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Dear MAPA member:

Our 41st anniversary season is over and a great one it was! Time for our annual November meeting. Thanks to all of you for making it happen!

**May 18th work day:** The major project was getting the rusty spots on the building cleaned and painted. Dave, Don, Jeff, Pat and Joe were involved in getting this process started. Joe did the spraying. We got a lot done, we got together the next weekend and completed the task. The other major project we looked at doing, was to replace the Masonite panels in the overhead door on the north side, with plywood. This involved cutting out each Masonite panel from its' frame and cutting the plywood to fit, a long, tedious process. Jim Perry, Bill Ellis and Don Vining were involved over two work sessions with Joe handling the painting chores. Later in the year Dave and Joe, painted the door and got the trim scraped and primed. It was an interesting summer trying to schedule painting projects in between the rain. Next year we will need to replace the panels in the door on the south side of the building.

**June show report:** We had a great show, with the rain holding off. The revenues from this years 50/50 raffle, merchandise raffle and the silent auction were off a bit. Thanks to Owls Head Transportation Museum and all the businesses and members who donated items for the merchandise raffle. Without your support, this would not be possible. Thank you! Thank you to all the MAPA members for attending our event. Thanks to Pat & Linda for their hard work all day, registering exhibitors, selling raffle tickets and merchandise. Last year Gary Willison completed the wrench table exhibit and delivered it. This exhibit is a nice addition to our Musuem. Thanks to all who have donated tools to us for display.

**In State Shows:** A busy year for sure with more events than usual. Jonathan's Autob Show was held for a second year with many members attending. Tim Mayberry's 3rd annual open house was well attended. Lyle Merrifield hosted MAPA at the Cumberland Fair again this year. Once again the rodeo event blocked our exhibit area from the public. Next year there is good possibility that the rodeo will either move to another venue or to a new location on the Fairgrounds. Thanks to all the members who participated and sold raffle tickets. Curran Farm Homestead hosted MAPA for their Fall harvest event, with 5 members exhibiting. Thanks to Peter Ricker of Wallingford's Fruit House in Auburn for his hospitality once again. Members were provided hot coffee, home made donuts and apple crisp.

**Skowhegan State Fair:** Thanks to all the members who volunteered to staff the building for the 10 days. We really need members to **step up** and involved during the Fair. I know 10 days is long time. But... we have a commitment to the Fair by the terms of our lease to "man" the building. We need at least 4 people per day to volunteer to staff the building. We have many retired members who must have the time to commit to the task. Let's make an effort to do this!!!

**Avery Engine Restoration:** Dave removed the oil pump from the Avery, the front cover had been repaired (brazed) many times and was leaking profusely. He has made a pattern (an awesome job!) and a new cover has been cast. Dave will machine the cover. This will take care of the leakage. Doug Kimball has made brass priming cup extension nipples/bushings for the Avery. This will eliminate having to remove the spark plugs to prime the engine. Tom Adkins supplied the priming cups. These last two projects pretty much complete the restoration. Again "Thanks" to all the members of the **A Team**.

**Fall Show:** On October 11th we held our second annual Fall show, this year at the Cumberland Fairgrounds. It was a cold cloudy day with our usual group of dedicated MAPA members exhibiting. I thought we would have a lot more members present. I sent a show flyer out via email, we posted it on the website as well as on Smokstak. Lyle and JoAnn Merrifield graciously hosted us for the day, doing anything possible to make us feel welcome. Lyle got the fire going Friday night so that we could enjoy Bean Hole Beans for lunch. JoAnn made potato salad with no peas in it! It was an awesome lunch complete with hot dogs and rolls and cookies for dessert. I know everyone enjoyed it! A suggested donation of \$6.00 benefited the Museum and I hope they made a lot of money. Lyle provided coffee and donuts in the morning also. Our Thanks to both Lyle and JoAnn for their efforts! Lyle is up for the challenge next year! At noon, the Darling's Ice Cream truck arrived, offering free ice cream to members and the general public. I wish the temperature had been 85 degrees! MAPA will receive the proceeds from the donation box. Thank you to Darling's for making the trip from Bangor to help us with our show!

**Raffle ticket sales:** Receipts as of 10/26/14 are \$1902.00. We have plenty of books of tickets left and tickets will be available at the meeting. Thanks to Russ & Candy Welch, John & Lynda Sanders, Jim Perry, Bill Ellis, Ed Buck, Bob Meixell, Gary Willison, Loren Davis, Scott Brown and Joe Kelley who sold tickets. Thanks to all who purchased tickets, we appreciate your support! A true team effort by all! The drawing will be held at the meeting in Gardiner. (details below)

**Financial Report:**

Income (as of 10/26/14) \$6,857.40

Expenses (as of 10/26/14) \$9,128.27

Pat will have a full report of our financial status at the November 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Special Announcements:**

1. Nominations/Elections for Officers and Directors will take place at the upcoming meeting. I have decided to accept one more year serving as President of MAPA. This will make a total of 21 years as President and one year in 2005 as Vice President. I know, I said that last year, but the work is not done and the mission must continue. Pat will continue to serve as Treasurer also.
2. I would like to Thank Russ Welch for his efforts all season as the Region II Vice President. This position allowed us more flexibility at attending conflicting events on the same weekend. It is my hope that he will seek re-election for 2015. Further, it is my hope that someone will step up to fill the vacant position of Region I VP. You can contact me for more information. *Joe*
3. This edition of the *Maine Bearings* newsletter is the first one which will be made available to the members on the Website. This move will save us considerable costs in printing and postage. All currently paid members will receive an email that the newsletter has been uploaded. The archive section will allow you to view past editions of the newsletter. Thanks to our webmaster, Dane Haskell for doing all the updates.

**Next Meeting: Saturday**, November 8, 2014 at the Christ Church Episcopal 2 Dresden Ave, Gardiner, ME 04345. Stuffed Roast Pork with all the fixins' will be served at 12:00 PM. Pie included, with the meeting to follow. Adult meals are **\$11.00** each. We have to guarantee **45 dinners** so let's have a good turnout. See ya there! *Don't forget to drain your hoppers!*

Joe Kelley  
Chief Engineer

**We have a very limited supply of 40th Anniversary hats still available!**

**Membership Information: (Please note!)**

MAPA memberships run Jan 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>. 2015 dues are payable at any meeting, event or by mail. **Your current membership card must be shown before exhibiting at any MAPA event to show proof of liability insurance. Dues must be paid before exhibiting. If dues are not paid by June 30<sup>th</sup> you are no longer in good standing and will not be allowed to exhibit.** Your card can also be presented at an event for an exhibitor's Button. Please advise us of any address change, so that we can update our roster. Thank you!

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