

63 Years of Steam-O-Rama **The Early American Steam Engine And Old Equipment Society** *Newsletter*

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Executive Meetings- 7:00 P.M.

August 4 September 1 October 6
November 3 December 1

General Meetings-7:00 P.M.

August 11 September 8 October 13
November 10 December 8

Work sessions every Monday and selected dates listed below.

Important dates: Steam-O-Rama- October 1 to 4; Election of Officers- November 10; Christmas Party- December 8 following meeting. A list of dates and jobs for posting on your calendar is at the end of the newsletter.

RECENT EVENTS-

2020 Spring Fling Weekend -DID NOT HAPPEN, as did nothing else since the 13th of March. We will attempt to list details of what we hope will happen during the second half of 2020, both nothing is certain as we write this and the Virus is still running rampant.

The Society's biggest problem at the current time is that we are broke. There are no funds to pay utilities, insurances, to buy gas for the mowers. There is nothing there because we have not had any events to raise the funds to pay the bills. And we are not eligible for government funds because we have no payroll. So we are begging our members:

If you can pay your 2020 dues, please do so at your earliest convenience and don't wait till October. Be sure to include a self addressed stamped envelope for your membership card. Some memberships were not recorded at last year's Steam-O-Rama and the January Newsletter had a number of bad notices. This has been fixed, but just to be sure, please note your current membership year as shown on your card when you fill out the form.

We have received donations in various forms and amounts over the last five months and all of them have been very much appreciated. If there is anyone out there who is considering a donation to the society, now is the time to do that. Any amount would be greatly appreciated. We are planning several events over the next two months, but that could all be canceled if the Virus keeps erupting

CURRENT EVENTS

2020 Raffle Tickets- More information later, but there will be no tickets sold this year.

Public Sales- We had one public sale in June at our showgrounds for Auctioneer Andy Grothe. It was well attended and things sold well. Andy will be having another sale on September 19. At the present time we do not know what all will be sold, watch for details on Auction Zip.

Work Parties - have been held every Monday during the summer weeks as we prepare the buildings and grounds for the fall event. Most Mondays Paul Fake, Russ Hoffman, Leroy Sterner, Rich Jackson and Rich Sheidy, Dale Waltmyer, Tom Vinup, Chuck Sanders and Harvey Campbell have been working at the showgrounds. They have been working on general maintenance, weed control and mowing. Starting after Labor Day, each Monday we will be cleaning out, sweeping up, and preparing for our event. Please let us know if you can lend a hand.

Memorial Picnic Tables and Benches- are still available for dedication. As of now, 1 bench and a few tables and 2 children's benches are available. After these have all been dedicated, the executive committee will decide if more need to be purchased. Benches, both adult and child sizes are \$50 each, and tables are \$100 each. We have dedicated 25 tables, 51 full size benches and 3 children's benches. The plaque can say anything you want. Any officer or director can accept your dedication and make sure you get a form to fill out for your plaque.

UPCOMING EVENTS-

2020 York Fair- We will no longer be attending the York Fair, and it has been cancelled for 2020.

2020 Steam & Tumble- A once in a lifetime event (we hope) Most of the shows in the region have been canceled through the end of the year. No shows. No pulls. No flea markets. So our steam engine guys, and a bunch from Rough & Tumble and some from Tuckahoe MD and several other shows have put their heads together to host an event on August 13, 14, 15 and 16. We will be having Steam Engines, gas engines, tractors and garden tractors some flea market and plenty of good food. It will be held primarily in the area surrounding the pulling track and sawmill. This is a chance to get out and do some displaying, pulling, swapping and eating. We will be following state mandated guidelines for masks and social distancing. There will be no benches and tables where people could congregate. You must bring your own lawn chairs and a folding table if you want them Also EZ Ups to create shade for your group. We will attempt to provide hand washing areas and you can bring your own sanitizers.

Thursday August 13 will be a set up day with the usual unloading and placement of equipment. Registration will be open for the usual purposes. There will not be plaques or badges given out. Remember we are BROKE. All food will be served from the trailer. The usual Steam-O-Rama kitchen will not be open.

