

The Rusted Plow

Newsletter of the Howard County
Antique Farm Machinery Club

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

We are halfway through 2019 and it has been a busy year, so far. The Our Environment in Our Hands program with the Howard County Public School System brought over 500 students to the museum. We have had two music concerts and Summer Fest. There has been one wedding and two more scheduled.

The weather has been so much better than last year although we did have some tree damage on the Nature Trails during one storm. We also lost three trees near the Hebb House. Thankfully, no building damage.

There have been several donations of items, one was a pump organ that is in great shape. The grounds maintenance members are doing a great job of keeping the grass mowed and the trails maintained.

Soon it will be time for the Howard County Fair from Saturday, August 3 through Saturday, August 10. I hope that you will stop by and support us at our display just inside of the main gate. If you will be helping to staff the display and would like a pass, please let Virginia Frank know.

Visit us at www.farmheritage.org or on Facebook to stay up to date with what is

happening at the museum. Hope you have a great summer! Thank you for all that you do!

John Deere Wagon Raffle

This year we have a wonderful John Deere Wagon to be raffled off on Saturday, August 10 at the Howard County Fair. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Stop by our display and take a chance on winning this wagon



Hot Summer Nights Concert Series

Ignition Source Entertainment is pleased to produce the Hot Summer Nights Concert series, benefiting the Museum. This free community event is intended to bring people to the museum to enjoy a beautiful evening of music and atmosphere while introducing them to all the museum has to offer.

We would like to thank Town and Country Automotive for sponsoring the event. Please make sure you visit their Glenelg and Eldersburg locations for all your automotive maintenance needs. Town and Country has been a longtime supporter of the museum and we are thankful for their support.

To date, there have been two concerts. Lone Mountain performed a mix of classic country and old-time rock and roll on June 1st. Classic rock and blues band, 4Warned, played June 15th. Both evenings were beautiful and those in attendance thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Ice cream, snacks, and drinks were also available.

Upcoming, on July 13th, will be Luscious Purr out of Hagerstown, bringing their mix of 90s covers and originals. On July 27th, we are pleased to host Paul Ivey's Acoustic Showcase. Paul is a well know musician in the Frederick area and will delight us with his acoustic renditions of classic rock, blues, and country favorites. We will also be introducing Geraldine on August 24th, bringing their country and bluegrass show to the museum. Finally, Lone Mountain will play again in September at a date to be determined.

We are excited to build this program and to bring more people to the museum to see all that it has to offer. Please spread the word to friends and neighbors about the events and come out for an enjoyable evening.

One Room School House

The Country School Association of America held their annual convention in Frederick

County in June 2019. Members of CSAA traveled from all over the USA to attend. On the third day of the conference 55 attendees took a motor coach tour of schoolhouses. The tour started in Loudoun Co. VA where 3 schools were visited in the Waterford and Leesburg communities. Poolsville, MD was the next destination and 2 stops were made there. Then it was on to Capitol Heights and Lanham for visits to the Ridgely Rosenwald School and the Seabrook School. Both were beautifully renovated and restored. The next stop was our replica schoolhouse at the HCLFHM and then finally to the award-winning schoolhouse in Sykesville.

The replica schoolhouse at the Living Farm Heritage Museum was chosen because of its collections. CSAA members photographed and commented on the variety of mid-century artifacts on display. A few returned for Summer Fest to revisit the schoolhouse and see the other buildings at the Museum.

The objective of the schoolhouse is simply.... given donated materials, we will replicate a rural school in use during the Depression and WW 2. It is thanks to you, our members, for the majority of those artifacts.

The schoolhouse has a natural science display that needs filling in. We have: 2 birds' nests, hornet nest, deer antlers, a few nuts and interesting wood examples. some tumbled rocks.

We need:
turtle shell
snakeskin
wasp nest

Other small items of natural science interest.

Blacksmith Workshops

We had an Intermediate Blacksmith Workshop in June with a full class of 6 people who made a pair of tongs. There are Intro to Blacksmith Workshops scheduled in July, August, September and October. Check out the Calendar of Events for dates and times to sign up for a class.

