

# The Rusted Plow inery Club

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## **President's Report** **by John W. Frank**

As I write this it is mid-November, the sun was shining with the temperature hanging around 55° at about 11am. By 12:30pm the wind has increased to 30 MPH gusts and the temperature has dropped to a balmy 49°. What a difference an hour can make. I am just sitting down to knockout the message from the President for the most recent addition of the Howard County Antique Farm Machinery Club's newsletter "The Rusted Plow". I had planned to be outside taking advantage of a beautiful day chipping away at a pile of stuff that seems to never decrease in volume no matter how much I increase my efforts to make it do so. So, I guess I will just spend some time working on this message. If I am lucky this might turn out to be the one thing that I can complete today.

Although we have had to re-adjust our level of activity and some of our way of doing business regarding the Club, we are still in a healthy state with regards to our finances as well as our overall administration. During the

past months, the Club Administrative Officers and Board of Directors have been meeting and continue to meet either by social media, or face to face throughout. I think that we are all looking forward to where things can continue to get better. As we proceed along the way we will continue to manage the overall organization in a fiscally responsible way.

Due to the fact that we have not been able to conduct any general membership meetings since last January our desire to conduct our annual election has been significantly impacted. Although we were able to meet this year's requirement set forth in our By-Laws to hold "a Minimum of One General Meeting Annually" we have not been able to meet the requirements to conduct a proper election process. As a result the Board of Directors have concluded that we will treat the year 2020 with regards to the club annual election as non-existing (no changes in positions, no time counted towards term expirations for those positions effected and no attempt to conduct an election process when the guidelines set forth in our By-Laws could not, and have not been met.

Museum activities have been impacted to a great extent during 2020. Many private, public, and educational activities and events were canceled. By early July, some things that could be, were re-instated. Activities like our rescheduled Annual Auction Sale, Food Truck Tuesdays, Blacksmith Workshop Classes, some private events, Museum tours and some educational programs. All of these, thanks to the dedicated efforts of our club members, our partners, and the community as a whole, who supported each of these activities and helped to make each one a great success.

Although our Museum's ongoing activities, such as grounds maintenance, trail maintenance, building and equipment maintenance, and capital projects like the James Clark Main Display Building have all been ongoing. Although there have been challenges to keep everything moving forward. The dedicated group of members who work in each of these areas to keep the Living Farm Heritage Museum looking and operating so well cannot be overrated. The grounds maintenance crew, the Antique Construction Equipment Guys, the teams who oversee our rental activities, the numerous committee chairs and members and the many other volunteers who continue to work towards the ongoing success of the Museum all deserve our thanks. They are the ones that continue to make it happen!!!

It has been much too long since I've had the opportunity to see and speak with many of our club members. So, let me take this opportunity to express my sincere hope that you are all doing well as you prepare for the upcoming Holiday Season.

I will just leave it at that, at the risk of using one of those over used catch phrases that do so little to boost one's confidence. Those catch phrases that we all seem to be bombarded with daily by everyone from TV Celebrities, News

Casters, Elected officials, and the Media in general. Phrases like "during these uncertain times" or "during these unprecedented times" or "during these scary times" or "during these troubling times" (well, you get the picture)!!! And if you don't, then you must be quarantining on another planet!!! There is nothing about facing hardships, living with adversity and rising above life's constant challenges that is new to those of us who live and work in a rural community. This message would be 10 times longer if I were to attempt to list even one tenth of the life altering challenges faced by each one of us every day of our lives, not to mention the lives of our forefathers before us. Wars and rumors of wars, rioting in the streets, floods, tornadoes, wild fires, hurricanes, and the tens of thousands of accidents and illness's every year that play out with devastating results for those involved, (just to list a few). Come to think of it, I can't think of a time in years past prior to 2020 that wasn't prone to being "uncertain, unprecedented, scary or troubling". The difference so far throughout the year 2020 is that up until now we didn't have someone reminding us in such a defeatist manor and on such a frequent basis, telling us how bad things are. If we were all members of a sports team, I shudder to think what our odds would be for a winning season if the coach, team manager and TV announcers all expressed the negative and not inspire the team to embrace a positive outlook.

Those within the Farming Community have learned all too well of the need to rise above such experiences and embrace the positive side of life. That does not mean that we should act foolishly or irresponsible. As mature adults we are all accountable for our own safety and welfare, as well as the safety and welfare of our families, friends, neighbors, and the community as a whole.

Let's all face the future with the same resolve that our forefathers embraced and the resolve that the members of the Antique Farm Machinery Club have used to face the challenges and demands of the past 25 years planning for, developing and managing the Living Farm Heritage Museum. It has worked for us so far for the Club's success and it can work for life in general. So, share this approach with everyone you are in contact with who may be frightened or unsure of what the future may hold. Suggest that they roll up their sleeves and get to work focusing on the positive. When conditions become difficult, people with a strong character become more determined.