Friday August 14 there will be steam engines running all day and gas engines putt putting away. There will be an antique tractor pull Friday evening with weigh in starting at 3 and pulling starting at 5. Hook fee will be \$10 per hook Anyone can pull in this event. Food will be served all day from the trailer.

Saturday August 15 will see Competitive Garden Tractor Pulling all day. This is not an open pull and there will be two sessions, the first starting weigh in at 11 and pull at noon with the second session to follow. Hook fee will be \$15 and purses will be paid.

The Steam and gas engines will all be working all day and food will be served all day and evening.

Sunday August 16 will be the usual tear down, clean up and go home. For the most part, the show will be over by about 2. And hopefully everyone will have had a good time and a safe time.

Admission will be by donation to benefit the society and help make Steam-O-Rama possible So spread the word and come on down for a little much needed recreation.

For general information and flea market call Sue Knaub at 717.244.1912 or 717.309.6644 For pull info call Jeff Leader at 717.887.0196.

2020 Steam-O-Rama plans are progressing well but it will not be the show we all know and love. Some obvious changes will be:

2020 will be featureless. Our Ford feature will be moved to 2021 and hopefully we will have a full year of shows where we can sell raffle tickets on our Ford pedal tractor and full slate of prizes.

The 2020 Gravely Mow-In will also be switched to 2021

There will be no bands performing every evening as there is not enough room for social distancing under the barn. Picnic tables will be set up all over the yard so that people can keep their distance from each other, buy their food and small groups can occupy a table away from other groups.

There are a few other decisions that will be need to be made and we are working on those details. Flea Market will probably be smaller but there is plenty of room for distancing. Kiddie rides and the people mover are under discussion.

Kitchen prep will be similar to other years, but we already know we will be VERY short staffed because of the lack of volunteers who will be there. As usual, much work has yet to be done. We have scheduled a couple of work days in the weeks before the show to take up the slack and create a less hectic pace during show week. On Wednesday, September 9 starting at about 8:30 we will be making chicken corn soup and ham bean soup. On September 16 starting about 8:30 AM beef vegetable soup. On September 25 starting at midnight we will be making a kettle of apple butter. There will be additional inside and outside jobs available each day. Inside we will be finishing any kitchen cleaning chores. We will be washing jars for the all the apple butter, all kitchen

cleanup will be completed. We will be working on outside table and bench cleaning and some placement. We will be putting the stage area in order, cleaning the tray holders and picnic tables, cleaning and arranging the kitchen etc. We will be finished each day by about 1:00 and lunch will be available for everyone and any **Food Donations** to the meals are always gratefully accepted. There are always jobs to be done, and doing a couple of half days before show week makes things a lot easier as we get closer to show time. Please consider offering help at any or all of the above days to help make everyone's job a little easier.

During that last weekend before the show there are also jobs available to be done and if your weekdays are full and you can stop by during Saturday and Sunday September 26 and 27, someone can give you a job. Lunch is available to anyone working on show preparation.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, September 28,29, and 30, we will be doing much kitchen preparation, and we will be cooking for the show and for workers meals on all three days. These are three days of work preparing the food for the show. Jobs on these days include chopping onions, eggs, and potatoes; wrapping brownies, cookies and Rice Krispie treats. Work areas are prepared and stocked. We need all the help we can get- **Many Hands Make Light Work!!!!** If we don't have additional volunteers to cover this work the kitchen can not operate. Many of the jobs do not necessitate dealing with customers and serving food, although we also need help in those areas also. It isn't possible to plea loud enough in a printed newsletter. I know that because I have been trying to do it for 30 years. But hear this plea **WE NEED HELP ALL THE DAYS OF STEAM-O-RAMA AND PREP DAYS BEFORE AND CLEAN-UP AFTER. PLEASE ! PLEASE ! PLEASE ! CONSIDER OFFERING YOUR TIME AND TALENTS FOR ANY PART OF IT.** Masks will be worn and because of the jobs being done, handwashing is constant.

Outside jobs will be going on at all times. The work day runs from about 8:00 A M to dark with people coming and going as available. Benches and tables need to be placed around the grounds. Mowing and trimming and general cleanup and maintenance will be going on all week. Fencing needs to be placed, signs put in the areas where needed and flea market preparation will be completed. Lunch and Supper are provided throughout the week for all workers and any **food donations** to those meals will be gratefully accepted. If you can't stay all day, an hour or two is welcome and very useful.

