

QUINEBAUG VALLEY ENGINEERS



The Zagray Quarterly

March 2019

President's Notes George Lehr

For some of you, this may be news, but certainly not good news. Bob Chester passed away in December and as we head into a new year, we will surely feel the loss. A past QVEA Director, Bob has been there for our major events, work parties and sometimes just to help his old buddy George. Bob was very knowledgeable, helpful and generous. I will miss him dearly.

A new year is here, however, and we're starting it out with a new building. I like to call it the Tractor Building. I think of it as something more than the words shed or barn would imply and "Tractor Building" goes well with our other names; Stationary Engine Building and Woodworking Building. It will be full of show quality tractors soon enough and when that happens, the Tractor Shed (nee Drying Shed) will probably become our Repair Building.

Although King Construction is finished, there's a lot of work yet to be done to make the building operational; grading, pouring concrete, installing electricity, lights, outlets, etc. Hopefully we will soon have some warmer spring like weather to get going on all that.

By all means, get out to farm to check out the building. If you need an excuse, be advised that our Mudslinger picnic will be on Saturday, April 6th. Hope to see you all there.

FROM THE DESK OF THE TREASURER

Art Chester

It's that time of year again. 2019 dues are still \$20. If you are mailing it, make your check payable to QVEA, and mail it to 180 South Plumb Road, Middletown, CT 06457. There's no need to fill out a new membership form, but if you have changes to your address, phone number or email, please include the changes. A stamped, self-addressed envelope is also welcome. Any and all donations beyond the dues are tax deductible and very much needed and appreciated!

If you have an email address, please email Dianne Tewksbury at dktewks@gmail.com to change from snail mail! That will save our printing-sorting-folding-mailing crew some labor, and save your club a **lot** of money, as well as being environmentally 'green'.

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 1/2 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!

Tractor Building

King Construction got started a little late due to delays at another job site, but once they got on site things started happening quick! They have completed their work with only a couple of punch list items to be addressed. **It's awesome!** We have funding to install the concrete inside the building as well as the front shed overhang. Our construction guys have a lot of site work remaining, and the construction crew will install the 4 foot mezzanine to display light weight wooden farm implements and such. It's exciting to see the progress.



Saw Mill

We need to have a few days on the mill in the early spring to cut all the material needed for the mezzanine in the museum building. That project is not part of the King Construction project, so we'll be handling it. We also need to continue cutting for another engine building, even though it will probably not be built until 2020. Yes, ANOTHER!

Still wanted – Logs for the saw mill. Even though we received a substantial number of logs, we are still on the lookout for more. 16'6" pine logs in particular that are 20 inch diameter or more on the small end will make good rafters. 12'6" logs of similar size will be used for 2X4's and siding. We have a good supply, but having extra material in stock would be nice. Power has been installed to the woodworking building and the piping extended to the saw mill and tractor shed. We still need to install the wiring to the mill, and down to the tractor shed.

Pavilion Building

We have Chatham Health Department approval for our septic plan and bathroom facilities, and Zoning approval to place the building. No funding is available for either the septic or the bathrooms at this time. It seems that we need more detailed plans for the layout of the kitchen area before the building department will issue a permit. We'll be working on that next.

Pond Excavation

Waiting (im)patiently for spring!

The Bob Chester Engine Building

We had planned to erect a second engine building about 40 feet west of the current building. My dad and his wife have been tremendous supporters financially over the years while we struggled with our co-tenant and the landlord over use of the property. In his memory, the family will provide funding for the building, primarily materials we cannot produce on site. This moves the project up the timetable and puts more pressure on our sawmill crew to produce the beams needed. The building will house small flywheel engines as well as dad's two put-put tractors and other items. A complete wrap around porch is planned for this building (so I don't have to add it later!). I am excited to get started!

STATIONARY ENGINE BUILDING

Connor Bishop & Ethan Bailey

It's hard to believe with the cold weather and snow that we've just gotten, in two months we have our Spring show! We have plenty of new things for our spectators to enjoy, the most exciting being our new big building. We also have several new engines in the Engine Building for display. My 25HP Superior will be running, and we received a donation of 3 single cylinder diesel generators – 2 Wittes and a Nordberg. One Witte and the Nordberg are running, and might even be generating power by the time of the show. Allen has also gotten another of our small Kohler light plants running and generating electricity. I have also brought a 50HP Clark diesel to the farm for the engine building. It needs an air intake box – if anyone has leads on parts for a Clark type PC engine, let me know. The engine is currently on a large air compressor cart but needs two 8.25-20 tires and tubes to be rollable. If anyone has some they would like to donate, let me know.

Progress continues on the Ruston diesel. After lots of oil, acetylene, oxygen, and a custom-made puller, I have finally been able to remove all the components on the sideshaft, allowing removal of the sideshaft and governor/injection pump box. The injection pump rocker arm and plunger are badly stuck, so I will soak the entire assembly in waste diesel to try freeing it up. I also started cleaning the main bearings. Upon closer inspection, the PTO side bearing seems to have been run dry for quite some time and has badly damaged the Babbitt lining, so it will need to be repoured. The next step will be to remove the piston and rod to check the condition of the piston, rings, and bore.

I am continuing work on the Clark forklift as well. The brake rotors are designed to slide on a splined shaft, but they are seized on tight. I fabricated a puller to remove them, but more heat, oil, and time is required. Nate and Dave are working on the steering clutch for the HD5. The clutch has been removed and disassembled, and is waiting for new clutch disks for reassembly.

