

# Maine Bearings

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Dear Member,

After the January 13, meal & meeting Will Ellis, Jim Perry, Rick Gilbert, Russ Welch, Carl Richardson, Jim Rose, & myself drove to Fred Mitton's in Manchester to get his 12 hp Economy engine running. We were able to get it running on that first visit but it was a bit of a struggle. Fred had been diagnosed with terminal cancer, had bequeathed the engine to his nephew Tom Martinelli and wanted to make it easier to start for Tom & his father David who have both joined the club. Jim Rose & I worked on the Webster magneto & returned two more times with Rick, Will & Jim Perry. We supplied a better fuel check valve & Dave installed it. Dave & Tom have started it by themselves and Fred got to see it running a few days before he passed away. Fred's obituary was published in the Kennebec Journal. I will have a copy if anyone would like to read it.

Fred donated a horizontal steam engine to MAPA at our first visit & a monetary donation after that. He appreciated the attention we gave his engine. Jim Rose, Carl Richardson & I have been replacing modern nuts & bolts, stripping & painting, polishing bright work, etc. & plan to display at Cumberland. If we run it we will use air not steam. When completed, we will take a good photo & use for this year's button. Still looking for another good photo for the plaques.

We have been contacted by Hilltop Boilers, a maple syrup operation in Newfield. They would like us to display some engines on March 16 again this year at their open house. They gave us a generous cash donation last year. They have very limited space available. We had five trucks, no

trailers. They could probably only accommodate two more trucks. I will contact exhibitors from last year and offer them spots. I've had one request from someone who would like to attend. It will definitely be weather dependent. Last year we had a perfect mid-March weather day. Fingers crossed for this year.

MAPA has received three boxes of mostly hard cover books from Jay Wilkie. Most are quite old on subjects of machine work, early gas, oil, & steam engines, marine engineering, etc. They will be in my truck at the meeting & available for members for small donation. After today I will take to Cumberland and they will be available there at same terms for members and the public.

Thanks to Jim Perry for donation of a microwave oven for Cumberland. Still looking for one for Skowhegan.

2024 Annual Non-Profit Corporation Report was filed with the State, February 19.

Our 2024 lease payment for Skowhegan has cleared. We have not received the 5 year lease renewal as yet. Property & membership liability insurances have been paid.

Doug

## **MAPA Meeting Minutes**

### **Gardiner, Maine**

**01/13/2024**

The January meeting of the Maine Antique Power Association was called to order by President Kimball after having a very nice meal at Dave's Diner in Gardiner. 22 members were present. Introductions were held in order to renew old acquaintances and to make new ones.

**The most recent Secretary's report was read and accepted.**

**Treasurer Carmen Murphy-Polley submitted the following report:**

Savings \$2,574.61 Checking \$6,194.20 CD \$18,000

Income \$7,829.44 Expected Expenses \$3,300

The report was accepted as read.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Building and Grounds:** Russ Welch advised that he was going to check Cumberland on the way home.

**Safety:** Jim Rose and President Kimball advised that MAPA was going to furnish grade stakes and ropes to the members for their displays. Also if a member is running an engine they have to have a fire extinguisher.

**Scholarship:** Will Ellis advised that the Maine Community College System had chosen Justin+ Hulbert who attends the Northern Maine Community College as the tech scholarship recipient for 2024. The inhouse is still open for 2024.

**Gifts and Property:** President Kimball advised that Alex Stevens had a trailer load of engine related articles donated to him and that the proceeds from the donation had realized approximately four hundred dollars. Alex bought 10 fifty dollar gas gift cards that were given to different members who helped at the Fairs to offset their gas expenses. President Kimball expressed thanks to Alex for his efforts.

Fred Mitton has donated a horizontal steam engine that will be displayed at Cumberland.

### **Old Business:**

It was decided not to have the raffle for 2024 because it is too much work for the same few members.

President Kimball advised that the Avery was a good attraction at Skowhegan as it started and ran well. We plan to keep it.

Hope Lambert gave out the After Action Reports from Skowhegan and Cumberland Fairs that were produced by Gary Willison. The members should review the report.

The memorial plaques at Skowhegan are going to be made more visible.

## **New Business:**

The Association has adopted the "Clink" bottle redemption program at Hannaford as a fundraiser. Tags and bags are available at Hannaford that the members can obtain to use in order to donate their returnables to MAPA.

The 2024 show schedule will be available at the March Meeting.

Hope Lambert and Jim Rose will keep the MAPA Facebook page updated to include the show schedule.

President Kimball advised that MAPA's classified ads should be used more.

President Kimball also advised that a group of members were helping Fred Mitton get his 12hp Economy running. Fred is terminally ill and wants to hear the engine run. Thank you so much for those member's assistance.

## **Collector's Clearing House:**

Ivan has a 6hp IHC carcass for sale \$150 with a 3hp Stover KB. Carl Richardson has a 3hp Stover CT \$300.

50-50 raffle of \$55 was won by Ken Gray.

The next meeting will be at Dave's Diner in Gardiner on March 9th at 1:30.

## **Meeting adjourned.**

"Keeper of the notes

Will Ellis