Summerfest 2019



Our annual Summerfest was held a few weeks ago. It was one of the best and well attended shows we have ever had. The weather was perfect. Our Touch a Truck event was a great success again this year. It was well visited and the comments were great. You wouldn't guess it but the best vehicle there is one of The Club's School buses. The kids just love it. We would like to thank our generous participants in

Touch a Truck:

Westminster Metro Bobcat of Eldersburg
HTI Contractors, Finksburg
J & A Construction Services, Inc.
Heil Plumbing, Jessup
Lisbon Volunteer Fire Department



Also thank you to our club members who placed their equipment in our Touch a Truck location. We would also like to thank our Docents who manned our buildings and answered question from our visitors all weekend. I'm sure it was a great learning experience for all.

The Blacksmith Shop was well visited. I'm sure there are some people thinking of joining our classes in the future.

We also had several new bands play on Saturday; Mark Whiskey and the Sours followed by Freezerburn. They entertained the crowds all day.

The antique construction equipment ran all weekend. We thank our volunteer operators, one of which came all the way from Tennessee. The vendor area was occupied by some vendors we had not had before. We certainly hope they had good days. Flea market items were also on sale.

The great people from Sky Candy Balloons were with us both days to offer tethered hot air balloon rides. Unfortunately, the great weather also included winds that were unfavorable for the balloon rides. We tried really hard, and we hope to try again in the future. It was certainly a popular event we wish we could have done.

There was so much more to see and do, from food trucks to a new petting zoo. The model train was set by the McCracken house. We had the great people from Mobile Mining Experience with us; the kids loved mining for gold and other special rocks and gems. We also had race cars set up by the one room schoolhouse.

Every year we try to build on this event with more and more activities to see and take part in. If anyone has any ideas for next year, please send them to me.

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The Adventures of Big Red

Big Red Meets the Pool

By: Alexander Gibilisco

One day, just about one month after I purchased Big Red, my father was cleaning out his garage, and he turned on Big Red, so I could drive Big Red while he was cleaning. So I drove down the driveway, and went in front of the above ground pool, to turn around. The clutch was stuck, so I positioned myself, so that I could get it in reverse. My foot slipped off the clutch. Next thing I know, Big Red was through the side of the pool, with the exhaust stack knocked down. There was no water in the pool when I crashed into it because the liner was being replaced. I quickly turned off the engine, and my father was running down the driveway to see what had happened. I was very shaken up. Then my grandparents come over to see what had happened. My father told them. I was pushing a baby my mother was babysitting on the swing to relax. My grandparents ask if I was ok, and what I was going to do with Big Red. I said I was going to fix up Big Red, and then sell him. I'm glad I didn't sell Big Red. My father and grandfather pulled Big Red out of the swimming pool. I didn't help because I was still too shaken up. I learned something that day but didn't realize it then.



Big Red meets the pool.

I never drove Big Red after that for a long time, over 2 years. I don't know why or what I did not like about him, or even why I would get so scared whenever Big Red would be turned on. I didn't mind if Big Red was turned off, but when Big Red was turned on I just did not want to be near Big Red. But I knew one day I would have to drive Big Red again.

I was getting ready to buy the things I needed to get Big Red running again. When I got the spark plug, choke, ignition and oil to fix Big Red, I helped my father put the parts on, but my father would turn Big Red on to see if the parts worked. Most of the time they did. But I still did not drive Big Red. I would watch my father drive Big Red from a distance.

In the winter during those first 2 years, my mother and father would put a snowplow that came with Big Red on and push snow. It looked like fun, but I never drove Big Red or even sat on Big Red when the engine was on. And even if I wanted to, I had to help my grandfather move snow with Big Blue, the New Holland Front End Loader that his tractor had. There were just a few things that needed to be done with Big Red that a mechanic had to fix. My father has a friend who lives close that's a mechanic. My father made me drive Big Red to his house. I was shaking the entire way over. When we got there, I quickly turned off the engine, and jumped off. Big Red stayed there for approximately one week.

He found out that a gasket on the engine were not holding compression, and he welded the exhaust stack back.

Big Red was finished the day before snow was supposed to fall. My father and I went over to pick up Big Red, I drove Big Red home.



The next day came and no snow mainly slush. But just as the day was ending my father told me to get ready cause he and I were going to move slush with the plow. I said, “ok,” and got ready.

After my father started Big Red’s engine, he showed me what to do, and how to use the plow, cause this would be my first time actually using Big Red since the accident. While I was using Big Red, I learned that there’s nothing to be afraid of, and that I had no reason to be afraid of Big Red.

Now, I’m driving Big Red again, but still and always will remember what had happened, and the history of me and Big Red. I’m glad that all of that had happened.

