

***62 Years of Steam-O-Rama***  
***The Early American Steam Engine and***  
***Old Equipment Society***  
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**Newsletter**  
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**Executive Meetings 7:00 P.M.**

Feb. 5 March 5 April 2 May 7 June 4

**General Meetings 7:00 P.M**

Jan. 8 Feb. 12 March 12 April 9 May 14 June 11

**Important 2019 Dates:** Spring Fling Weekend May 3,4,and 5; and Steam-O-Rama October 3,4,5 and 6 .

ATTENTION-There will be only 2 newsletters again in 2019. This one in February with details of Spring Fling Weekend, and one in August with Steam-O-Rama details. HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OF THE SOCIETY FAMILY AND FRIENDS!!!!

**RECENT EVENTS-**

**Land Purchase-** After several years of trying, the EASE & OES was finally able to complete the purchase of the 1.25 acre Shue property which adjoins our other property to the east where there was formerly a farmhouse then a mobile home. Mr Shue passed away in September and the executors were ready to discuss the sale with us. Settlement was completed December 27. The property was neglected and overgrown since the fire that destroyed the mobile home several years ago. Our crews will begin work to clear the area of the garbage, brush, and overgrowth while deciding on a use for the area.

**2018 Steam-O-Rama-** The 33nd year at our own showgrounds and 61<sup>st</sup> show. After a summer full of rainy weekends and local flooding, we managed to pull off a pretty decent weekend show. There was still plenty of mud leftover from the numerous storms of the preceeding weeks, but for the most part the weather was dry and sunny. The parades and the pulls, and bands performed on schedule and a good time was had by all. The flea market was down by several vendors, but this seems to be a growing trend among many of the shows. Between ebay usage for instant parts and the aging of flea market vendors, there seems to be less and less people carrying on the trade and very few new vendors adding to the list. We hope this trend turns around, but that doesn't look to be very likely.

We would just like to say a great big **THANK YOU** to everyone who came to help set up early in the week, and those who stayed to participate in the show in any way. Entertainment, pulls, demonstrations, flea market, museum, and exhibits went on as planned. We thank ***The Moline Gold Collectors Association*** for their handling of the display in the feature building and beyond. The hill was full of other tractors on display, with gas engines also filling their usual area. It was great to see the parking lot full after several years of inclement weather keeping people away.

**Memberships-** At the present time the society has over 1200 members including over 500 life members. Nearly 75 life members have passed away in the twelve years since we started offering life memberships. Many children are included in family memberships. Membership runs from show to show and is open to anyone. Your mailing label includes the year in which your membership expires. If it says 2017, it means you did not pay dues for 2018. This will be your last newsletter. If it says 2018, it is good until the 2019 show starts, at that time you need to pay dues to get you in for the rest of the weekend and to continue to receive your newsletters. You can renew your membership by sending a check along with the form on the cover to the address listed. If you wish to receive your card, include a

**Self Addressed Stamped Envelope.** You can also renew at the Spring Fling Weekend, and of course at Steam-O-Rama. Membership renewals sent in during September will not receive a return card in the mail. If you have waited that long to renew, you will pick up your new card at Steam-O-Rama. There is not enough time in September to be bogged down sending out membership cards.

As reported in the last newsletter, as of January 1 2017, individual membership dues are \$10 per year, family memberships are \$20 per year and Life memberships are calculated on the decade you were born. eg. 1960's-\$60. The directors searched for a way to honor the life members who have passed away and there is now a large permanent plaque on display in the meeting room which lists the deceased life members and the year each one passed away. These are the deaths we know about. Some out-of-the-area deaths may not be recorded due to lack of notice. We appreciate the family members who have notified us and request that if you know of the passing of a life member, that you keep us in mind for notification.