Therefore, "when the going gets tough the tough get going". Let's all continue to embrace that winning strategy and promote a positive spirit for the future while drawing from the strength and the legacy of our past. Let's continue to work together for the common good. And to that end, have a safe and a Very Merry Christmas and a Very Happy and Healthy New Year!!

Thanks for all that you do.  
John Wesley Frank

**Tree Lighting Ceremony  
Has been canceled.  
We will still have a lit tree  
But no ceremony.**

### **Food Truck Tuesday**

In July we partnered with the West Friendship Volunteer Fire Department and hosted Food Truck Tuesday at the museum. This program had been at the Fire House on the corner of Routes 99 and 32 and was a big success. But due to the location, the parking

and the high volume of traffic, it was decided to move to our museum. There was ample parking. The Food Trucks were able to park off the road. And there was plenty of room for people to social distance during this coronavirus pandemic.

We had a wonderful turnout of people. The vendors were very happy with the location. The Fire Department and our volunteers sold drinks to help fund raise for both organizations.

We had live bands perform on the front porch of the Hebb House. The whole program was a huge success.

We would like to thank our volunteers who helped to make this program such a success - Robin Mihm, Morgan Covert, John Cheresnowsky, Sarah Cullison, Rebecca Lorah, Elizabeth Lorah, Allie Cullison, Mary Rasche, and Virginia Frank, Mike Bowen, Donald Ridgely, Brian Travis, Mike Marlatt and John Frank.

We look forward to the Spring of 2021 to start this up again.

### **Do You Order from Amazon?**

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## The Year was 1923

Our oldest Club member is Edward Frank, Jr. He was born in 1923 and this year he turned 97 years old. Ed is still a very active member of our Club and as many of you can imagine, he has seen so many changes. Here are some of the things going on the year he was born:

March 2 - The first issue of *Time* magazine was published.

April 18 - The first Yankee Stadium opened its doors in the Bronx, New York City.

July 13 - The Hollywood sign was inaugurated in California (originally reading Hollywoodland).

August 2 - Vice President Calvin Coolidge became the 30<sup>th</sup> President of the United States upon the death of President Warren G. Harding.

October 15 - The New York Yankees defeated the New York Giants in baseball, 4 games to 2, to win their first World Series title.

October 16 - Roy and Walt Disney founded the Walt Disney Company

Prohibition would last until 1933. The Roaring Twenties were in full swing.

Next time you see Ed Frank, take some time to talk to him. He has many stories to tell and he will keep you entertained for hours.



## The Milkman

At one time, many rural Americans had small family farms with their own dairy cows to supply milk for their family and neighbors. For those that did not, dairies provided daily home delivery of milk, cream and butter via the Milkman, first by horse and carriage, then by motorized vehicles. Truck drivers who transport milk from the farm to the dairy are also known as Milkmen. Raw milk is picked up daily or every other day from the dairy farms. In the old days, milk was placed in 10-gallon steel milk cans weighing over 100 pounds when full. Although homes had ice boxes, daily delivery was required for perishable goods due to lack of continuous refrigeration. Other food staples had their own stores, like meat from the butcher and bread from the baker. If unavailable to meet the Milkman, customers would leave their money and empty glass bottles by their door and the Milkman would replace them with full ones. Like the Postman, neither rain nor snow nor heat of day would stop the Milkman from



his rounds. With the advent of the more convenient and cheaper supermarket and the wide-spread use of the pasteurization process increasing milk's shelf life, the need for the Milkman began to decline throughout the 1950's and 1960's. However, there has been a recent resurgence of home delivery services driven by consumer demand for more natural, unprocessed foods. - Did you know that a dairy cow can produce 9 gallons of milk per day!



**Peter**

I received an email the other day from Peter, my British friend and longtime professional colleague, who eagerly awaits every latest Rusted Plow. I couldn't recall if I had sent him the latest issue. He said I had sent it twice, noting that was no problem since there is no such thing as receiving too much "Plow". I would categorize Peter as a successful mini, part-time farmer. He lives in a small village, with an address of *Hailes Green*

*Barnes*. His house is a lovely, converted small stone barn with a tiny yard. He has turned that yard into an amazing rock garden of shrubs and flowers with stone paths leading you from one delightful blossom to another. On the stone wall of the house, he has nurtured miniature, sculptured fruit trees that bear fruits of many kinds. And, of course there a kitchen garden with vegetables for the table. A bubbling creek flows along the property edge, creating soothing, almost musical tones. What a wonderful homestead Peter has created. He is an accomplished farmer in my book.

**Coyotes**



**BE COYOTE AWARE**

Coyotes are common throughout North America, including in urban areas. You may see and hear them more during mating season (Dec-Feb) and when juveniles are dispersing from family groups (Sept-Nov). These facts and safety tips will help increase comfort and decrease conflicts when living or recreating near America's native "Song Dog".

