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Dear MAPA member:

What a winter so far! We had 24" of snow here in Bangor from the blizzard and Skowhegan received 40". Dave Huling and Rick Gilbert made a visit to the building last week and said everything was ok, so that is a good thing! It has been nice not getting any snow for a week now, with moderating temperatures also. We'll be into Spring soon and I can't wait! The day light hours are getting longer with the sun getting higher in the sky. It won't be long! Hang in there!

We will be working on the *Schedule of Events* at the March meeting, so bring your show dates with you.

Don't forget the Model Festival, April 8, 9 at Owls Head Transportation Museum. (Remember to pre-register). Free admission for exhibitors. The museum is asking for a \$5.00 donation per table to help cover the costs of heat and lights. This is a great event with something for everyone to see. Be sure to check it out!

Website: The MAPA website is a busy place! Your newsletters are posted, as well as the Classified ads which are updated frequently. We have made a couple of navigational changes so moving around on the site is more user friendly. Please check back often to view the changes.

Business Card Ads: Thank you to those members and businesses who have renewed their subscription for this year. We welcome new business cards or hobby cards on this page. **New Feature:** Your business card ad now appears on the home page on a rotating basis, in addition to being listed on the business card ad 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. We have plenty of space to accommodate your ad! Thanks!

Next Meeting: Please join us at our next meeting on March 11, 2017, in **Gardiner**. Christ Episcopal Church is located on the corner of Dresden Ave. and Church St., on the east side of the Common. Please note that this is a **Saturday** meeting. A roast pork dinner or a boiled dinner with corned beef will be served (it is up to the cooks) at 12:00 noon with the meeting to follow. Cost is \$11.00 per person. We will use email/telephone to advise of a cancellation. If you have any questions, please call us, 862-2074. We have to guarantee **35** dinners.

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. 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 _____
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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
January 14, 2017

The regular January meeting of the Maine Antique Power Association was called to order at 12:50PM at the Gardiner Christ Church Episcopal by President Kelley. 24 members enjoyed a wonderful meal put on by the church. Introductions were skipped as everyone knew each other.

The Secretary's report was read and accepted.

Treasurer Pat Kelley gave the following end of the year report:

Income \$5,754.31 Expenses. \$5,336.41 Cash on hand \$15,995.26

Committee Reports:

Building and grounds: President Kelley advised that the roof of the roller at Skowhegan had to be measured for replacement.

Correspondence: Recent correspondence was made available to the members.

Gifts and Property: no report

Merchandise: President Kelley advised that the pricing of the sale articles will remain the same except for the sweatshirts. T-shirts will have silkscreen on the front and back. The sweatshirts will be \$20 for all the sizes to XL and any size over that will be \$2 extra.

Scholarship: Bill Ellis advised that Brandon Coates, a student at KVCC, was awarded the Tech Scholarship as directed by the members. The checks for the in house and tech scholarships were made out by the Treasurer to be forwarded to the recipients.

Old Business:

Gary Willison reviewed the want list for Skowhegan and requested any members who would like to volunteer could be added to the list. He also requested donations of tools and cabinets for use and sale at Skowhegan. Many thanks were given to Gary for his efforts.

New Business:

A discussion was held on the revival of the raffle in order to raise money for MAPA. It was also suggested that MAPA sell some of its excess articles that the association has at Skowhegan. The sale of some of the articles will be reviewed at the May Skowhegan work day. A motion was made and seconded to have a \$500 Visa Card raffle. The vote was passed by the members. President Kelley advised that tickets for the raffle will be made available at the March meeting.

Lyle Merrifield and his wife, Jo-Ann, received a Distinguished Service Award for their involvement in the maple syrup endeavor by the Maine Department of Agriculture.

President Kelley advised that it was time to renew the business card ads on the website. The ads are \$20 a year for members.

A discussion was held on enhancing the attendance of the members at the January meeting.

We were 11 short of the meal guarantee at this meeting and members and MAPA had to make up the difference.

If maintaining the number of attendees can not be accomplished the January meeting will have to be eliminated. The guarantee of 35 is the lowest that an organization can do in order to justify putting on the meal.

The 44th Skowhegan show will be on 6/3/2017.

The collectors clearing house was held.

John Sanders won the 50-50 drawing of \$45.

The next meeting will be held on March 11th at the Gardiner Christ Church Episcopal with the meal at 12 noon.

"Keeper of the notes"

Will Ellis

Editor's Note: The raffle tickets will be available at the meeting. Thanks to Bill Ellis for picking them up. New sweatshirts and tee shirts will be available also.

We will have a Directors meeting at 10AM.