

The Rusted Plow

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Farm Machinery Club

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President's Report

By: John W. Frank

It's time for another edition of the Rusted Plow. Once again, it seems like there's so much to talk about, when reflecting on all that's happened in the past three or four months. It would be easy to turn this president's report into a novel. But for the sake of time, I'll do my best to keep it brief while trying to reflect on all that is happened with the Howard County Antique Farm Machinery Club and Living Farm Heritage Museum.

Starting off in August, I should make a few comments about this year's Howard County Fair. I think it's safe to say that this year ranks as probably the best fair yet. The weather was fantastic, activities continue to grow and I think attendance was well above average. As always, the Antique Farm Machinery Club put its best foot forward with their static displays, hands-on activities, water and drink concessions, live music and a lot of plain old fun for our members and visitors to the fair as well.

It seemed like the dust from the Howard County Fair had not been settled yet, when we were right back into our next activity. The 20th anniversary of the Howard County Antique Farm Machinery Club and 10th anniversary of Howard County's Living Farm Heritage Museum celebration was by all accounts a great success. The celebration was held in our newly completed shed number five, located at the south complex of the museum. The event was well attended by members, guests and a number of our organizations many supporters.



Preparing for the 10th & 20th Anniversary Party

We hosted our very first ever Volks–March 5K walk-run at the museum on September 13th. All those who participated enjoyed good weather and a very refreshing and enjoyable walk through the nature trails at the Living Farm Heritage Museum.

This year’s Farm Heritage Days held at the end of September also enjoyed a lot of success. And although the weather was threatening rain, it seemed to hold off as the sun came shining through both Saturday and Sunday of the show. Although attendance seemed down a little bit, most likely from the bad weather forecasts, the respectable numbers of visitors who did attend all seemed to have an enjoyable time experiencing our Saturday auction sale, the Maryland State High School Rodeo Association, rodeo competition, lawnmower racing, live music and entertainment, and all of the many other events that make up Farm Heritage Days. As always, visitors enjoyed riding to various locations throughout the Museum showgrounds on one of our numerous people movers. It was great to be able to showcase an added attraction this year for the very first time Howard County Living Farm Heritage Museum’s blacksmith shop.




Carl Watkins helps to feed rocks into the Rock Crusher

The Farm Heritage School Days took a little different approach this year and was scheduled out over several weeks in October instead of a three day time frame during the first week of October. Hundreds of children along with parents and teachers participated. What a great learning experience for youngsters and young

at heart. It’s hard to believe that this program has enjoyed 20 years of offerings to school age children throughout the region. It’s really gratifying to have students participate in Farm Heritage School days whose parents participated in the 1990s. What a great legacy this program has.

Saturday, October the 10th was a beautiful fall day with above-average temperature, a mild wind and plenty of sunshine. By all accounts it was a great day to hold our 2015 Threshing Bee. We had about a half a load of barley left over from Farm Heritage Days demonstrations and took the opportunity to finish threshing that on Saturday morning. Equipment setup was quick and efficient. Threshing proceeded with no mechanical breakdowns and by 12 noon all of the work and fun for this year’s threshing was over.

On October 12, members of the Howard County Antique Farm Machinery Club had the opportunity to enjoy a field trip to Jack Comers, to visit his  private museum and see his large collection of really neat stuff. Jack is a valued member of the Howard County Antique Farm Machinery Club and a perfect host of our club’s fall field trip.

On October 18th and 25th we offered, again this year, the Living Farm Heritage Museum Halloween Kiddie Hayrides. As can be expected the wind was blustery with the fall chill in the air. We did have a good turnout of youth and adult volunteers to assist with the program as well as a good turnout of visitors eager to take a hayride to the cornfield and back. There were copious amounts of candy enjoyed by everyone.

For Sale

Club member, Bill Justice, has some “hit and miss” engines and a trailer for sale. For more information call Bill at 410-795-9394.



“Biketoberfest”



Ventilation system in Blacksmith Shop

The Living Farm Heritage Museum hosted the second annual Howard County “Biketoberfest” on October 31st. This is a great program and this year’s attendance far surpassed last year. Although it was a chilly October morning, the sun came out and the weather was beautiful. The racers, guests, event volunteers and the members of Antique Farm Machinery Club all enjoyed the day. This is the second year that we have hosted this program and all proceeds support the Colleen and Erin Marlatt scholarship fund. It was a great day to hold a great event for a great cause.

There are a number of projects going on at the Living Farm Heritage Museum that include the continued development of the James Clark Main Display Building, The Train Project, The Oral History Video Project, installation of new displays in the Dairy Barn and McCracken House, work on our nature trails, final touches on the sawmill building, installation of the ventilation system for the blacksmith shop, painting of the porches, shutters and front of the Hebb House, the installation of a dry well system to collect rainwater off the Hebb House and a swale basin at the north end road culvert on Harlass Lane installed by the Howard County “READY” (Restoring the Environment and Developing Youth) Program. The oats have been planted for next summer’s harvest and as always the grounds around the Museum look great thanks to the continued efforts of our dedicated grounds maintenance crew.

