

The Line Shaft

The Official Newsletter of the

NORTH JERSEY ANTIQUE ENGINE & MACHINE CLUB

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*Happy Belated
Birthday
Blace!*



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The meeting from last week was held in the Engine Shed at 7pm with 35 members in attendance. Blace talked about the board meeting that took place the Wednesday before. The officers went over how the past year went, and what could be done in the upcoming year to get the word out to promote the club. The club's finance problem and where we are headed in the future was also discussed. Benny from Ideal Farms was inquiring to see if we could put some tractors on display during the last two weeks in October. A few of the members volunteered to drop off their tractors to display. We were also informed that there will be a tent for the club to display some tractors and promote our club.



Anne Marie discussed the club's finances in great detail in the Treasurer's Report. Great job! While part of the club was down at the Jacktown meet, some of the members volunteered at the Fall Festival on Saturday October 15th in the Engine Shed (see page 2 and 3 for details). Howard Squires informed the club about Denville Day- which will take place on Sunday November 27th (Thanksgiving Weekend). Our tractors will be in the parade. Jim Dunlap was the winner of the 50/50 raffle. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Brian Hendershot, Kevin Hendershot, Rob Staab & John Stickle

North Jersey Antique Engine & Machine Club

**VINTAGE TRACTOR
PLOW DAY**



Saturday, November 5th, 2011

at Ideal Farms, Lafayette, NJ
Check in time is between 8-9am.
Entrance fee \$5 which will cover
the cost of food.

**NOTICE: Fire extinguishers will be required on all machinery.
NO EXTINGUISHER, NO PLOWING!**

Our next meeting will be on Thursday November 10th at 7:00 PM at the Administration Building. All future meetings will be held at this venue until April

FOUNDED ON OCTOBER 15, 1979 BY: Arthur Goble, Fred W. Westbrook, John Snook, Roy Bischoff & Lewis Quince

Jacktown

The Jack Town Meet took place on Saturday October the 15th.

We had our tent and table set up for club info, hats, and shirts. We didn't sell much but we did pickup two new members. It seemed like club members were spread out at different events over the weekend, so there weren't a lot of members in attendance to volunteer as there normally are. The day consisted of different displays, tractor pulls, and the flea market. There was a lot of 'high quality junk' at the flea market, and you can see how much of an affect the downfall of the economy had on everyone-Lots of people but not too many buyers.



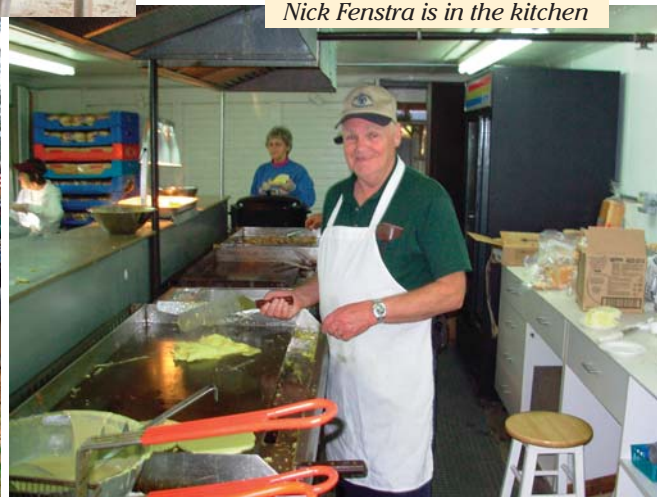
Steam powered "Buzz" saw



Bill Castimore with some of his toys.



She's hooked hard & climbing



Nick Fenster is in the kitchen

THE HISTORY OF JACKTOWN

Blue Mountain Antique Gas and Steam Engine Association

Have you ever wondered how Jacktown was established? The first meeting was held at the Windgap School in Windgap, PA, on November 2, 1971. It consisted of about twenty five people who had a common interest in restoring and preserving antique agricultural machinery and industrial equipment. This would serve to educate about the past and instill appreciation for the future. On November 2, 1971, nine people were chosen to represent the group. They were Paul Brodt, Russell Meixell, Nelson Remel, Stanley Souders, Raymond Ittery, Ed Yankencheck, and Leonard Ritter. In 1972, those seven men started out with \$35 in their possession in order to seek for a venue in which to have their first engine show. While inquiring for a location two of the executive board people left and were replaced by Ralph Schlough and Robert Waters. The group was having a lot of trouble finding a location due to rental prices and insurance problems. A break came when they contacted Paul Dunbar who was in charge of the Jacktown Grove. The Grove was going to be open on September 2 and 3, 1972, that Labor Day weekend. The newly formed club would be known as the Blue Mountain Antique Gas & Steam Engine Association. In 1973 Jacktown Grove gave the Association a better date which was July 20, 21, and 22. The 1973 show was more successful due to better advertising and more displays, which included Browie Grubb's peerless steam tractor and a display of antique cars. With the increase in profit, the association purchased buttons for the 1974 show to help advertise and to reach many more engine collectors. The association had now grown to about fifty members. By 1978 the Association had purchased a grain binder, sawmill, shingle mill, and a 65hp case steam traction engine. A lease was attained with the Jacktown Community Center for the engine shows location. Through a lot of work from many members, the association has grown to one of the most well know shows in the east and has been able to maintain free parking and admission, as intended by the charter group back in 1971.

