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NEWSLETTER

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President's Corner

Membership Dinner

****THERE WILL BE NOT BE A MEMBERSHIP MEETING ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3rd****

The **Annual Membership Dinner** will be on **Saturday evening, November 5th, 2016**, at 6:00pm at the Wooldridge Community Center in Wooldridge, Mo. We are having a carry-in meal and every member should bring a covered dish, or two, along with their table service. The Association will furnish the meat and drinks. I hope everyone can make it. We are also having a gift exchange at the supper and, if you would like to participate, bring a gift, preferably wrapped, costing no more than \$10.00.

Election of Officers and Board Members

At the October membership meeting, a Nominating Committee was appointed to solicit persons for the upcoming election of all officers and two board members in December. The Nominating Committee is chaired by Miles Wolfe and committee members include Dennis Ficken, Ferris Pfeiffer, and Kee Groshong. There are two board seats available this year - John Young's and John Thompson's board terms are expiring. Any member who is interested in an officer position (president, vice-president, secretary or treasurer) or board member needs to contact a member of the Nominating Committee and let them know. Election will be at the monthly membership meeting on Thursday, December 1, 2016.

Membership Dues

Membership dues for 2017 should be paid now. The by-laws state that annual dues should be paid before or on January 1st of each year, and will become delinquent after the March membership meeting. So if you haven't paid your membership dues, please do so. Due are \$20.00 per family, which includes husband and wife, and children under age 12.

2017 Feature Tractor

The feature for the 2017 show is "Oddballs and Lessor Knowns," and the feature chairmen are Miles Wolfe and Ron Eggen.

2016 Show Report

The 2016 MRVSEA show featuring the "Gathering of the Orange" turned out to be a very good show - despite the rainy weather and mud. Attendance records rival the best of the shows and if the tractor pulls hadn't been cancelled, I believe we could have broken attendance records. The original owner of our show grounds, Mr. Arnold Brady, was smiling down on our show this year, because he was a true AC farmer and collector.

The AC feature chairpersons, namely Danny Friedrich and Ron Eggen, would like to thank all MRVSEA and MOACCLUB members who helped in any way in hosting the 2016 Gathering of the Orange. There were over 335 AC tractors on display, including some very rare tractors, two of which came over 2,100 miles, from the state of Washington. In addition to all our exhibitors who displayed tractors at our show, we also want to extend a big "Thank You" to David Backer, of Wise Brothers Implement, Sydenstricker, Crown Power, and Henderson Implement for supplying Gators and people hauler tractors. These major show supporters help us get our spectators to, from, and around the show grounds during the show. Gary Friedrich displayed several old tractors used on his Dad's farm along with a restored 1964 Chevy pickup used in making service calls by Friedrich Implement, the last AC dealer in Boonville, MO. We heard it repeated numerous times by our spectators that we had an excellent show despite the weather card we had been dealt. With this new weather experience, we will be able to put on a show again in 2017 and beyond, regardless of the weather!

Our Hit and Miss engine part of the show was also deemed a success. There were around 130 engines on display, including an 8 hp horizontal monitor, owned by the Fred Stoecklein family. This engine is still operable and hadn't been to the show in 20 years. Many "Thanks" to a hit and miss engine exhibitor, "Moberly Bob," who spent most of his time during the show pulling out stuck vehicles and trailers. On Saturday during the show, the engine people hosted a noon meal enjoyed by their group. Bob Painter had T-shirts made for the exhibitors, and Charlie Wise furnished them with feature engine buttons. Also on Saturday, there was a group photo take of all the engine exhibitors, which has been done for a few years. These pictures can be viewed on SmokStak. You can also tell from the yearly pictures how the engine group is growing. Bob Painter says "Thank you" to all persons contributing to the success of the gas engine area and looks forward to next year's show.

Basically, our steam engine display was mostly a static display this year due to the weather. The Jumbo was pulled over to the rock crusher, and stayed there until it was dry enough for us to be in the parade on Sunday. The Avery engine was pulled over to the saw mill and stayed there until it went home. The Russell engine stayed on the threshing machine. I will report on other areas of this year's show in future newsletters

It takes all of you, and all of what our show has, to make it the huge success that it is. I want to say "Thank you" to each and every one of you who helped make this year's show a success. It takes all of us working together to pull off what we did.

Sincerely,

Earl Haller, President
Missouri River Valley Steam Engine Association