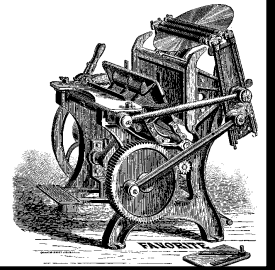


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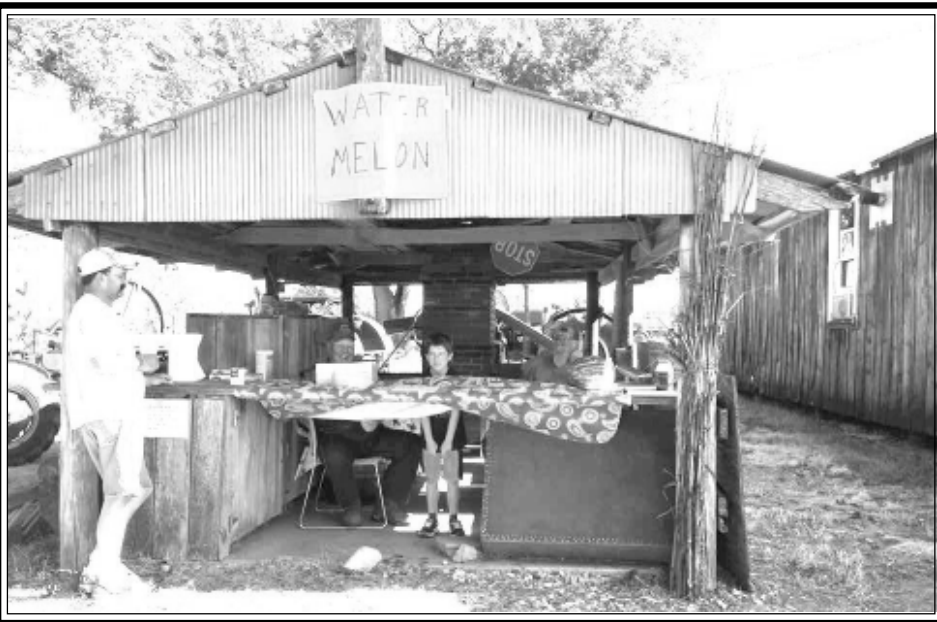
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The Featured Tractor For The Year Was Case. Above Is A Line Up Of Those Attending.



How To Become An Association Director

Have you ever thought about becoming a director in the association? Member Merrill Lovendahl, Meriden, found it was very easy to obtain a position by suggesting at a meeting, we sell watermelons at the threshing show. It was promptly moved, seconded and approved that Merrill

become the newly elected watermelon director for 2015. Above shows Pete Winters, Meriden, observing Merrill stationed at his stand. Great Grandson Matthew Baurerly eagerly awaiting a customer. While Daryl Penry, Meriden, maintains order. 25 melons were sold.

Member John Steinmetz, Mclouth, collected over \$1000.00 from sponsors for the tractor pulls during the shows. He had signs made for each sponsor and posted them along each side of the track. Way to go John!



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Access Limited To Walk In Only

Access to the show grounds, except for events, will be walk in only. Coming soon a locked gate will be installed and only members and emergency vehicles will have access. An opening near the gate will allow access, by foot, year around.



photo by gary bowen

Paul Huffman and His 10 Hp International Gas Engine

Paul Huffman lives at Sabatha, Kansas and brought several gasoline engines to display at the show. This is a 1922, 10 hp., Model M, McCormick Deering engine. Paul said it has a top hammer igniter and not many were made.

(Gas Engine Magazine, Sept./Oct. 1982)

The International Harvester 'M' and the McCormick Deering 'M' are considered the same, and were manufactured between 1917 and 1937. 1 and 3 hp 'M' engines were manufactured with air cooled heads while the 6 and 10 hp models were equipped with water cooled heads because of vast quantities of heat

generated under full load. All 'M' engines were offered as stationary units, on skids or trucks and were painted a satin 'Grass Green' finish except for the rim of the flywheels. Fancy pin striping commonly used on earlier International engines was eliminated on the 'M' series because it helped reduce the price. The first years of production offered only kerosene burning models but in 1923 a gasoline carburetor was available.

Paul has a very impressive permanent display at the Albany Days tractor show. Where you can see all of his engines and much more.

New members, Bob and Betty Stiles, Meriden, have volunteered to be new directors for the Benedict Myer Log Cabin.

Member Greg Coker standing by his newly constructed Prony Brake. Greg tested several tractors during the show.

Here is what Greg had to say about his machine. "The Prony Brake is a modern version of a torque and horsepower testing machine originally designed by Gaspard DeProny in 1821. A French engineer and inventor, his torque and horsepower calculating formulas are widely used today as industry standards.

I will try to give a simple explanation on how it works. A rotating flywheel, which is driven by a belt or power-take-off shaft from a tractor or a steam engine, is creating a rotating force. This rotating force is converted into torque by a and lined with wood blocks, wrapped around the flywheel, creating friction which transfers this force to a scale. This scale reads the foot pounds of torque. The horsepower is determined by the torque x the speed. We use a digital tachometer and a digital scale to calculate the torque and horsepower.

With this setup we can measure torque and horsepower of any tractor and engine or motor that can be belted to the

Prony brake.

As far as how I built it, a spoked flywheel off of an old square hay bailer, is how it all started. Most of the materials are used or recycled. I designed it around the basic DeProny dimensions, so all of the formulas for torque and horsepower will apply.

I had several goals in building it, safety, portability, ability to direct drive power-take-off tractors, and also flat belt drive engines."

I have known Greg since he was a teenager. Him and his Grandfather attended most of the shows in the area. He has always had an interest in IHC tractors and machinery and has a very impressive collection. Last year Greg was president of the Kansas Chapter 3 of the National IHC Organization. This year he and member Wayne Anderson are Chapter Directors. We are glad to have him and Wayne as members of our Association.

The 2015 Threshing Show started on a hot Friday with the temperature in the middle 90's and the heat index well over that. Exhibitors had been moving in all week and the show grounds was filling quickly.



photo by gary bowen

Wayne Harsh and his Yellow Dog Lantern Display.

Wayne Harsh and his wife live near Waverly, Kansas and displayed several gasoline engines and collectible items. They also had on display a collection of 7 'Yellow Dog - Oil Field - Lanterns'. They told me they had collected one for each of their 7 children.

The 'Yellow Dog Lantern' is the field name for an oil well derrick lamp. The first patent for the derrick lamp was issued in 1870. These lamps consist of a metal container with two spouts, each holding a cotton wick to absorb the fuel

oil. When lit, the lantern produces a very yellow light. According to legend, 'Yellow Dogs' received their name because when burning at night, their flames look like glowing dog eyes from a distance. Other accounts claim the name stems from the fact that a lit derrick lamp casts a dog like shadow on the ground. Yellow Dogs used crude oil as their fuel source. To prevent spills, the yellow dog lanterns were cast out of heavy metal, often weighing as much as fifteen pounds.

From The President

Jess Noll

Greetings everybody. I hope this news letter finds everyone in good health and either enjoying or have enjoyed the Holidays with family and friends.

We've had an extraordinary year once again. The interest in our Association keeps growing and so do the crowds. We had excellent weather for both shows and for our crops. Our work day turnouts were very good as well. We finished the siding on the Chuckwagon, tinned the upper facade of the General Store, painted the General Store, shingled the south side of the Benedict Meyer Log Cabin. We did some repairs to the Everett Bowen Saw mill, put a different gas engine in the Clark Jackson Blacksmith Shop and many other tasks. There are plenty of jobs to be done and many of us wear multiple hats. Many hands make the work light. Don't worry we never fire anyone.

It's been a very busy year having cut our first crop of wheat and sorghum that we grew on our newly purchased land. We were extremely fortunate to be able to purchase the land a year ago. It gave us the opportunity to accommodate more parking and more room for displays.

