

***60 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.**

Jan. 3 Feb. 7 March 7 April 4 May 2 June 6

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

Jan. 10 Feb. 14 March 14 April 11 May 9 June 13

**Important 2017 Dates:** Spring Banquet-April 2, Spring Fling Weekend May 5,6,and 7; and Steam-O-Rama September 28, 29, 30, October 1 . ATTENTION-There will be only 2 newsletters again in 2017. This one in January with details of Spring Banquet and 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-**

**2016 Steam-O-Rama-** The 31st year at our own showgrounds and 59<sup>th</sup> show. An overall terrible week of rain and chilly temperatures and windy conditions for the second year in a row. The weatherman sent us cold rain out of the northwest and windy conditions at times. Saturday didn't start out too badly, but by midafternoon it was pouring down rain. Too late to cancel the band so they stuck it out for most of their show. Of course, parking on the rain saturated hill was an adventure throughout the weekend, and the crowd was kept to only a few hardy souls. We may have been getting a little arrogant as we enjoyed many years of perfect or near perfect weather, but the organization is in desperate need of good show weather for 2017!

We would just like to say a great big **THANK YOU** to everyone who came to help set up early in the week only to see their hard work lost to the weather conditions. . Entertainment, pulls and other events had to be cancelled while the flea market, museum, and some demonstrations and exhibits went on as planned. Of course, with the weather problems, income was down almost \$50,000, and as you can imagine the society has been struggling to pay the bills. Many items bought for food service could be sold in bulk and as stated some events could be cancelled and the fees saved. Leftover food is in cold storage to be used in 2017 events. Fortunately, we had a few auctions to cater following the show, so that helped also. You can also help by renewing your membership to help pay for newsletter distribution costs.

**Memberships-** At the present time the society has over 1100 members including over 400 life members. Nearly 60 life members have passed away in the eleven 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 2015, it means you did not pay dues for 2016, and many members did not get to the show because of the weather to renew their memberships. This will be your last newsletter. If it says 2016, it is good until the 2017 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. As reported in the last newsletter, as of January 1, 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.

**2016 Raffle Tickets-** Only about 15,000 raffle tickets were sold in 2016, netting about \$12,600 to the society. Bad weather at several shows, and bad locations at other shows took their toll. Tickets were sold at events all over Pennsylvania, and also traveling into Maryland, New York, Virginia and Indiana. A couple of new events were tried this year and some former events were missed due to weather conditions and health problems. We thank Donnie Livingston for his tireless dedication to the yearly raffle. There are many others who help Donnie at events or cover additional events where the tractor may be at one and the engine at another, and we thank each and every one of them for their help. For 2017, third prize will be a quilt pieced by Kathy Livingston, Donnie's late wife, and completed by others for the society. The Quilt will be on display at the Spring Banquet, Spring Fling Weekend and several other events throughout the year. Get your 2017 raffle tickets now.

2017 will be the last year for the Steam-O-Rama tractor raffle. Thirty three tractors will have been given away and 10 gas engines, along with a plethora of smaller prizes. The cost of the raffle prizes, purchase and restoration of tractors and engines and the cost of some of the venues, not to mention the time, fuel and wear and tear on machines and people to set up and tend countless displays has worn out the members who make this their summer's work year after year. We thank all those involved for a job well done. If anyone out there has any suggestions for another type of fund raiser, the directors are interested. Please let them know your ideas.

