

# MAINE BEARINGS

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Dear member:

Season's Greetings and best wishes for a Happy New Year! Hope you have a great holiday season and plan on showing this coming season!

Joe & Pat Kelley have decided to retire after many years of service to the club. Many thanks to Joe & Pat.

Nominations and elections were held at the November meeting and we have several new officers & directors per November minutes.

**Website:** Please check the MAPA website. Newsletters are posted, including an archive section, as well as the Classified ads. Check back often to view the changes.

**Business Card Ads:** Time to **re-new** your subscription for your business card ad! Thank you to those members and businesses who have supported MAPA this past year. We welcome new business cards or hobby cards on this 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. **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. Thanks!

**Next Meeting:** Please join us at our next meeting on January 12, 2019, in Topsham, at the Fairgrounds Cafe. The Cafe is located in the Topsham Fair Mall. Please note that this is a **Saturday** meeting. A luncheon buffet will be served at 12:00 noon with the meeting to follow. Cost is \$14.00 per person. In the event of a storm, we will use email/telephone to advise of a cancellation/postponement. If you have any questions, please call us, 590-2507. Please plan on attending.

2019 Buttons have been ordered & should be available to 2019 paid-up members.

If you need an item of apparel or other merchandise please contact Russ Welch(207-468-zero292) prior to meeting and he will try to have it available.

Gary Willison is getting more specific in his requests for old or new tools & supplies for both Skowhegan & Cumberland. We are not looking to attempt complete overhauls during the shows but breakdowns do occur and it's nice to have necessary equipment & supplies on hand. Any surplus items or duplicates will be sold to raise money for MAPA. . Please contact Gary for more details on delivery, or bring to meeting & someone will get to appropriate place. Thanks!

## **Skowhegan:**

Small round wire brushes, twine/string, check balls, shop rags, Vise grips, pipe plugs, feeler gauges, Scotch-Brite pads, crow bar, Form-A-Gasket, 5 gallon gas can(old style).

## **Cumberland:**

Fire extinguishers, ball peen hammer, hacksaw & blades, pipe & adjustable(Crescent) wrenches, files, drill bits, gasket material, ratchet & sockets, assorted hardware.

Bill Ellis donated a refrigerator for Cumberland building. Dick Vye donated a bench grinder; Gary Willison loaned a drill press & donated shelving & vise for the Cumberland work shop. Jim Perry donated some cabinets & Gary had his neighborhood kids paint them & he & Russ installed them in the shop. A 2 hp vertical Famous pump jack engine was donated by Chuck Decrow for display. Nice piece but it needs a fair amount of work. Ignitor & water pump has been rebuilt. Dave Polley has cylinder to free piston & weld water jacket. Doug Kimball has fuel pump for rebuild ... currently still stuck, ditto mixer & fuel piping. Engine needs a screen cooler, skid, new piping, etc. Ted Bromage donated a 3 hp(?) Waterloo Model K missing significant pieces. It has been decided to use this

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engine as a stationary display on the fairgrounds to direct fair traffic to our site, pending Lyle Merrifield's approval. Thanks to all donors!

We would like more member participation at shows and especially the Fairs and restoration projects. We are trying to attract new members (our ranks are thinning) and the Fairs appear to be one of the best places to recruit them.

Excluding complimentary memberships and those that have not paid dues in 2016 or 2017 we have 207 members counting the 69 Family memberships as two. Volunteering at the shows can be tough physically to be on your feet for 8 to 9 hours a day, but there are jobs where you can sit & interact with visitors and kind of take it easy also.

At Skowhegan & Cumberland we are running "hands on" displays that are very popular with the younger children but require some adult supervision (often not provided by their parents). We are working on better segregating the displays requiring some supervision from those "we don't want you near this running machine". At both shows we have been cutting and splitting up to two cords of fire wood and it has been a good source of Club revenue but quite labor intensive. With a couple of guys tied up there and others moving, repairing & supervising displays we are stretched thin. We need to keep a member present in the buildings to sell raffle tickets, memberships and apparel answer questions, etc. At Skowhegan we had four to five members each day over the ten days plus several work days ..... Twenty to twenty four different members, most for multiple days .... Thanks! Difficult to give up several days even if retired, but there are several weekend days too.

