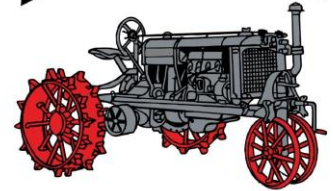


QUINEBAUG VALLEY ENGINEERS

Zagray Farm



Museum

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FROM THE PRESIDENT, CONNOR BISHOP

Another amazing year of progress has passed by at the Farm! It's amazing to think that this July we had a concrete pad next to the Engine Building, and as we speak now there is a completed building. Of course, there are still many jobs to be done as always. Check out the Zagray Forum for project lists. Hopefully, this can help some newer or less active members have some direction if they are interested in volunteering.

Our friend George Jarvis is doing well with his family down in Maryland. He loves the Farm and all of us more than anyone could imagine. If you would like to send him a letter, photos of the Farm, or a Christmas card, get in touch with me and I will give you the address.

While the holidays remind us to express appreciation for our loved ones, remember that every day of the year is the best time to remember what we have and be thankful for it. We do not know the twists and turns that life will take, so do not take for granted what you have – recognize and spend time with those that love you and those who you love.

Also, we still have an opening for Secretary and Editor. Dianne, our former Secretary and Editor has stepped down after helping us for many years in those positions. Anyone interested in helping out the Farm in that way can get in contact with me for more information.

Hurry up and finish your Winter projects, because it will be Spring before we know it. Merry Christmas, happy New Year, and see you at the Farm!

FROM THE DESK OF THE TREASURER – Art Chester

Dues for 2023 are due and still \$20.00 per year.

Lifetime memberships are \$500 and help the museum grow!

Donations for the Ray DeZara engine collection for the third of four payments (\$35,125) are needed. Please note on your donation that it is for this purpose.

For those of you who contribute to the United Way campaign, QVEA is now listed as a charitable organization allowing you to direct your donation to us for the support and expansion of the Zagray Farm Museum. The Pfizer Foundation also has a volunteer program

that provides QVEA with substantial donations each year, based on the volunteer work of members who work or are retired from Pfizer.

We are set-up with Amazon Smile as well. This program donates ½ of 1 percent of eligible purchases to a charity of your choice. The pricing is the same on Amazon Smile as on Amazon. Paste or type this link <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/06-1426891> into your browser to connect to QVEA's page and get started!

Saw Mill

The saw mill was busy during the shows providing some additional material for our construction needs. As of now, we pretty much ran out of almost everything in stock. Time to regroup for the next set of projects.

Needed! Pine logs 16'6" or 12'6" as always.

Bob Chester Engine Building

The Friday of our July show saw the floor poured, right on schedule. Setting posts began the following weekend.



Four short months later and a massive volunteer effort resulted in the substantially complete structure seen below. Our timing was impeccable and even allowed us to be roofing in the cooler month of October! The building is nearly 4000 square feet of display space. A small rear section will house a compressor and support equipment, leaving the interior to be all display. A little exterior work remains, soffits, some fascia board, and staining. Framing inspection is complete – we passed easily! Electrical and interior pine siding are underway now and will continue as weather permits through the winter. Moving the engines into position is a spring project and should be complete for the May show. The addition of this building and the DeZara engine collection makes us the largest flywheel engine display venue in New England!

WOW!



This is what it looked like on December 1:



From Pete Bucci

SPECTACULAR job done by the building crew.
The engine building, 2nd to none completed in 4 months thru inclement weather is a wonderful accomplishment that will be enjoyed by the club for many years!!
THANK YOU ALL

From Karl Hansen

The Board of Directors voted to make the officers of the club ex officio Board members with voting rights. There will be a vote on the change at the January general membership meeting.

From Paul Towne

THE GREAT ROCK QUEST

A few years ago, I noticed that an A-2 survey map, which shows the part of the Zagray Farm located in the town of Colchester, has a prominent landmark called "Great Rock". The map indicates that the Great Rock is exactly on the line between Colchester and Hebron. It also notes that the Great Rock has a DH (Drilled Hole) on the top.

Sunday morning Linda and I decided to go for a hike and find the Great Rock. This is not as easy as you might think because there are many large rocks in the woods out back. This quest would be a perfect opportunity to utilize the newly Georeferenced feature of this A-2 map. We approached the area where we thought the Great Rock should be located and did notice a good size rock which might be our target. Linda turned on our cell phone and activated the Avenza application. We then selected the Colchester A-2 survey map from the Avenza library and sure enough a large blue dot appeared on the map.

We waited a few seconds for the GPS receiver in the phone to acquire a couple more satellites and then the blue dot shrank down to a small blue dot right next to where the map shows the Great Rock. The quest was over!

You can see in the picture that the Great Rock is about ten feet high. Therefore, I did not climb up on top to verify a drill hole was present. If you look carefully, you can see a pink ribbon attached to a small tree next to the Great Rock. This was placed there by our Certified Forester Joan Nichols to delineate our property from the Wallace property. All in all, it was a great day to locate and photograph the Great Rock.



From Dianne Tewksbury

2023 SHOW DATES: May 6 – 7 July 15 – 16 Oct. 7 - 8

WINTER STORAGE AVAILABLE: First come, first served space is available in our Tractor Barn over the winter months for a fee of \$17 per foot for your RV, trailer, vintage vehicle, etc. The measurement needs to include from the tongue to the tail lights and anything attached (any space that would not allow another vehicle to use). Vehicles can begin to enter the building a week after our Oct. show and need to be removed before our annual picnic in April (date TBD).

Please contact Ned Tewksbury at 860-537-2252

***PLEASE NOTE:** Due to numerous robocalls, we do not answer the phone if we do not recognize the name on our phone screen. If you are looking to reserve a space, please leave a message and we will call you back.*

ZAGRAY FARM WEBSITE: Zagrayfarmmuseum.org

ZAGRAY FARM FORUM: Zagrayfarm.com

ZAGRAY ENGINE MAINTENANCE RECORDS: zagraymaintenance@gmail.com

Password: Secureless

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

QUINEBAUG VALLEY ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION, INC. (QVEA)



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CITY _____

STATE/ZIP _____

PHONE _____

E-MAIL _____

Dues are \$20.00 per person for one year, payable with application.
Dues include liability insurance at the farm.

RETURN TO: QVEA, 180 SOUTH PLUMB RD, MIDDLETOWN, CT 06457