I would like to thank everyone that made donations/contributions to help with the on going purchase. Your names can be seen on the plaque in the Bloomfield Church. If you would like to make a donation/contribution I would like to remind everyone your donation/contribution is tax deductible as we are a 501-C3 nonprofit organization. The sooner we pay off the loan the sooner we can focus on bigger improvements.

If you want to become a member and/or become more involved you can join us at our meetings, the 4th Sunday of every month at 7 P.M. at the show grounds. Come and enjoy good friends and fellowship. We are all family, one I have personally been a part of for 27 years. We look forward to seeing you all.

Directors Make It All Possible

To keep things organized and maintained the Association has elected Directors. These directors have offered to take charge of an area, of there interest, to keep the officers and membership aware of current situations. During shows some are stationed at there demonstration area, while others are helping with camping, parking, and organizational duties. These directors are;

- | | |
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| Knudsen Baling | Dennis Knudsen |
| Threshing | Jerry McGrath |
| Bloomfield Church | Carol Kirkwood |
| Log Cabin | Betty Stiles |
| General Store | Carolyn McGrath |
| Print Shop | Steve Johnson |
| Sorghum | Merlyn Mahoney |
| Sawmill | Jim Noll |
| Livery Barn | Paul Dunlap |
| Simms Building | James Clouston |
| Blacksmith Shop | Keith & Kirk Jackson |
| " | Bob Hjetland |
| Flour Mill | Gary Bowen |
| " | Jolene Bickel |
| Kitchen | Gary Naylor |
| Gas Engines | Gary Naylor |
| 22 HP Fairbanks | Susan Naylor |
| Camping | Russ Dunlap |
| Flea Markets | Jody Kirkwood |
| Parking & Gate | Jess Noll |
| Antique Tractor Pull | Jess Noll |
| Classic Tractor Pull | Jess Noll |
| Garden Tractor Pull | Rodney Stevens |
| " | Gary Bowen |
| Data Base | Merlyn Mahoney |
| Parade | Carol Kirkwood |
| Advertising | Heather Dunlap |
| " | Gary Bowen |
| Newsletter | Kerrel Bauerly |
| Web Master | Brian Reilly |
| Boiler Inspector | Kathy Petesch |
| Cider | Emily Petesch |
| " | Rodney Stevens |
| " | Dennis Knudsen |
| Donations | Merril Lovendahl |
| Watermelon | |

Member Merlyn Mahoney publicized the Threshing Show on WIBW TV.

New Engine In The Blacksmith Shop



photo by gary bowen

Gary Naylor standing behind his 6 horsepower, International Harvester, Model M, gas engine, he purchased from Bill Rathart of Nortonville. He has placed it in the Blacksmith Shop to supply power to all the machinery being used there. Gary and his wife Susan are both active

Apple Cider Director Report

Director Kathy Petesch reports apple were hard to find this year because of the cedar rust disease, a disease of apples in North America east of the Rocky Mountains. Eighty bushels of apples were purchased from Rees Fruit Farm, Topeka, Kansas, at \$6.25 per bushel. From those apples we had a return of 25 gallons, 70 half gallons, 97 bottles and 7 glasses of cider. We served 8 gallons of cider to 133 kids at Kids Day. The kids always enjoy giving the old press a turn of the crank. I would like to thank Rodney & Dennis Stevens, Emily Petesch, Nishide Petesch-Lamb, Kyan Petesch and a few kids from the Village in Topeka for helping run the operation. (The association would like to thank the Petesch and Stevens family for over 30 years of continued dedication to this exhibit.)

Exhibit Areas Changed

Due to the increase of tractor and gas engine exhibits the tractors and gas engines now have their own display areas. The new tractor area is parallel with the road leading to the parking area in the west field. The new gas engine area is located west of the kitchen to the camping area and from the 22 hp Fairbanks engine north to the Bathrooms.

Showgrounds Flower Displays



If you have noticed the flower displays located all over the show grounds you can let Kathy Petesch know you appreciate the work she has put into the displays. Kathy also donate all the flowers to put them together.

Good food and fellowship was enjoyed at the annual pot luck dinner before the November meeting.

members of the Association. Gary is the gas engine director and Susan is the camping area director. They have a very nice collection of gas engines they can be proud of. You can see several of them on display at the shows.

For The Record

The buildings at the show grounds are being used lately as a back drop for photo sessions. Photos include senior class pictures, group pictures and family pictures.

Flour Mill Directors Report

Directors Bob Hjetland and Gary Bowen report a very rewarding year. We meet the most interesting and appreciative people from all over the world. We have people who don't know what wheat is, or where it comes from, to the people who have spent their career as flour millers. We had a gentleman who worked over 40 years with the Cargill Co. that donated some pictures of the first flour mills in Topeka and flow charts from the mill he worked in. These pictures can be seen at the mill. We also had a company in Indiana that wanted to purchase our mill. We have numerous request to buy a finished product but due to contamination from our friendly rodents, we can not sell product milled in our system. However next year we are hoping to have an isolated stone mill on the front porch of the mill to mill some wheat and corn products that can be purchased.



New Members For 2015

Welcome to the following people having become new members of our Association this year.

- Betty Stiles, Meriden
- Justin Pollom, Meriden
- Henry Amon, Topeka
- Ashley DeGarmo, Meriden
- Roxie Barton, Valley Falls
- Jeff Agosto, Topeka
- Laura Pennel, Topeka
- Darrel Kenney, Carbondale
- Gerhard A. Malm D.V.M., Valley Falls
- Steve Smith, Overbrook
- Richard Gorton, Topeka
- Tim Gorton, Topeka
- Mark Gorton, Topeka
- Kyle Staple, Meriden

Hamm Quarries. Perry, donated 50 ton of rock.

Director Rodney Stevens attended the January meeting of the Garden Tractor Pullers Association in St. Joseph, Mo.

The Wheat Harvest



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COMPETITION PULLING



Antique Tractor Pulling Sponsors

If you attended any of the tractor pulls you may have noticed down each side of the track were signs alerting you to all the sponsors who donated money for support of the antique tractor pulls. This was the first year for this supplement and we and hope all of you will patronize and/or say thanks to the contributing sponsors.

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| Aahhsome Blossom LLC | 201 Broadway | Valley Falls |
| Ag Insurance LLC | 605 Cedar St. | Perry |
| Almost Home Cafe | 2033 N. Monroe | Topeka |
| B & D Radiator | 7310 Wellman Rd. | McLouth |
| Bailey Recycling & Scrap Metal | 4120 NE Seward | Topeka |
| Barnett Funeral Home | 1220 Walnut St. | Oskaloosa |
| Bittersweet Farms | 14501 S. US 59 Hwy | Oskaloosa |
| BP McLouth | 101 E. Lake St. | McLouth |
| Chunkie Dunkers | 308 Washington St. | Oskaloosa |
| Colonial Acres | 8998 US Hwy 59 | Oskaloosa |
| Country Harvest | 7312 K4 Hwy | Meriden |
| Country Harvest | 315 S. Union St. | McLouth |
| Crooked Post Winery | 7397 K-92 Hwy | Ozawkie |
| Denison State Bank | 3675 74th St. | Meriden |
| Downtown Barber Shop | 8214 Massachusetts | Lawrence |
| Ernest Spencer Metals Inc. | 3323 E 82 St. | Meriden |
| Harker Insurance & Real Estate | 211 S. Union St. | McLouth |
| Heinen P-H-E | 1808 Linn St. | Valley Falls |
| J & T Liquor | 1414 K-4 Hwy | Valley Falls |
| J. B. Pearl Sales & Service | 27425 Hwy 24 | St. Marys |
| Jeff Van Petten DVM | 7146 K-4 Hwy | Meriden |
| Jeff West Junction | 301 Miller St. | Meriden |
| King Construction | 205 Walnut St. | Oskaloosa |
| Kramer Agency | 106 Main St. | Ozawkie |
| Lonestar Tire | 14054 90th St. | Oskaloosa |
| Mark & Sons Automotive | 306 Broadway St. | Valley Falls |
| Meriden Chiropractic | 7210 K-4 Hwy | Meriden |
| Moderen AG Services | 500 7th St. | Winchester |
| Mulligans Restaurant | 6932 West Lake Rd. | Meriden |
| Murrifield Farms Supply | 22947 243rd St. | McLouth |
| Oskaloosa Lumber | 1007 Walnut St. | Oskaloosa |
| Parts City | 1003 Walnut St. | Oskaloosa |
| Perry Milling | 102 W. Front St. | Perry |
| R Bar B | 3256 NE 39th St. | Topeka |
| Valley Truck & Trailer | 1401 K-4 Hwy | Valley Falls |
| Village Greens | 5615K K-92 Hwy | Meriden |
| Western Hardware & Auto | 407 Sycamore St. | Valley Falls |
| Winchester Meat Processing | 203 Winchester St. | Winchester |

