

QUINEBAUG VALLEY ENGINEERS



The Zagray Quarterly

March 2022

CONNOR BISHOP, Acting President

This year has started out on a sad note. For those who haven't heard, our President George Lehr has passed away. George spent many hours maintaining and improving things at the Farm and was always willing to jump in and help with anyone's projects. He will surely be missed.

Our big project this year will be the construction of the second engine building to hold the engines from Ray DeZara's engine collection. It will be a big project and is a great way for someone interested in volunteering to get involved in projects at the Farm. After the building is completed, we will have a huge job of installing and plumbing these engines in place. Any donations of iron pipe and fittings would help this project along.

We are also planning to continue our earthmoving project near the Tractor Building to make a flat spot in the show field for the Gravely tractor show this summer. Anyone interested in helping haul material or donate the use of an excavator or dump truck to expedite this process would be appreciated.

Our Terex bulldozer is nearing functionality and will be of great use to the Farm once complete. Currently we are replacing numerous rotted hydraulic hoses and fuel lines, but it has been run for short periods and functions well. If we put some work into the Koehring excavator and another one of our dump trucks, we should have a fairly good set of heavy earthmoving equipment for Farm projects.

I'm sure it will be another busy, exciting, and productive year. See you at the Farm!

Connor Bishop

FROM THE DESK OF THE TREASURER – Art Chester

Dues for 2022 are due, and still \$20.00 per year.

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

Donations for the Ray DeZara engine collection have exceeded the \$35,125 payment needed for April. In addition to all of your contributions, substantial donations were received from The Dudley Foundation, Nancy Larson, and myself to easily make the payment. There are still two more payments, so please consider helping. 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 Sawmill is in need of someone to adopt the area and keep it ready for mill cut days, show demonstrations and spectators. General cleaning and removal of sawdust, bark, slab wood, unusable logs, cut-off ends and leaves. Cleanup after shows, emptying the sawdust truck and fueling the Murphy need to occur as well. See Dave or Art.

We now have all the material needed for the engine building. Thanks go to a great crew on Saturdays for getting it done!

The rest of the Farmington logs were lost to us when the owner of the property hired another logger to finish the job. I think this was in the works when we went out there for the first loads.

We were in an attempt to pacify the owner that something was getting done. I spoke to the new logger on the day he was staging on the job, and he said he was selling all the pine. Still, we got some good loads out of there.

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

2nd Engine Building

Patiently, or not so patiently, waiting on spring to get going. If anyone has access to a mini excavator to borrow for a couple weeks in April, let me know. It will make the excavation of the 20 piers needed a lot quicker than using the little New Holland backhoe.

Footings and foundation walls have been poured, the site back-filled, rough graded, and underground utilities piping is complete. Spring will start with construction of the Rustin and

Wichman engine foundations, the Clark exhaust, interior electrical piping, and the 20 piers that need to be installed. Following all that, the concrete floor can be installed and construction started. I have the materials for the Wichman engine mounting and have it mostly completed. Needs a bit of welding work.

Engine collection purchase

We have moved all the engines from Kent and have them in the tractor building on static display pending construction of the next engine building. We've had a great crew of volunteers, trucks and trailers, making the project simple. The remaining engine (the Marion) is at Ray's shop and we are ready to get it, but the crane guy has a medical issue. So it's temporarily on hold. It will have to be moved in the spring with a dump truck and heavy trailer.

We also purchased two rare hot air engines from Ray that were at Kent. One is mostly finished – the other is in 'as found' condition. Both are now stored in our tractor building. Rumer has it that the rest of Ray's hot air engines may well be available to us at some point. The addition of this collection and the Bob Chester Memorial Engine Building will easily make us the largest engine display in New England! Quite an accomplishment!

From the desk of the secretary, Dianne

Information for all members regarding filling this organization's office of president:

"Karl explained that according to our By-Laws, the BOD fills the vacant position – he suggested we put a notice in the newsletter and ask anyone interested in running for the president's position to let us know. Candidates need to be members in good standing – members for 2 yrs by the August 2022 meeting and have attended 60% of the past year's general meetings. The BOD voted Connor into the president's position temporarily during the Jan. 15 Special BOD meeting. Connor and Marc B. both said they would be interested in the president's position. Marc said if the vice president position was open he would be interested in that also."