2011 Sussex County Harvest Festival

Saturday October 15th was a busy day for our club members because not only was it the Sussex County Ag's annual Harvest Festival at the Fairgrounds, but it was also the day of the Jack Town Meet. It was a great day weather-wise to sport our club sweatshirts. However, we didn't sell any club attire. The club hay wagon was kept busy all day giving rides. Many thanks went out to Chuck Klim and Kevin Adams who used Chuck's 1952 Oliver 77 to pull the wagon the first part of the day, and Sam Milens and Brad Swistack using Sam's 1942 Ford 2N to pull the rest of the day. Chuck's Oliver was not used to pulling this light of a load, but it did get a full pull every time. The crowd started picking up in the afternoon so Sam and Brad seemed to have the bigger load. But either way we still got donations in the can on the back of the wagon.

We had a nice display of tractors in the cow barn consisting of the following:

Blace Flatt's 1950 John Deere 50

Brad Swistack's 1968 International Harvester Cub LoBoy "The Lunchwagon"

Kevin Adams 1955 International Harvester Farmall Cub LoBoy

The Eskholme family's 1940 International Harvester Farmall H

Brad Swistack's 1939 John Deere B

Brad Swistack's 1952 International Harvester Farmall Super A

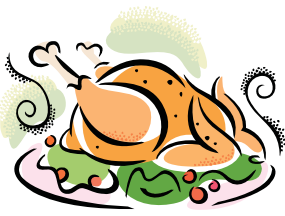
Don DoNofrio's John Deere DTX Diesel

AnnMarie Adams 1952 Beaver Garden Tractor with plow.

Two of the clubs walking tractors were also displayed

Meanwhile back at the Tractor Shed AnnMarie had hot coffee and cookies going to fuel Blace, Sam, and Brad while they winterized the building. Blace also took one of his plumber's helpers and removed the water pump from the fairgrounds pond. In between kitchen duty and shed maintenance, AnnMarie was selling her Premier Designs jewelry as a club fundraiser. Story has it, that the ladies enjoyed the jewelry over an engine or a tractor. Some members tried to do both events- Doug Milens and Don DoNofrio dropped off tractors early then headed down to Jacktown. Thank you to all who showed up and volunteered their time!





HAPPY THANKSGIVING FROM YOUR EDITORS!

We will travel through blizzards to get this newsletter written, but with your help we won't have to! Thank you to those who wrote articles for the newsletter from the events! Please send either Tiffany or Christina articles of projects you have been working on or something you think the club will benefit from seeing in the newsletter via emails Tredding55@yahoo.com & Franciscoc@centenarycollege.edu. Thank you! We appreciate it!

Your Editors,

-Christina Francisco & Tiffany Redding



Brad Swistack was asked to bring his tractors to his friend Beth's wedding to use as display and for photos-of course he was more than willing to help. The campground is about 7 miles from home so he choose to drive his John Deere B home- after a little more than an hour he arrived back home.

MARKETPLACE

WANTED: 14.9 x 24 used tire **CONTACT:** Ken Reuter, 973-670-1646

FOR SALE: International Cub Cadet 102; repainted, just needs wire harness. \$400 **CONTACT:** Paul Curcio, 33 Central School Rd., Wantage NJ 07461, 201-835-5924, PaulF350@yahoo.com

WANTED: Backhoes-Compact Tractors-Mini Excavators-Skid Steer Loaders-Cletrac & Oliver Crawlers-Farm Tractors-Small Dozers... in any condition. "Top \$ Paid" **CONTACT:** Robert Norman, 845-858-8242

WANTED: 3-Point hitch conversion for Farmall "H"
CONTACT: Rich Magera, 973-948-6625

FOR SALE: Steam bent ash hardwood walking plow handles;
high quality straight grain. \$30 per pair.
CONTACT: Bruce Mitchell, 973-702-1012

FOR SALE: Premier Designs jewelry or host jewelry trunk show. Donations to NJAE&MC from sales.
CONTACT: AnnMarie Adams, 973-946-1726, AnnMarieBAdams@aol.com

WANTED: Old, odd or unusual spark plugs wanted by collector. Will buy or trade.
CONTACT: Joe Cook, 66 Central School Road, Wantage, NJ 07461 Phone: 973-973-875-9733
E-Mail: joe.ignitor@gmail.com

WANTED: Good hood & good fenders for Ford 8N (I have bent ones)
CONTACT: Jim Dunlap, 973-219-9694

FOR SALE: 2 ea. 154 International Harvester Low Boys; one ran 3 yrs ago when shut down, under tarp, has Woods 59 inch belly mower. 2nd tractor running, needs brake work, has rear mount 3 point hitch with hammer type mower attachment. Both with long personal ownership. For sale or trade for older Cub Low Boy with plow and/or attachments, or 8/9N Ford.

CONTACT: Charles Germershausen at cgermershausen@hotmail.com or call cell 1-973-214-5968. Tractors located in Florham Park, NJ.

WANTED: Spare parts for 1917 Fairbank/Morse hit & miss engine. Ford Golden Jubilee steering wheel **CONTACT:** Charles Germershausen at cgermershausen@hotmail.com or call cell 1-973-214-5968.

For Sale: 2 Goodyear 16.9 x 24 6 ply Industrial Sure Grip Tractor/Backhoe tires. Approx 40% tread. Good condition, great for spares. (These tires are \$800 each when new) Asking \$125 each or willing to trade for decent 11.2 x 28 tractor tires for Ford 2N. **CONTACT:** John at 973-919-0369

WANTED: Parts for International M Hit or Miss Engine. Piston, sleeve, etc. needed, all parts considered. **CONTACT:** John at 973-919-0369

Thank You!

Thank you to all who
showed up and helped at
the Ayres/Knuth Farm
Festival!

-Howard Squire

UPCOMING EVENTS

PLOW DAYS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5th, 2011

See front page for details

DENVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PARADE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH

Call Howard Squire with questions
973-886-1872

CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

December

SWAP MEET

TBD