

QUINEBAUG VALLEY ENGINEERS



The Zagray Quarterly

March 2020

PRESIDENT'S NOTES -- George Lehr

We had a fairly mild winter with almost no snow and that helped in getting the work to dredge the pond completed. There is, however, much more to be done to grade the road and the field in readiness for the May show. Other winter activity included running wiring and installing outlets throughout the new Tractor Building and adding insulation in the new Repair Building (old Tractor Shed).

We also got several donations. Most notably, from East Hartford Parts and Equipment; a Northwest 80D crane, two large hydraulic presses, two large steel revolving hardware storage bins (with hardware), several pallets of old equipment manuals and huge rolls of material that's similar in appearance to shop towel material. The 80D had not moved in about 20 years and considerable effort was required to affect its retrieval. Here's a link to the video Connor posted on YouTube with the highlights:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B214YsT2uRA>

We also received a powered ride-on floor sweeper and a large sheet metal shear from Robert E. Lee. The sweeper should be great for keeping the floor clean in the new Tractor Building.

Both the Colchester town hall and Senior Center are not available to us for our March 31st meeting, so the March meeting will be held in the new Tractor Building at the farm. That's only four days before the Mudslinger picnic on Saturday, April 4th. Hope to see everyone there.

FROM THE DESK OF THE TREASURER – Art Chester

There are a couple of spots in the new Tractor Barn available. A \$2500 donation will reserve an 8' by 22' space in the building. The building committee reviews and approves all spaces to ensure we have good quality, appropriate displays. Act now, as they will be gone soon!

Dues for 2020 are due and payable, and still \$20.00 per year.

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

I will be sending out reminders to all who have spaces in the building for the yearly maintenance portion of their spaces. The building committee settled on \$75 for the first space, and \$50 each for additional spaces. The funds are to help offset costs for electricity, insurance, and a soon to come IP camera system.

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

Our emphasis remains on producing the necessary materials for the second engine building. We can now store lumber under the rear shed roof of the new tractor building, giving us more room under the mill.

SAW LOGS NEEDED BADLY!

Logs for the saw mill. In particular, 16'6" pine logs that are 20-inch diameter or more on the small end for rafters (10 logs needed), and four 24'6" logs of similar size if at all possible. Call Art at 860-982-5158 to haul.

Pavilion Building

The foundation is in place, as well as the pass-thru's for utilities and most of the backfilling. Using the IH 210, we moved 12 large loads to the site on a nice Sunday in February. The D4 helped out grading and even had to tow a stuck Komatsu! I have pictures! When we get the water line installed and complete the backfilling operation, the floor can be poured.

Pond Excavation

The pond project is complete, except for an overflow drain system if needed. Over 2840 yards of material were removed. There is still substantial clean-up of the site needed, but it looks great! The relatively mild weather allowed us to dig in January!

Tractor Building

We are moving things into the building to be set up on the mezzanine in the spring and thinking about how to display other items. We have also set up a consignment area at the west door where we can sell unneeded items and take in items from members to sell.

It works like this: Bring the item to the area, fill out a numbered tag and enter your info in the blue binder, along with minimum sale price. You need not be there to sell an item. 10% of the sale price goes to the Farm. See Art for more info

Needed!

Trenching and piping help to install power, communications and water to the Pavilion.

Trenching and piping from the overflow basin for the pond to daylight. We need to locate (and repair!) the roof drains for the front of the engine building damaged during the pond excavation. There's plenty more – see Art.

ENGINES -- Connor Bishop

While the winter has been slow like usual, we have had some activity at the Farm due to the mild winter. The most exciting news is that the Northwest 80D crane, donated by East Hartford Equipment, has been transported to the Farm! Many thanks to Bob Pabst for hauling it for us. With the machine now at the farm, we can work on fixing the fuel pump, dialing in the two new injectors, and re-attaching the boom.

We also have made headway in getting some of our dump trucks running. The Euclid has steering again, the R210 has a new carburetor, and the Terex has some of the gears in its transmission functioning. However, our Northwest 80D shovel that we were using to load the trucks is now struggling to maintain engine oil pressure. If new, tighter oil pump drive belts do not fix the problem, we will need to pull the motor and rebuild it.

We have another busy year ahead of us! The farmhouse needs painting, the food pavilion will be going up, we'll be hauling endless loads of material for our field leveling project, and plenty of other things as they come up. If there's any job at the farm that interests you, whether it's earthmoving, building construction, the sawmill, running engines or tractors, or anything else, stop by on the weekend and see what needs to be done!