#### **Prize Winners for 2016-**

- 1<sup>st</sup>- Massey Pacer-Josephine Hensel, Red Lion, PA
- 2<sup>nd</sup>- IH gas engine (cash alternative)-Bob Higgins, Oxford NJ
- 3<sup>rd</sup>- Tractor Wall Hanging-Nicole Spoon, Dover PA
- 4<sup>th</sup>- Toy Tractor-John Nolt, Denver PA
- 5<sup>th</sup>- Lancaster Farming Sub.-Ed Bookmeyer,
- 6<sup>th</sup>- Antique Power Sub.-Ed Smith
- 7<sup>th</sup>- Gas Engine Magazine Sub-Mike Milwid, Delta PA
- 8<sup>th</sup>- Steam-O-Rama T Shirt-Frank Hoover
- 9<sup>th</sup>- Steam-O-Rama Hat-Lou Verdelli
- 10<sup>th</sup>-Steam-O-Rama Membership-Tom Bouchard

**2016 Election of officers.** At the 2016 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 2016. The only change is director Rich Sheidy has been replaced with Gerry Campbell. We welcome Gerry to the Executive committee and hope to see Rich continue his work in the museum and at various projects around the grounds. The officers and directors are always looking for people interested in joining any of the working committees, specifically the storage and construction committees. Please let any director know if you would be interested in a committee. If you or anyone you know is interested in holding an office, please have the names put into nomination before the November 2017 meeting for the consideration of the voting members present.

**PA Farm Show-** Saturday January 7 thru Saturday January 14. Our location, which has been changed by the Farm Show 5 times in 12 years, was the same as last year and did not get the necessary foot traffic for good ticket sales, so our total for the week was down from many former years. Our theme, being a 5 year anniversary, was York County's place in the history of farm equipment manufacturing. We exhibited Art May's Sheppard Diesel tractor manufactured in Hanover and introduced to the world at the 1949 PA Farm Show, Mike Knaub's 1916 Atlas Truck, manufactured in York, Our 1948 Cub and IH Engine and various pamphlets and literature on York County. We will not be returning to the Farm show in the future. The cost of exhibiting at that venue has become prohibitive. We thank the society members and friends for exhibiting items from their personal collections.

We thank **Beard's Towing, Jeff's Crane Rental, and River's Truck Center** for their support in sponsoring the Farm Show Exhibit in the past. We also thank Russ Hoffman for his restoration of the IHC Engine for its Farm Show debut. His hard work and expertise is so greatly appreciated.

**Advertising Opportunities-** The 2017 advertising letters have been mailed, and additional applications are available to any interested parties. In 2016 we had four ticket sponsors paying \$200 each to have their ads on 5000 raffle tickets. 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. The full list of 2017 advertisers 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 must be in by March 1, 2017.

**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 or Paul Fake to get details.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Spring Banquet-** This year's spring banquet will be held on Saturday, April 29, at the North Hopewell (Winterstown Fire Hall) along Rte 24 in Winterstown PA. It will start at 6:00 PM. Being an anniversary year, the evening's entertainment will center around Steam-o-Rama history and memorabilia. We welcome any contributions members can make to the display. A reservation sheet is included at the end of the newsletter. Please check the box if you have items to display so we can make arrangements for enough tables to be set up. Your reservation and payment needs to be sent before April 10.

**Second SCPaCA Tractor Tour-** Plans have been underway for several months with the South Central Cattleman's Assoc. to have our second tour of tractor collections and beef operations on Sunday April 23, 2017. Two years ago we toured the tractor collection and state of the art beef operation of Butch Jackson, and tractors and antiques at the homes of Mike and Sue Knaub and Wil Markey. This year's tour will begin near Seven Valleys at the antique truck and tractor collection of Bill McGrew, continue to Hanover to tour Pete Sheppard's museum of Sheppard Diesels and other tractors, then on to Tanneytown MD to Bill McGrew's home, which was formerly home to Francis Scott Key, to view more items in his collection and his beef operation and for supper and conversation. Reservations are easy to make by calling Sue Knaub at 717-244-2912 or emailing her at [steamorama@aol.com](mailto:steamorama@aol.com). Let us know your name, number of people and car pool info., and how many will be having supper. Those people who make reservations will then be sent time and place to meet and directions to the stops. All reservations must be made by April 1.