Antique Tractor Pulling

3500 lb. Stock Div. 2

1st. place, Tyler Coursen, with his Ford pulled 128.44 ft.
2nd. place, Doug Porter, with his McCormick Deering pulled 119.32 ft.
3rd. place, Marty Crowley, with his John Deere pulled 107.4 ft.
 Other Pullers:
 Carl Herring, John Deere, 83.14 ft.
 Macy Snyder, IHC, 69.75 ft.

4000 lb. Stock Div. 2

1st. place, Keith Adams, with his John Deere pulled 267.1 ft.
2nd. place, Edwin Brokamp, with his John Deere pulled 266 ft.
3rd. place, Kyle Bonham, with his Oliver pulled 236 ft.
 Other Pullers:
 Dustin Wootten, Oliver, 233.5 ft.
 Marty Crowley, John Deere, 231 ft.
 Wayne Stone, Minneapolis M., 221.7 ft.
 Alva Snyder, IHC, 219 ft.
 Doug Porter, McCormick D., 209.8 ft.
 Tyler Coursen, Ford, 202.6 ft.

4500 lb. Stock Div. 2.

1st. place, Kyle Bonham, with his Oliver pulled 195 ft.
2nd. place, Nicole Klenklen, with her Massey Harris, pulled 192.8 ft.
3rd. place, Wayne Stone, with his Minneapolis Moline, pulled 182.6 ft.
 Other Pullers:
 Keith Adams, John Deere, 179.7 ft.
 Pamela Wootten, John Deere, 179 ft.
 Dustin Wootten, Okiver, 156.6 ft.
 Edwin Brokamp, John Deere, 148.3 ft.
 Mike Snyder, IHC, 146.1 ft.
 Alva Snyder, HC, 134.1 ft.

5000 lb. Stock Div. 2.

1st. place, J. V., pulled his IHC, 224.2 ft.
2nd. place, Rick Stapel, pulled his Minneapolis Moline, 220.6 ft.
3rd. place, Doug Porter, pulled his IHC, 219 ft.
 Other Pullers:
 Cory Gantz, Farmall, 218.9 ft.
 Richard Zule, IHC, 210.8 ft.
 Duane Zule IHC, 194.9 ft.
 Pamela Wootten, John Deere, 192 ft.
 Derek Stapel, Massey Harris, 191.1 ft.
 Josh Thomas, IHC, 191 ft.
 Mike Snyder, IHC, 183.9 ft.

5500 lb. Stock Div. 2

1st. place. David Porter, pulled his IHC,

271.4 ft.

2nd. place, Ralph Porter, pulled his IHC, 265 ft.

3rd. place, Rick Stapel, pulled his Minneapolis Moline 253 ft.

Other Pullers:

Cory Gantz, Farmall, 242 ft.
 Derek Stepel, Massey Harris, 237.2 ft
 Duane Zule, IHC, 206.8 ft.
 Richard Zule, IHC 159.5 ft.
 Josh Barnes, IHC 156.3 ft.
 J. V., IHC, 148.8 ft.
 Dennis Utt, Cockshutt, 103 ft.

6000 lb. Stock Div. 2

1st. place, Dave Porter, pulled his Farmall, 231 ft.

2nd. place, Nick Patten, pulled his John Deere, 230.4 ft.

3rd. place, Doug Porter, pulled his IHC, 230 ft.

Other Pullers:

Cory Gantz, Farmall, 224.2 ft.
 Rick Stapel, Minneapolis M., 213.7 ft.
 J. V., IHC, 205.5 ft.
 Richard Zule, IHC, 174.2 ft.
 Devlin Brown, IHC, 172.8 ft.

6500 lb. Stock Div. 2

1st. place, Devlin Brown pulled his IHC, 232 ft.

2nd. place, David Porter, pulled his Farmall, 229.5 ft.

3rd. place, Shelby Stapel, pulled his Minneapolis Moline 214.5 ft.

Other Puller:

Rick Stapel, Minneapolis M., 214 ft.

7000 lb. Stock Div. 2

1st. place, Nick Patton, pulled his John Deere 270 ft.

2nd place, Spencer Wentz, pulled his McCormick Deering, 254.5 ft.

3rd. place, Rick Stapel, pulled his Minneapolis Moline 195.2 ft.

Other Puller:

Shelby Stapel, Minneapolis M., 191 ft.

7500 lb. Stock Div. 2

1st. place, Nick Patton, pulled his John Deere 253.5 ft.

2nd. place, Spencer Wentz, pulled his McCormick Deering 244 ft.

3rd. place, Rick Stapel, pulled his Minneapolis Moline 236.7 ft.

Other Pullers:

Shelby Stapel, Minneapolis M., 209 ft.
 Preston Lutz, Case, 196 ft.

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Garden Tractor Pulling

Garden tractor pulling has been the fastest growing competition pulling that has come to our show. It is a sport anyone can participate in. It is relative inexpensive to get started in compared to the antique tractors. They can easily be transported in a pickup truck or small trailer. The whole family can enjoy pulling, however the young girls and boys seems to enjoy it the most. Because of the number of pulls made each day of our show I will only be able to list the top 3 places in each class.

Friday, July 17, there were 87 pulls.

650 lb. class:

1st. place was Marshall Joannes, Kansas City, Mo., he pulled 72.98 ft.

2nd place was Benjamin Baldwin, Kidder, Mo., he pulled 68.98 ft.

3rd place was Blaine Veatch, Gower, Mo., he pulled 52.27 ft.

750 lb. class:

1st. place was Barrett Veatch, Gower, Mo., he pulled 87.02 ft.

2nd. place was Kody Dawson, Cameron, Mo., he pulled 85.25 ft.

3rd. place was Brittany Steeby, Amazonia, Mo., she pulled 80.85 ft.

850 lb. class:

1st. place was Katelyn Brady, Savannah, Mo., she pulled 99.83 ft.

2nd. place was Austin Lavin, Perry, Ks., he pulled 95.12 ft.

3rd. place was Johnny Johnson, Kansas City, Mo., he pulled 87.81 ft.

950S lb. class:

1st. place was Mark Steeby, Amazonia, Mo., he pulled 111.58 ft.

2nd. place was Barrett Veatch, Gower, Mo., he pulled 109.30 ft.

3rd. place was Robert Tharp, Topeka, Ks., he pulled 96.64 ft.

950F lb. class:

1st. place was Chris Veatch, Gower, Mo., he pulled 123.90 ft.

2nd. place was Shelia Baldwin, Kidder, Mo., she pulled 121.25 ft.

3rd. place was Barrett Veatch, Gower, Mo., he pulled 121.19 ft.

1050 lb. class:

1st. place was Becky Steeby, Amazonia, Mo., she pulled 132.59 ft.

2nd. place was Chris Veatch, Gower, Mo., he pulled 130.03 ft.

3rd. place was Robert Tharp, Topeka, Ks., he pulled 120.33 ft.

1050M lb. class:

1st. place was Don Filbert, Nortonville, Ks., he pulled 163.36 ft.

2nd. place was Don Filbert, Nortonville, Ks., he pulled 156.28 ft.

3rd. place was Jon Dawson, Cameron, Mo., he pulled 137.19 ft.

Saturday, July 18, there were 73 pulls.

