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Dear MAPA member:

I didn't think we were going to see Spring after the April we just had, but we made it! The season has started with the Dunstable, MA show last Sunday. We are off and running for the season! The show schedule has been posted on the website, please print it out. Some events have been deleted and others have been added. We will advise you of any additions etc., by email. Updates will be posted on the website.

The 7th annual Model Festival was held at Owls Head Transportation Museum. This is always a great pre-Spring event. Several MAPA members exhibited. As always the OHTM staff did an exceptional job organizing and hosting the event!

Website: We will be utilizing the Website to relay information to you. The Maine Bearing newsletters are posted and past editions are archived. With the costs of printing and mailing, the website is a great way to save money and get information out quickly. The more you access the site, the easier it will be for you to get comfortable with the format. The site is very easy to navigate. Be sure to check the Business Card ad page and the Classified Ads as these are updated periodically. Dane is currently researching alternatives so that we can have our event pictures posted on the website. The service known as Picasa is no longer being supported, so we have to find another one to use.

Please make sure to update Joe on any ***email address*** change you have, so you can receive email updates and notifications.

Annual Show(s): The 43rd Skowhegan show is scheduled for June 11th. Once again, we will be having a merchandise raffle and a 50/50 drawing, plus the silent auctions. These have been very successful in past years. Please, if you can bring an item to donate... Oil, gloves, hats, tools, handmade items, etc, these would be appreciated. Please make sure this is good merchandise. We aren't holding a rummage sale! If you can contact a major tractor dealer in your area, ask them for a few hats and leave a copy of the show flyer. It would be appreciated. Also, please promote the show by circulating show flyers in your area. If you need a flyer, you can print one from the website.

The 4th annual Fall show will be held on October 8th, at the Cumberland County Fairgrounds.

May 21st Workday: We have many panels to replace in the south overhead door, as well as painting, cleaning, etc to do. We will have a Skowhegan Fair Committee meeting to discuss the equipment to be run. Any other members that are interested in being on the committee are welcome to contribute.

Skowhegan Fair Staffing: We need a minimum of **at least 4** members to staff the building and run exhibits each day of the Fair. Per our lease agreement with the Fair, we need to staff the building for the 10 days of the Fair. For some reason my communication regarding this subject was not understood last year. The goal here, is to have running exhibits and do demonstrations. We cannot do this without enough members present. We have many retired members who are encouraged to help out! We have engines in the building that can be operated, you don't need to haul in your own display, just yourself! We will have a list of members at the gate who have volunteered for that day, it is ***IMPERATIVE*** that you let me know that you are volunteering, so that your name can be added to the list, to assure you are allowed through the gate! We will have reserved parking off-site again this year. Any questions please call me. Thanks.

Cumberland Fair Building: As reported in the Secretary's report for the March meeting, we have been "gifted" a building from Marilyn Collins in memory of Dick Collins. The building has been delivered to the Fairgrounds. Thank you to Don Vining, Russ Welch and Lyle Merrifield for their assistance. A permanent location on the Fairgrounds, will be prepared with the building being moved to its' final location in the next few weeks. A sign will be placed on the front of the building. Thank you to Marilyn for this generous donation!

Safety: Every MAPA member is a duly authorized ***Safety Officer!*** If you see an infraction, bring it to the attention of the operator! Please ***do not leave running machinery unattended!***, these are old mechanical devices

and are subject to failure. A ***fire extinguisher*** is required for all operating exhibits. Please observe the Safety Rules for your benefit as well as the general public. Be safe and enjoy the season.

Insurance: You must be a “member in good standing”, that is your 2016 dues have to be paid to exhibit. This is a requirement of our insurance carrier. The contact person at the event will be responsible for checking this. Please have your current membership card with you at the events you attend this season. We appreciate your co-operation. Enjoy the shows and we'll see you there, Thanks!

Joe Kelley
Chief Engineer

Membership Information: (Please note!)

MAPA memberships run Jan 1st to December 31st. 2016 dues are payable at any meeting, event or by mail. Please note that we have increased the annual dues by \$5.00. Individual memberships are now \$15.00 per year. Family Memberships are now \$20.00 per year.

Your current membership card must be shown before exhibiting at any MAPA event to show proof of liability insurance. Your 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!

MAPA Membership List Information

Name: _____ Mailing Address: _____

City/Town _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone () _____ Email: @ _____

Please return to: Joe Kelley 25 Wessnette Drive Hampden, ME 04444-3015

*** Many members still have not filled this form out. Your name will only be added to this Membership List when we have this form returned to us. This is to respect your privacy. If you have already sent this to us once, please do not resend it again unless you have had an address change. This list is for MAPA members only! Thanks for your co-operation!*

Meeting Report:

MAPA Meeting
Gardiner, Maine
March 12, 2016

The regular March meeting of the Maine Antique Power Association was called to order at 12:50PM at the Gardiner Christ Church Episcopal by President Kelley. Twenty nine members enjoyed a wonderful meal put on by the church. Introductions were held in order to renew old acquaintances and to make new ones.

The Secretary's report was read and accepted.

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Income: \$1,029.00 Expenses: \$1,549.19 Cash on hand: \$14,972.46

Committee Reports:

Building and Grounds: No Report

Gifts and Property: Marilyn Collins has donated a 12 x 12 building in memory of her husband and past President of MAPA, Richard Collins. The building will be delivered to the Cumberland Fairgrounds.

Safety: A steam operation policy was adopted to regulate the use of steam at MAPA shows. A discussion was held on the merits of a crankguard on an engine at shows.

Scholarship: Bill Ellis read a Thank you card from Austin Stevens for this years in-house scholarship.

Correspondence: Recent correspondence was made available to the members, including a Raitt Farm Show Flyer.

Old Business:

Gary Willison reminded the membership that he would receive donations of tools and related articles that he would sell to raise money for MAPA. President Kelley displayed 3 knife switches that Doug Kimball made for the club's battery boxes. A round of applause was given to Doug by the membership for his efforts.

New Business:

President Kelley advised that MAPA's insurance carrier changed the Club's status from a "club" to a "museum", which has resulted in a reduction in our insurance cost. The Schedule of Events will be posted on the website. The workday in Skowhegan is scheduled for May 21, the meeting will be at 1PM.

Doug Kimball and John Robbins supplied a list of engine related websites that will be posted on the website for reference purposes.

The Owls Head model show will be on April 2/3.

Bill Ellis advised that Boothbay Railroad Village will need some volunteers in May to help set up the engine display.

Gary Willison won the 50-50 raffle.

Collectors Clearing House was held.

The November meeting will be held at the Gardiner Christ Church Episcopal on Saturday, November 19th with dinner served at 12 noon. The meeting will follow.

"Keeper of the notes"
Will Ellis