



A Historical Non-Profit Corporation

NEWSLETTER

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ATTENTION: The regular membership meeting for the month of June will be held on Saturday, June 3, 2017 at the Brady showgrounds, in lieu of Thursday night, June 1st. This meeting will be in conjunction with a scheduled work day on the showgrounds. Look further in this newsletter for details on the work day. There will be a lunch at noon, meat and drink provided, and everyone that will be coming is asked to bring a covered dish or two. Also, bring your table service. The meeting will follow at 1:00pm. During the morning, if you are present and will be staying for lunch, there will be a sign up sheet in the store building, so we can plan on how much meat to purchase.

MEMO FROM THE MRVSEA PRESIDENT: Our Association is on the move. As many of you know, the Board approved the formation of a Long-Range Planning Committee, complete with dedicated volunteers who have spent many endless hours looking down the road for improvements to our showgrounds. This Committee has met several times, and the Association Board and membership look forward to hearing from them. There have been some planning committee guidelines that have been accepted and approved by the Board of Directors.

There are several areas of the Association that need additional help during the fall show. If you are willing to help for a short amount of time every day, or want to help all day, any day, give me a call @ (660) 888-9412. You are needed and vital to our Association, and we value your dedication as a member. If you haven't been called upon to help, don't think we don't need you, because we do. As our show grows, so does the demand on those who are already working. Thank you in advance for considering a position during the show. It takes our whole organization to put on the show from year to year.

I want to thank all those who continually put many hours in making our showgrounds look so manicured. The showgrounds look great.

WORK DAY-JUNE 3, 2017: There is enough work for everyone that comes to work day. Items to bring to work day include: chain saws, wood splitters, wire brushes, paint brushes, hand saws, drills, wrenches, weed eaters, lawn mowers, rakes, tree trimmers, etc. There is so much work that could be done that this newsletter wouldn't allow the space to print it. A few items that I know that come to mind are: the slab pile at the saw mill from last year's show needs cut up, as well as a lot of wood chunks over by the tobacco barn that need cut up and split up. There is a lot of general cleaning up that could be done on the whole south perimeter of the showgrounds. There is a lot of lumber that needs to be bolted down to the freshly painted bleachers. This requires drilling through metal/lumber, so bring drills if this is your area of work. There is a lot of weed eating that could be done in a lot of areas. There is also a lot of other projects that you could work on, and if you think you can make work day, **Marshall Patton (660) 537-4755 and Richard Rackers (573) 680-1492 are the work-day chairmen.** If you need something to work on, they will be able to help you find a project that needs to be done.

SHOW FLYERS : 2017 show flyers are available at the meetings, or stop by Mo River Tire and pick some up from Dennis Ficken.

MEMBERSHIP DUES: Membership dues for 2017 are past due. The by-laws state that annual dues should be paid before or on the first of January each year, and will become delinquent after the March membership meeting. So if you have not paid your membership dues, no time is like the present. Dues are \$20.00 per family, which includes husband and wife, and children under age 12. Thank you in advance for keeping your organizational membership current. Dues can be mailed to Dennis Ficken, Mo River Tire Co., I-70 & Hwy 179, Boonville, MO 65233

EXCERPTS FROM THE LAST STEAM ENGINE SHOW:

HORSE AREA: The draft horse people did not let the weather interfere with having a good time while doing as many activities as possible. There were 22 head of horses on Saturday, representing several different breeds. Many teamsters stayed from Wednesday before the show through show day on Sunday. Horses came from Warrensburg, Sibley, Independence, Sullivan, St. Joseph, Harrisburg, and Troy, Missouri, and one team from Iowa.

On Sunday, the pulling track was dry enough to hold our friendly competition of log skidding, obstacle course, and the feed team race. There was a nice crowd present to see the show horses at work. Hopefully, the horses will be able to plow and thresh at this year's show. Thanks to all the horse people that participated in the daily parades.

A new pipe hitching post was installed around the windmill before the show, and plans are made to update the inside of the horse barn to make better use of the space. Many thanks to all who helped with the horse activities.

.....Respectfully submitted by Mike Holder, Horse Activities Chairman

BRADY HOUSE: Christmas in September, that is what you were treated to if you visited the Brady House during the 2016 steam engine show. As you entered through the wreathed door, you heard soft Christmas carols and saw the wooden stairway banister draped with greenery, red ribbons and bows. Upon entering the parlor, there was a cedar tree trimmed with strings of popcorn, candles clipped to branches, old or handmade ornaments, candy canes and a garland chain of colored paper.

Beneath the tree were old time gifts, an old iron tractor, a stuff rag-doll, a handmade cradle with a baby doll and other antique toys. Christmas themed quilts hung on the doors and over the back of the sofa. When you stepped into the kitchen, you could almost smell the fresh baked cookies, fruit-filled stolen and gum drop cake. Next to the pink lemonade stood a white feather tree which was especially popular in the 1940-1950's. So if you didn't step inside the Brady house, this is what you missed.

The theme for the Brady house this year is a patriotic theme. Be sure to come and see it! There is no charge for the house tour, but donations are appreciated and much needed for the house's upkeep.

.....Respectfully submitted by Betty Bruns

Earl Haller
MRVSEA President