650 lb. Class:

1st. place was Benjamin Baldwin, Kidder, Mo., he pulled 83.38 ft.

2nd. place was Blaine Veatch, Gower, Mo., he pulled 81.40 ft.

3rd. place was Tayler Vandroff, Lawrence, Ks., he pulled 80.19 ft.

750 lb. Class:

1st. place was Kody Dawson, Cameron, Mo., he pulled 94.74 ft.

2nd. place was Barrett Veatch, Gower, Mo., he pulled 89.07 ft.

3rd. place was Becky Steeby, Amazonia, Mo., she pulled 78.77 ft.

850 lb. Class:

1st. place was Barrett Veatch, Gower, Mo., he pulled 95.53 ft.

2nd. place was Katelyn Brady, Savannah, Mo., she pulled 95.38 ft.

3rd. place was Harris Mowder, Perry, Ks., he pulled 95.38 ft.

950S lb. Class:

1st. place was Mark Steeby, Amazonia, Mo., he pulled 113.09 ft.

2nd. place was Becky Ruoff, Country Club, Mo., she pulled 111.88 ft.

3rd. place was Colton Ruoff, Country Club, Mo., he pulled 95.38 ft.

950F lb. Class:

1st. place was Chris Veatch, Gower, Mo., he pulled 112.64 ft.

2nd. place was Mark Steeby, Amazonia, Mo., he pulled 111.70 ft.

3rd. place was Barrett Veatch, Gower, Mo., he pulled 111.60 ft.

1050 lb. Class:

1st. place was Larry Baldwin, Kidder, Mo., he pulled 119.12 ft.

2nd. place was Chris Veatch, Gallatin, Mo., he pulled 118.31 ft.

3rd. place was Becky Ruoff, Country Club, Mo., she pulled 116.28 ft.

1050M lb. Class:

1st. place was Gary Shughart, Landcaster, Ks., he pulled 141.09 ft.

2nd. place was Don Filbert, Nortonville, Ks., he pulled 138.18 ft.

3rd. place was Don Filbert, Nortonville, Ks., he pulled 136.36 ft.

Sunday, July 19 there were 66 pulls.

650 lb. Class:

1st. place was Benjamin Baldwin, Kidder, Mo., he pulled 67.33 ft.

2nd. place was Blaine Veatch, Gower, Mo., he pulled 62.47 ft.

3rd. place was J. T. Hainline, Mayetta, Ks., he pulled 61.18 ft.

750 lb. Class:

1st. place was Barrett Veatch, Gower, Mo., he pulled 72.14 ft.

2nd. place was Kody Dawson, Cameron, Mo., he pulled 70.77 ft.

3rd. place was Clayton Hainline, Mayetta, Ks., he pulled 66.12 ft.

850 lb. Class:

1st. place was Katelyn Brady, Savannah, Mo., she pulled 70.75 ft.

2nd. place was Brody Hollis, Valley Falls, Ks., he pulled 67.91 ft.

3rd. place was Becky Steeby, Amazonia, Mo., she placed 66.01 ft.

950S lb. Class:

1st. place was Mark Steeby, Amazonia, Mo., he pulled 69.76 ft.

2nd. place was Barrett Veatch, Gower, Mo., he pulled 69.66 ft.

3rd. place was Randy Ruoff, Country Club, Mo., he pulled 64.27 ft.

950F lb. Class:

1st. place was Mark Steeby, Amazonia, Mo., he pulled 100.72 ft.

2nd. place was Katelyn Brady, Savannah, Mo., she pulled 86.37 ft.

3rd. place was Ron Baldwin, Greenwood, Mo., he pulled 78.19 ft.

1050 lb. Class:

1st. place was Larry Baldwin, Kidder, Mo., he pulled 104.67 ft.

2nd. place was Robert Tharp, Topeka, Ks., he pulled 100.82 ft.

3rd. place was Becky Steeby, Amazonia, Mo., she pulled 93.28 ft.

1050M lb. Class:

1st. place was Mark Steeby, Amazonia, Mo., he pulled 140.43 ft.

2nd. place was Bret Baker, Topeka, Ks., he pulled 134.76 ft.

3rd. place was Jon Dawson, Cameron, Mo., he pulled 118.71 ft.

Truck Pulling

Diesel Div.

1st. place, Mark Shutt, pulled his Dodge 305 ft.

2nd. place, C. T. Hanse, pulled his Dodge 301.2 ft.

3rd. place, Johathon Hege, pulled his Dodge 281.4 ft.

Other Puller:

Donnie Cottell, Dodge, 265.7 ft.

Why do John Deere Tractors plow so well? They vibrate so much the ground is already broken up when the plow gets there.



Antique Tractor Pulling



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3500 lb. Modified Div.

1st. place, Tyler Coursen, pulled his Ford 192.19 ft.
2nd. place, shane Kramer, pulled his Allis chalmers 168.94 ft.

4000 lb. Modified Div.

1st. place, Shane Kramer pulled his Allis Chalmers 298.6 ft.
2nd. place, Tyler coursen, pulled his Ford 195 ft.

4500 lb. Modified Div.

1st. place, Dale Robb, pulled his M Farmal 234.8 ft.
2nd. place, Travis Kramer, pulled his Allis Chalmers 233 ft.

3rd. place, Shane Kramer, pulled his Allis Chalmers 188.1 ft.

5000 lb. Modified Div.

1st. place, Travis Kramer, pulled his Allis Chalmers 275.2 ft.

2nd. place, Dale Robb, pulled his M Farmall 236.9 ft.

3rd. place, Jerry Patton, pulled his John Deere 219.2 ft.

Other Puller:

Al Stone, Minneapolis Moline. 200.5 ft.

5500 lb. Modified Div.

1st. place, Dale Robb, pulled his M Farmall 227.6 ft.

2nd. place, Travis Kramer, pulled his

Allis Chalmers 223 ft.

3rd. place, Lyle Wiley, pulled his John Deere 215 ft.

Other Pullers:

Al Stone, Minneapolis Moline 291 ft.

Jerry Patton, John Deere, 189 ft.

6000 lb. Modified Div.

1st. place, Scott Stapel, pulled his Minneapolis Moline 283.8 ft.

2nd. place, Spencer Wentz, pulled his McCormick Deering 264.9 ft.

3rd. place, Lyle Wiley, pulled his John Deere 262.5 ft.

Other Puller:

Jerry Patton, John Deere, 199.5 ft.

6500 lb. Modified Div.

1st. place, Scott Stapel, pulled his Minneapolis Moline 300.9 ft.

2nd. place, Luke Page, pulled his McCormick Deering 269 ft.

7000 lb. Modified Div.

1st. place, Montana Stapel, she pulled her Minneapolis Moline 306.2 ft.

2nd. place, Lyle Wiley, pulled his John Deere 266.5 ft.

7500 lb. Modified Div.

1st. place, Lyle Wiley, pulled his John Deere 267.9 ft.

2nd. place, Scott Stapel, pulled his Minneapolis Moline 255.2 ft.

Why did Case tractors have an Eagle as their symbol? Because they needed the eyes of an eagle to see if they were getting any work done.

Pedal Power Tractor Pulling

Pedal power tractor pulling is becoming a much attended attraction. Below are the results of the pull.

4 years old and under Class in the order they placed.

1. Grant Lenher
2. Jason Bickel
3. Travis Patz
4. J. J. Agasto
5. Emmett VanWinkle
6. Aiden Sack
7. Bradley Ballenger
8. Brook Spreer
9. Daniel Keller

1. Caleb Platt
2. Jason Bickel
3. Brent Phillips
4. Brodie Shiclost
5. Shianne Kimball
6. Hunter Hase
7. Emery Cutright
8. Freddy Moreau



9 - 10 years old class in the order they placed.

1. Kayla G.
2. Lane Wohlgemuth
3. Jaylon Case
4. Anna Patz
5. Kyla Phillips
6. Ashley Moreau
7. Evan Lenherr

11 - 12 years old class in the order they placed.

