

The Line Shaft

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Our next meeting will be on **Thursday, September 9th** at 6:00 PM in the Sussex County Fairgrounds **NJAE&MC Engine Shed**. This meeting will be our Annual BBQ, details of which can be seen in enclosed write-up.

Before we get to business, I am pleased to announce the birth of a new Mackey, the grandson of V.P. Andy Mackey. Braiden, 6 lb 6 oz and 20 inches long, was born on 15 August to Mr. & Mrs. Richard Mackey. Congratulations to the Mackey family on their newest member!

We have a pretty busy newsletter this month with lots of photos of the NJ State Fair activities and information on upcoming events. Weather during the Fair was mostly fine with minimal rainy periods to "dampen" the fun. Quite a few club members showed up at the Engine Shed for varying amounts of time.

The Historical Society of Stillwater Township has contacted Bruce Mitchell to ask if any NJAE&MC members would be able to bring tractors to display during "Stillwater Day", September 25, 2010. Kick off would be at 11:00 AM with a short parade and the event will end at 4:00 PM. Bruce would like to get a head count in order that the society can arrange for trailer parking. Call Bruce or let him know at the September meeting if you can attend. Directions to the celebration were not given with the request for tractors so you should see Bruce for the information.

After announcing the new club Treasurer Eric Hayes, you might notice that I have left Bruce's name on the newsletter. Bruce is in the process of transitioning the position over to Eric and I don't want Eric to get flooded with calls until he's comfortable there. I'll wait until Bruce tells me Eric is ready to solo.

Howard Squire sent me a nice letter on behalf of the Ayres/Knuth Farm Foundation, which I have included in its entirety. We had some dedicated members brave the weather at last year's Fall Farm Festival and it was certainly much appreciated. Please look over the information and consider attending.

**CHECK MAILING LABEL FOR MEMBERSHIP EXPIRATION
(The month listed will be your last newsletter)
Dues are \$15 per year, checks payable to NJAE&MC
Bruce Mitchell at 171 Mt. Salem Rd., Sussex, NJ 07461**

Sussex County Farm & Horse Show

The NJAE&MC got an unexpected treat at this year's NJ State Fair and certainly the highlight for your Editor, a visit from Governor Chris Christie. On Sunday, the last day of the Fair, I happened to be manning the machines when a gentleman came in and said the governor was coming. I walked over to the gate and sure enough, in walked Gov. Christie with his lovely wife and a fairly large entourage. The governor and Mrs. Christie came right over, shook my hand, and told me how great our display machines were and how nice it was to have a club such as ours, bringing back memories of the past. I gave them some highlights about the club and they asked questions about certain engines and machines in the area. Gov. Christie seemed very sincere and thanked me for my confidence in him. After a while and a couple of more handshakes, they began moving to the front of the shed. I had Luke alert Blace that the Governor was here and I introduced Gov. Christie to our esteemed President. I learned later, and saw in the NJ Herald, that our new Treasurer, Eric Hayes, talked the governor into joining the NJAE&MC. Welcome to the club, Gov. and Mrs. Christie!

The rework of the line shaft and creation of a machine shop in the engine shed worked out very well and seemed well received. The shed layout with the line shafts and belt driven machines condensed in one area was a good change and the hard work by the involved members is greatly appreciated.

As the Fair is our biggest recurring fundraiser, we sold the usual roasted peanuts, toy tractor and quilt raffle tickets, and last but not least, club shirts and hats. Carl Sylvester's and his daughter's new shirt design with tractor was well received and sold well. My observations are strictly anecdotal but it seemed to me that the guys did better at selling (and eating) peanuts and the women excelled at selling raffle tickets, especially for the quilt. I'm thinking it's because guys are generally nuts anyway (no offense intended, Pete), and their "Y" chromosomes just won't let them describe something that doesn't run on gasoline or need oil. We thank all the club ladies for doing such a great job with the raffles, and especially Karen McEnerney-Eskholme who proves to be the best of the best. Check out the photo of Karen and then tell me; could you turn her down?