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April 16, 2022

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The Tractor Barn

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"YANKEE MEMORIAL SHOW LIST 2022"

 **YOUTUBE - CT YANKEE JUNIOR**

April 9th [Haul of Fame at Handcraft Swap Meet]
Rt. 12 1 1/2 miles south of Exit 28 I-395.
Call Larry: 860-376-2306

April 16th [27th 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 24th [45th Belltown Show & Swap Meet]
NOTE: Being held at its original location.
Fireman's Field, Salmon River State Forest, Rt. 16 East Hampton CT. Please check website for date: www.belltownantiqueclub.org

May 7-8th [QVEA Zagray Farm Museum Spring Show & Swap] Located 2 miles north of Colchester CT. Town green on Rt 85.
Call Peter 860-213-1840
<http://zagrayfarmmuseum.org/>

May 14th [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

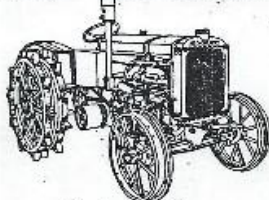
May 14th [44th Annual Scantic Valley Antique Engine Assoc.] New Location Tolland Agricultural Ctr. Rt. 30 Vernon. Exit 67 off Int. 84 to intersection Rt. 30-31 150 yard east toward Tolland
Call: 860-558-3043 www.svaec.com

May 27-29th [45th Annual Bernardston Gas Engine & Tractor Show] Always Memorial Day Weekend! 257 South St. Pratt Field Rt. 5 South next to Kringle Candle Bernardston MA.
Call Vicky: 413-834-0103

June 4th [Cranberry Flywheelers] Summer Show Plymouth Airport, Plymouth MA. Swap Meet Fall Show Sept. 17th at Airport Call: 508-294-4216
www.cranberryflywheelers.com

June 4-5th [Granite State Gas & Eng. Assoc]
Annual Spring Meet. **NEW LOCATION: JR Bristol's 80 Witches Spring Rd. Hollis, NH 03049**
Call: 603-889-5285

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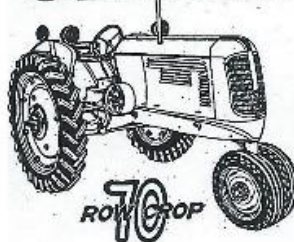


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June 17-18th [51th Annual Truck Show & Flea Market] Antique Truck Club of America, Macungie Park. Macungie PA. Off Rt. 100 Call: 610-367-2567
Great Truck Show! Over 200 Trucks
www.antiquetruckclub.org

June 25-26th [46th 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.cmsgma.com

June 26th [ATHS Brooklyn Truck Show & Flea]
Brooklyn Fairgrounds Rt. 169 Brooklyn, CT.
Great Longtime Show! Call John: 860-608-5033

July 9-10th [29th Long Island Antique Power Show] Hallockville Museum, River Head, Long Island NY. Call Bruce: 631-727-7943
www.liapa.com

July 16-17th [Zagray 25th 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 23rd [CT Antique Machinery Assoc. Summer Show] Route 7 North of Kent, CT. Please check website for date: www.ctamachinery.com

July 29-30th [Elliot Antique Machinery Show]
Raitt Homestead Farm Museum Rt. 103 Elliot, ME
Don't miss this great new england show!
Call Lisa: 207-332-5444
<http://www.raittfarmmuseum.org>

Aug. 5-7th [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. 6-7th [Vermont Steam & Gas Assoc. Summer Gas Up] Quechee, Vermont Rt.4 at Quechee Antique Village. Call Gary: 802-728-9350

****NOTE** SHOWS COULD BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE**
CALL OR CHECK CLUB'S WEBSITE PRIOR TO SHOW DATE

"Let's Talk Tractors" -Ed Bezanson

See you at the Shows!

Aug. 7th [Billings Farm Museum Tractor Show]
Tractors from the 20's to the 60's on display.
10:00 am till 3:30 PM on Museum grounds. Great
place to visit in Woodstock, VT. Call: 802-457-2355
www.billingsfarm.org

Aug. 20th-21st [Granite State Truck Meet]
Formally The Legendary Barrington Show. Feather
Airport Rt. 202 Deering, NH south of Hillsboro
McDonalds Call Marilyn: 603-664-9761

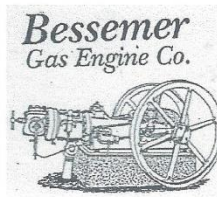
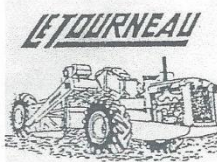
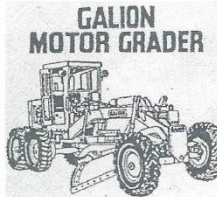
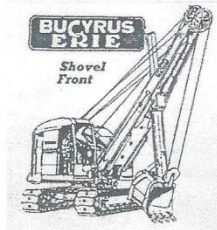
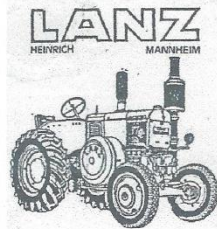
Aug. 27-28th [Muster Field Farm] Old Farm Days.
Rt. 114n. Sutton, NH W/Northeast Massey
Collectors Show. Call Bill 603-774-1188
www.musterfieldfarm.com

**Sept. 9-10th [The Legendary Dublin Gas & Steam
Show]** "51th Annual" Still one of the best! Rt. 101
Dublin, NH Call Dave 603-563-8067
dublinnhgasenginemeet.com