1. Ty Uhler
2. T. J. McGrath
3. Robert Phillips
4. Taylor Tenpenny

Apple Butter Directors Report

Director Kerril Bauerly reports this year we made over 150 jars of fresh apple butter in our big copper kettle over the open fire. That comes out to around 50 jars each day. We peeled and chopped approximately six, five gallon buckets of apples each day.

On Kid's Day, we let the students peel the apples with our hand cranked peeler. They also took turns stirring the apples as they cooked over the fire with the big wooden paddle. They really enjoy learning and tasting.

We make our apple butter with apples, fresh pressed apple cider from the cider

stand, sorghum from the sorghum shack, a little sugar, a little cinnamon, and lots of red hots. It must be stirred constantly so it doesn't scorch. The outside temperature and humidity affect how quickly the apples cook down but it still takes several hours over the fire. For the past 3 years, Flora DeBacker in Topeka has donated apples from her orchard. This year, Cedar Apple Rust was prevalent in Northeast Kansas and we were forced to purchase 4 large bins of out of state apples. The apples were shared between the apple cider and apple butter.



Cedar Chests For Sale

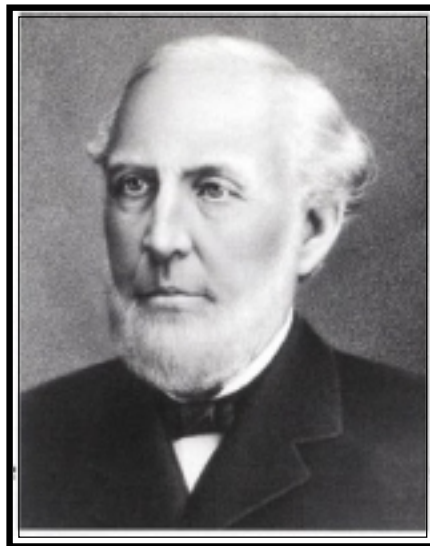
Cedar Chests built as a fund raising project. Those responsible for producing the chests are Jody Kirkwood, Jim Noll, Merlyn Mahoney, Merril Lovendahl, Dennis Noll, Paul Dunlap and Jess Noll. It took them 3 Saturdays at Noll's Woodshed in Nortonville to build them.

If its green, mow it or spend it. Crops are green, tractors are red. If it ain't red leave it in the shed.

Featured Tractor Of The Year

Case was the featured tractor for 2015.

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Jerome Increase Case
1819 - 1891

Jerome Increase Case started his company in Rochester, Wisconsin in 1842. He soon moved to Racine, Wisconsin where he began to manufacture threshers. In 1863, J. I. Case sought partnership with three other farmers, Massena Erskine, Robert Baker and Stephen bull. These four would later be nicknamed "the big four" of the farming industry. Their partnership was named J. I Case & Company. Their Eagle Trademark, "Old Abe", was adopted in 1865 and is patterned after a bald eagle that served in the Civil War as a mascot.

He was later recognized as the first American to create a steam engine for agricultural use building his first steam engine in 1869 which was moved around by horses. By 1876 they had developed their first steam traction engine. The first Case farm tractor appeared on the scene in 1892.



J.I. Case's First Portable Steam Engine 1869.



J. I. Case's Farm Tractor 1912.

Case was also involved in politics, becoming mayor of Racine three times, and state senator twice. He was also involved in other endeavors, such as science, the arts, and banking, and was president of several Racine agricultural associations. He was also a racehorse owner.



Association member, Josh Bickel, Meriden, driving his 1937, Model CC4, 35 horsepower, Case tractor. Josh purchased the tractor at a Garden City, Ks. auction in 1988. He was still in high school then and restored the tractor as an FFA project. It took 9 months to complete and ended up at the Kansas State Fair that year where he was presented with a reserve grand champion honor for restoration.



Photo from Dan Kennedy collection

Association member, Dan Kennedy from St. Marys, Ks., with three of the five Case tractors, he and his wife Carol, had on display at the threshing show this summer.

They are from left to right: 1959 Case Model 800 -- 1955 Case Model 400 -- 1951 Case Model DC. The latter being one of their family owned tractors.

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Dan told me his family had both Case and International tractors on their farm as he grew up. It was really quite interesting as my Mom was partial to Case and my Dad was more International Harvester oriented as his uncle was an international Harvester dealer. As a result I spent many hours on both brands and actually had an appreciation for both prior to CaseIH. As a result, I have both case and IHC products in my personal collection. The Case tractor in my collection that I admire the most is the model 800 "Case-o-matic" as it is such a smooth power and the torque multiplication of the torque converter transmission is amazing. It will pull far more than any of my similar size gear drive tractors. My Model 800 is not a family tractor as is the Model DC in the picture, but for me it is very special. We did not have a model 800 on the farm, but we did have a Case Model 730 that I operated many hours.

Entertainment Director

Director Kathy Petesch reports there were over 60 people attending the dance in the barn on Friday evening of the Threshing Show listening and dancing to the music of the Sierra Band. There were over 70 people attending on Saturday evening enjoying the same band. Next year for the Threshing Show I have contracted Tony Lansing and the Triple Shot Band for Friday evening. For Saturday evening I have contracted The Southern Reign Band from Leavenworth, Ks. They play old rock & roll and country music. I think everyone will enjoy them. There were over 65 listeners and dancers attending the Saturday night band, The Dr. Cook's Medicine Show, at the Fall Festival. Everyone was pleased with their music and I have contracted them for Saturday night at next years Fall Festival. I feel everyone has enjoyed the bands I have hired over the past year and look forward to dancing the night away in 2016.



Kitchen Director

Director, Joline Bickel, reports another successful year. Help making that possible were the kids from The Villages INC. in Topeka, Kansas. These kids range from 13 to 18 years of age. Some of them have worked in the kitchen in past years and are aware of how things should work. An addition to the kitchen this year was an induction bake oven which helped to speed up production of baked goods and offer an expanded menu. Darrell Hammond, Meriden donated some kitchen cabinets for the new kitchen which helped tremendously with storage of supplies and cookware. New serving windows in the front helped in delivering faster service. A new 2 glass doors refrigerator was also well accepted. With completion of the new kitchen there were no more uneven floors to walk on and no little furry critters to worry about.



Note: The Villages INC., provides emotionally supportive homes to youth in need. The Villages manages a 400 acre private nature preserve and provides nature based opportunities for our youth residents along with an amazing Adventure Challenge Course for groups in the community

Out Of The Past

By Gary Bowen

Always turn your force feed lubricators 50 turns before starting the engine.

This story is about an accident that occurred on the show grounds in 1978. Gabe Brull, North Kansas City, Kansas, had one of his 3 lightweight Rumely Oil Pull tractors parked on the east side of the main building where he had unloaded the day before. We were inside the building doing some cleaning up when we heard a loud explosion just outside. We went to the east door and saw Gabe standing by his Model Y, 30-50 horse power tractor. There was smoke coming out the top of the tractor crankcase. Gabe told us he was starting the tractor to move it and the crankcase exploded. There were engine pieces laying all around the tractor. Gabe said he had made a mistake and not turned the force feed lubricator 50 turns before trying to start the engine. Most all tractors using a force feed lubricator to feed oil to there engines recommend 50 turns of the oiler before attempting to start it. The reason is after an engine sets for a while the oil on the pistons will drain back into the crankcase and the compression seal around the piston is weakened or lost. This is what happened to Gabe's engine. When he pumped gasoline into the carburetor to start the tractor the fumes, unrestricted, traveled around the dry pistons into the crankcase. When he turned the flywheel to start the engine the spark from the spark plug ignited the gas fumes and the pressure from the ignited gasoline fumes in the crankcase was like a small bomb. It broke the top of the crankcase into many pieces and they were laying all around the tractor on the ground. We helped Gabe find all the pieces. Gabe later told us he had never learned to weld but he bought a welder and got an instruction book from the library and was able to weld all the pieces back together. Later after he had it repaired I got to look at it. It looked like a picture puzzle that had been put back together with his welding. He did an amazing job fitting it all back together to match the original size.