**Spring Fling Weekend-** May 5,6, and 7. Get out those unwanted items and get them ready for sale. We will be continuing the Old Fashioned Engine Show with plenty of room for gas engine enthusiasts to show off their collections and swap stories and parts, and the Yard Sale/Flea Market will be going on all weekend. Some of the Pull details have changed, so please read carefully. Bob Ansell, who runs the Garden Tractor Pulls both spring and fall, will be holding his third annual Rude Dog Nationals Friday evening and Saturday all day. Friday, weigh-ins will begin at 4 PM and pulling will begin at 6 PM. Saturday weigh-ins begin at 1 PM and pulling begins at 2 PM. Any questions or details can be obtained from Bob at 717-471-9598. On Sunday again this year, and we hope the weather

will cooperate, we will be firing up the society owned pulling sled for a "Meet the Sled" fun tractor pull. Anyone is eligible to pull on Sunday with non members being required to pay a one time membership fee of \$10 for insurance purposes. All pullers will put \$10 into the pot to pay for fuel for the sled and tractors involved. This fee will entitle each puller to up to 5 hooks, as time allows. This could make the hook fee as little as \$2 per pull. Weigh-ins will begin at 8:30 AM and pulling will begin at 11 AM and continue until all have pulled their fill. If you want more information you can talk to Jeff Leader at 717-887-0196. He is looking for help operating the sled and tractors for our pull. There will be no pickup pulls. We are also looking for pull sponsors and any information of interested people or businesses can be given to Jeff or Sue Knaub at any time.

**BREAKING NEWS-The 2017 Spring Fling Weekend will now include Bob Rentzel's LITTLE GUYS SHOW.**

The Little Guys Tractor Club will be presenting their 23 annual show at our showgrounds this year 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. Saturday they will be holding a Rototiller Plot Prep Contest, and Sunday there is the 28<sup>th</sup> annual PA State Garden Tractor Plowing Contest and Experimental Pedal Tractor Plowing. Details are still being ironed out, but there will be plenty of fun for young and old. They are featuring Ford and Massey Ferguson garden tractors, and presenting the 13<sup>th</sup> USA National Motorized Pedal Tractor Meet. Please help us get the word out about this event as it continues to change and grow. 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. Admission is free to everyone all weekend. This year badges will be given out only to 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 great time all weekend. On 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., will be the **Yard Sale/Flea Market**. This is open to everyone, not just vendors or established sellers. It costs \$10.00 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 get a form at any meeting or by calling Rich and Trudy Reichard at 717-235-1353. The Consignment Auction will again be held in two parts. Friday at 5:00 P.M. 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. 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 23, 2017.** 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

29 by appointment only; Monday May 1 thru Thursday May 4 from 8 AM to 7 PM, and Friday May 5 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 consignors 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 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, Trudy, or Sue if you can help for a few hours or all day.

**The Kitchen** will open Friday and Saturday at 7:30 A.M. for breakfast sandwiches, donuts and drinks and remain open until the sale and yard sale and engine show are over. Friday evening, 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 19 beginning about 8:30 A.M., we will be cooking bones for fall pan haus. Wednesday April 26, 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 May 1 we will be cleaning the trailer and working under the barn and in the kitchen to get ready for the Spring Fling Weekend. Tuesday May 2 is a day off for most, but lunch and dinner will be supplied for anyone working. Wednesday, May 3 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. Paul and Rich start work most Mondays about 9:00 AM and welcome anyone willing to lend a hand. One ongoing project is the Tobacco Shed which houses our equipment museum on the top floor and storage underneath. Currently, the guys would like to speak to, and work with, anyone who was involved in local tobacco and cigar production. Plans are progressing to include this in the museum. We are constantly looking for items to add to the museum collection. Needed are additional hay trolley brands, local feed mill memorabilia such as bags and signs, cattle crossing signs and dairy signs, small barn items for display. These items can be loaned or permanently donated. We will be carefully coordinating the display to have only one of a certain item or one of a certain manufacturer so as not to clutter the available space. Last spring we had cards printed to advertise our museum to the public, with contact info for groups or individuals wishing to tour the facility. As you are spring cleaning, consider these needs. Call any board member with questions or comments.