It seems like there’s always something happening at the Living Farm Heritage Museum. While halfway through the writing of this report I’ve just been reminded that I’m supposed to meet some of our other club members at the Museum at 4 o’clock to assist with getting out all of the Holiday Christmas decorations in preparation for our upcoming Holiday Open House and Trained Garden program scheduled for December 5th and 6th and 12th and 13th and our second annual Howard County Living Farm Heritage Museum Lighting of the Christmas Tree scheduled for December 19th. It looks like 2015 at the Living Farm Heritage Museum is going to finish up strong. So it looks like our earlier predictions for 2015 were correct. This year at the Antique Farm Machinery Club and the Living Farm Heritage Museum has been the best year yet.

Have a happy and safe Thanksgiving, a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Thanks for all you do!

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Thanks to all of our club officers for their continued work and dedication to our Club's efforts and oversight. I'd like to send out a special thank you to charter and life club member Dick Claycomb whose term as Board of Director ends on December 31st. Dick has been a member of our Board of Directors for over 15 years. He has been and continues to be an intricate part of the business and operational oversight that has led to the overall success that we as an organization and the Living Farm Heritage Museum enjoys. "Thanks Dick for all that you do".

Membership

The Membership year starts each January. Join us as a MEMBER at the Living Farm Heritage Museum

"A Walk Through Time"

"The mission of the Howard County Antique Farm Machinery Club is to preserve our agricultural way of life through Preservation, Presentation, Demonstration and Education. We are a non-profit all volunteer organization.

One of the main ways we meet our mission is by being the custodians and curators of the Howard County Living Farm Heritage Museum. We conduct programs and demonstrations as well as develop displays that tell visitors about the way of life in Historic Howard County."

Our Membership consists of: wide-ranging backgrounds & 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.

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

Life Membership is \$100.

PAYMENT options: are cash or check payable to: Howard County Antique Farm Machinery Club, Inc. or HCAFMC, PayPal or use a credit card through the Club's webpage: <http://www.farmheritage.org/Membership>

What can I do?

What projects are there which are of interest to me?

As interesting & fun it is to see the displays at the Museum and demonstrations, it is even more interesting & even more fun to:

- * help develop the displays and maintain
- * experience new things - do old things again
- * join in the camaraderie of other members
- * personally work with the equipment
- * help with programs, presentations and displays
- * gardening
- * promote the Club's Mission
- * talk to others who are more or less knowledgeable than yourself
- * show, share and teach others
- * repair/restore items or equipment to show others
- * reminisce and share your stories

Other Benefits of Membership:

- * Events for Club members and guests
- * Participation in displays at various events
- * Club field trips
- * Liability insurance for Members in good standing at club sanctioned events

- * Monthly General Meeting on 3rd Monday [except August & December] in the Dining Hall at the Howard County Fairgrounds. The fellowship begins at 7:00 p.m. with the meeting at 7:30 p.m. after which there is a short program of interest.
- * Voting privileges at our general meetings
- * Newsletter, "Rusted Plow"

HOPE TO MEET YOU SOON!

Mice and Chipmunks in Vehicles!

Thinking of winter, critters will begin their migration into our garages & other buildings, lawn tractors, vehicle engines; etc. to build their nests and eat whatever they can.

Please remember: When poison is set out to kill mice or other animals, those animals can wander far and be eaten by our pets and neighbor's pets. This can be a serious problem! What else to use?

Although we do not recommend nor guarantee any, below are a few alternate methods with URLs.

A #2 pencil is the size space they can get in - use putty to fill holes.

<http://fivegallonideas.com/bucket-mouse-trap/> "The bucket mouse trap catches many mice in a single trap and does not need to be reset between mice. It's also so simple to make that you probably already have all the parts needed lying around your garage." Does not have to be a 5 gallon bucket, can be any tall container!

1. Drill holes at the top of the bucket, on 2 opposite sides
2. Drill holes in the middle of each flat side of a soda can
3. Insert a dowel or wire through the bucket holes and the soda can holes, to end up with a unit that looks like the image.
4. Bait with peanut butter & add a ramp [any piece of wood] for the mice to climb

5. Fill the bottom few inches with water if you plan to kill the mice, or leave it if you want to release them somewhere or feed them live to your snake!

Do not park beneath trees/branches for they will drop from trees!

"Set out instant mashed potato flakes and a container of water in places where mice (any critter) activity is most apparent. Critters will nibble the flakes as much as they want and then drink the water that you have cunningly placed closed to the potato flakes. The water will cause the flakes to expand and mice will get a very bloated feeling... they will surely die."

