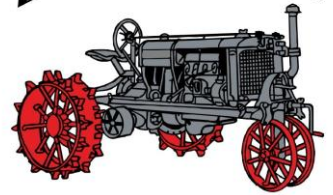


# QUINEBAUG VALLEY ENGINEERS

Zagray Farm



Museum

## The Zagray Quarterly

18 December 2021

### PRESIDENT'S NOTES – George Lehr

It's a new year and it's looking far more promising than 2020 was. The Friends of the Haul of Fame 2021 Spring Swap Meet in Plainfield is scheduled for Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, and my plan is to have our Zagray Farm Mudslinger picnic on Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. I'm looking forward to having our shows this year as well.

I hope to have our March monthly meeting at the farm if the Colchester town hall is still closed and the weather cooperates. There's a lot to discuss. Hope to see you all then.

### FROM THE DESK OF THE TREASURER – Art Chester

**Dues for 2021 are due, 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.

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

I picked up two nice fir (I believe, although we don't see much of that around here) logs for rafters. Picked up with the help of Peter Bucci's tractor, that is! Still need more, but I've got a couple of possibilities. We also received a large hemlock that was cut into 24' 2X12's needed for the beams.

We have about 60 of the 2"X12"X16' rafters needed for the 2<sup>nd</sup> engine building but 80 more need to be cut. All of the posts have been cut as well.

So, 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 (18 logs minimum needed) Call Art at 860-982-5158 to haul.

## Pavilion Building

The exterior of the pavilion is complete with the addition of a front entrance skirt and rear pad for propane tanks. Alan and Dave are working on the kitchen interior. Most of the electric is done and the hood is installed. As with any design build, we are making adjustments as we go to get a very workable finished product and to prepare for future offerings from the kitchen. I have accepted a quote to install our septic system. We will be digging the pits for the septic tanks and the field, as well as the remaining site work. I'm hopeful we will be able to open it for our May 2021 show or shortly thereafter!



# Well and well house

I got the roof on just as the weather closed in on us for the winter. Still need to install the siding, soffits and fit-outs. We decided to use this building as a server area for our newly installed camera system and that will necessitate adding a communications pipe to the building that we didn't plan for. An online temp and water level reporting app has been installed to allow us to monitor the building.

## Engine collection purchase

A once in a lifetime opportunity was presented to us to purchase the Ray Desera engine collection, currently on display at the CAMA grounds in Kent. While it comes at a time when we have not had shows for a year, the board of directors felt it was worth stretching our finances to obtain. We have agreed to pay \$140,500 for the collection and move it to the farm in the spring. The deal is structured into 4 payments of \$35,125 annually. We have donations at the moment of \$22,000 to be applied to the first payment. We are seeking donations to cover the rest of the first payment and beyond. We may need to selectively sell a few of the engines in order to finance the remaining payments. They will be installed in the Bob Chester Memorial engine building to be under construction late this summer and into next year. I know my Dad would have been astatic for us to acquire this unique and valuable collection! The addition of this collection will make us a premier engine showgrounds. Please consider helping to fund this important project!

### STATIONARY ENGINES – Connor Bishop & Ethan Bailey

As we pull out of winter into spring, it's time to get ready for this year's projects at the Farm! The food pavilion is nearly complete, the well house is coming along, and from those projects we will be moving on to the second engine building! We have plenty of engines to fill it up, and we will be doing some re-designing to facilitate more efficient layouts and traffic flows. There will be plenty of work to be done with plumbing and installing new engines, along with typical yearly maintenance on our machinery.

While there isn't much else to report on now, we have another busy year ahead of us. If you've been thinking about getting more involved in the farm, stop by on a weekend and see what needs to be done!

**The Yankee Show list will be sent out in a week or so.**

**Moosup Masonic Lodge 113  
And  
The Friends of the Haul of Fame  
Present**

**The 2021 Spring Swap Meet**

**Saturday April 10, 2021**

**6:00 AM to 2:00 PM**

GOOD RIDDANCE  
2020!!  
WE'RE STILL HERE!!



The event is located at the site of the former Handcraft Mill on CT Route 12, 1.5 miles South of exit 28 (formerly Exit 87) of I-395, and 1 mile North of the Griswold, CT town line.

**Universal Positioning Coordinates:  
41.645484, -71.939547**

Swap meet items vary from engines, tractor and truck parts, to tools and other treasures. Vendor space is still just \$20.00.

**NOTICE: CT COVID regulations require masks.  
Thank you for your support. We look forward to  
seeing you on the 10th!**

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

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