As in other years, the club put on the daily Parade of Tractors which is always a big hit with Fair goers. As with last year, we were honored to have the Queen of the Fair, Miss Byram, Kelly Baron, participate in our parades, waving to her admirers from the club's hay wagon. Trying to match drivers to parade tractors would be futile since the match-ups were akin to musical chairs and whoever could fill the seats did. I'll simply try to cover the tractors brought to the Fair with their owners. Before I start, however, one match-up begs to be mentioned, Bob Eckes looking mighty satisfied piloting Rudy Solar's IH Cub Lo-Boy. It looks like Mr. Green has finally come out of the closet wearing yellow and white. Moving on, parked in the shed were two crawlers, Josh Will's JD 430 and Jeff Brooks' Cletrac. Sandwiched between them was AnnMarie Adams' Beaver garden tractor and AnnMarie also had an IH Cub. New member Cliff Rutter brought his eye catching orange and yellow '47 Earthmaster, which he had his sister Casey and her friend Melanie Gallichio (see photo), both 10 yrs old, keeping clean for him. Hopefully they received appropriate compensation for their hard work! The Eskholmes and Scott Dickerson had their IH Farmall H's, and while speaking of twins, Rudy Solar and Brad Swistack had their IH Cub Lo-Boys, Brad and his dad Jim just having completed the restoration. Steve Boutillette had a very nice Case VC and a 60's vintage IH Cub Cadet 123 and Blace Flatt had his distinctive 1936 Case. Bill Howell had his Ford 960 "puller", James Clark his A-C WD-45, and Jim Trimble with another Allis-Chalmers, a 1938 WC. Last but never least, Andy Mackey displayed and drove the Mackey designed and built Fairmont/Wheel Horse.

Speaking of Andy, I finally got some good shots of his Oil City South Penn oil field engine running, including ones of Andy tending it. When I teased him about looking like a proud father with his child is when he told me about his new grandson Braiden. Knowing the Mackey family, Braiden should be tinkering with engines just about the time he starts walking. And again, speaking of the Andys (Sr. & Jr.), they displayed a wonderful array of small steam engines (running on compressed air) and an incredible LP run miniature engine, very similar to the big Oil City South Penn. These small engines proved to be a very big hit with our visitors and we are grateful to them for transporting and setting up these engines. Andy fired up the big oil field engine for short periods of time whenever he could be at the shed. The big one lunker tends to draw some complaints with its loud bark.

Conspicuous in their absence were Nick & Joanne Feenstra who were apparently on vacation during the Fair. As much as Nick is often the object of much good natured teasing from club members, I had more people ask about him during the Fair than about all other members combined...and they weren't all bill collectors either. Now there I go...sorry Nick. Anyway, in Nick's absence my sons Kyle and Luke were "volunteered" to conduct the two kiddie tractor pulls at the Ronetco ShopRite Farm Fun building. Thanks guys; those are big shoes to fill.

Well I think that's all I have for now. Enjoy the Fair photos.









Ayres/Knuth Farm Foundation

Denville, New Jersey 07834

North Jersey Antique Engine & Machine Club

Dear Members:

Once again the Ayres/ Knuth Farm Foundation would like to thank your members for their participation in our Fall Farm Festival over the past years. The clubs support over the past years has made this one of the town's most popular events. We look forward to seeing many of your members there again this year.

As always, we would like to have any of the tractors, engines, and old tools for display or working exhibits. We would like to have your input as to weather actual plowing; disking and/or cultivating would be an option. Also, if you know anyone who enjoys displaying a period farm craft that they are into, let them know they are welcome. We just need to know they are planning to attend so we can plan our placement.

All money received is dedicated to the restoration of the farm. This year we have added town water and electric run to the property and the buildings.

The date of the festival is Saturday, September 18th from 10 AM – 4 PM, and a Rain Date of the 19th at Cooper Road, Denville N.J. just off Rt. 10 West (at the Parsippany line).

