



A Historical Non-Profit Corporation NEWSLETTER

July 2015

Time Change for Membership Meetings

Membership meetings, held the first Thursday of the month, will now begin at **7:00 p.m.** The next meeting is **Thursday, August 6th**.

Activities on the Showgrounds

- John Deere building is nearing completion and is really a show-piece for our Association.
- Nick Rackers and crew have been working on the drainage problem on the road leading to the homes behind our grounds and making headway on solving the problem.
- Dean Thiemann has made good progress on the church and it is really looking good.
- Marshall Patton has been spending a lot of time mowing the grounds and keeping them looking nice.
- John Cave built some storage shelves in the Country Store.
- Earl Haller and his brother, Harold, along with others, managed to get the wheat cut and shocked.
- Earl has been doing a lot of spraying of weeds around the grounds



Billy Meyer planting corn on Tuesday,
May 19, 2015

Despite the weather, there has been much work done by members whose names and accomplishments have not been reported. THANKS to all who have been working hard on improvements and upkeep of our grounds.

Help Needed

As you can see, there is always work to be done just to maintain the grounds and, most certainly, to make improvements to the grounds. And then there's the show! It definitely takes a lot of hardworking individuals to have a successful show, and that time will be here soon!

If you are able to assist with the show in any way, please let any of the officers or board members know of your interest. **Saturday following the membership meetings are scheduled workdays on the grounds.**

The ladies who give tours of the Brady house could use help so if you are interested, please contact Barb Wyss.

Red Power Roundup

The Red Power Roundup is now behind us and was very successful. That success was made better by the participation and help from members of our organization. Though small in number, those members worked very hard and, hopefully, the Association will be rewarded very well financially although we don't anticipate receiving a full accounting of proceeds until late this year or possibly even early next year. The Association is to receive 20% of the net profit for our work at the Roundup.

Gas Engine Pavilion/Shelter

The Board approved the building of a pavilion/shelter for the gas engines and construction should start in August. It will be a 50x60x10 pole shed, open on all sides, with white roof and trim. With the shelter, we are hoping to attract more engine displays and, hopefully, some new members. It is anticipated the shelter will be completed for show time.

We have had a generous monetary donation toward funding this project, but could use help with others costs, such as gravel for the floor, and possibly lighting, water, etc. If you are interested in assisting in this endeavor in any way, please contact Bob Painter or Earl Haller.

Small Tool Museum

We are still in need of items for the Small Tool Museum, and if you have any items to donate or need more information, please contact Charlie Rackers or Earl Haller.

Condolences

Our sympathy to the family of Larry Holder, who passed away July 16, 2015. Larry was a long-time member of the Association and brother of Mike Holder. Please remember the Holder family in your thoughts and prayers.

Important Dates:

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

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