



## A Historical Non-Profit Corporation

### June 2018 Newsletter

**Excerpts from the President.** Just a little over 2 ½ months till show time. It is never too late to sign up for a position or job during the show. Any and all are welcome to help make this year's show a success. Without all of us working together, we wouldn't be able to pull this off year after year. Thanks to all who have been working diligently on the show grounds to keep it looking nice. There is always mowing and weed eating to do up until show time.

On a sad note, our club member and MRVSEA board member, Jim Cunningham passed away on June 14, 2018. Mr. Cunningham as many knew him as **Mr. John Deere**, erected the John Deere building on the show grounds a few years ago. Funeral services for Jim will be on Saturday, June 23, 2018 at 11:00am at the Bonne Femme Baptist Church in Boone County. Visitation will take place prior to the funeral from 9:30-11:00am. Jim has always been an active member of the Missouri River Valley Steam Engine Association. His idea's and motivation will always be in the memories of those who knew him.

I want to thank all of you that contribute to the success of our organization. I couldn't do my job without all the help I receive from you, our membership. I'm looking forward to seeing you all at the show, and meeting more of you along the way. If you have any questions, or concerns, please do not hesitate to give me a call @ (660) 888-9342.

**Excerpts from the Secretary** Half the year will soon be over. This year I also volunteered to be the camp grounds host during the show. This new title has me scratching my head, trying to figure out how this will get accomplished along with my existing duties. I have a few volunteers who are willing to help me, so I think everything will work out just fine. I primarily am also the author of this newsletter, so I hope you find it very insightful and newsworthy for those of you that live far distances, and don't get to make monthly meetings. As time goes on, I would like to get newsletters emailed to you on a more regular basis, but it does take some time to whip one out. There are a few changes this year with pulls and such, but our show is beginning to look like everything is coming together. During the previous three years when I was President, the show is going to happen whether everything gets done or not.

**New Business:** Plans are currently underway to build a cash office/administration building prior to this year's show. The new building will be located between the spectator entrance walk through gate and the caboos. The building will function as the same as the caboos has in the past. Now the caboos will be available for tours during the show. The horse barn is also having some concrete poured in it prior to the show.

The wheat was cut for the show on June 9, 2018, and was put in shocks the same day. Then on June 16, 2018, the wheat was all loaded on wagons and stored in the building until show time. This year's wheat crop yielded

four loads, because the wheat was so short. The steamers will have to ration the wheat out during the show to make it last for the whole show. The demonstrations will have to take longer and the pitchers will have to stall throwing the wheat into the threshers, to make the demos last. The straw pile will definitely be smaller this year.

Another project that the association is currently working on is the clean up of all the old iron west of the wheat field in the wooded area. Anyone who owns equipment in those woods and wants their equipment needs to let President Friedrich or John Young, project chairman know, by the end of the month. After July 1, 2018, our association is taking bids from salvage companies to remove the unwanted iron and get it cleaned up. This project will hopefully be done long before the show.

A much needed change you will see this year is the tractor traffic that comes in the second gate will be coming onto the grounds routed on the west side of the general store building, thus not causing a traffic jam in front of the store building as in the past. Persons can walk up to, or drive their personal use vehicles up to the registration area after they unload etc.

Our campgrounds is expanding by four (4) pedestals, or sixteen (16) hook ups prior to this years show. This is a much needed and talked about project that has been kicked around for years. Finally, with the help of Clay Rieves, Vic Winn, Dennis Ficken, and Earl Haller, work has started. Our camp grounds is getting more and more usage throughout the year as time goes on.

**NEW** A new building has just been added to our show grounds. The Missouri Oliver Club has erected a "Oliver" building just north of the AC building. Our steam engine association welcomes the Oliver club members to our show and look forward to many years having them displaying Oliver tractors and equipment in and around their new building. Our club says "Thank You" to the Oliver Club for putting up such a nice building on our show grounds.

**WORK DAYS** As always, there will always be something that needs to be done at the show grounds prior to the show. Any day that you can volunteer can be your work day. Scheduled work days for the organization is always the Saturday, after the membership meetings. Which means there are only two (2) work days left until show time. July 7<sup>th</sup> and August 4<sup>th</sup> are the next two work days. If you know that you can help, but don't know exactly what you can do, give President Friedrich a call, and he can direct you to someone that can help. (660) 888-9342

**MEMBERSHIP DUES** If you still have not paid dues for 2018, please get them paid. This is an area that we don't actively have someone hounding people to get their dues paid, but most organizations have stricter rules on getting this accomplished. We still rely on individuals to check their membership status, and this can be done by calling Dennis Ficken at (660) 537-2826. Thank you in advance for your consideration concerning this matter.

**SHOW FLYERS AND BUSINESS CARDS** Our steam engine big show flyers are printed and at Mo River Tire for members to pick up. They will also be available at the upcoming meetings. Please pick up some of these for distribution. Also, our organization has printed save the date business cards for distribution. These are also available at meetings.

**RAFFLE TRACTOR TOUR** Many thanks to the Rackers, Nick and Rose, Charlie and Carol for taking our show raffle tractor around to various shows and events to sell tractor raffle tickets, and to advertise for our show. I believe when any of our members attend another show, and correspond with people, it adds to our show attendance. Below is a small sampling of some of the upcoming events

06/22-24/18	Western Mo Antique Tractor and Machinery Show	Adrian, MO
07/07/18	Pilot Grove FFA Alumni Tractor Pull	Boonville Fairgrounds, MO
07/20-22/18	Owensville Threshers Association	Rosebud, MO
07/26-29/18	Macon County Flywheel Club	Macon, MO
08/10-12/18	Platte County Steam Engine Show	Tracy, MO
08/17-19/18	Montgomery County Old Threshers Show	Montgomery City, MO
08/17-19/18	Northwest Missouri Steam and Gas Engine Show	Hamilton, MO
08/24-26/18	Osage River Antique Power Association Show	Eldon, MO
09/13-16/18	Northeast Missouri Old Threshers	Shelbina, MO
09/13-16/18	Lincoln County Old Threshers	Elsberry, MO
09/13-16/18	Ozark Steam Engine Association	Republic, MO

Everyone have a great summer!