Steam-O-Rama starts October 1 and the usual plea for help goes out to everyone. Also, a plea for 4 days of good weather. With the above schedule, hopefully we won't be exhausted before we even get started. There are jobs for everyone at all times. Sit down, stand up, walk around, stay in one place- anything you can do will be appreciated. As the week goes on we constantly adapt to the weather conditions, the crowd, the events of the time period and the help available. We have the kitchen and cookshack operating constantly during the four days, Registration is open and busy constantly. The woodshop and museum are open and working. **Please** lend a hand wherever possible to help make this another successful show. If you want to work on a specific job you can check with Sue Knaub to see when that work is scheduled. There is a general schedule at the end of the newsletter. **Please hang it up and check the days you can help.**

Steam-O-Rama Admission- for 2020 is \$5.00 per person and parking is free. Admission is free to you if you received this newsletter because your membership has been paid up to 2019 show week. You should have a membership card with a large 2019 or 2020 or LIFE stamped on it to present at the gate as you enter. **2019** will get you in and you will need to renew your membership for 2020 at registration. A **SINGLE** membership provides free admission for the person listed on the card **ONLY**. It does not provide free admission for the rest of the occupants of the car. They will be charged admission to the show. It also provides a badge for that named member **ONLY**. Please don't ask for additional badges, they are also used for admission and only paid members get a badge and free admission.

Plaques- are issued to all exhibitors for taking the time and effort to bring tractors, engines, literature, feature items, anything for **exhibit** at Steam-O-Rama. You are not required to be a member to exhibit at the show, but it will be suggested to you at registration. If you take out a membership you are covered by our insurance, you will receive newsletters covering events throughout the year and you will be helping to pay expenses. One plaque will be issued for each registered name, not every item exhibited. You can exhibit under as many names as you wish so long as you fill out the paperwork. 400 plaques have been ordered this year, and they will be distributed as long as they last. If you wait until Sunday to bring an item, there may not be any more plaques left, and that is the chance you will take in waiting. We do not have a minimum exhibit time requirement as

some shows do, so you can come for just one day or two and still get your plaque. We hope this is fair to everyone involved.

Golf carts, ATV's Garden Tractors, etc.- We'll say it again. The day is coming when you will need to show proof of insurance to operate these items on the grounds of Steam-O-Rama. Our insurers tell us that it is not a requirement at this time, but **registration** of these items is a requirement at Steam-O-Rama. If you plan to operate a golf cart, ATV, Garden Tractor or other mode of transportation at Steam-O-Rama, it must be registered, you must have your registration card displayed and the driver must be the person who registered the vehicle. This is still free to everyone. Please keep reading for some restrictions on vehicle operation. We continue to accept the occasional ATV's for use at the show but discourage their use unless absolutely necessary. Remember speed limit on the grounds is 5MPH at all times except emergency personnel.

NO ONE UNDER 14 YEARS OF AGE is allowed to operate equipment of any kind without adult supervision. If a parent is not present with a young driver, a responsible adult needs to be prepared to show parental permission for operating that item. The posted **SPEED LIMIT** is **5 MPH**. If an area is congested with pedestrians, or if unsafe conditions are present because of weather or some other reason, these vehicles may be stopped from operating for a period of time or restricted from entering certain areas, especially food areas and parade routes. When you bring the vehicles onto the showgrounds for your use, you agree to operate them under the rules. We really do not want to deny anyone the privilege of operating a small wheeled vehicle during the show, but circumstances can sometimes demand that traffic be stopped. There have been very few problems in the past few years since we have been registering and checking speed, underage drivers and conditions, but one or two people can ruin it for everyone. All drivers need to know that the area through the food court is restricted from vehicles and drivers need to park and walk through around the area. There are just too many people both big and small to allow motorized vehicles of any kind to enter. This does not include scooters and motorized wheel chairs in use by the handicapped, but does include all golf carts, and tractors of any size. Please try to operate your vehicle as safely and responsibly as possible, or you risk the possibility of being escorted from the showgrounds.