Web Master Director

Kerril Bauerly Reports

The web-site, www.meridenthreshers.org, has a new FAQ (frequently Asked Questions) page. Feel free to look here for answers to common questions. If you think we missed something, let us know at kbaulerly@aol.com. In addition to contact information for the officers, we have a map to our show grounds and links to other sites of interest around Jefferson County and the state of Kansas. Look for updates to the buildings pages in the next year as time allows. Our Face book page currently has 652 likes. We try to keep it updated as things happen. Around the first of the year, we will create events for the 2016 activities. Our Facebook page is public so you can access it whether you are a member or not. The page administrators are Kevin Kirkwood, Jesse Noll, Kerril Bauerly. The Facebook page will have more up to the minute content than the web page.

- Jim McMillan, Grantville, donated two dumpsters for the trash.
- Norma Trude, Perry, has donated a potato planter and feed grinder.
- New member, Jeff Agasto, donated candy to the General Store.
- Roger Barnes, Topeka, has donated a working foundry and all equipment necessary to make it functional.
- Bob Davis donated a burr mill.

Member Bill Bickel was responsible for using his machinery to maintain and plant and harvest crops on the show grounds.

Featured Gas Engine Of The Year

Cushman was the featured Gas Engine for 2015.

Nebraska State Historical Society - The Cushman Centennial



In 1901 cousins Everett and Clinton Cushman began constructing farm machinery and two-cycle boat engines in Lincoln, Nebraska. Businessman Everett Sawyer joined the company in 1909, and production shifted to farm engines. In 1913 the company incorporated as the Cushman Motor Works and built a foundry at Twenty-first and X streets, its present location.

By World War I, farmers were using Cushman two and four horsepower engines to operate water pumps, cream separators, washing machines, feed grinders, concrete mixers, wood saws, and generators. In 1918 Cushman opened a plant in Canada that proved to be unsuccessful, and by 1927 Cushman Motor Works was owned by a management company.

The Easy Manufacturing Company, owned by father and son John and Charles Ammon, merged with Cushman in 1934. The firm made farm implements in Loncoln and had previously purchased castings from Cushman.

In 1935 a youngster in search of spare parts brought a scooter to the Cushman plant. Powered by an old Cushman washing machine motor, the scooter intrigued owner Charles Ammon, who thought it might make an ideal product. The first Cushman motor scooter came out in 1936, and sales boomed.



The Roxie Barton Quilt

New Association member Roxie Barton, Valley Falls, designed, and built this quilt. The Association purchased it from Roxie and sold raffle tickets as a fund raiser. Tickets were sold all year with 125 being sold at the farm show and a grand total of 744. The winner was drawn during the Bloomfield Community Church Bazaar held in November. The proud owner is Ed Lewis, Ozawkie

During World War II, Cushman produced scooters for the Navy, the Army, and the Army Air Forces. Cushman also manufactured a special airborne model scooter designed to be dropped by parachute to troops behind enemy lines. The company's three wheeled delivery vehicles were also in demand by the military and for industrial use.



In 1950 the Cushman plant expanded to 250,000 square feet. After converting to assembly line principles, the plant was able to produce ten thousand scooters per year, along with Husky air cooled engines and Cub water cooled engines.

In 1989 Ransomes of Great Britain purchased the Cushman division from OMC. More recently, Textron, Incorporated, acquired Ransomes and Cushman became a division of Textron. Through the years Cushman went through many changes of ownership, name, and products, but continued production at the original Lincoln location.

The Fall Festival flyer was accessed over 1200 times on our Facebook Page.

From The Treasure's Office

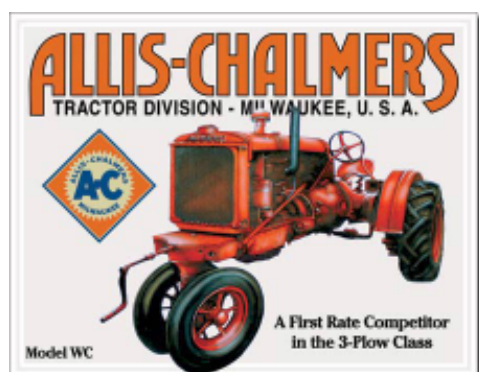
Treasure Kerril Bauerly mentions we have purchased 31 acres to the north and to the west of the original 10 acre show grounds. It has allowed us to expand our parking and exhibition areas along with allowing us to raise our own crops for demonstrations. While we love all the new space the land was not cheap. We have raised through donations \$30,000.00 for the down payment. If you would like to make a contribution toward purchasing the land it would be greatly appreciated. Contact me at 913-369-3113 or 816-898-2328.



The first gasoline car, 1894 by Karl Benz

We are looking forward to a new public address system on the show grounds next year.

**2016
Featured Tractor Of
The Year
Allis Chalmers**



**2016
Featured Gas Engine
Of The Year
Fairbanks Morse**



If You Have One Or Both We Invite You To Display Them.



The Knudsen Baling Team

Members Dennis and Dorthy Knudsen and their family demonstrate how crops were baled in the early days of mechanical farming. The first mechanical baler was horse powered. The next generation of balers were powered with belt power, usually from a tractor. The Knudsons use their Case tractor to power the machine. Above they are baling the wheat straw left by the threshing machine.



Caleb Kearney, left, watches Kerril Bauerly fill a jar with freshly brewed apple butter. Kerril's dad Merrill Lovendahl is keeping the pot stirred while Jody Kirkwood, right, is making a quality control inspection.

The roots of apple butter lie in Limburg (Belgium and the Netherlands) and Rhineland (Germany), conceived during the Middle Ages, when the first monasteries (with large fruit yards) appeared. The production of the butter was a perfect way to conserve part of the fruit pro-

duction of the monasteries in that region, at a time when almost every village had its own apple butter producers. The production of apple butter was also a popular way of using apples in colonial America, well into the 19th century.

Wikipedia The Free Encyclopedia

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photo by Antique Power Magazine

Antique Power Magazine Features Association Member.

some material taken from the antique power magazine

Association member Richard Raunnebaum sitting on his 1966 Bush Hog, D-47, mower was featured in the November/December, 2015 Antique Power Magazine. Bush Hog bought out the Shaw Tractor Co. in Galesburg, Kansas, to get into the lawn tractor business. With the purchase came a guarantee all production would remain in Galesburg. Richard found his D4-7 in the Topeka,

Kansas, area. It has a 7-1/4 hp Wisconsin engine, with a gear driven, two speed transaxle. The power-take-off is another rarity for a lawn tractor this early in production. The 42 inch deck drives from a pulley on the front of the engine. The tractor is equipped with a sleeve hitch for rear mounted equipment. Richard said he was lucky to find an original complete Bush Hog transaxle at the Galesburg plant for \$25. The starter generator was in such bad shape it was suggested I find a different one to rebuild. This one is actually from a Cub Cadet, but it works fine. Richard retired in 2003 and has been spending most of his time working on his classic and antique tractors. All of us that know Richard appreciate the work he has done in restoring is collection of tractors, and we are glad to have him as member.

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Did You Hear About The Magic Tractor? It Turned Into A Field!



photo from the bickel collection

Member Bill Bickle's first tractor was a 1953, Model DC Case. The tractor was originally owned by his wife, Jolene's, Grandfather. Her Grandfather later traded it to her Dad for a mower. Bill pulled it in tractor pulls the first few years he had it. The Model DC Case was introduced in 1939, and had 33 horsepower.

The old rock crusher. It sets behind the Cottonwood Station Flour Mill. It was used in the city of Horton, Kansas. Mike Bunk donated it to the Association in 1983. This year the crew had to do some maintenance but once they got going they crushed a lot of rock which was spread on the streets of the show grounds. Josh Bickel had his IHC Model LA gasoline engine pulling the conveyer belt.



Director Merlyn Mahoney thanks member Pat Herring, Valley Falls, for using his machines to prepare the sorghum field and getting it planted.

Kids Day

Emily McGrath Clerk At The General Store

Where Does Flour Come From?

