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Dear MAPA member:

Happy New Year to everyone. We hope you had a great holiday season! We trust that you are busy, restoring that engine(s) you plan on showing this coming season.

Elections were held at the November meeting and our incumbent Officers were re-elected. Incumbent Directors Jim Perry, Barry Thomas and Rick Gilbert were re-elected to a 3 year term. Thank you for your continued confidence in us.

The 2014 raffle was held at the November meeting, see Secretary Ellis' report for the details. Congratulations to all the winners! Thanks to everyone who sold raffle tickets! Thank you to everyone who supported our raffle this year!

It was decided to suspend the engine raffle for the present time. There are only 3 members who have volunteered to transport the engine to events for display and ticket sales. It is becoming increasingly difficult to sell tickets to the general public, plus there are many members who do not support the raffle effort. A motion was made and will be voted on at the next meeting to increase our annual dues in each membership category by \$5.00. This will partially offset the loss of revenue from the raffle. In addition we will save the printing and postage costs from the newsletter going on-line.

At the November meeting a committee was formed to come up with ways to increase member participation at the Skowhegan Fair in August and to help out with building maintenance. We have an obligation per the terms of our lease to staff the building during the Fair. Running and demonstrating equipment are part of this. We need at least 4 people per day to accomplish this. Many of our retired members have the time to devote to this task! Please consider volunteering!

Website: The MAPA website is a busy place! Your newsletters are posted, as well as the Classified ads which are updated frequently. Please check back often to view the changes.

**Business Card Ads:** We welcome your business card or hobby card on this page. Member cards are \$20.00/year. Business (non member) cards are \$25.00/year. What a great way to advertise on the Internet! Please consider this low cost, high exposure way to promote your business and support MAPA at the same time. Thanks!

Please join us at our next meeting in **Gardiner** on January 24, 2015. Please note that this is a **Saturday** meeting. A roast pork dinner will be served at 12:00 noon with the meeting to follow. Cost is \$11.00 per person. In case of a severe storm, the meeting will **NOT** be re-scheduled. We will use email/telephone to advise of the cancellation. If you have any questions, please call us, 862-2074. Please plan on attending. We have to guarantee **35** dinners. We have invited a guest speaker to the meeting. Robert Schmick, who is the Director at Willowbrook, will speak about the improvements, new programs and his vision for involving MAPA in more activities.

Joe Kelley  
Chief Engineer

## **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.** Card can also be presented at an event for an Exhibitor's Button. **Dues must be paid before exhibiting. If dues are not paid by June 30th you are no longer in good standing and will not be allowed to exhibit.** Please advise us of any address change, phone number or email address. Thank you!

## Meeting Report:

MAPA Meeting      11/8/2014      Gardiner, Maine

The regular November meeting of the Maine Antique Power Association was called to order at 12:45PM at the Gardiner Christ Church Episcopal by President Kelley. 34 attendees were provided with a wonderful meal by the dedicated church staff.

The Secretary read a current newsletter from President Kelley in place of the Secretary's report.

Treasurer Pat Kelley gave a financial update which included a comparison between 2013 and 2014. Expenses were up and income was down. The total figures for 2014 are as follow:

Income \$7,063.40    Expenses \$9,128.27    Cash on hand \$17,592.70

### Committee Reports:

Scholarship: Thank you notes were read from last years recipients. It was voted to increase the scholarship awards to \$500 each beginning in 2015. It was also voted to have just one in house scholarship beginning in 2016 and a recipient can only receive the award once. It was voted to award the 2015 scholarships to Autumn Willison and Lindsay Strout.

Safety: "It was a good year as everyone was vigilant."

Merchandise: The 40th Anniversary hats are sold out.

### Correspondence:

There was a discussion about the newsletter getting out to all the members now that it is only on the web. It was suggested that the members that receive it on the web could network with the members that do not. Appreciation was shown to Dane Haskell for doing an excellent job as webmaster.

### Old Business/none

### New Business:

Don Vining advised that he had some barrier netting that he would give any member that could use it.

President Kelley advised that Zeke Davis, Russ Welch, and Joe had transported the raffle engine to numerous venues. He advised that the raffle engine had become to much of an effort for the few people that have made it successful. The raffle will be discontinued after this year.

A discussion was held on how to motivate more members to become involved with the maintainance of the building at Skowhegan and with participation during the Skowhegan Fair. The building should be staffed with four members each day of the fair. A committee (Dave Huling, Gary Willison, Rick Gilbert, and Joe Kelley) was formed to work on the issue.

During the election of Officers/Directors, it was voted to have Jim Perry, Barry Thomas, and Rick Gilbert serve for another three year term as Directors.

The present slate of officers were elected for 2015.

Joe Kelley, President.

Doug Kimball, 1st Vice-president.

Russ Welch, Region#2 Vice-president.

Pat Kelley, Treasurer.

William Ellis Secretary.

Region#1 Vice president to be filled in the future.

It was voted to raise the dues \$5 across the board. It will be voted again at the next meeting to make it an official by-law change.

The Skowhegan Show will be on June 13th, 2015. There will be ads in the engine periodicals.

The engine raffle winners were as follows: The engine D. Ellis, Moscow, ME.

Bi-plane ride, Paula Gould, Cornville, ME. MAPA jacket, Candy Welsh, Arundel, ME.

Rick Gilbert won the 50-50 raffle (\$56)

The collectors clearing house was held.

The January meeting will be held at the Gardiner Christ Church Episcopal on Saturday, January 24 with dinner served at 12 noon.

"Keeper of the notes"

Will Ellis