This is going to be another busy year! There will be jobs for everyone, no matter what interests or skills you have. Stop by the Farm on a weekend and see what's going on!

Connor Bishop

2019 MUDSLINGER POTLUCK PICNIC

April 6 (9AM to whenever)

2019 SHOWS

May 4-5

July 20-21

October 5-6

Visit our website:

www.zagrayfarmmuseum.org

"YANKEE MEMORIAL SHOW LIST 2019"

April 6th [25 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 New Year and get ready for the new show season. Call Peter 860-213-1840 www.qvea.org

April 13th [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 28th [Belltown Spring Show & Swap Meet]

The Bezanson family has been going to this great little show for over 30 years! Its New Location is at Danaher Field across from Haddam Neck Fire Station off Rt. 151 Call Jim Way 860-267-4626

May 4-5th [QVEA Zagray Farm Museum Spring Show & Swap]

Located 2 miles north of the Colchester CT. town green on Rt 85. Ned 860-537-2252 or Peter 860-213-1840 www.qvea.org

May 11th [Hudson Valley Old Time Assoc.]

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

May 18th [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. 860558-3043

May 24-26th [Bernardston Gas Engine & Tractor

Show] Memorial Day Weekend. NEW LOCATION Pratt Field Rt. 5 South next to Kringle Candle Bernardston MA. Call Vicky 413-834-0103

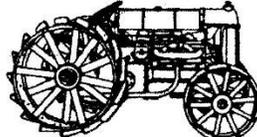
June 1st [Cranberry Flywheelers] Summer

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

June 1-2nd [Granite State Gas & Eng. Assoc]

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

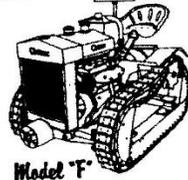
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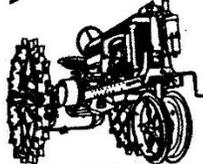
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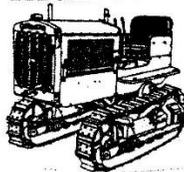
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June 8-9th [Brooklyn Agricultural Days] Tractor & Engines. Show & Swap. Tractor Pull on both days Rt. 169 Brooklyn Fair Grounds Brooklyn, CT Call 860-942-1129

June 1-2nd [Whately Engine Museum Show]

Steam, Gas, Hot Air, Diesel, Farm, Oil Field & Mill Engines 33 Christian Lane Whately Ma. "Show Only No Sales" Call The Uphams 413-766-8832

June 2nd [Diebold Tractor Museum Annual

Show] 5th Annual open house of the finest prairie tractor collection. 13 Painter Hill Rd. Roxbury, CT. Call 860-354-0649 www.toplandsfarm.com

June 14-15th [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 23rd [ATHS Brooklyn Truck Show & Flea]

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

June 28-30th [43rd Annual Original 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 13-14th [27th Long Island Antique Power

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

July 20-21 [Zagray 23rd 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 Ned 860-537-2252 or Peter 860-213-1840 www.qvea.org

July 26-28th [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.raittfarmmuseuem.org

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

“See you at the Shows” Remember the Yankee’s favorite color was always

“RUST”

Aug. 2-4th [NE Rockbusters Summer 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 in the dirt! Call 781-933-4119
www.northeastrockbusters.com

Aug.4th [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.2-4th [Vermont Steam & Gas Assoc. Summer Gas Up] Quechee, Vermont Rt.4 at Quechee Antique Village. Call Gary@ 802-728-9350

Aug. 18th [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

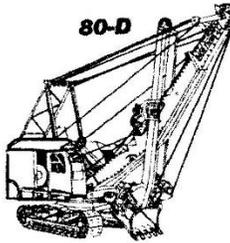
Aug.24-25th [Muster Field Farm] Old Farm Days Rt. 114n. Sutton, NH W/Northeast Massey Collectors Show. Call Bill @ 603-774-1188
www.musterfieldfarm.com

Sept. 6-8th [The Legendary Dublin Gas & Steam Show] “48th Annual” Still one of the best! Rt. 101 Dublin, NH Call Dave 603-563-8067
www.dublinnhgasenginemeet.org

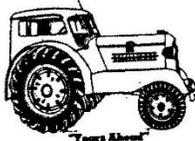
Sept. 14-15th [Tobacco Valley Flywheelers Fall Show] Rt. 154 Haddam, CT Haddam Meadows State Park. Call 860-301-6933
www.oldengine.org/members/tvf/

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Sept. 21 [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. 27-29th [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. 28th [11th 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. 5-6th [QVEA Zagray Farm Museum Fall Show & Swap] Located two miles north of the Colchester CT. town green on Rt. 85 Call Ned 860-537-2252 or Peter 860-213-1840 www.qvea.org

Oct. 5-6th [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. 12th [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 12th [Connecticut Plow Adjustment & Plow Day] Weathersfield Meadows Off Rt. 30 Weathersfield, CT Call in order to reserve plow space. Joel 860-721-8209

****Don't Forget** To receive this list for next year send a self addressed stamped envelope for annual show list to: Peter Bezanson
70 Pautipaug Hill Rd. Sprague, CT 06330.**

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Colchester, CT 06415

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