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Happy New Year



The December 12th Christmas Party was again held at the Legion Hall in Jefferson NJ. As always, it was a fun event with members enjoying time with friends and family and enjoying the club camaraderie. The food was plentiful and excellent and as always, the swap-option-gift exchange was the high-light of the evening. We actually had a present for "everyone" this year. We would like to thank Blace for donating and cooking the turkey and ham main course and all the other fine cooks, who brought all the sides and deserts. We also need to thank AnneMarie, who again was the event coordinator, but unfortunately could not attend herself. And so, another joyous Christmas party came to and end with 60 people attending and plans being made for next years party. If you couldn't make it this year, hopefully we will see you, your spouse or significant other at next years party.



REMINDER: 2015 DUES ARE DUE!

**Annual dues are \$25.00 and payable by the February meeting or
send to:**

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*Our next meeting will be at 6PM on January 8th at the Administration
Building!*

Deere Enthusiasts!

John Deere has "FINALLY" opened their
Tractor and Engine Museum in Waterloo, Iowa



As we mentioned in our May 2011 newsletter, the museum was due to open in the last quarter of 2011, but, due to financial concerns, has been pushed back each year since and finally opened on December 2, 2014.

Deere & Company, in partnership with the City of Waterloo, has completed construction of the new museum in Waterloo, Iowa. The museum focuses on the history of John Deere tractors and engines and features many of the key individuals that guided the company in its early years and includes memorabilia such as; tractors, artifacts, blueprints of the facility and manuals.

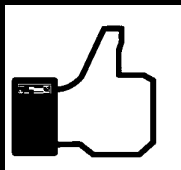
The new site will be called *The John Deere Tractor and Engine Museum* and will be located on Westfield Avenue, the original site of the Waterloo Tractor Works. The Waterloo Tractor Works was formerly the home of the *Waterloo Gasoline Traction Engine Company*, which was incorporated in 1895. Originally the company built stationary gasoline and kerosene fired engines, but in 1914 they developed the original Water Boy Tractor, a (2) cylinder 12-24 HP kerosene burning tractor. Deere distributed these tractors thru their dealership network. In 1918 Deere, after several failed attempts to build a commercially viable tractor, purchased the company for \$2,350,000.00. The Waterloo Boy Tractors became the foundation for future Deere designed and built tractors.

Hours: Tuesday thru Saturday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. (closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years Day)

Admission is: \$8.00 Adults (age 13-61)
\$4.00 Seniors
Children under 12 are free (accompanied by an adult)

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