## **2018 Raffle**

### **Prize Winners for 2017-**

- 1<sup>st</sup>- Minneapolis Moline Pedal Tractor-Sieara Lohss
- 2<sup>nd</sup>-Minneapolis Moline toy Crawler-Eric Cole
- 3<sup>rd</sup>-Minneapolis Moline Belt Buckle – Lester Werner
- 4<sup>th</sup>-Minneapolis Moline Collectibles- Nancy Hornburger
- 5<sup>th</sup>- Lancaster Farming Sub-Ken Bair
- 6<sup>th</sup>- Antique Power Sub.-Tara Henry
- 7<sup>th</sup>- Gas Engine Magazine Sub-Lauren Dieter
- 8<sup>th</sup>- Steam-O-Rama T Shirt-Kelly Nunamaker
- 9<sup>th</sup>- Steam-O-Rama Hat-Ron Wilson
- 10<sup>th</sup>-Steam-O-Rama Membership-Glenn Grim

**2018 Election of officers.** At the 2018 election of officers in November, it was moved and seconded to elect the slate of officers on the ballot for another year, so most officers have been reelected for 2019. The officers and directors are always looking for people interested in joining any of the working committees. Please let any director know if you would be interested in serving on a committee. If you or anyone you know is interested in holding an office, please have the names put into nomination before the November 2019 meeting for the consideration of the voting members present.

**Advertising Opportunities-** The 2019 advertising letters have been mailed, and additional applications are available to any interested parties. The brochure had 16 businesses paying \$100 each to have their business card on 12,000 brochures. We had 14 businesses paying \$50 each to have their card on 4000 tray mats that went on each food tray that left the kitchen. The tray mat includes the Steam-O-Rama schedule of events for the week. The gate brochure also includes the schedule of events and opens to a map of the showgrounds showing where all the scheduled events will take place. 16 businesses purchased advertising space on this brochure for \$50 each. You may have noticed that some of the sponsoring businesses advertised in more than one place, and we appreciate their continued support of our efforts. Of course, we no longer need raffle ticket sponsors, but we hope those loyal businesses will choose another type of support. In addition to printed advertisers, we also have sponsorships available for the York Fair, our tractor Pulls and our website. The full list of 2019 advertisers and sponsors will be included in the July Newsletter. This opportunity is available to anyone who would like to advertise, and forms are available from any board member or at the January or February meetings. Ad copy and payment are due by March 15, 2019.

**Construction on the grounds-** No new construction has been going on this year, mainly due to lack of funds. There are projects in the planning stages but will not be carried out until funds allow. Any ideas or concerns regarding our

property can be directed to Rich Sheidy, Leroy Sterner of Paul Fake to get details. The directors hope to use the memorial fund established in memory of Art May to remodel the stage area and create better handicap access to the display areas under the barn. Anyone wishing to donate to the memorial fund can send it to the PO Box 652 address. The obituary mistakenly listed our physical address and no mail is accepted at the showgrounds.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS-**

**2019 Spring Fling Weekend May 3, 4, and 5** -There are some big changes for 2019, so read carefully for details. **The Little Guys Tractor Club** will be presenting their 25th annual and last show in conjunction with The Spring Fling Weekend. Friday afternoon is the setup for the show with swap meet vendors and Little Guys exhibitors setting up just east of the pulling track. There will be no plowing or rototilling contests at this last show. They are featuring John Deere Lawn and Garden Equipment. Posters can be picked up at any meeting if you have any places they can be displayed. Please let people know what will be on display, and of course, you are invited to display your own engines, garden tractors, motorized pedal tractors, and related items. Garden tractor plowing and Rototilling will be held after the 2019 PA State Plowing Contest July 18, 19 and 20, 2019. Admission is free to everyone all weekend. **Old Fashioned Engine Show** will be held in its usual area all weekend. Badges will be given out to all engine exhibitors, this is not a membership badge event. You will need to display an engine or related item to get one. Full size tractors are not on display for this event. Hours are Friday and Saturday all day to 5:00 P.M., and Sunday to 3:00 P.M. Exhibitors are invited to set up with their trailer, truck, canopy, etc in the designated area. They can run their engines, swap parts, engines, etc., they are invited to attend the auction, consign items if they wish, and to have a good time all weekend .