At 7-day Cumberland Fair we had at least four members each day but were also overloaded at times, especially on school field trip days. Difficult to continuously man the building. Another year we should have more displays inside the building so will definitely need a member in attendance. Lyle has donated a DVD player and we ran old logging & ice harvesting videos running in a continuous loop. Would like to set this up inside the building with more chairs or benches for people to be able to take a break from the fair festivities. Also looking for videos of different shows showing running engine displays.

Spenser Rynne has agreed to take over maintaining the Club's Facebook page. Thanks Spenser!

Doug Kimball

## **Membership Information:**

MAPA memberships run from Jan 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019. Dues are payable at any meeting, event or by mail. Individual Membership dues are \$15.00 per year. Family membership is \$20.00 per year and includes you, your spouse and children up to age 18.

**Your current membership card must be shown before exhibiting at any MAPA event. MAPA's liability insurance only covers you, if your membership dues are paid!**

**If dues are not paid by June 30<sup>th</sup>, you are no longer in good standing and will not be allowed to exhibit.**

**This is for your protection as well as the general public! Your full co-operation is appreciated!**

Your card can also be presented at an event for an Exhibitor's Button.

Please advise us of any address change, phone number or email address. Thank you!

## MAPA Meeting Minutes 11/10/2018 Topsham, Maine

The regular November meeting of the Maine Antique Power Association was called to order by President Kelley at 12:55 PM at the Topsham Fairgrounds Cafe. 30 attendees enjoyed a varied buffet put on by the staff of the Cafe. Introductions were held in order to renew old acquaintances and to make new ones.

The Secretary's report was read and accepted.

Treasurer Pat Kelley gave the following report which was accepted:

Income \$7,600.17 Expenses \$9,848.09 Cash on hand. \$14,335.49

Committee Reports:

Property: The roller at Skowhegan has been donated to the Maine Antique Tractor Association. A refrigerator was donated by Will Ellis to be used at the building at Cumberland.

Merchandise: President Kelley advised that there was a lot of 45th anniversary hats on hand for sale.

Scholarship: Will Ellis advised that Lindsay Strout had sent a letter of request for the 2019 scholarship. Her request was tabled to the January meeting to see if there was any more interest as she had been awarded the scholarship in the past.

Old Business:

President Kelley advised that the summer and fall shows were well attended.

Rick Gilbert expressed appreciation for the members that showed their displays at Le Festival De Le Bastille.

Gary Willison thanked all the veterans in attendance for their service. He gave a synopsis of the Skowhegan and Cumberland Fair activities and presented new work sheets for the 2019 season. The lists were given to the members for review and discussion at the January meeting. The members thanked Gary for his efforts.

The following were nominated and elected as officers for 2019.

Doug Kimball, President Gary Willison, Vice President

Russ Welch, region#2 Vice President Carmen Murphy, Treasurer

Will Ellis, Secretary

Region#1 Vice President will remain vacant.

Bob Meixell was elected as Director Emeritus.

Dave Huling was elected as a Director to fill out the term which was left vacant by Gary Willison being elected Vice President. The term expires at the end of 2019.

The following were elected as Directors for a 3 year term:

Jim Meixell, Bruce Bowden, and Joe Kelley

Special coffee mugs were given to Bob Meixell, Pat Kelley, and Joe Kelley for their years of service to MAPA.

The raffle was held and the following were winners:

1st Andre Belanger 2nd. Craig Knox 3rd. Wayne Bennett

Rick Gilbert donated a governor weight to MAPA for the upright IHC.

The clearing house was held in which Don Vining announced that he was going to sell all of his engines except 2.

Dave Huling won the 50-50 drawing (\$58).

The next meeting will be held on January 12th at the Topsham Fairgrounds Cafe with the meal at noon.

"Keeper of the notes" Will Ellis