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Dear MAPA member:

Our 42nd season is over and a great one it was! It went by quickly. Time for our annual November meeting. Thanks to all of you for making it happen!

**Skowhegan Fair Equipment Team:** Countless days were spent by Dave, Don, Rick, Jim, Mike, Russ, Doug and Joe on getting selected engines and pieces of equipment, ready for operation for the Skowhegan Fair. Thank you to everyone involved. We did make a difference this year! We have more to do to get ready for next year, so if you are available we could use the help.

**June Show Report:** We had a great show, and the weather co-operated. Thanks to all the businesses and MAPA 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 & Gwen for their hard work all day, registering exhibitors, selling raffle tickets and merchandise. A great job!

**In State Shows:** A busy year for sure. Arundel Heritage Day was well attended with great interest from the general public in the exhibits. This event should be even better in 2016. Tim Mayberry's 4<sup>th</sup> annual open house was well attended. Lyle Merrifield hosted MAPA at the Cumberland Fair again this year, with many blue ribbons being awarded by Charlie to MAPA exhibitors. Next year the rodeo will not return. A master plan for developing the Fairgrounds is underway with big improvements coming...stay tuned! Thanks to Russ Welch, Art Gaffar and all the members who participated. 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. Our Fall show at the Cumberland Fairgrounds was again "frigid" with lower attendance than expected. Thanks to Charlie for opening the museum and bathrooms for us.

**Skowhegan State Fair:** Thanks to all the members who volunteered to staff the building for the 10 days. We made a big effort to improve our working displays this year and it was recognized. Thanks to Gary Willison for bringing in his assortment of working displays. Doug Kimball provided 2 working piston pumps. Tom Stephens provided his vertical can shooter which we ran with MAPA's Stover engine. A special Thanks to Dave Huling for the emergency machining he did to the saw table so we could buzz up the wood. Thanks to you all! We really need more members to **step up** and be 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 "staff" the building. We need at least 4 people per day to volunteer. 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 installed the new oil pump cover and it works great. We had a good water leak and determined the bottom piping and fittings were rusted out. We got that fixed and no more water leaks! Rick replaced the leaky gas valve on the carburetor and that fixed that! The old girl is still blowing oil out of 2 cylinders, we think that the rings still have not seated in yet. It does make for an impressive display when running! Last year Doug Kimball made brass priming cup extension nipples/bushings for the Avery, those worked very well. Again "Thanks" to all the members of the **A Team**.

**Skowhegan Building:** Our building has been in need of a paint job for quite sometime. On September 11, 12, the building was pressure washed, primed and painted. Joe made arrangements with a contractor to complete the work. Devoe Industrial coatings were used and purchased at a substantial discount. Check out the pictures on our website, it really looks nice. We have some wooden door trim to touch up, as well as getting the plywood panels replaced in the overhead door on the Beech St. side. That project will have to wait until Spring.

### Financial Report:

Income (as of 10/26/15) \$5,227.00

Expenses (as of 10/26/15) \$7,143.24

Pat will have a full report of our financial status at the November 14<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 22 years as President and one year in 2005 as Vice President. I know, I said that 2015 was my 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 again, Thank Russ Welch for his efforts all season as the Region II Vice President in spite of having knee replacement surgery. 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 2016. 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. As you know by now, the Maine Bearings newsletter is posted on our website. The business card ad page is listed separately and has been expanded. The classified ads can now be updated immediately without waiting for a newsletter edition. These are great improvements and in keeping with the times. The archive section will allow you to view past editions of the newsletter, instead of searching at home for them. Thanks to our webmaster, Dane Haskell for doing all the updates.

**Next Meeting: Saturday**, November 14, 2015 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 **40 dinners** so let's have a good turnout. See ya there!

Don't forget to drain your hoppers!

Joe Kelley  
Chief Engineer

### Membership Information: (Please note!)

MAPA memberships run Jan 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>. 2016 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 operate an 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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