**Yard Sale/ Flea Market** Friday and Saturday, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., and Sunday from 8:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. This is open to everyone, not just vendors or established sellers. It costs \$15.00 for a 20 ft. X 20 ft. space and all are corner spaces, so you have a full 40 linear feet of display space and 400 square feet of space to fill. You can sell anything you like on that space with few restrictions, like alcohol, firearms or pets. You can be set up all three days or any part of it. You can sell new items or crafts, but you need a tax number to do that. You do not need a tax number to sell your own belongings as yard sale items. The weekend has already been advertised in the show guides and will be listed in the local papers and Lancaster Farming. You can acquire forms at any meeting, from our website, or by calling Rich and Trudy Reichard at 717-235-1353.

**Consignment Auction** will be held all day Friday through the evening and Saturday as usual. Friday at 8:30 AM our volunteer auctioneers will begin selling items from the estates of the late Chuck Noonan and the late Art May. Chuck's estate includes lots of Case tractors, equipment, parts, and personal items. Chuck's Toys and Literature will be sold March 2 at the York Expo Center. Art's tractors include Graham Bradley, Cockshutt, Handy Man and others, and we will also be selling parts, accessories, toys and some literature. After a break in the selling we will have our usual 5:30 P.M auction where we will be selling plants, collectibles, literature, toys and small items of value. Last year we had some collectible household items and lots of spring annuals and flower garden items, and we will have some similar items again this year, so it's not all farm equipment. Saturday at 8:30 A.M. we will begin with the wagons full of small items and continue with the outside farm items. Gas Engines and related items usually start between 11:30 and 12:00 noon, with tractors following soon after. A full sale bill will be available April 1, with advertising in local papers, Lancaster Farming, and pictures are available on AuctionZip and at conleyauctions@yahoo.com. Most items are available for preview throughout the week all day until early evening. The sale is usually over by 3:00 P.M. Contracts are available at any time, and you can get one by calling Charles Stillinger, or Sue Knaub.

We need to get these items advertised to attract buyers. The week of the sale is too late to find out what is coming. PLEASE call for a contract, or at least to report what you will be bringing so we can get the advertising in. **The DEADLINE FOR ADVERTISING IS SUNDAY APRIL 21, 2019.** The sale terms are as follows. Total sales up to

\$100 will be charged 20% commission; \$101 to \$1000 will be 15%; \$1001 to \$2500 will be charged 10%; and over \$2501 will be 8%. If the total of the items you consigned with the commission subtracted is less than \$5.00, no check will be issued and the amount will be considered a donation to the society. All checks will be mailed approximately 2 weeks after the sale, which gives all auction checks time to clear the banks. You are encouraged to bring anything you wish to sell and get it out there to the public. Reserved bids may be placed on large items such as tractors or engines, but the best plan is to be there to make sure you get what you want for your items. Sale items may be brought to the showgrounds on Saturday, April 27 by appointment only; Monday April 29 thru Thursday May 2 from 8 AM to 7 PM, and Friday May 3 from 8:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. for evening sale and until 7:00 P.M. for Saturday sale. The earlier items are on display, the more potential bidders can see what will be available at the auction, so get your items signed in early. There will be people sleeping at the showgrounds all week, but security will only be on patrol all night Friday. Make sure you fill out a consignor's contract and have a copy to take with you. You will receive another copy with your check along with the clerk cards showing what was bid for your items. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask. If you have any items you wish to donate to the society to sell, you will receive a copy of the clerk card if you wish to claim it as a donation. We are a registered non-profit organization and any donations are tax deductible. Over the years we have had quite a number of large and small items donated for the proceeds to go to the society and are used to support a variety of community efforts from the 4 H clubs and local charities and families in need. We appreciate these donations very much. There are several tractors and many small items already consigned. There are also several yard sale spaces contracted.

**We are truly desperate for help-** We have always been shorthanded in the meeting room with sale registration, sorting clerk cards and clerking the sale. This is a sit down job in the warm and dry and you can stay all day or whatever time you might have. We need several good people for these jobs. Please talk to Dannielle, or Sue if you can help for a few hours or all day. We know we will be short on people because of selling all day Friday as well as Saturday.. Please step up and lend your support to the society.