Gary Bowen

Bob Hjetland



photo by gary bowen

Steve Culver, Meriden, standing beside a model steam engine he donated to the Association.

This 1/2 scale engine, modeled after a case traction engine, was built by Steve's Uncle George Culver with help from Steve's good friend Reverend William Hurtig. George and his wife Dorothy were neighbors with the Hurtigs where they lived in Lyndon, Kansas at the time. Steve said the engine was built sometime in the mid 1960s and took 4 or 5 years to complete. He thought the boiler was built by someone in Missouri. George passed away in 1972 and later Dorothy gave the engine to Steve in hopes he would get it back into operation. By the time Steve got the engine there were new regulations on boilers in Kansas. Steve had to replace all the water

and steam pipes and fittings to a schedule 80 rating. George built the engine with steel wheels. He wanted to drive the engine in parades so he built a second set of wheels using pneumatic tires. When George passed away the engine had the pneumatic tires on as seen in the picture above. When Steve ask his Aunt Dorothy about the steel wheels she said they had been stolen. In the early days of the Threshing Association, Steve supplied demonstrations of blacksmithing and knife making in the blacksmith shop. Today Steve is recognized around the world as a master knife maker. Steve is also an accomplished gunsmith and a good friend.

Gary and June Bowen, Meriden, have donated the development of this news letter and cost to have it printed at the Valley Falls Vindicator.

Pete Essman, Grantville, has donated a horizontal sorghum molasses press.

Jefferson Assembly of God Church, Meriden, donated \$25.00.

Wayne Ferrell and wife, Alyse Stewart, Valley Falls, have donated the following machines from their Stewart Hardware Store in Valley Falls, a foot operated (Stomp) metal cutting shear, a machine to produce metal rain gutter ferrules, a circle cutter for cutting metal, and a pipe threader and dies. The store has closed after 125 years. Helen Stewart donated a machine, from the store, that produced rain gutter about 20 years ago.

Director Russ Dunlop reported 21 flea markets at the Threshing Show.

Look for a new roof on the Benedict Meyer Log Cabin next year.

If you were driving by and saw a lot of dust it was probably Dennis and Rodney Stevens along with Glenn Butler Jr., mowing the show grounds.



Topeka Farm Show



photo by Kevin Kirkwood

Gary Bowen, Jody Kirkwood, Carol Kirkwood, Karen Lovendahl, Merrill Lovendahl

The Topeka Farm Show was held on January 6th, 7th and 8th at the Topeka exocentre. There were over 300 exhibitors displaying the latest in farm and ranch equipment. To remind people of the advancement of farm machinery in the last 70 to 100 years and to advertise our upcoming events, The Meriden Antique Engine and Threshing Association was represented, in the Dormer Building, by Caleb Kearny, and Austin Chapman, both from Oskaloosa, displaying their 1914 Rumley Steam engine and Gary Bowen, Meriden, with a 1930 Rumley Oil Pull tractor. The display area was maintained, for the three days, by association members Jody and Carol Kirkwood, Merrill and Karen Lovendahl,

Bill Bickel, Gary Bowen, Jess Noll, Kathy Petesch, Emily Petesch. Keven Kirkwood provided a computer and monitor which displayed an on going slide show of equipment and demonstrations occurring at some of the show ground events. Show date cards for 2015, printed by Steve Johnson in the print shop, were handed out to spectators passing by. Raffle tickets were sold at \$1.00 each with hopes of winning the beautiful Farmal quilt designed and built by member Roxie Barton, Valley Falls. Kansas Chapter #3 International Harvester Collectors Club was also represented with several classic tractors, on display, belonging to their club members.

Make A Donation Toward The Purchase Of Our New Land.
 Send any amount to Association Treasure:
 Kerril Bauerly, 25655 Parallel Rd., Tonganoxie, Ks., 66086

Definition of a farmer: A man outstanding in his field.

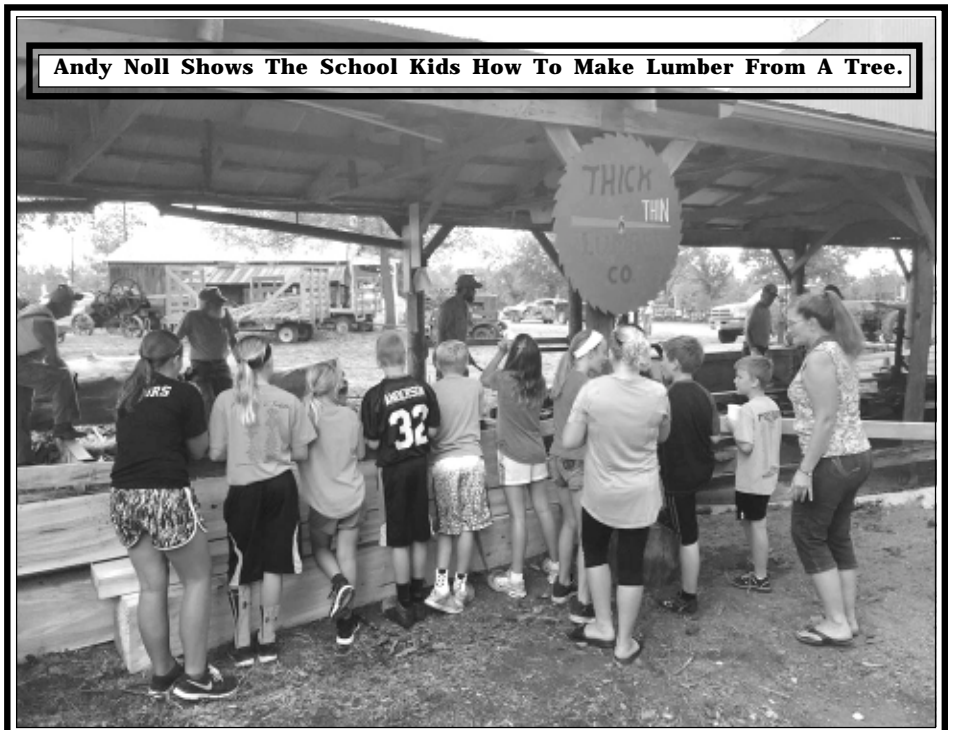
Kids Day Continued



Bryan Ottawa Showing The Kids The Art Of Blacksmithing.



Steve Johnson, Meriden, "Have Type Will Print" At The Print Shop.



Andy Noll Shows The School Kids How To Make Lumber From A Tree.



Emily Petesch Milling Apples For The Kids.

Kathy Petesch Prepares A Sample.



Kirk Jackson, Valley Falls, giving the kids a tour of the blacksmith shop.

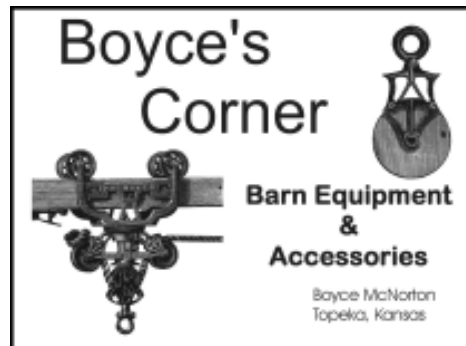
Obituaries

History Of The Meriden Antique Engine & Threshers Association.