FROM THE SECRETARY & EDITOR, Dianne Tewksbury

I finally gathered and submitted all the information required by the Hebron Town Hall and Chatham Health for building our new kitchen in the Pavilion. Now we wait.

Our next meeting is scheduled for March 31. If this doesn't get cancelled, we will need to meet in the new Tractor Building at the farm as George mentioned in his notes. Town Hall is closed and Sr. Center is not available for us.

The Annual Yankee Spring Picnic (otherwise known as the Mudslinger) is scheduled for Saturday, April 4. That's not very far away so who knows if the spread of the Coronavirus is going to force us to cancel it. If we do, I will send an email out to let you know.

The Zagray Farm Museum shows for this year will be:

May 2-3, July 18-19, and October 3-4

"YANKEE MEMORIAL SHOW LIST 2020"

April 4th [26 Annual Yankee Spring Picnic]

The QVEA will host the picnic at The Zagray Farm. Bring food to share and the club will supply dogs & burgers. Great way to start the new season and get ready for all the shows to come. Call Peter 860-213-1840 <http://zagrayfarmmuseum.org/>

April 11th [Haul of Fame at Handcraft Swap Meet]

Rt. 12 1 1/2 miles south of Exit 28 I-395.
Call Dennis 860-546-9819

April 26th [Belltown Spring Show & Swap Meet]

NOTE: Being held at its original location.

Fireman's Field, Salmon River State Forest, Rt. 16 East Hampton CT. Call Jim Way 860-267-4626
www.belltownantiquecarclub.org

May 2-3rd [QVEA Zagray Farm Museum Spring Show & Swap]

Located 2 miles north of the Colchester CT. town green on Rt 85.
Call Peter 860-213-1840

<http://zagrayfarmmuseum.org/>

May 9th [Hudson Valley Old Time Assoc.]

Annual Spring Auction. Always 2nd Sat. in May!
Bring lots of money... Finder Rd. Hudson, NY. Call 518-828-6425 www.oldtimepower.weebly.com

May 16th [Scantic Valley Antique Engine

Assoc.] New Location Tolland Agricultural Ctr.
Rt. 30 Vernon. Exit 67 off Int. 84 to intersection
Rt. 30-31 150 yard east toward Tolland
Call 860-558-3043 www.svaec.com

May 22-24 [44 Annual Bernardston Gas Engine & Tractor Show]

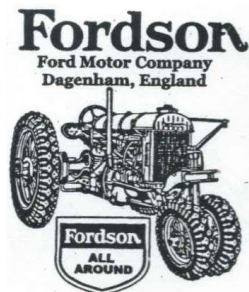
Always Memorial Day Weekend!
Pratt Field Rt. 5 South next to Kringle Candle
Bernardston MA. Call Vicky 413-834-0103

June 6th [Cranberry Flywheelers] Summer

Show Plymouth Airport, Plymouth MA. Swap Meet
Fall Show Sept. 14th at Airport Call 508-294-4216
www.cranberryflywheelers.com

June 6-7th [Granite State Gas & Eng. Assoc]

Annual Spring Meet. NEW LOCATION Hillsborough
County Youth Center. Rt. 13 New Boston, NH.
Call 603-889-5285



June 19-20th [Truck Show & Flea Market]

Antique Truck Club of America, Macungie Park.
Macungie PA. Off Rt. 100 Call 610-367-2567
Great Truck Show! Over 200 Trucks
www.antiquetruckclub.org

June 28th [ATHS Brooklyn Truck Show & Flea]

Brooklyn Fairgrounds Rt. 169 Brooklyn, CT.
Great Longtime Show! Call John 860-608-5033

June 27-28th [44rd Annual Orange Show]

Central MA. Steam Gas & Machinery Assoc.
Orange Airport Orange, MA. Don't miss this great
show! Call Dave 978-544-5295
www.m.cmsgma.com

July 11-12th [28th Long Island Antique Power Show]

Hallockville Museum, River Head, Long
Island NY. Call Bruce 631-727-7943
www.liapa.com

July 18-19 th[Zagray 24rd Annual Summer Show]

Zagray Farm Museum Rt. Located 2 miles north of
the Colchester town green on Rt. 85. Tractor,
Engines, and Construction Equipment.
Call Peter 860-213-1840
<http://zagrayfarmmuseum.org/>

July 24-26th [Elliot Antique Machinery Show]

Raitt Homestead Farm Museum Rt. 103 Elliot, ME
Don't miss this great new england show!
Call Lisa 207-748-3303 www.raittfarmmueseum.org

