

MAINE BEARINGS

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Dear MAPA member:

Our 43rd 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 Building/Work Day: Two work sessions were spent replacing the plywood panels in the rear overhead door. The panels were primed and painted. The front door trim was repaired and the trim boards were painted on the front and rear of the building. Those members helping out included, Don Vining, Bill Ellis, Jim Perry, Mike Stowe and Joe Kelley. Nice job everyone! Ivan Beaudoin adopted the club's piston pump on work day and returned it at the June show, all restored for operation during the upcoming Skowhegan Fair. Thanks Ivan! Doug Kimball wired up the battery boxes we will use during the Skowhegan Fair that Jim Perry made. Thank you to everyone involved.

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 and all the members who helped out during registration, selling merchandise and raffle tickets. A great job!

In State Shows: A busy year for sure. Several new events were held, one being at the Belfast & Moosehead Lake RR. The weather didn't co-operate, but none the less, exhibiting members got a free train ride as promised, (and motorcar rides too!!!). The 4th annual Fall Show at the Cumberland Fairgrounds was well attended with a very nice day with warm temperatures, a departure from the last 3 years. Thanks to all who attended! The new building and sign was dedicated in memory of Dick Collins during the show. Thanks to Russ, Doug and Gary for leveling the building and building the ramp. The building will be moved to a permanent location sometime in 2017. Thanks to Peter Ricker of Wallingford's Fruit House in Auburn for his hospitality once again. Members were provided hot coffee, home made goodies. A great year indeed!

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 again this year and it was recognized! Thanks to Gary Willison for bringing in his assortment of working displays, which were very popular with the Fair attendees. Thanks to Rick Gilbert for the donation of 4' wood from his wood lot. Thanks to Bill Ellis for loaning us his Hercules Saw rig so that we could saw the wood. Nothing attracts people more than the buzzing up and splitting of wood at the Fair. Thanks to you all! We raffled the cut and split wood and made \$200.00 for the Club. We would like to encourage more of our retired 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 and run equipment. We need at least 4 people per day to volunteer. Let's make an effort to do this!!!

Cumberland Fair: Lyle Merrifield hosted MAPA at the Cumberland Fair again this year, with many blue ribbons being awarded to MAPA exhibitors. Our new building was utilized. Russ Welch and Gary Willison spent a great deal of time demonstrating equipment and answering questions from the Fair goers as well as the many school groups that attended. John Robbins and "Zeke" also attended. The general public really enjoyed the exhibits. We need to attract more MAPA members who live in Southern Maine to attend this event. It is a great Fair, with its' roots based in agriculture.

Willowbrook Museum: The Willowbrook Engine/Equipment collection has been dissolved and awarded to various non profits after submission of the appropriate paperwork. Thanks to Russ Welch, Gary Willison and Doug Kimball for their efforts in securing the donation of selected engines to MAPA. Russ, Gary and Doug also picked up and transported the collection to Cumberland. It will be displayed in our building on the Fairgrounds. More details on this transaction at the upcoming meeting.

Thank you: Ed Buck and the Buck family would like to Thank all the MAPA members who extended condolences on the recent passing of Louis Buck. Louis was a MAPA member for many years and we will miss him.

Financial Report:

Income (as of 10/28/16) \$5,234.56
Expenses (as of 10/28/16) \$5,043.44
Checking Acct: (10/28/16) \$3,189.55
Savings Acct: (10/28/16) \$12,507.30

Pat will have a full report of our financial status at the November 12th 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 23 years as President and one year in 2005 as Vice President. I know, I said that 2016 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 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 2017. 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 12, 2016 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 **35 dinners** so let's have a good turnout. See ya there!

We will have a Directors Meeting at 10AM downstairs.

Don't forget to drain your hoppers!

Joe Kelley
Chief Engineer

Membership Information: (Please note!)

MAPA memberships run Jan 1st to December 31st. 2017 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 30th 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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