MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The memo on my calendar this month reads: “Teamwork...making ordinary into extraordinary.” I’m pretty sure they had our club in mind when that came out for March. With all the teamwork going on this month, trying to get the work on the Land and Building Committee going, and the Festival Committee meeting on the 26th, I see our club turning ordinary into extraordinary! I just love the ideas our members are coming up with, from tractor rodeos, box lunch auctions, a “Break-en Outta the Barn” Fun Pull, to raising much-needed money through sponsorship, we are in for some hard work topped off with loads of fun.

I am so proud to be a part of a club as generous as this one. With people offering logs to build our building, saw mill services, engineering plans donated, fifty-fifty ticket winners donating back their winnings, others offering their services, and I can go on and on, it just warms my heart. This club has some of the most generous people I have ever met. That’s what makes an ordinary Maine Antique Tractor Club extraordinary! I’m so happy to be a part of that.

—Pam

March Meeting Highlights

48 members met at the Richmond Fire Station with Glenn & Liz DeWitt and Russ Hudon as hosts. President Pam Vaillancourt made 3 posters - 1. Land Wish List, 2. Club House Expansion Project, and 3. Maine Community Foundation Grant. Former member Lucien Roy from Saco has passed away. 13 members met in Waterville February 25 for a Land & Building Committee meeting. Terry Spencer passed out a diagram of the clubhouse expansion project. Wesley Jordan will review the diagram and make a blueprint out of it at no cost. It was voted to do this. Pam Vaillancourt explained the grant she applied for. It’s for an up to $10,000 grant to be used for the clubhouse expansion and maybe water. Norridgewock town manager Michelle Flewelling wrote a nice letter to go with the application. Ralph Bagley has offered to donate logs to be sawed out for construction of the restroom/shower building. A discussion was held on ideas, questions, etc. about land improvements. Bob Hamlin has volunteered to be chairman of the tractor pulling committee. Brian Winslow will do the Schedule of Events one more year. The following budgets were approved - Secretary & Treasurer - $500, Newsletter - $7,000, Pulling - $2,000, L & G Pulling - $1,000, Rental Space for Meetings - $700, Banquet - $1,000, & Rental of People Mover for Common Ground Fair - $150. The By-Law addition was voted down. Ralph Bagley also offered rule changes to Rule #10, #8, and #17 were approved. Michael Rivard withdrew Weight Class 5a & 5b and 6a & 6b of Rule #17. A discussion was held on the Oxford Fair tractor pull. It was voted to give them a proposal of $750 with no admittance fee for the drivers. The fair would supply the trophies and ribbons. After a discussion it was voted to have a 2 day MATC Festival Saturday, June 27 and Sunday, June 28. The first festival meeting will be March 26 in Waterville. A discussion was held on Bangor Fair. We need a club contact person from that area. It was voted to make retired President Bob Clark a lifetime member.

Think SPRING!

Respectfully Submitted, Harriet Spencer, Secy.

NEXT MEETING:  
March 29, 2015
Bill & Harriet Clark’s garage
398 Middle Rd.  Skowhegan, ME  (207) 474-6664
Pot Luck Lunch - 12:00 pm—Meeting - 1:00 pm.

Treasurer’s Report

Balance in Checking .................................................. $8,204.64
Balance in Savings .................................................... $2,402.67
Balance in CD’s ....................................................... $10,239.71
Total Balances in Bank ........................................... $20,847.02
Balance on Bank Loan .................................... $21,148.60

Submitted by Terry V. Spencer, Treasurer
If you are graduating this year, the 2015 scholarship guidelines are below.

All members’ seniors who apply for a scholarship will receive monies. The amount they receive depends on how many students apply.

To all graduating high school seniors who are requesting scholarship money:

1. Only graduating high school seniors who are dependent(s) of MATC members are eligible to receive a scholarship in the year they graduate from high school.

2. Each graduating senior who would like a scholarship must make a written request to the MATC Scholarship Committee Chairman no later than May 1st of the year of graduation.

