

The Rusted Plow

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Farm Machinery Club

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President's Report

by John W. Frank

Well I've been told that it's time for another edition of the Howard County Antique Farm Machinery Club's newsletter. So as I write the presidents report this evening, it's about 9 PM and we're right smack in the dead of winter, the temperatures are in the single digits again tonight. This morning we woke up to a 2 inch dusting of fresh snow right on top of the 10 inch snow we got just a few days ago. It seems that everyone I talk to is tired of snow, tired of winter and ready for summer. I guess I'm starting to feel that same way, too. To help fight those wintertime blues, myself and a number of other dedicated club members are already engaged in the planning of this year's upcoming events. While engaged in the planning and conversation for the 20th annual Spring Consignment Sale, the Wild West Fest, the first annual West Friendship Car Show, the Antique Construction Equipment Field Day and lawnmower races, the 20th year of

participation at the annual Howard County Fair and our 20th annual Farm Heritage Days, one aspect of these programs seems to be clearly obvious. This is the 20th year for the Howard County Antique Farm Machinery Club and the 10th year for the Living Farm Heritage Museum. It's hard to believe we've been fooling around with this stuff this long. It's also hard to believe that a group of people can have so much fun in such a short period of time. I guess we'll have to add an anniversary party to our planning efforts for 2015.

I had the opportunity to speak over the phone with club member Dwayne Singley just the other day. He and Judy have been in New Orleans for the past few months while Dwayne has been recovering from a liver transplant. He seemed to be in great spirits and said he was mending well and was looking forward to returning home, but not necessarily looking forward to the cold weather. I know that we all wish that Dwayne continues his successful recovery and that he and Judy have a safe trip home in the coming weeks.

Even though it's winter things haven't been at a standstill at the Living Farm Heritage Museum. In the past few months we enjoyed a great turnout of visitors to the museum during the Holiday Open House and the lighting of the Museum's Christmas tree. A big thanks goes out to all those who participated in setting up and taking down for these two events. Special thanks go out to Triadelphia Lakeview Farm and to John Mihm for contributions towards securing the 19+ foot tall Christmas tree and the world's strongest industrial Christmas tree stand. I'd like to thank Will and Norma Spicer for using their connections with a friend of a cousin who has a neighbor who once met a person who once had a coworker who was a close friend of Santa Claus. Thanks to their efforts Mr. and Mrs. Claus were present at the lighting of the tree. It was no surprise that they were a big hit with youngsters and adults alike. I'd also like to thank Bobby Johnson for providing the mule team and carriage that Santa and Mrs. Clause arrived on.

We've been busy this winter at the Living Farm Heritage Museum moving forward on a number of our capital projects that include continued work on our nature trails, work on the blacksmith shop, moving of equipment and trailers and ground preparation for the construction of shed number five. We also started and have almost completed the installation of the main display building sprinkler system water supply and community fire suppression in-ground water tank. The tank installation is completed and accessible to the fire service if needed. Because of the weather we have not been able to finish the concrete slab that tops off the tank. We'll save that for some upcoming warmer days.

This season's wounded veteran deer hunt has come to another successful end. We had four hunts this season the last one in early

February. We harvested 19 deer at the Museum as a result of the efforts of over 30 wounded veteran hunters. Thanks to all of the staff from Howard County Recreation and Parks for the work that they do in support of this program. This season's hunts were dedicated to Doug Henley from Convenience Catering honoring his memory and all that he has done in support of this program as well as other Living Farm Heritage Museum activities. I would also like to thank our club members who provided the desserts for each of the meals during the season's four hunts.

I've had the opportunity the past couple months to make a number of presentations on behalf of the Howard County Antique Farm Machinery Club and Living Farm Heritage Museum. We've made major inroads with our partnership with the Howard County Public School System. I'm looking forward to a healthy increase in the number of school related programs that we host at the Living Farm Heritage Museum this coming year.

January 1 marks the start of another fiscal year for the Howard County Antique Farm Machinery Club and Living Farm Heritage Museum. Although we are a nonprofit organization, our organization is by all measures a very effective and well managed business. As such we rely on the judgment of our general membership to select the administrators of our organization. I'd like to recognize Chuck Coles and thank him for his time in service as vice president of the Howard County Antique Farm Machinery Club. A position he held for over 10 years. I want to congratulate Art Boone for being elevated from board member to vice president and to Mary Mihm for agreeing to fill the vacant board position for the completion of its term. Thanks to all of the board members and officers of the Howard County Antique Farm Machinery Club for sharing their time and insight to

ensure the success of the organization's day-to-day oversight.

By all accounts, cold and snowy weather, notwithstanding, 2015 is off to a great start. I have high expectations that this will be the year that we bring the James Clark Main Display building project to a close, open the building to the public, and start setting up the displays of the Maryland Dairy Shrine, and finalize some on-going nature trail projects, complete shed number five and an additional shed to accommodate the relocation of our Frick sawmill. I also expect 2015 to mark the timeframe where we start construction on the Daisy one-room schoolhouse, which ultimately will lead to the repurposing of our current schoolhouse to our little country church in the Wildwood.

I don't care what anyone says, it just doesn't get much better than this. Thanks for all that you do.

Holiday Open House

The 2014 Holiday Open House was a great success. As always, we had many people who had never been to the museum before and asked many questions about the museum and our members. We also had many repeat visitors. Many tours were given. In addition, we added something new to our holiday celebration...we had a tree lighting ceremony. We were able to find a 19 foot tree to add to the front of the Hebb House. Thank you to John Mihm who made the great tree holder. Also, thank you to Rebecca Lorah and Jennifer Frecker for making the decorations and decorating the tree. The decorations were from recycled materials with dried fruit and bird seed. During the program, the Madrigals from Marriotts Ridge High School sang Christmas Carols. Santa Claus arrived by horse-drawn wagon.