Construction Equipment Area-New for 2017 we had a new area for the demonstration of antique construction equipment. This area will include a new people mover stop to get interested people to the site just north of the sawmill. Plans are for the demonstration of several pieces of equipment owned by the society and several brought in by private owners. Be sure to check out the hole digging and earth moving going on

Steam-O-Rama Daily Schedule-Because of lack of funds, you will probably not receive a new gate brochure as you enter this year. Most things will remain the same as previous years, just change the dates, not the days. We have found that the availability of volunteers, weather conditions, and available equipment can affect scheduling. The demonstrations will be listed and the possible time period will be suggested.

Antique Car Display- will be moved to the front of the show on the lot recently purchased and cleaned and mowed for our use. This will be a display to attract more cars to display and attract attention near the road. The area will no longer need to be roped off from the rest of the grounds and will give better access to the grounds from the camping area. We thank the committee for the hard work needed to prepare the lot for our use, It had been allowed to deteriorate for years as we tried to purchase the 1.25 acre lot. It was full of trash, rubbish and assorted dumped items and was not an easy clean-up.

Museum- Have you visited the Steam-O-Rama Museum yet? Add it to your list of must see items. Located in our Tobacco Shed, and on the main barn floor, the museum houses many items donated to the society over the years and stored to wait for a place to be displayed. Many of the items have been skillfully restored by society members who stepped forward when we asked for volunteers to work on some society owned equipment. Since those first few items pictured in the newsletter they have worked on many items for display. We have acquired additional items to complete some displays and continue to search for some elusive pieces to complete some areas. Future plans are to have the museum open year round to individuals and groups by appointment. Leroy Sterner has designed and produced a display sign picturing museum items and cards are available to hand out showing contact information for the museum. This will be displayed at events large and small to help create interest in our museum. Admission will be free with donations being accepted. We are always interested in obtaining additional items for display. Any director can provide information. There is an information card available for outside groups to tour the museum. Please ask at registration for a copy.

People Mover- Availability of the people mover for 2020 is iffy .because of distancing and sanitizing. If it is being operated you will need to ride at your own risk. The Society People Mover is for getting people around the showgrounds and back to their cars. While ours is not a terribly large showgrounds, the elderly and handicapped need help in moving from one area to another, and the people mover is handicap accessible. All others need to remember that walking is an excellent exercise and the people who need help most will be transported first. All people riding the people mover need to stay seated at all times until it comes to a complete stop. Children should not be riding without a parent or guardian present and will not be allowed to ride more than one full round. It is not an amusement ride for children's entertainment through the weekend. There will be clearly marked trolley stops around the area where you can wait for the People Mover to arrive. **NO JUMPING ON AND OFF BETWEEN STOPS!** As usual the society needs help to run the people mover. One person is needed to drive the tractor and a second person needs to be on the wagon at all times to help people who need it. If you are willing to donate some time, please let Charlie I. or Sue know so she can add your name to the list.

Kiddie Barrell Train, Carousel and Train-Use of the kiddy rides will be decided closer to opening day. If current guidelines stay the same, they will be closed for the duration of the show. If we can open them, we will need to constantly sanitize them and spread kids out to at least every other seat.

Pulls-Will be held as usual as there is plenty of space for social distancing near the track. Antique tractor pulls begin on Friday with weigh in at 3, pulls starting at 5. Hook fee is \$15 per hook. Garden tractor pulls start Saturday morning with a fun pull open to anyone and a \$5 hook fee. Horse pulling starts at noon and is usually over by 2. Competitive Garden Tractor Pulling begins around 3 with 2 complete sessions, A \$15 hook fee will be charged. Purses will be paid.

Worker's Lunch and Dinner- We will repeat the effort to feed our workers during Steam-O-Rama again this year. Each day lunch will be served from 12 to 1 and dinner from 5 to 6. There will be a serve yourself buffet set up inside the double doors in the newer part of the kitchen. This will not be an open menu, but may include menu items on certain days. Hot and cold drinks will also be available at the same location. If workers wish to eat from the menu they can go through the line and add their choices to their food tab and pay ½ price the same as before. This is meant to ease the confusion at the kitchen door near the cash register and to give all workers an opportunity to schedule time to eat. This is also an extra job for kitchen workers and we are looking for someone who might be willing to coordinate this effort. If you really don't want to serve the public, but would consider helping feed the workers, let Sue know and we'll fill you in on details. To all those workers out there, wear your "WORKER" ribbons proudly and check in for details. Each worker is expected to sign in and if not recognized, questions may be asked. Food donations for the workers meals, especially desserts will be gratefully accepted and can be dropped off at the kitchen any time during the week.