July 25-26th [CT Antique Machinery Assoc. Summer Show]

Route 7 North of Kent, CT
www.ctmachinery.com

July 31-Aug2nd [NE Rockbusters Show]

Located at Concord Sand & Gravel in Pembroke,
NH. This is a working show that features many
Cranes, Shovels, Dump Trucks and Dozers. Great
fun day in the dirt! Call Ted 508-561-5675
www.northeastrockbusters.com

Aug.1-2nd[Vermont Steam & Gas Assoc. Summer Gas Up]

Quechee, Vermont Rt.4 at Quechee
Antique Village. Call Gary 802-728-9350

****Note**** *If you notice any incorrect show dates please contact Peter @ 860-213-1840*

“Let’s Talk Tractors” -Ed Bezanson

See you at the Shows!

Aug.2th [Billings Farm Museum Tractor Show]

Tractors from the 20's to the 60's on display. 10am till 3:30 PM on Museum grounds. Great place to visit in Woodstock, VT. Call 802-457-2355

www.billingsfarm.org

Aug.22-23rd [Granite State Truck Meet]

Formally The Legendary Barrington Show. Feather Airport Rt. 202 Deering, NH south of Hillsboro McDonalds Call Don or Marilyn 603-664-9761

Aug.29-30th [Muster Field Farm] Old Farm Days

Rt. 114n. Sutton, NH W/Northeast Massey Collectors Show. Call Bill 603-774-1188

www.musterfieldfarm.com

Sept. 11-13th [The Legendary Dublin Gas &

Steam Show] “49th Annual” Still one of the best! Rt. 101 Dublin, NH Call Dave 603-563-8067

www.dublinnhgasenginemeet.org

Sept.19[Cranberry Flywheelers] Fall Show/Swap

Plymouth Airport, Plymouth MA. Call 781-974-2531

www.cranberryflywheelers.com

Sept. 19-20th [Tobacco Valley Flywheelers Fall

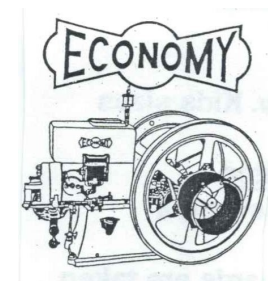
Show] Rt. 154 Haddam, CT Haddam Meadows State Park. Call 860-301-6933

www.oldengine.org/members/tvf/

Sept. 25-27th [CT Antique Machinery Assoc.

Fall Show] Great Show with First Class Grounds! Rt. 7 North of Kent, CT Call 860-354-1859

www.ctamachinery.com



Sept. 26 [Celebrating Connecticut Agriculture]

Exposition of all things agriculture. Tractors, Engines, Farm Machinery and much more. Woodstock Fairgrounds. Woodstock, CT Call Harold 860-982-5748

www.celebratingagriculture.org

Sept. 26th [12th Annual Scantic Valley Tractor Ride For Charity]

\$20.00 Donation Country Butcher Rt. 74 1034 Tolland Stage Rd. Tolland CT. Call Archie 860-871-7373

www.svaec.com

Oct. 3-4th [QVEA Zagray Farm Museum Fall Show & Swap]

Located two miles north of the Colchester CT. town green on Rt. 85 Call Peter 860-213-1840

<http://zagrayfarmmuseum.org/>

Oct. 3-4th [Hollandria Nurseries Fall Festival]

Features Antique Tractors, Trucks, Engines Etc. 103 Old Hawleyville Rd. Bethel, CT Call Ed

203-746-3800 www.hollandrianurseries.com

Oct. 10th[Friends of Haul of Fame Fall Swap Meet]

Rt. 12 1 ½ miles south of Exit 28 I-395.

Call Larry 860-376-2306

Oct. 17th [Diebold Tractor Museum Show]

6th annual open house of the finest prairie tractor collection. 13 Painter Hill Rd. Roxbury, CT.

Call 860-354-0649 www.toplandfarm.com

Oct.31st-Nov.1st [11 Annual Brooklyn Swap Meet]

Brooklyn Fair Grounds Rt. 169 Brooklyn CT.

Call Dave 860-942-1129

****Remember** To receive this list for next year, send a self addressed stamped envelope for the annual show list to: Peter Bezanson at 70 Pautipaug Hill Rd, Baltic, CT 06330.**

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

QUINEBAUG VALLEY ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION, INC. (QVEA)



NAME _____

STREET _____

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