**The Kitchen** will open Friday and Saturday at 7:30 A.M. for breakfast sandwiches and drinks and remain open until the sale and yard sale and engine show are over. Saturday and Sunday the trailer will be open at the track during the hours of weighing and pulling. More info on Kitchen activities follows. Workers preparing for the sale on Monday thru Friday will be served lunch and supper as needed. Menu will depend on the weather.

**Kitchen Preparation-** Wednesday, April 17 beginning about 8:30 A.M., we will be cooking bones for fall pan haus and working to ready the auction room and wagons for sale week. Wednesday April 24, we will also be cooking bones and making broth for fall pan haus. Lunch will be provided both days and we will be finished around 1:00. Monday April 29 we will be cleaning the trailer and working under the barn and in the kitchen to get ready for the Spring Fling Weekend and we will be accepting consignment items. Tuesday April 30 is a day off for kitchen help, but lunch and dinner will be supplied for anyone working. Wednesday, May 1 we will be cooking any last bones for the fall and making sausage patties. Thursday morning we will be preparing other items for the sale, cleaning up and preparing for the sale weekend. On prep days we will be finished with most work by 1:00. Friday and Saturday we will be open all day until activities are over. The trailer will be at the pulling track as stated above and help is needed for all three days. Any help at either of these locations will be greatly appreciated. Anyone wishing to donate pies or cakes for the weekend should bring them, through the week and mark containers for return. Lunch will be provided for kitchen and sale workers, any donations to the menu will be greatly appreciated. As with any activity at the showgrounds, kitchen help is desperately needed and appreciated. An hour or all day, we are grateful for any time you can give to the society. We're hoping for great weather and plenty of people this year. Hope to see you there.

**Work Parties and Projects- A Specific Schedule follows** Monday work parties will be starting as the weather allows. The crew starts work most Mondays about 9:00 AM and welcome anyone willing to lend a hand. Mowing and yard work continue throughout the spring and summer, and now we have the new lot to clear and maintain. .

Any storm or snow damage to buildings and grounds will be assessed and plans made for repairs. The best course of action to give suggestions and volunteer your time, is to attend monthly meetings listed at the beginning of the newsletter. .

**FOR SALE:** The society has several pallets of 12” block for sale. If you have any interest in obtaining block for a project you may be working on, please contact any director for further information. Numbers and prices can be discussed at that time.

**E.A.S.E.&O.E.S Financial Information-** Each January, the Officer and Directors are given a detailed account of the Society’s financial standing, and the same is presented at the January general meeting. As a member, you are entitled to the report if you want. An annual copy can be obtained from Sue Knaub at any time. 2015 and 2016 were not good years mostly due to the fact that Steam-O-Rama came up about \$60,000 less than usual, and we still have our credit line with a sizable balance, but we work at paying on that each month. Good 2017 and 2018 show helped pay some debt, but now we have the new lot purchase to pay for also. No big projects are in the works at the present time as we continue to pay monthly bills and hope for a great show for 2019.

**Newsletters and Mailings-** Even though we use Bulk Rate postage, our costs for printing and mailing newsletters stays high. We have been collecting email addresses for several years in preparation for using them to distribute newsletters to any members willing to receive them in this manner. This year that newsletters are being emailed to members who have supplied their email address to us. There are still some glitches to be ironed out as not all computers play well together. If you are not already on the list, now is your chance to save the society time and money. If you are willing to receive your newsletter via email, you need to notify us of that fact by emailing your reply to [steamorama@aol.com](mailto:steamorama@aol.com) as soon as possible. This way we can compile a list to use. You can also download your newsletter from the website, [www.steamoramapa.com](http://www.steamoramapa.com) if you would rather do it that way, but you need to let us know that you plan to do that. If you do not wish to receive a newsletter at all, you can make that notation when you pay your dues and we will no longer send one out to you.

**Public Sales-** In addition to our Spring Fling weekend sales, we have 2 additional public sales scheduled at this time. The first is also going to be held at the showgrounds for the estate of **Clair Rexroth** on Saturday, April 13. The sale includes several IH tractors, farm equipment, tools and some small items and toys. Literature and other small items will be sold at the York Expo Center at a later date. The second sale is for **Wolf Farms** in Stewartstown on Wednesday March 20. Rentzel’s Auction Service is conducting both auctions and details are posted on their Website. We thank Dave Conley for his continued support of our Society through his volunteer efforts at our Consignment Auction and Short auction at Steam-O-Rama, and for allowing us to serve the food at his on site auctions as they become available.

