

# Maine Bearings

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Dear Member,

This will be an update since our March meeting. Jim Rose, Carl Richardson, and Hope Lambert have just about completed restoration of the steam engine donated by Fred Mitton. We have run it on air pressure as little as about 15 psi. It will be featured on our 2024 Exhibitor's plaques which have been ordered along with buttons.

Russ Welch, Jim Rose, Gary Willison & I have been working on our 10" hot air engine at Cumberland to clean cylinder, air & transfer pistons. We plan to form & renew the air piston leather and mount it on a drop frame, large wheel cart fabricated by Russ & cleaned & painted by Gary.

Ten members exhibited at Hilltop Boilers maple sugar day in Newfield on March 16. We had very limited space and would have had trouble accomodating more. We will discuss a larger area before next year's event. MAPA received a \$300 donation.

On April 10 we renewed our 12 month CD with Northeast Bank at 5% rate by adding funds from checking to an even \$20,000. This should net the club about \$1000/year & pretty much fund our annual scholarships.

Our 2024 insurance premiums have been paid.

Our 2024 show schedule is in process of being posted on our website and is attached to this newsletter. Please note that we will have a workday at Skowhegan on May 18. Also a reminder that our annual show will be at Cumberland this year.

Doug

MAPA

# Secretary's Report

MAPA

Gardiner, Maine

3/9/2024

The March meeting of the Maine Antique Power Association was called to order by President Kimball at 1:30 PM after having a very nice meal at Dave's Dinner in Gardiner. 33 members were present. Introductions were held in order to renew old acquaintances and to make new ones.

The January Secretary's report was read and accepted.

Treasurer Carmen Murphy-Polley gave the following report:

Savings \$2,574.82 Checking \$5,545.04 CD \$18,000

Interest from the CD to date is \$578.95 @4.745%. It is due to renew on 4/1. The report was accepted as read.

Committee Reports:

Building and Grounds: Russ Welch advised that everything was fine at Cumberland and getting ready for summer.

Safety: President Kimball reminded the members that stakes and ropes have to be used as barriers at the shows.

Gifts and Property: Fred Mitton's donated steam engine is being restored and painted. It will be displayed at Cumberland. Jay Wilkee donated a lot of books that are related to the hobby. They will be sold for \$2 each. Jim Rose and Paul Baresel each donated a microwave. Rich Gilbert donated a tool box with tools.

Scholarship: Will Ellis recommended that the in-house scholarship be awarded to Gary Willison's granddaughter, Reece Willison, The membership voted to approve.

Old Business:

President Kimball advised that this year's pins will have an image of a Nelson Bros. engine and the plaques will have one of Club's steam engine.

Gary Willison updated the needs for Skowhegan and Cumberland including the desire for more tool donations.

The status of fire extinguishers at Skowhegan?

New Business:

President Kimball advised that he was in the process of updating the show schedule and that it will be on the website. He also advised that piston rings are available from Caleb Norton. (800-460-6751 [caleb@trigonproducts.com](mailto:caleb@trigonproducts.com))

Gary Willison threw out some new ideas for discussion as follows:

----contact the 207 TV show to see if we could get on.

----create a MAPA mobile museum with staffing.

----better job at categories of displays and that the displays at Skowhegan should be together.

Rich Gilbert advised that on 6/1 there will be a car show at the Calumet Club in Augusta and that engine displays are welcome.

The annual show will be at Cumberland on 6/8.

Collector's Clearing House:

Zeke advised that he was going to sell all of his engines.

The 50-50 raffle of \$63 was won by Emmylee Crocker.

Meeting adjourned.

"Keeper of the notes"

Will Ellis