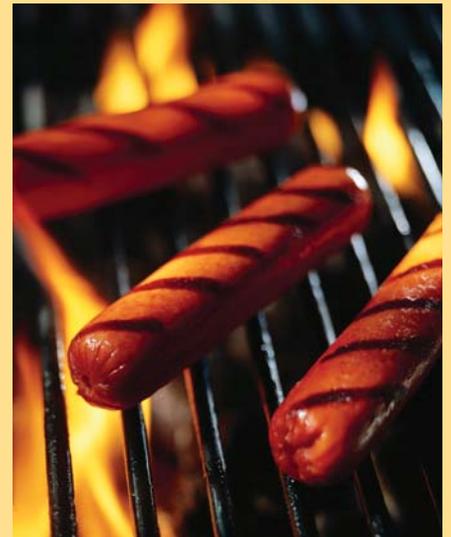
Additionally, we hope that you will join the Ayres/Knuth Farm Foundation at the annual Denville Christmas Parade. Time, date and all particulars to follow.

Sincerely,
Howard Squire
Fall Farm Festival Committee
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Cell: 973-886-1872



Annual Bar-B-Q

In keeping with an important tradition we are reminding members that our annual **Bar-B-Q** has come around once again. The festivities will start at 6PM on the **9th of September** at our engine shed. As usual, President Blace will supply us with the burgers and hot dogs *and* he will demonstrate his mastery of the grill. Since we were successful with AnnMarie Adams coordinating the food donations for the Christmas Party and she has agreed to help out again, we will go with what works for this barbeque. Please call AnnMarie at 973-946-1726 to coordinate your food donation. If you wish to bring a specialty of yours such as a hot dish or special desert, please feel free to do so as all will be welcome.



FOR SALE! A MUST SEE!
DVD of PLOW DAY 2010
\$15.00
Contact Jeff Brooks
at 973-579-7726 (evenings)



LOCAL EVENTS & SHOWS

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF STILLWATER TOWNSHIP

Stillwater Twp., NJ

September 25, 2010 11:00 am-4:00 pm

Stillwater Day

POC; Bruce Mitchell

BLUE MT. ANTIQUE GAS & STEAM ENGINE ASSOCIATION

Jacktown Grove, Bangor, PA

October 16 & 17, 2010

Fall Harvest & Sawmill Show

Free admission and parking. For more

information 610-588-6900 www.jacktown.com

LAFAYETTE DAYS, Lafayette, NJ

October 9, 2010 7 am -5 pm

ROUGH AND TUMBLE

Engineers Historical Society

US Route 30, Lancaster PA

http://www.roughandtumble.org/rt_visit_sched.asp

October 8 & 9, 2010

A Time of Harvest

EARLY AMERICAN STEAM ENGINE SOCIETY

Windsor, PA www.steamoramapa.com

Sep 30, Oct 1, 2, 3, 2010

53rd Annual Steam-0-Rama

LONG ISLAND ANTIQUE POWER ASSOCIATION

Hallockville Farm & Museum, Jamesport, NY

www.liapa.com

September 18 & 19, 2010

Hallockville Fall Festival

HUDSON VALLEY OLD TIME POWER ASSN., INC

Hudson, NY www.northernduchess.com

1st Weekend of October, 2010

Old Time Days

AYERS/KNUTH FARM FESTIVAL

Cooper Road, Denville, NJ

September 18th, 2010,

with 19th as rain day option

Contact Howard Squire 973 886-1872 or e-mail

Howardsquire@aol.com for information.

FALL-STRAIGHT FURROW PLOW DAY

Ideal Farm, Lafayette, NJ

November 6, 2010

More info to come

MARKETPLACE

WANTED: Used (can need repair) . . .25+ HP lawn tractor w/60+ inch mower deck

CONTACT: Eric Cliff, 732-261-8455

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

FOR SALE: 1952 Massey Harris Pony. Great running little tractor with dual hydraulics (front and rear). New rubber all the way around. Has belly mower, York rake, snow/dirt plow with homemade pallet forks that hook over plow blade. Selling due to illness. \$2200.00

(Will deliver for price of fuel up to 100 miles ea. way.)

CONTACT: Joe Cook, 66 Central School Road, Wantage, NJ 07461

Phone: 973-973-875-9733 E-Mail: joe.ignitor@gmail.com

FOR SALE: FATSO 2 burner wood/coal stove. Mfg. by the King Stove and Range Co. Sheffield, AL Model 200; A nice little cast iron stove to heat your basement, garage or shed! \$225.00

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Phone: 973-973-875-9733 E-Mail: joe.ignitor@gmail.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: Used pull style disc- needs repair. \$40

CONTACT: Jeff Brooks, 973-383-3370

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

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