<b>FACTS</b>	<b>SAFETY</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coyotes are members of the dog family; they are curious, adaptable, and learn quickly.</li> <li>• Coyotes often mate for life, are devoted parents, and are highly communicative (barks, yips, howls).</li> <li>• Coyotes weigh 18-35 pounds in the West and 30-60 pounds in the East.</li> <li>• Coyotes may be more protective of dens/territories during pup rearing (April-Aug).</li> <li>• Coyotes eat large numbers of rodents and rabbits, as well as fruit, vegetation, insects and carrion. They help keep ecosystems vital, healthy and clean.</li> <li>• Coyotes are naturally wary of people but can habituate to our presence and the reliable food sources that we provide.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>DON'T FEED COYOTES.</b> Their life and your safety depend on coyotes remaining wild and naturally wary of people.</li> <li>• Remove attractants; pick up trash, secure garbage, and feed pets inside. Don't leave food or pets outside at night.</li> <li>• Walk dogs on leashes, especially during pup rearing season (April-Aug). Pick up your small dog if you see a coyote and don't let pets roam.</li> <li>• If approached, don't run. Wave arms, make noise and walk toward the coyote until he retreats. Be "Big, Bad and Loud."</li> <li>• Avoid areas where coyotes may be denning or feeding/hiding pups.</li> <li>• Appreciate coyotes from a distance. Share this information with family and friends.</li> </ul>






## That is all- Farm On!

They ran to the groceries, they filled up their  
carts,  
They emptied the Tops and Price Chopper and  
Walmart,  
They panicked and fought and then panicked  
some more,  
Then they rushed to their homes and they  
locked all the doors.  
The food will be gone! The milk eggs and  
cheese!  
The yogurt! The apples! The green beans and  
peas!  
The stores have run out, now what will we  
do?  
They'll be starving and looting and nothing to  
do!  
Then they paused, and they listened a moment  
or two.  
And they did hear a sound, rising over the  
fear,  
It started out far, then began to grow near.  
  
But this sound wasn't sad, nor was it new,  
The farms were still doing what farms always  
do.  
The food was still coming, though they'd  
emptied the shelves,  
The farms kept it coming, though they  
struggled themselves,  
  
Though the cities had forgotten from where  
their food came,  
The farms made them food every day, just the  
same.  
Through weather and critics and markets that  
fall,  
The farms kept on farming in spite of it all.  
They farmed without thank yous.  
They farmed without praise.  
They farmed on the hottest and coldest of days.

They'd bought all the food, yet the next day  
came more,  
And the people thought of something they  
hadn't before.  
Maybe food, they thought, doesn't come from  
a store.  
Maybe farmers, perhaps, mean a little bit more.  
-Anna

## The Club's Website

Don't forget to check out the Club's website -  
[www.farmheritage.org](http://www.farmheritage.org). See for yourself what  
increasing numbers of visitors are checking  
out. Read "The Rusted Plow" online. While  
there, if you find that something should be  
added or revised, please contact, or send a  
note, to any of the officers, or send an e-mail to  
the site's webmaster, Jenny O'Connell, at  
[jenny.o.connell76@gmail.com](mailto:jenny.o.connell76@gmail.com).

## Membership

Please join us as a  
MEMBER of the  
Living Farm Heritage Museum  
One does not have to be a farmer or  
know a lot about agriculture or equipment!  
We are oh so much more than that!  
The Museum is multidimensional !  
And so is our Membership!  
People with wide-ranging backgrounds  
Still working and retirees  
Lots of different careers;  
young and old;  
male and female;  
rural or suburban;  
varied interests and talents; but  
we all agree on the importance and value of  
our past - our present - and our future  
through multi-faceted programs and displays.

\*farming subjects- yes

\* machinery -yes

But that is not all !

\* experience new things - do old things again

\* repair/restore items or equipment to show others

\* help with programs, presentations and displays

\* help develop the displays and maintain

\* gardening

\* Train Project [40 ton Engine]

\* join in the camaraderie of other members

\* talk to others who are more or less knowledgeable than yourself

\* show, share and teach others

\* reminisce and share your stories

**\* PROMOTE the Club's Mission**

"The mission of the

**Howard County Antique Farm Machinery Club**

**is to preserve our agricultural way of life through Preservation,**

**Presentation, Demonstration and Education.**

Membership for an individual is **\$15.00 per year** January 1 to December 31.

Payment options: √ cash √ check payable to: **Howard County Antique Farm Machinery Club, Inc. or HCAFMC**

√ PayPal √

<https://www.farmheritage.org/membership>

**We hope to meet you soon!**

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**Club Officers and Board of Directors**

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 are as follows:

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