I learned that when I crashed, I got taught a lesson, just because something happens that’s no reason to stop. It took me a long time to learn that lesson. I can’t wait to share the next adventures of Big Red with you in the future issues.

Flowers

Thank you to Dave and Mike Healey from Greenway Farm in Cooksville for their gracious donation of the flowers that surround the sign in the front of the museum property.

The flowers were planted by Ed Boss and are watered and maintained by Anne Carpenter.

Meet Boy Scout Troop 757

By Scoutmaster and Member of the Antique Farm Machinery Club
Mike Preece

Boy Scout Troop 757 is chartered by the Glenwood Lions club and has been serving the western Howard county community since 1954. The Troop has been blessed with 61 Eagle Scouts in our history, and we hope that those Eagles and all scouts continue to help shape and make our community great. The Troop has a long history of meeting in the 4H building at the fairgrounds, and in more recent years the Troop has enjoyed a healthy relationship with the Howard County Living Farm Heritage Museum. We’ve enjoyed the many opportunities provided by the Museum. I’m sure most of you are very familiar with scouting. For those who may not be, the Boy Scouts of America is one of the Nation’s largest and most prominent values-based youth development organizations. The BSA provides a program for young men that builds character, trains them in the responsibilities of citizenship and develops personal leadership skills and fitness (and yes, we have lots of fun along the way).

Troop 757 has prided itself in maintaining a boy led philosophy and a rich tradition in high adventure experiences. Being “boy led” means that things may not always run as smoothly as an adult would like, but the boys learn through doing. They plan and execute the vast majority of our activities. The adult leaders facilitate the process and do our best to stay out of the way except that we maintain a watchful eye and step in as needed in the interest of safety. Over the last few years the troop has had boys backpack in the mountains of New Mexico, scuba dive amongst the coral reefs in the Florida Keys, canoe in the boundary waters between the US and Manitoba and attend National and World Boy Scout jamborees. The troop meets once a week year-round. Meetings over the last two years have included things

like instruction in citizenship and “scout skills”, working on merit badges, assembling care packages for a local food bank, hosting a talent show, launching model rockets, learning and playing new games, and many, many more. The troop hosts an outing at least once a month. Outings in the last two years have included things like caving, skiing, swimming, canoeing, camping, rock climbing, curling, biking, white water rafting, and much more. As an adult, I have participated in quite a few activities that I’m sure I never would have experienced without my involvement in scouting. I know that’s the same for these boys.

This isn’t the boy scouts of the 1950’s. Not that scouting in the 50’s was bad. I believe that the changes in our world have made scouting’s role in today’s society that much more important. The outdoor experiences and the basic skills that are learned by the boys are just that; they are life skills. The outdoor program allows (even forces) boys to escape their cell phones and video games. I firmly believe that makes them better people. The new experiences round them out and make them better citizens and men.

These boys have been very active in supporting their community. Each summer the boys rally behind the Lions club in working at the food booth during the fair (and at the other events throughout the year). The boys pick up trash at the fairgrounds each morning at 6am during fair week. They have consistently supported local food banks (at yearly food drives and through supplemental collections), veterans at Christmas and Memorial Day, the Lisbon horse parade (which in turn supports local food banks), and others.

The troop is very thankful for the many opportunities that we’ve been afforded through the Living Farm Heritage Museum. Boys have had a venue for camping and outdoor activities and exposure to local history and a way of life that most of them would otherwise not experience. The troop has developed a bit of a tradition in that we have been camping on the museum grounds each fall and spring. In

November, the troop has been using that campout as an opportunity to host an open house for area Webelos scouts (cub scouts) to come visit us. In April, the troop has been using that campout as a “warm-up” or an orientation for each year’s crop of new scouts who have just bridged from cub scouts into boy scouts in March. We sincerely hope that the small tokens of service the Scouts have provided (spreading mulch, clearing debris from trails, picking up sticks, Farm Heritage Days, plus a few Eagle Scout projects along the way) have been a help to the museum. In my five or six years with the Troop at least six Eagle Scout projects have contributed to the Museum and its’ goals. We sincerely thank you for your support. The troop looks forward to continuing this relationship with the Howard County Living Farm Heritage Museum.

Yours In Scouting
Mike Preece
Troop 757 Scoutmaster

The Club’s Website

Don’t forget to check out the Club’s website –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.

Membership

If you haven’t paid your yearly membership dues, you may still do so. Check out the website – www.farmheritage.org to find out how to renew your membership.

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Mobile mining Experience at Summer Fest

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