Web sight-. The address is www.steamoramapa.com. We are always looking for pictures from past shows, still or video that could be used at the website in the future. The website, again, is steamoramapa.com, all small letters. In addition to forms for membership and flea market vendors, pullers can now download rules for both tractor and pickup pulling, and access the pulling schedule as soon as it is set. Don't forget the pa, if you don't use that you will get some other group in Arkansas. Happy surfing.

Election of Officers- will be held at the General Meeting, Tuesday, November 10. Nominations will be accepted by the Executive committee for any office and the three director positions held by Galen Dietz, Rich Jackson and Dave Peters until the Executive Meeting on November 3. Any member is eligible to hold an office and anyone interested can talk to a current member of the executive committee. If you think something should be done in a different manner than it currently is done, this is your chance to make a change. Election is Tuesday November 10.

Christmas Party following the General Meeting, Tuesday, December 18. Bring a dozen cookies and a friend and have a good time. Hope to see you there.

THANK YOU'S, SYMPATHY AND CONCERNS-

An ongoing **Thank You** to Rich and Trudy Reichard who, hopefully will be able to set up a table display to promote Steam-O-Rama by handing out posters and answering questions about our organization and show. Since we are no longer selling tractor raffle tickets, the word is not getting out as much as before.

We have several Life and 2020 members for which we do not have deliverable addresses. Please check in with registration personnel if you know of someone who is a member but may not be receiving newsletters twice a year.

Our continued **Thanks** to all the helpers who turn out at public sales, events at the showgrounds and cleanup and construction crews. The jobs are many and varied, time consuming and sweat producing, and the pay isn't too great, but the rewards in friendship and camaraderie are worth every minute.

Our **Thanks** to Paul Fake, Leroy Sterner, Russ Hoffman, Rich Jackson, Tom Vinup, Chuck Sanders, Harvey Campbell and Rich Sheidy for the many hours of work on summer mowing and weed whacking and general cleanup and maintenance, Galen Dietz and Harvey Campbell for repairs to the train. It **WILL** be running better this year

Our **Thanks** to all those who brought in canning jars for apple butter this fall. We will continue to accept pint jars and quarts on a limited basis. There will be only a few pints left over after we complete this year's apple butter, so we will need to keep looking for available pint jars. We also need 5 qt. ice cream type buckets with matching lids

Our **Sympathy** to the family and friends of Life Member Frank "Bo" Nade.

Please be sure to let any director or officer know of illnesses and death to our members.

Fall 2020- Steam-O-Rama Work Schedule

September 1, Tues.-Executive Meeting

September 8, Tues.-General Meeting 7:00 P.M.

September 7, Mon-Work at showgrounds 8:30 AM

September 9, Wed.- Soup making 800 AM

September 14, Mon-Working at Showgrounds 8:30 AM

September 16, Wed.-Apple Butter making midnight, AM, Kitchen Work 9:00 A.M.-Lunch Provided

September 23, Wed- additional Kitchen work as needed, Sausage patties

September 26 & 27- Saturday and Sunday-Show preparation , Jobs are available and lunch will be served both days to anyone willing to work

September 28 to 30-Kitchen and Showgrounds preparation, lunch and dinner provided all days.

October 6- Tues.- Executive Meeting

October 1 to 4-STEAM-O-RAMA

October 5, Mon.- General cleanup, Kitchen cleanup and storage- Lunch provided if there is anything left to eat,

October 13, Tues- General Meeting 7:00 P.M.

October 23- Wednesday- Apples for Apple Butter 2021, if needed. -9:00 A.M. Kitchen, lunch provided

November 3, Tues-Executive Meeting- 7 :00 P.M.

November 10, Tues- General Meeting- 7:00 P.M. Election of Officers

December 1, Tues.-Executive Meeting 7:00 P.M.

December 8, Tues.- General Meeting- Christmas Party

