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Dear MAPA member:

Our 44th season is over and a great one it was! It went by so fast! Thanks to all of you for making it happen! Time for our annual November meeting. Nominations and Elections will be held. 2018 marks our 45th anniversary since the founding of MAPA. We need to discuss what we want to do to commemorate this event.

Skowhegan Building Work Days: We had a work session on May 20th which was spent getting ready for the June show. I don't think I have ever seen as much work accomplished in a 7 hour period. The piston pump and Stover engine were installed on the new donated baggage cart. The idler arm for the water pump belt on the Avery was installed. Work was done on the Witte diesel. The Maynard was worked on and started. The heat shield was installed on the F/M Y. The work bench and storage shelves were cleaned and organized. A big improvement in the building. Thank you to all who participated.

On June 20th, and July 18th we got together again, this time to get ready for the Skowhegan Fair. Equipment and engines were worked on in preparation for running exhibits during the Fair in August. New (good used steel) for the roof and a new wood frame was installed and painted on the roller. This will last for many years! Many other tasks were completed. Again, thanks to all who helped.

Skowhegan Annual Show June 3rd Report: We had a great show, with the weather co-operating. 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. Thanks to Boothbay Railway Village, Owls Head Transportation Museum, Raitt Homestead Farm, Bowman Field Flyers Club, Wallingford's Fruit House and many more, who invited MAPA to attend their events this past summer and fall. Thanks to all our members who participated with exhibits at the events.

Skowhegan State Fair: Thanks to all the members who volunteered to staff the building for the 10 days. Again this year we made a big effort to improve our working displays. Thanks to Gary Willison for bringing in his assortment of working displays, which were very popular with the Fair attendees. This year we purchased 2 cords of wood for processing. We certainly had our share of mechanical issues with the Farmall F 12 magneto dying (new parts have been installed). The 6hp M, developed an unknown water leak...but as usual, we got through it! All the wood was processed and sold. Everyone worked hard to accomplish this during the last 2 days of the Fair. Nothing attracts people more than the buzzing up and splitting of wood at the Fair. Thank you to you all for your efforts!

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.*

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 has been re-located and wired for electricity. It was utilized during the Fair. Russ Welch, Gary Willison, Doug Kimball and Art Gaffar spent a great deal of time demonstrating equipment and answering questions from the Fair goers as well as the many school groups that 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. Thank you to all of you. Yours truly, got 2 sides of the building painted, with plans to complete the job next week.

Fall Show Report October 7th:

The 5th annual Fall Show, Sale & Swap at the Cumberland Fairgrounds was well attended. We had a very nice day with warm temperatures, a departure from the last few years. Thank you to Lyle Merrifield for hosting us, providing coffee and donuts in the morning, with home made chili and hot dogs for lunch. Delicious! Thanks to all who attended! Joe got the front of the building painted. The weather was threatening and Art Gaffar volunteered to complete the south side of the building. That has been done and the building now has one coat of fresh paint. We'll get the second coat on next year. Thanks, Art!

Financial Report:

Income (as of 10/16/17) \$6,744.34
Expenses (as of 10/16/17) \$5,779.80
Checking Acct: (10/16/17) \$4,590.87
Savings Acct: (10/16/17) \$12,219.20

Pat will have a full report of our financial status at the November 4th 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 24 years as President and one year in 2005 as Vice President. I know, I said that 2017 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, particularly with his work with Lyle Merrifield and the Cumberland Fair. This position has allowed us more flexibility at attending conflicting events on the same weekend. It is my hope that he will seek re-election for 2018. 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.

Note the change in location! Next Meeting: Saturday, November 4, 2017.

Fairgrounds Cafe 49 Topsham Fair Mall Rd. Topsham, ME. Buffet (4 items) \$14.00 pp including beverage and tip. See ya there!

We will have a Directors Meeting at 10AM.

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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