

# The Rusted Plow

Newsletter of the Howard County  
Antique Farm Machinery Club

## November 2019

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### Presidents Report

As 2019 starts to wind down it's hard to reflect back on the total amount of activities that the Howard County Antique Farm Machinery Club has been involved in with regards to our organization's administrative activities as well as the activities of the Howard County Living Farm Heritage Museum. By anyone's standards 2019 would be considered a very busy year. Starting with our spring auction sale and blacksmithing workshop classes to Summerfest, "Hot Summer Nights" music at the Museum, the many donation pickup's, display maintenance and additions, partnering programs with Howard County Recreation and Parks like archaeology on the farm in several summer camps, a continued

increase in private parties, like weddings, anniversaries and reunions, and most recently, Rocktoberfest, Biketoberfest, Truck or Treat, tours and school education days just to list a few. All of this while the day-to-day grind of grounds maintenance, building facility upkeep, equipment maintenance, capital projects like the James Clark Main Display Building and increasing our parking and access roadways, trail kiosk maintenance, and the business of running the administrative business of the Club continues. There is so much going on that contributes to the ongoing development and success of our organization and its mission, it is a challenge to keep up with it all. Rarely does an organization with the tenure of ours that has so many irons in the fire at one time function with such a sense of purpose that is embraced by its membership as a whole. The amount of work

and the time invested by so many of our club's members far exceeds what would normally be committed towards a mere hobby or pass time. For so many of you, our organization has become a passion. That passion has positively influenced thousands of visitors to the Living Farm Heritage Museum who otherwise would most likely never experience elsewhere all that we have to offer. Like all successful organizations, it takes a combination of hands-on/feet on the ground efforts and funding to cover necessary materials and resources to get the job done. As for the first part, our members continue to and have always risen to the challenge. However, despite our best efforts, we still must face the reality of funding challenge. As we look forward to the coming year, we all need to be on the lookout for funding opportunities wherever practical. Your efforts are a testament to the quality people that you are. Thanks for all that you do!!!



### **Cookie Walk**

On December 7<sup>th</sup>, between 4 pm and 5 pm, we will be hosting a Cookie Walk. A large assortment of homemade cookies will be available to browse and buy. A prepaid ticket for \$15.00 reserves a box for you to fill. Cookies will be first come, first serve. So please make sure to be there by 4 pm to fill your box. Additional boxes will be available to purchase at the door, depending on cookie availability, for \$20 per box. Promptly at 5pm the sale of the remaining cookies will be opened to the Christmas Tree Lighting attendees. Complimentary warm drinks will be available. The proceeds from all cookie sales will benefit the completion of the James Clark Main Display Building at the Museum.

If you are able to make and contribute at least 5 dozen homemade cookies to this event, please contact Sarah Cullison at

[sarahcullison@comcast.net](mailto:sarahcullison@comcast.net). We are looking for any specialty homemade cookies.

## ***Holiday Open House***

Howard County Living  
Farm Heritage Museum

12985 Frederick Road  
West Friendship, MD 21794

**December 7 & 8 and 14 & 15, 2019  
12:00 until 3:00 p.m.**

## ***Holiday Train Garden Holiday Refreshments Museum Tours***

### ***6th Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony***

**Saturday, December 7th  
5:00-7:00 p.m.**

Join us as we delight at the arrival of Santa & Mrs. Claus to light our Christmas Tree while enjoying the sounds of the season from Marriotts Ridge Madrigals. Stay to whisper your Christmas wishes in Santa's ear.

Light Refreshments.

Free Admission

[www.farmheritage.org](http://www.farmheritage.org)



## Hay Trolley 1860s - 1940s

We have added hay trolleys, including a working model, to our museum displays. Also, known as carriers and unloaders, hay trolleys greatly eased the burden of manually forking hay to fill the barn mow. Trolleys were a natural adaptation of rope blocks used in the day. The first commercially produced hay trolley (1867) is attributed to the Loudon Machinery Company of Fairfield Iowa. Over the course of 75 years, there were an estimated 8,000 models manufactured by about 50 companies.