My good friend and club member, Dennis Stevens, ask me about preserving some of the history of the Association. "Dennis here is what I know." My family, wife June, kids, Greg, Jeff, Melanie, Travis and Tom, acquired our first gas engine in 1970 and our first tractor in 1972 and from then on we traveled to all the local and not so local steam and tractor shows all summer and into the fall. Our neighbor Delbert Sayles, (deceased) had one of the largest collection of tractors, engines and equipment in this part of the country. Delbert only lived a couple of miles from us so I spent as much time as I could helping him restore some of his favorite pieces. Delbert was handicapped and could not walk but he was always out there with me helping where ever he could. We were collecting more each year and were getting a lot of Delbert's tractors and equipment running. One day I said to Delbert "we should get all these tractors and engines together and have a little show." Delbert was all in favor of that and said we could do it on his farm. Our first Get-To-Gether was in July, 1974. Those attending were, Melvin Rees, Harold Royer, Kenneth Thompson, Vernon Clark, Delbert Sayles, Frank Sayles, Dale Sayles, Richard Cornelison, John Allen Jr., Elmer Bowen, Everett Bowen, and My Self. We had our second Get-To-Gether in July, 1975. These Get-To-Gethers were drawing so much interest I started asking around to see if anyone would be interested in forming an organization, supporting and producing a show. On August 28, 1976, Melvin Rees, Kenneth Thompson, Harold Royer, Vernon Clark, Elmer Bowen, John Allen Jr., Jerry Schrieber, Everett Bowen, and Attorney Gary Nafzinger, met at our home and at this meeting the Meriden Antique Engine and Threshers Association was formed. The officers elected were President: Melvin Rees, Topeka, 1st. Vice President: Gabe Brull, North Kansas City, 2nd. Vice President, Elmer Bowen, Meriden, Secretary/Treasure: Gary Bowen, Meriden.

This is a short explanation of how the Association came about. If you would like to read the complete story along with numerous photos, I have written a book "The Meriden Antique Engine & Threshers Association, Meriden, Kansas. "The Beginning". This book is 64 pages and gives the history of the first 3 years of the Association. The first six pages of this book tells the story of how our family became interested in antique engines which latter led to the formation of the Association. If interested contact me, Gary Bowen, 4351 81St., Meriden, Kansas, 66512. 785-484-3705.

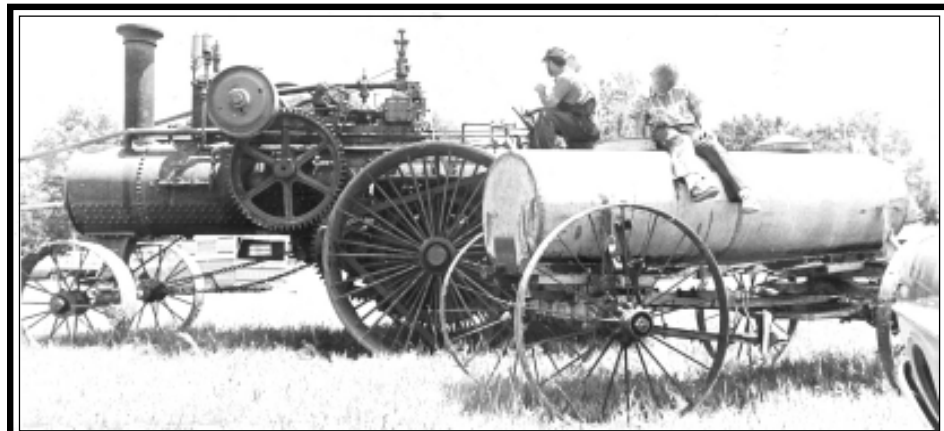
BoyceL. McNorton, age 81, of Topeka passed away Tuesday, January 20, 2015 at Stormont Vail Hospital. Boyce was born December 12, 1933 in Topeka the son of Fred and Mildred Hiller McNorton. He served in the U.S. Army from 1953 - 1955 and was stationed in Germany as a MP. Boyce worked for Jordan Bakery, Knoll Welding and then owned and operated the McNorton Trash Service in Topeka. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, RosaDell Nicholson in 2010. He is survived by three brothers, Wayne (Bonnie) McNorton, Clyde (Daytha) McNorton and David (Evelyn) McNorton, a sister, Kathleen Nolting and several nieces and nephews all of Topeka. Graveside services will be Saturday, January 24, 2015 at 2:00 PM at the Rochester Cemetery.



Boyce's Corner is located in the southwest corner of the Lenora Bowen Memorial Hay Barn. Boyce spent many years developing this display which contains some very rare hay handling equipment along with many other unique items used in the early day barns. Boyce donated many of the items on display there. Boyce attended every show, until he was no longer able, and could be found in the barn explaining to everyone coming by about the hay barn equipment and how it worked and how it was used. Boyce would sometimes bring his Farmal tractor to the shows and always had his John Deere gasoline engine pumping water on a nice display he had built. Boyce also donated a very rare seed cleaning machine that was manufactured in Topeka, Kansas. Boyce restored this piece also. It can be seen on the third floor of the flour mill.

The Nichols & Shepard Company of Battle Creek opened for business in 1848. The original owners and co-founders were John Nichols and Charles Shepard, a transplant from upstate New York. Operating a modern foundry works as well as a blacksmith shop, the two mechanically inclined entrepreneurs had a fledgling enterprise by 1850.

Below is a photo from our first Get-To-Gether in July, 1974. This is Delbert Sayles's Nichols and Shepard traction steam engine. Harold Royer is operating the engine. Our son Jeff Wright is sitting on the water wagon, which also belonged to Delbert. We planted one acre of wheat that year on Delbert's farm and in this photo we were threshing it with one of Delbert's threshing machines.



Camping Reservations

To reserve a camping spot with electrical hookups call camping director Susan Nalor

785-379-5240

- Threshing Show (3 nights) \$25.00
- Fall Festival (2 nights) \$20.00

Spots may only be reserved for an entire show.

Ethel Mae Hay Stevens, 73, of McLouth, died Sunday, November 2, 2014. Services at 10 AM, Thursday, at the Barnett Family funeral Home, Oskaloosa, Burial at Buster Cemetery, rural Perry. Visitation 6:00 to 8:00 PM, Wednesday at the Barnett Family Funeral Home, 1220 Walnut /Hwy 59, Oskaloosa. Memorials are suggested to the Meriden Antique Engine and Threshers Association (M.A.E.T.A.) and sent in care of the Funeral Home, PO Box 602 Oskaloosa, Ks, 66066.

James (Jim) Bevan, 60, of Valley Falls passed away on December 30, 2014. Jim was born February 26, 1954 in Paola, Ks., the son of William and Arieta Jones Bevan. He was a machinist by trade and worked for the Santa Fe Railroad. Jim was an accomplished blacksmith and gave demonstrations at historic festivals around the area. Jim demonstrated at our blacksmith shop, during the Threshing Show and Fall Festival all through the 1980's. In 1989 he moved from the blacksmith shop to the Wheelright Building and gave demonstrations there for several years.



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4351 81 Street
Meriden, Kansas 66512

Meeting Dates

Anyone is welcome to attend our monthly meetings. They are on the fourth Sunday of each month beginning at 7 PM. (except for the month of December when there is no meeting). Meetings are held on the show grounds.

Our Purpose

The Meriden Antique Engine and Threshers Association is a non-profit organization. It was established in 1977 to preserve, through living history, the art of threshing, the appreciation of antique engines, along with occupations and cultures in small towns and rural areas in the state of Kansas.

Work Days

If you have, or see a project you would like to help with, contact one of the officers or members to arrange a work day. You can also call one of the officers to check on scheduled work days.

911 Address

8272 K-4 highway is the address assigned for the show grounds from the Jefferson County 911 office.

Editors Note

This newsletter is published once a year. If you have any information you would like to have made public, and is acceptable by the association, please send or email it to me before the 1st of November 2016.

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2016 Show Dates

Threshing Show - July 15 - 16 - 17
Fall Festival - Sept. 24 - 25

Total Membership For 2015 **63**

2015 Officers

President: Jess Noll
Vice President: Jim Noll
Secretary: Emily Petesch
Treasure: Kerril Bauerly

2016 Officers

President: Jess Noll
Vice President: Jody Kirkwood
Secretary: Emily Petesch
Treasure: Kerril Bauerly

Membership Application

Become a new member or renew your membership for 2016, by filling in the information below and mailing it along with \$20.00 to: MAETA, P.O. Box 254, Nortonville, Ks. 66066.

New Member please print
Renewal

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone # _____ - _____ - _____ Cell # _____ - _____ - _____

E-Mail _____

What are your interests? Steam - gas - tractors - engines - autos - equine - other _____

I can help at shows _____. Call me for work days _____