<http://miceexterminationforbeginners.blogspot.com/2011/03/traps-wings-natural-mice-control.html>

Plaster of Paris - A vet online stated: "Plaster of Paris doesn't have any toxicity that we have to be concerned with." But when a pet eats a mouse which has eaten the plaster of Paris can result in impaction or blockage of the pet's intestines. <http://www.justanswer.com/pet-dog/10zo2-dog-ate-plaster-paris-need-do.html#ixzz3oTobZCvW>

Chewing gum-[Bubble gum is cheap] on a trap or in hole - http://www.ehow.com/how_7770810_kill-rodents-gum.html. While this is not a "proven" method according to the Garden Counselor Lawn Care Web site, it states that trying it may offer results.

Mothballs can be dangerous to humans "Moth balls contain a toxic chemical, either naphthalene or para-dichlorobenzene. Both become a gas when exposed to air and cause that pungent moth ball smell. These gases are irritating to the eyes and lungs and may cause headache, dizziness and nausea. They are both suspected of causing cancer. Naphthalene is the more toxic ingredient as it causes red blood cells to break apart, a condition known as

hemolytic anemia. http://www.ct.gov/dph/lib/dph/environmental_health/eoha/pdf/moth_balls_fs.pdf Put some in socks and hang.

What are your methods?

Raffle

There is a raffle for an 1883 Carson City Uncirculated Silver Dollar in a hard plastic case. Tickets cost \$10 each with a limit of 2 tickets per person. Only 50 tickets will be sold. Tickets will be on sale at the museum on Dec. 5, 6, 12, & 13 during the holiday open house. The drawing will be held on Dec. 13. All proceeds go to help the One Room School House.

Call Laura O'D at [410 707 7461](tel:4107077461) to buy a ticket.

Club Trip Huge Success

The Club's Field Trip this year was on Sunday October 11 to the Jack Comer collection of rare antiques and artifacts. The collection is located on the east side of Baltimore. There were approximately 23 attendees at the event.

Jack and his co-host Mary were very enthusiastic that we were interested in his unique collection, and indeed we were! They provided a superb luncheon at the site, and went out of their way to see that no questions went unanswered of the various displays.

We also want to thank Hillar Ilves for his excellent photography, and Donald Ridgely who assisted the bus driver on the best routing to get there.

Photos by Hillar Ilves



Art Boone Marks 50 Years Jumping from Airplanes

Written by Lisa Peklo at the Baltimore Sun.

West Friendship man recognized for 50 years of jumping out of airplanes. A favorite local bluegrass musician, history buff and long-time supporter of the Howard County Antique Farm Machinery Club has another honor to add to his roster. Art Boone recently was awarded a certificate from the U.S. Parachute Association in recognition of 50 years of skydiving. Boone began his "sky adventures" at Fort Bragg, N.C., back in 1963 as a paratrooper.

Many locals may recall the days when Art and his brother Harold Boone made many exhibition jumps in western Howard County, sites including the Howard County Fairgrounds, Nixon's Farm and West Friendship Elementary. In recent years Boone has enjoyed skydiving in Chambersburg, Pa. Congratulations, Art, on this accomplishment.



Jigsaw Puzzles on Display

While visiting the Dairy Barn, on both floors, you have seen jigsaw puzzles which have been put together and displayed on boards. The jigsaw pictures help to expand upon the theme of the display. Mr. Donald Ridgley is the talented person who has solved all those puzzles and mounted them for us all to enjoy! He just brought in another twenty!!

Thank Donald when next you see him!

RUSTED PLOW DRAWING CONTEST



We thought that it might be fun to incorporate a contest into the Rusted Plow News Letter. So, somewhere hidden in this issue of the rusted plow is a drawing of an "old rusted plow" like the one above that could be hidden anywhere in the text or superimposed on one of the pictures. It's anybody's guess. You find it, email us at info@farmheritage.org or send a letter or postcard to 12985 Frederick Road, West Friendship MD. 21794 and describe where the rusted plow is located. From those who respond correctly we will randomly draw one name as the winner. The winner will receive a neat gift and be recognized in the next edition of the Rusted Plow. Good luck hunting!!!

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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.

Don't forget to
Visit the



Howard County
Living Farm
Heritage Museum's

Holiday Open House
December 5 & 6 and 12 & 13
12:00 until 4:00 p.m.



Holiday Train Garden
Holiday Refreshments
Museum Tours

Join us to reminisce about the past
year...speculate on the year to
come...and just have an enjoyable
Time to sit and talk with
The other members
Of our unique
Organization.

Howard County Living Farm
Heritage Museum's
2nd Annual
Tree Lighting Ceremony
Saturday, December 19
5:00-7:00 p.m.



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Join us as we delight at the arrival of Santa Claus to light our Christmas Tree while enjoying the sounds of the season from local Choral Groups. Stay to whisper your Christmas wishes in Santa's ear.

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