Operation involved a track which could be a wooden beam, iron rail or even a cable in the roof of a barn. The trolley rode on this track along the roof ridge and would either extend outside the front gable after lowering a hinged door to pick up hay outside the barn or more commonly reside solely inside above the middle of the barn floor and move to either side. The rope was pulled by a horse or tractor lifting the hay to the roof and then along the rail to where it needed dropped.

A later (~1880s) key innovation was 'trips'. The first trip held the trolley in place and released the fork mechanism to grab the loose hay (and in later years square bales) from a flatbed wagon. The rope was then pulled, raising the load to the roof of the barn, locking the load in the trolley and releasing the trip for movement along the rail. When properly positioned, a second trip on the 'fork' was then released and the hay would fall into the mow.

Fork designs included the single harpoon, double harpoon, grapple, and derrick, as well as slings. An entire wagon of loose hay could be unloaded in three lifts or less, greatly speeding up the old manual process.

The electrification of America replaced the mechanical hay trolley with motorized solutions. However, trolleys continued to be used in manufacturing and assembly line operations.

Thank you to Brian Travis for restoring several hay trolleys and to Donald Ridgely and Chris Feaga for helping to install the display.



## Truck or Treat By Robin Mihm

The Howard County Living Farm Heritage Museum was invited to participate in the annual Truck or Treat Halloween celebration that was held on October 26<sup>th</sup> at the Gary J. Arthur Community Center. Robin Mihm and Sandy Stanton began to plan on what goodies would be needed for the ghost and goblins that would be seen. Candy, crayons, coloring page and our club information were assembled that morning. Dates were advertised for our upcoming Christmas Open House, our Cookie Walk and our Annual Tree Lighting. There was also had a poster about Summerfest 2020 with dates and activities from last year. Many questions were answered about our organization.

An International W9 tractor and a Military Truck were available for kids to climb on and have their photos taken. It seems we were a big hit. This was another event to get the word out about the "Best Kept Secret in Howard County".







**Rocktoberfest For Vets**  
**by Robin Mihm**

A shared benefit with “Music Healing Heroes” was held on October 19<sup>th</sup>. The committee for this event was Paul Dymond, Sandy Stanton, Terri and Larry Goren, John and Robin Mihm. It was a

beautiful day. Our Activities began at 4:30 am with the flag raising by Jimmy and Pat Johnson of Johnson Crane Co. We felt it appropriate to have the American flag flying at a Veteran’s benefit. Parking area worked very well. Vendors ranged from craft to a vendor with Ravens gear. We also had representatives from the American Legion. We had several craft beer distributors represented; 7 Locks Brewing from Rockville and Restless Ale from Columbia. Restless Ale also contributed ALL their proceeds to our benefit.

We had 4 different bands playing from Noon until 7P.M. The music was from the 80’s. We appreciate their support. If you have a chance to see them in the community, you won’t be disappointed.

The following bands participated:

- Midnite Run
- Petty Coat Junction
- Makin Waves
- Eclipse

We also had our Museum buildings open for people to tour. We couldn’t have accomplished this without the help of our greeters. I would like to thank, Laura O’Donnell, Abe McCracken, Donald Ridgley, Stanley & Ina Choate, Art Boone, Laura Bowman, and Rob Fifaya of the Historic Equipment Association. We received many nice compliments on the buildings. These are always good to hear. We learned a lot from this experience and we are planning another Veterans’ Concert for next year. We hope you can attend.





## Obituaries

Club member, **Edward Dick** passed away on August 15, 2019 at the age of 69. He was the loving father of Club member, Chris Dick.

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Life Member, **Allan Bandel** on November 2, 2019 after being in declining health for several months.