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.

**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. No big projects are in the works at the present time as we struggle to pay monthly bills and hope for a great show for 2017.

**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 is the second 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 websight, [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-** At this time we have 1 sale scheduled for auctioneer Tom Saylor for the Hoover family near Manchester on April 13 beginning at 1:00 PM. If you can lend a hand with the trailer or prep for the sales, please call Sue Knaub for details.

**Thank You's and Concerns-** Our Thank You to all who braved the cold and rain to help or attend the 2016 Steam-O-Rama. As you well know the weather did not cooperate all week as we were plagued with mud and cold and really lousy conditions.

Our **Concerns** went out to the following people battling problems: Lorraine Raffensberger who is back on her feet following a serious accident in June, and Rich Jackson following a second knee replacement in the fall,

Our **Sympathy** to the families of Life members: Mike Edelblute, Wilfred Markey and Lewis Frantz Jr. Mike was a fairly recent addition to our kitchen help, but his help was greatly appreciated. Louie was our original blacksmith and built the original exhibit area for blacksmithing. Wil Markey was instrumental in establishing Steam-O-Rama at its current location when the land in Stewartstown was turned into a housing development, and in helping to develop the showgrounds that we know and use today out of a rundown seven acre piece of farmland. Many of the things we take for granted on the grounds were developed in the mind of Wil Markey, and came to be through his willingness to constantly donate his time and talents along with his equipment and money. The carousel and train rides, the big stationary engine on exhibit and the windmill were all things he thought we needed and made it possible for us to have them. That is just a small part of the list. His motto was "Something new every year" and for most of the 31 years we have been here he tried to carry out that motto. All these guys will be sadly missed.

## FIRST HALF WORK SCHEDULE

Meeting dates are available on page 1.

Wednesday, **April 19**- 8:00 A.M.-Kitchen Prep. Bones for Pan Haus, soup, etc., lunch provided

Wednesday, **April 26**-8:30 A.M.-Kitchen Prep. Bones, soup, etc., lunch provided

Saturday,**April 29**- Spring Banquet at North Hopewell (Winterstown) Fire Hall. Dinner at 6PM

Monday, **May 1**-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, **May 2**- Consignment items all day, lunch and supper as needed.

Wednesday, **May 3**-8:00A.M. Consignments accepted, kitchen work.11:00 A.M. Sausage Patties lunch and supper provided for workers

Thursday, **May 4**-8:30 A.M. Consignments accepted, baking for weekend, all areas ready for sale, meeting room preparation for clerks, kitchen open for supper, lunch and supper provided for workers.

Friday, **May 5**- 8:00 A.M. Engine show and Yard Sale starts. Kitchen open for breakfast sandwiches, lunch and supper. Consignments accepted until 3:00 for evening sale, until dark for Saturday sale. Evening Sale starts 5:00 P.M. Lunch and Supper provided for workers if possible. Garden Tractor Pull weigh in 4PM, pull 6PM, trailer open throughout pull.

Saturday, **May 6**-8:00 A.M. Engine show and Yard Sale starts. Kitchen open. Sale starts 8:30 A.M.

Garden Tractor Pulls weigh-in starts at 1 PM , pull at 2 PM. Trailer open throughout pull.

Sunday, **May 7**- 8:30 A.M. Engine show and Yard Sale starts, “Meet the Sled” 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 8**-8:30 A.M. Cleanup from Weekend

Tuesday, **June 13**-General Meeting followed by Strawberries and Ice Cream Social-7:

***Spring Banquet Form***

***Return with payment before April 10, 2017***

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Adults @ \$17.00 each \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Children @ \$8.50 each \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Children under 6 Free

Total Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

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