**Thank You’s and Concerns-** Our Thanks to all who helped make 2018 Steam-O-Rama a success, whether as a volunteer, vendor, exhibitor, or attendee. It wouldn’t be possible without everyone working together in some capacity or another. Additional Thanks to the many organizations who help support our cause by offering special services at Steam-O-Rama including The South Central PA Cattlemen Assoc., The Eastern York Rec Commission, Eastern York HS FFA, and others. I am sorry if I missed anyone, just know how much we appreciate your continued support. Our **Sympathy** to the families of Life Members Gene Waltemeyer, Lois Ludwig, and John Freeland, and Clair Rexroth all long time members. In addition we lost Life Members Art May, a dedicated and talented machinist who repaired many society items over the years, and was ever present at any event to lend a hand. He will be missed by many members for his advice and help. We also lost Chuck Noonan, Life Member and former Director. Chuck was

an avid Case collector and talented plowman, having entered and won plowing contests all over the world. As mentioned above, we will be selling the estate items of both Art and Chuck at the Spring Fling Weekend. Our sympathy also to Life Member Tom Vinup on the recent death of his wife Patricia. Additional **Sympathy** is offered to the family and friends of Donald Sunday, a volunteer with the Cattlemen stand at Steam-O-Rama, who suffered an attack and died at their stand during our recent show. The Society voted to donate our 2018 church offering to the York County 4H Endowment Fund in his memory.

## FIRST HALF WORK SCHEDULE

Meeting dates are available on page 1.

Wednesday, **April 17**- 8:00 A.M.-Kitchen Prep. Bones for Pan Haus, soup, etc., lunch provided

Sunday, **April 21**- Deadline for advertising auction items

Wednesday, **April 24**-8:30 A.M.-Kitchen Prep. Bones, soup, etc., lunch provided

Saturday, **April 27**- consignment items accepted by appointment, Monday, **April 29**-8:00 A.M.

Begin accepting consignment sale items, cleanup and maintenance for sale, mowing if necessary, kitchen prep work lunch and supper provided for workers

Tuesday, **April 30** consignment items all day, lunch and supper as needed.7:00 PM Executive Meeting under the barn.

Wednesday, **May 1**-8:00A.M. Consignments accepted, kitchen work.11:00 A.M. Sausage Patties lunch and supper provided for workers

Thursday, **May 2**-8:00 A.M. Consignments accepted, baking for weekend, all areas ready for sale, meeting room preparation for clerks, lunch and supper provided for workers.

Friday, **May 3** -8:30 AM, Feature Building, auction of items from estates of Chuck Noonan and Art May. 5:30 PM auction of bedding and decorative plants, and small items and collectibles.

Yard Sale/ Flea Market and Gas Engine show all day. Kitchen open all day

Saturday **May 4**-8:30 AM Auctions of wagon loads of tools, collectibles, lawn and garden items, gas engines, tractors and equipment. **Little Guys Show** all day, Garden Tractor Pulls weigh-in starts at 1 PM , pull at 2 PM. Gas Engine show, Yard Sale/ Flea Market all day. Kitchen and Trailer open throughout pull.

Sunday, **May 5**- 8:30 A.M. Engine show and Yard Sale starts, fun tractor pull, weigh in 8:30 AM and pull starts at 11 AM, trailer open for breakfast sandwiches and lunch throughout afternoon

Monday, **May 6**-8:30 A.M. Cleanup from Weekend

Tuesday –**May 7**-7:00 PM–Executive Meeting

Tuesday, **May 14**-7:00 PM General Meeting

Tuesday-**June 4**-7:00 PM Executive Meeting

Tuesday, **June 11**- 7:00PM General Meeting followed by Strawberries and Ice Cream Social

Tuesday, **July 2**- 7:00 PM Executive Meeting

Tuesday, **July 9** – 7:00 PM General Meeting