**Sept. 17th [Cranberry Flywheelers] Fall
Show/Swap** Plymouth Airport, Plymouth MA.
Call: 781-974-2531 www.cranberryflywheelers.com

**Sept. 16-18th [Tobacco Valley Flywheelers Fall
Show]** Rt. 154 Haddam, CT Haddam Meadows
State Park. Call: 860-301-6933

**Sept. 23rd-25th [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. 24th [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. 24th [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. 1-2nd [QVEA Zagray Farm Museum Fall
Show & Swap]** Located two miles north of
Colchester CT. Town green on Rt. 85
Call Peter: 860-213-1840
<http://zagrayfarmmuseum.org/>

Oct. 1-2nd [Hollandia Nurseries Fall Festival]
Features Antique Tractors, Trucks, Engines Etc. 103
Old Hawleyville Rd. Bethel, CT Call Ed
203-746-3800 www.hollandianurseries.com

**Oct. 15th [Friends of Haul of Fame Fall Swap
Meet]** Rt. 12 1 1/2 miles south of Exit 28 I-395.
Call Larry: 860-376-2306

Oct. 15th [Diebold Tractor Museum Show]
Open house of the finest prairie tractor collection.
13 Painter Hill Rd. Roxbury, CT.
Call: 860-354-0649 <https://www.toplandsfarm.com/>

Oct. 29-30th [12th Annual Brooklyn Swap Meet]
Brooklyn Fair Grounds Rt. 169 Brooklyn CT. Call
Dave: 860-942-1129

To View an Online Copy of this Show List, go to this Website:
<https://sites.google.com/view/ctyankeejr/yankee-show-list>

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

Membership in SVAEC is open to anyone sharing an interest in antique engines, tractors, or related equipment. Anyone wanting to join can send a \$10 check, made out to SVAEC, and mailed to John Bajumpaa, 13 Millen Rd, East Windsor, CT 06088



Scantic Valley Antique Engine Club LLC
Connecticut - Massachusetts

SVAEC was formed in Monson, Mass in September of 1984 by a small group of hobby enthusiasts who wanted to preserve antique engines (and tractors) and enjoy the fellowship of exhibiting this historic equipment at local events, educating the public on the use of early farm equipment.

Currently we have three major events per year: a member's only Plow day in April, our Annual show in May, and a tractor ride and engine show in September. We meet the second Monday of the month, with a brief business meeting, followed by refreshments and informal conversation, and guests are welcome. For the next meeting call or email John Bajumpaa: 860-623-3906, johnbajumpaa@att.net, or Joe Perko, Jr.: 860-558-3043, tredironcollector@hotmail.com, or visit our website at: WWW.SVAEC.COM

**14th Annual
Fall Tractor &
Engine Show**



Saturday, September 24, 2022
8 AM to 5 PM

Located at the
Country Butcher 1032 Tolland Stage Rd.
Tolland CT

Directions:

From I-84 take exit 69, head west on Tolland Stage Rd. (Rt. 74) Show is two miles on the left.

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Lunch Included**

Antique Engine and Tractor Displays
The show is held in conjunction with the
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Contact: Archie Tanner

H. 860-871-7373 C. 860-818-6601

archie.tanner@gmail.com

Visit our website: WWW.SVAEC.COM



**45th Annual
Antique Machinery Show
& Swap Meet**

Sat., May 14, 2022
8 AM - 3 PM

"TAC" Tolland County Agricultural Center
24 Hyde Ave. (Rte. 30) Vernon, CT 06066

DIRECTIONS

I-84 exit 67 onto R131 toward intersection of R130 & R131
150 yards east on R130 towards Tolland on right

Exhibitors Free

\$20 selling of hobby related items

ADMISSION = \$5.00 Adults - Under 12 Free

Free Parking

Rain or Shine

Antique Engines and Tractors
Antique Cars and Trucks



4H Garden Tractor Pull at 10:00
Good Food Available prepared by TAC 4H



contact: Archie Tanner at 860-818-6601

Mark Whelden at 860-519-7831

Please leave a message or text, or

email: markwhelden@gmail.com

visit our website at

WWW.SVAEC.COM (or on Facebook)



We'll miss seeing George
out on the field.



The Gravelly Tractor Club of America

Presents our

26th annual 'Mow-In'

in conjunction with the

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544 Amston Rd., Colchester, CT

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For detailed information about the club or to obtain a membership form

See the **Gravelly** Tractor Club of America website at

<https://www.GTCOA.com/>

or contact the club registrar:

Keith Tarvin <mailto:GTCOA.registrar@gmail.com>

Club Registrar

PO Box 100

Mountville, PA 17554-0100

For more information on the Zagray Farm Museum, go to

www.zagrayfarmmuseum.org



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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

QUINEBAUG VALLEY ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION, INC. (QVEA)



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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