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WELCOME NEW AND RETURNING DIRECTORS – EXECUTIVE HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

2016 Banquet an Enjoyable Evening

Once again, all of those in attendance at our annual banquet had a great evening of fellowship and laughter. Our night began with a most delicious roast beef dinner and all of the trimmings, finishing with a great display of pies. If you couldn't make a decision as to which kind you wanted, you just took two pieces!

When our stomach's were full we sat back in relaxation and enjoyed the presentations. The trophies were presented to the recipients as listed in your previous newsletter. Three categories were listed without a corresponding recipient as the winners were to be kept a surprise until the banquet.

The Earl Rowe Trophy (a special award given to a club member for outstanding contributions to the club) was presented to Bill Vernon by President Wayne Lowdon. The Junior Achievement award was presented to Madison and Joshua Vernon by Ellen Hickson. Finally, the Scholarship Award was presented to Jake Hulse by Pat Abernethy.

As far as entertainment was concerned, there was plenty of activities to keep us occupied. Three

items were brought to be raffled off. The first draw was for a Paper Tole picture of a Cardinal Bird donated by Shirley Corbyn. The lucky winner was Grace Cook. The second draw was for a pair of hand carved wall units with two lamps donated by Fred Priest. These were won by Brenda Winch. The third draw was for a basket of homemade preserves donated by some of our members. The winner of this item was Leonard King. These three draws generated \$215.00.

Our auction was also a lot of fun. Thank you to President Wayne Lowdon, our auctioneer. The first item was a Tap Quilt made by Darlene Curran. This quilt consisted of T-Shirt pieces from 1979 and 1980. Included in the quilt was a piece of striped coveralls belonging to the late Ed Cooper and a greasy area from the late Dalt Curran's shirt. Bob Dike purchased the quilt for \$80.00. The second item was a wrench set donated by Anson McQuarrie, purchased by John Naismith for \$35.00. Our third and final item was a Raisin Pie (previously dropped on the floor) which was purchased by Ray Cook for \$17.00. These items raised a total of \$132.00.

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G.B.S.A.G.A.

Newsletter Update

I hope that the 2016 year was good to everyone. While it is nice to look back upon the events that took place, it is also nice to look forward at what lies ahead. For G.B.S.A.G.A., I think we can all agree that our 2016 show was a great success. Both the displays and spectator turnout were fantastic and the weather was on our side. With International Harvester our 2017 feature, I think we can expect another good show.

With this in mind, it is important that we all continue to improve upon our show, striving to perfect the show experience and the club itself for members, participants and spectators alike. Our Executive, Board of Directors, Chairpersons and Regular Members all have an important role to play. Keep our organization in mind and look for opportunities to further develop our show wherever possible. We're all in it together.

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During the banquet it was announced that Ken and Lois Sanderson were celebrating their 65th Wedding Anniversary. The couple was presented with a lovely bouquet of carnations.

Our fun draw was held as well. What a variety of items turned up! I do hope you were a winner. Our evening concluded with a glass of cold punch. "Thanks Pat", it was great to sit and reminisce about all of your stories from throughout the year (true or false).

Many thanks to one and all for attending and making for such a wonderful success.

- Secretary Shirley

Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting - September 2016

- Showcase purchased for the Feature Building - A beautiful piece of furniture to house our club trophies, as well as an assortment of dishes, etc. donated by the daughter of the late Stuart McLaughlin.
- Thanks to Bill Windsor for delivering the trophy case to our show grounds and to Darlene Curran for organizing the contents within the unit.
- A discussion was held regarding the Threshing Demonstration at our show. Some feel that it needs to be moved to a more centralized area for spectators to see.

Regular Meeting - October 2016

- The "Back Alley Cruisers" were back at our show grounds again to host their show.
- The club made a profit of \$710.00 from hosting the show. The French Fries were a huge hit.
- Longtime member Harold Longhurst announced his retirement from the pull track announcing stand. (Harold was presented with a card at our banquet by President Wayne Lowdon that was signed by many members)
- A plaque is being made and will be presented to Harold after its completion.
- It was suggested the Announcing Stand be named in Harold's honour.
- Congratulations to Ken & Lois Sanderson for celebrating their 65th Wedding Anniversary.
- Honourary Pins were presented to Ken Sanderson and Pat Abernethy.

All-Chairs Meeting - October 2016

- This meeting was Chaired by 2nd Vice Keith Williams.
- Two Directors and seven Chairperson's attended to discuss and recap the show.
- Many thanks to all the members and volunteers that helped at the gate checking for proof of insurance.
- A discussion was held regarding the OTTPA Pull. Despite the large sum of money expended to host the event, the club still struggles to place a true figure on the amount of income it generates.

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- There was only \$1000.00 in sponsors gathered this year.
- Shari-Lynn Dunn mentioned that the area inside the shed where the Loonie Draw is held and the shelves she uses for the draw are left a greasy, oily mess and hard to clean up for show time.
- Maybe some consideration could be taken by member using the shed throughout the year?
- Keith Dunn would like to see more activities down over the hill. (Let's make better use of the space)
- A suggestion was made to charge the Feature Club 5-10% if selling memorabilia during the show. (Fred Priest will attend the December Director's Meeting and ask for approval).
- The Advertising Booklet has generated a great profit for the club. This past year the book generated \$7177.39. Thanks to Fred and Ellen and anyone else involved for collecting and preparing ads, write ups, etc.
- There was no public supper served this year, however a supper was served from our kitchen. With lots of help from volunteers, a supper was served that generated a profit of \$1639.29.
- Them Birthday's do roll around. Thank you to Grace Cook for supplying the Birthday Cake at the October Regular Meeting.