This is taking the holiday spirit to a whole new level

March is the Month of the Full Worm Moon

The Full Worm Moon was given its name by the Algonquin tribes from New England to Lake Superior. At the time of this spring Moon, the ground begins to soften and earthworm casts reappear, inviting the return of robins. In some regions, this is also known as the Sap Moon, as it marks the time when maple sap begins to flow and the annual tapping of maple trees begins.



How many can remember schools opening two hours late in the 1920?

What is Planting by the Moon?

Planting by the Moon is a great way to help plan your above and below ground crops.

- Plant flowers and vegetables that bear crops above ground during the light, or waxing, of the Moon: from the day the Moon is new to the day it is full.
- Plant flowering bulbs and vegetables that bear crops below ground during the dark, or waning, of the Moon: from the day after it is full to the day before it is new again.



CORN science

You probably know about some of the things made from CORN like popcorn and Ethanol (a corn-derived alcohol) and corn flakes and candy corn ... just kidding - lol!

But did you know about Z E I N. It is the principal protein in corn. "Biochemistry - a soft, yellow powder of simple proteins obtained from corn, used chiefly in the manufacture of textile fibers, plastics, and paper coatings." "that lacks lysine and tryptophan" An in depth

paper can be found at http://prairie-gold.com/zein_background.pdf by John W. Lawton "Corn is the largest and most important agricultural commodity in America. Zein, one of the components in corn, has long been investigated for uses other than food and feed. Zein is a unique and complex material, and it is one of the few cereal proteins extracted in a relatively pure form. Today, because of environmental concerns, interest in zein utilization is again growing. Some of the more important research on zein is more than 50 years old. Most of this work has been either forgotten, lost, or difficult to locate. Much of this work was done at the USDA laboratory in Peoria, IL. Since most early zein literature is still easily accessible at that laboratory, this review on zein has been prepared making use of this old literature. This review reexamines the old literature and reconciles it with new zein research to illustrate some of the unique properties of and opportunities for zein."

A big fat ear of corn sounds better than an ear of zein!

Membership

Our MISSION STATEMENT is to preserve our past's agricultural way of life through programs, displays, and FUN. "But", as Doug Creswell said, "I think it's even more than that... we educate people on the importance and value of agriculture to our state and local economies (agriculture is the largest industry in the State). We also support and encourage wholesome youth activities such as 4-H, and Boy and Girl Scout programs, and conduct educational events for local elementary through high school students. ...and oh, yeah, we keep some dusty old retired folks off the streets."

We have a diverse membership. We welcome everyone: all ages, male; female.

Annual Membership Dues are \$15.00

Life-time Membership Dues are \$100.00

We have made it very easy to JOIN!

Dues can be paid by cash or check at a Meeting OR by Mail OR by charge card & Paypal online!

*ONLINE <http://www.farmheritage.org/Membership.htm> Pay Pal or charge

* CHECK payable to the Howard County Antique Farm Machinery Club [HCAFMC]

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Calendar of Events

Check out the website to see the 2015 Calendar of Events. Many programs have been added to our calendar. Just click on a date and program description and additional information will be made available.

Mark your Calendars

The 20th Annual Consignment Sale/ Auction will be held on Saturday, April 18 beginning at 9:00 a.m. Items to be consigned may be brought to the Howard County Fairgrounds on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday, April 15, 16 & 17 from 9:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Your help is always needed. We can use help with unloading and tagging the items. If you can help for an hour or all day, we don't mind. Many hands make quick work.



Ever wonder what a 42,000 gallon in-ground water tank looks like?

Club Officers, Board of Directors And Committee Chairpersons

The names of club officers and their telephone numbers can be found under the masthead of The Rusted Plow. Current members of the Board of Directors and Committee Chairpersons are as follows:

Board of Directors:

Dick Claycomb 410-549-2171

Phil Greenstreet 410-489-0403

Walt Toney 301-854-6398

John Mihm 410-489-7704

Chris Feaga 410-531-3307

Mary Mihm 443-790-5059

Club committees and chairpersons:

Technology/Web Site

Jennifer Frecker. (contact her by e-mail at jenny_frecker@yahoo.com) (NOTE: There is an underline (_) between "jenny" and "frecker".)

Hebb House

Virginia Frank (410) 531-2569

Main Display Building

Phil Greenstreet (410) 489-0403.

Special Projects

John Mihm (410) 489-7704 and
Dick Claycomb (410) 549-2171.

Sunshine

Dorothy Frank (410) 531-5555
(Notify Dorothy regarding the need for cards
in the event of sickness, death, birth, etc.).

Asset Management

Donald and Shirley Ridgely (443) 690-6777

Activities

Art Boone (410) 531-2644.

Item Restoration

Rich McAlister (443) 253-3924

Displays

Chris Feaga (410) 371-2160

Membership Secretary

Judy Singley (301) 596-9723 or
wood_sing@verizon.net. (NOTE:
There is an underline (_) between "wood" and
"sing".)

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



Next August when the temperature is pushing 100° just keep in mind things could be worse!



At 2:00 a.m. and it is 4° outside, it really makes you appreciate the whole concept of a chamber pot!

Wildlife at the Museum

There has been many sightings of different wildlife at the museum. Just recently, a member saw 20+ wild turkeys. Another saw a wild coyote. There have been many sightings of bald eagles flying and perching in trees. On any day one can see many deer eating and running around the fields. Whenever you travel down the road or walk over the many miles of nature trail, be sure to keep your eyes open. You never know what you may see.



What happened to the amber waves of grain already!

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