows, etc. to show the tractor and sell tickets. Proceeds from the Raffle are used for improvement of grounds and facilities. If you would like to buy tickets, please contact Carol Rackers at 573-690-7474 or Rose Rackers at 573-690-7307.



### Steam Engine

Ron and Carla Clark of Columbia, along with their sons, Waylon and Shane, recently joined the club. They are bringing to our show their 1908 Rumley Steam Engine that belonged to Carla's grandfather. It will become a resident engine of our show. They have some antique tractors to show as well. We welcome their family to our Club!

## **Red Power Roundup**

Roy Koirtyohann has been keeping us updated on our participation in the Roundup. Our part of the show involves the parking, transportation to the gates, and running the gates. We will be driving trams from the parking area to the visitor gates, and will have a tram from the gate to the show area. Anyone wishing to help with the gate, please contact Earl Haller, and anyone wanting to help with the trams, contact John Young. This event could generate quite a bit of revenue for our club, so your help is appreciated!

## **Other Business**

- If you have items to donate to the Small Tool Museum, please contact Earl Haller or Charlie Rackers.
- The Association purchased an Allis-Chalmers CA and attachment. The attachments will be sold at the Swap Meet in May and tractor will be the 2016 raffle tractor.
- John Koechner has donated a grain drill and blacksmith grind stone.
- Michael King has donated 501B Little Giant trip hammer for the Blacksmith shop.
- New John Deere building is being built next to the Blacksmith shop.
- Allis-Chalmers building will be built across the drive from the John Deere building.
- Ferris Pfeiffer has the stationary Skinner steam engine running on air and plans are being made to install a boiler behind the Big Engine shed to power it. Should be a neat addition to our show.
- Dean Thiemann has the church looking good, but could use some help completing a few items.
- Nick Rackers has been working on getting a new PA system for the grounds. Once completed, it will give us better coverage over the entire grounds and allow us to keep the spectators informed of events happening around the grounds.
- Plans are still being considered for a new gas engine pavilion. The current low bid for the 50'x64' building is \$15,000. This would be a 50' clear span with gutters and downspouts. The Board is concerned about funding and wants to look at cheaper options, as well as trying to get funds donated by the gas engine exhibitors. Mr. Clarence Lammers, a long-time member has generously pledged \$500 to get the project rolling.
- Dennis reported that the Feature tractor for 2018 will be Case, and for 2019, the Minneapolis-Moline National show will be held in conjunction with our show.

## **Important Dates:**

June 10-13, 2015 – National Red Power Roundup at Missouri State Fairgrounds, Sedalia  
2015 Fall Show – September 10–13, 2015. Brady Show Grounds featuring International Harvester  
2016 Fall Show – September 8–11, 2016 - Gathering of the Orange – Brady Show Grounds

## **Officers and Board Members:**

For a listing of the Officers and Board Members, please visit the Association website at [www.mrvsea.com](http://www.mrvsea.com)

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