All Club's Meeting

- An "All Club's Meeting" was held on October 22nd in Milton. Pat Abernethy and Shirley Corbyn attended on behalf of the G.B.S.A.G.A.
- Approximately 20 club's were in attendance.
- Several issues were discussed, one of which was attracting volunteers. It seems that all club's have a lack of volunteer's.
- Another big topic was revenue generation. Beside's admission some club's raffle tickets for a tractor, have Loonie Draw's, a hot supper, etc.
- The meeting was very informative and was worth attending.

November Regular Meeting

- Multiple members received Honourary Pins, including Pat Abernethy, Ernie Parker, and Ken Sanderson.
- The following individuals were elected for three year terms as Directors: Shirley Corbyn, Murray Ross,

Gordon McQuarrie and Heather Frampton.

- We are sorry to hear that Fred Richardson and Murray VanRassel were involved in an accident. Hopefully the two of them are feeling better.

ATTENTION **Membership Fee's Past Due!**

Are you 70+ years old and been a member in good standing for 10 years or more? If you have answered yes to these two questions you qualify as an "Honourary Member". Contact Membership Chair Eileen Stephens and have your membership status updated.

For all of our other members, please do not forget to pay your annual membership fee! Your membership must be paid in order to continue receiving your newsletter and your ribbons for the upcoming show.

If you have any concerns Membership Chair Eileen Stephens can be reached by phone at 705-252-3235. Otherwise, please send your information, accompanied with a cheque by mail to:

Eileen Stephens
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- Thank-you.

Important Upcoming Dates

All regular meetings for the 2017 year are scheduled for 8:00pm on the following dates: February 6th, March 6th, April 3rd, May 1st, June 5th, July 3rd, September 11th, October 2nd, November 6th & December 4th. All of the Regular Meetings will be held at the Bond Head Community Hall until further notice.

Directors Meetings for 2017 are scheduled for the following dates: January 9th, February 13th, March 13th, April 10th, May 8th, June 12th, July 10th, Show Weekend, September 18th, October 16th, November 13th & December 11th. The location and exact times for Directors Meetings will be given closer to the date.

Changes Being Made to Newsletter Delivery

After approximately eighteen months as Newsletter Editor I have come to realize a few logistical issues regarding our Newsletter that I intend to change, possibly by the time you are reading this. The changes being made will help to save myself time and effort and above all money for the club.

First off, I have made the decision to offer the newsletter available for pick-up at the monthly regular meetings. This has been done once before, but the practice was suspended eventually. Members may approach me at the meeting and sign for their Newsletter. Signing for the Newsletter will allow me to track which members have received their issue. The remainder will be mailed out afterwards.

Second, with the Newsletter's being longer and more in depth I have decided to scale the number of issues back from five to four, thereby making it quarterly. Instead of five issues that vary in size, members will receive four larger issues, every three months, the dates coinciding with the show. (December/January, March/April, June/July & September/October).

Finally, I hope to keep promoting the option of members receiving their Newsletter electronically. Approximately 285 Newsletters are mailed out at any given time, yet only 11 are received electronically. This would reduce the time, effort and costs involved in printing, filling and sealing envelopes, and postage. No one is obligated to make the switchover, it is simply an option.

As always, if anyone has any comments, questions or concerns regarding this matter please feel free to contact me. I am more than willing to discuss it with you.

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Obituaries

We are sorry to report the passing of Marilyn McGovern, August 31st/2016.

We are sorry to report the passing of long time member Ben Ponto, September 22nd/2016. Ben was a whopping 99-1/4 years young, a third of which (33 years) he spent as a member of our club. Ben will be greatly missed.

We are sorry to report the passing of Keith Ryckman, October 8th/2016.

We are sorry to report the passing of Bill Gleadall, October 21st/2016.

Our thoughts and prayers are with these individuals and their family.

Classified Advertisements

Are you a member with an item you wish to buy, sell or trade? Contact the Editor and have your advertisement placed here for free!

For Sale:

Wanted:

Looking for model Steam Engines and or related items for my collection.

Contact: Colin Chaplin (613) 968-5200

Early Minneapolis-Moline Literature, including sales catalogues, brochures, manuals, or other unique company collectibles. Twin City, Minneapolis Threshing Machine Co. and Moline Plow Co. preferred.

Contact: Jeff Blaney (905) 729-4461
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The Windrow

When a girl is 20 and sees a strange man she asks, "Who is he?". When she is 25 she asks, "What is he?". But, when she is 45, she asks, "For God's sake, where is he?".

Mrs. Caudle - Wake up Jeremiah, I do believe there is a man in the room!"

Mr. Caudle - "Yes dear, and he's trying his best to get a few winks of sleep. Goodnight!"