Allan was one of the founding members of the Antique Farm Machinery Club and a past editor of the Rusted Plow. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

## Boy Scout Projects

We, as a Museum and individually, are so proud of the Scouting youth with whom we interact! Whether as weekend campers or Scouts who are working on ultimate projects!

Take note of the smoke house behind the House Before Electricity! Thanks to many hands and muscles of Museum Members the house was raised and stabilized.

The Scout had formulated a plan to explain the several types of construction which were used in the smoke house. Also, constructed was, a wing to house the implements and other display items to introduce visitors to the Smoke House. Thank you!

In mid-November another Scout will implement his plan for a camp site down the Trail across from the "Thrashermans Theater". We are looking forward to this camping site. For instance, Howard County has several programs which will work so well there!

Thank you to each of these Scouts!

## New Website to be reviewed

A new website is being designed.

Please visit :

<https://jennyoconnell76.wixsite.com/livingfarmheritage> to review the website. You will notice a fresh new look, ready for 2020, and new photos. We have gotten away from pages of wording and are making this site more interactive to gain access to the museum. In other words, we discuss what the museum mission is and upcoming events and if you want to know more, come visit. There are links to rent space for events and to the blacksmith classes and additional forge time. I believe you will find the website to be a refreshing and colorful update and I hope you enjoy it.

This is not the final website address. The updated website will be moved to the [www.farmheritge.org](http://www.farmheritge.org) site on January 1<sup>st</sup>. The preview site is for membership to review and comment. Please look through the entire site and send any comments you may have to: [Jenny.o.connell76@gmail.com](mailto:Jenny.o.connell76@gmail.com) by December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019. All adjustments will be made and the site will go live on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020.

## Christmas Gift Idea

A gift which will give all year long!  
A Membership to The Antique Machinery Club!  
The Howard County Antique Farm Machinery Club, Inc.  
Membership Year - January to December 2020 -  
Yearly \$15.00 -Lifetime \$100.00

Please send you name, address, phone and email address to [www.farmheritage.org](http://www.farmheritage.org)  
\*the use of your email address: reminders for the General Meetings & The Rusted Plow News Letter  
PAYMENT options: √ cash √ check payable to: Howard County Antique Farm Machinery Club, Inc. or HCAFMC  
√ PayPal √ Credit cards available through the Club's  
webpage: <http://www.farmheritage.org/Membership.htm>

## Membership

Has your Membership lapsed? If so, you may stop receiving the Rusted Plow next year. Please renew your membership in January to stay active and continue to receive the Rusted Plow and other membership benefits.

Annual Dues are still only \$15 or if you would like a Lifetime membership, \$100.  
We all look forward to seeing you again!

## Got Internet Access?

### Why Not Receive The Rusted Plow Electronically?

If you have a computer with access to the internet, then why not help the Howard County Antique Farm Machinery Club save "a bundle" of money on the cost of postage and paper by choosing to receive *The Rusted Plow* electronically? Just go to the Club's website, [www.farmheritage.org](http://www.farmheritage.org) and access the The current, or even past issues. It's quick, easy, economical, and sometimes even in color. electronic version also makes it easy for you to

copy, print, and save certain articles, even the entire newsletter if you so choose. Why not give it a try? Also, if you would prefer to receive your monthly meeting reminders by the much more economical email route, then please inform Virginia Frank at [JSRSTAR@verizon.net](mailto:JSRSTAR@verizon.net). Simply indicate in a short e-mail message that you prefer to receive your future meeting notices AND *The Rusted Plow* now by email. It's easy, efficient, "green", and you will be making a significant positive contribution to the Club's finances.

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(Notify him regarding the need for cards in the event of sickness, death, birth, etc.)

For the betterment of the goals of our organization, your club leaders would welcome any helpful ideas, your suggestions, and especially your participation. Please feel free to contact them.

***There will not be a monthly Club Membership Meeting in December.***

***Have a wonderful Holiday Season!***

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Farm Machinery Club

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