3. Within the request, the student should identify the institution they plan to attend and the major course of study.

4. MATC scholarship funds will be available to applicants who are planning to attend any University, College, Community College, Junior College or Trade School. The scholarship will be paid directly to the applicant in the form of a MATC check shortly before the beginning of the fall semester and may be used for tuition, books, supplies, etc., necessary to begin school.

5. The parent (guardian) of the student requesting a scholarship must have been a member of MATC for at least one year immediately prior to the date of application for the scholarship and remain a member during the year in which the scholarship is to be awarded. If the student turns 19 years of age prior to awarding of the scholarship, they must become a member of MATC in their own right.

6. Additional information requested with the application are: work experience, high school extra-curricular activities, awards, civic affiliations, and the name and address of the high school and high school principal.

7. A recent picture is requested to accompany the application and will be returned to applicant.

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Brian Winslow has decided to continue with the Events Calendar for one more year. If you are the contact person for an event, please help Brian out by contacting him, as soon as you can, with the dates, times, and specifics of the event(s) you handle. And remember, inclusion on the event schedule ensures that we will be covered by the EDGE&TA insurance. Contact Brian at bbwinslow@aol.com or 207-450-1220.

Brian, thank you so much for your time and energy. We all know that putting together such a large events calendar is a job and a half. This is the one piece of our newsletter that gets the most attention. Its the "go to guide" for members making plans with their tractors and this keeps our club connected. We all THANK YOU!

The club has a new Pulling Committee Chairman!
Bob Hamlin will be stepping up to lead our pulling committee. Bob will need the support of all our members at the pulls this year, whether it’s getting the equipment to a pull, helping at the pull, and getting back home again, working together safely ensures fun for everyone!

NOTE: The April meeting has been moved up a week due to Easter Sunday. The meeting will be March 29th at Bill and Harriet Clark’s at 398 Middle Road in Skowhegan.

All Lawn and Garden tractor pulling rule amendments passed and will be added to our rules beginning with the 2015 pulls.

The rule change and clarification on the tractor pulling rule #10 was passed and will be added to our rules beginning with the 2015 pulls.

The By-Law change was opposed.

FOR SALE ITEMS:

1942 Shaw Du-All walk behind tractor. Price: B.O.
Call Peter White for more info at 933-2956

Call Randy Grant at 431-4949
LAND AND BUILDING COMMITTEE

The Land and Building Committee met on February 25th at the Albert S. Hall School in Waterville with 13 members present. A “wish list” of future projects was discussed giving priority to the club house expansion, a shower house, and electricity. The floor plan of the club house expansion was reviewed. The plan will be sent to an engineer, who is donating his services, to make a draft meeting codes for our building. The door and windows will be removed from the current south wall and reused in the new south wall. A Maine Community Foundation Grant was presented and has already been filed to meet the deadline. This Grant is asking for up to $10,000.00 to help with the club house expansion and a portable water system. We should hear back some time between April and June with the funds being available in June, if we are awarded Grant monies. The committee will work towards having about 50 camp sites added to the southeast area of the lot. Discussion was had to see if the committee felt the land would be ready for a summer festival, which they do with temporary primitive camping. An offer was made to the club that if someone would donate logs then a saw mill and operator would be donated. [Logs have been donated during the meeting on Sunday.] Electricity was discussed; we have access to a power-line running from route 139 to the back of the land on the east side property line. Several people will be working to see how best to power up the land. The next meeting was set for March 23rd at the same location and time. Everyone is welcome.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. This is where your ideas are heard, please join us...

A Land and Building Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 23rd at 6:00pm at the Albert S. Hall School, 27 Pleasant Street, Waterville.

A Festival meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 26th at 6:00pm at the Albert S. Hall School, 27 Pleasant Street, Waterville.

Directions to the Albert S. Hall School

From Kennedy Memorial Drive on the Oakland side of Waterville: Turn onto Cool Street and drive to the end of the street. Turn right onto Western Avenue. Drive past 5 streets on the left, and turn left onto Pleasant Street.

From Waterville: Off from Main Street, Route 104. turn onto Pleasant Street. Cross over Gilman to 27 Pleasant, or from Elm Street, Route 104 and 11 toward Oakland. Turn right onto Center Street and then left onto Pleasant Street, or turn right onto Western Avenue and right onto Pleasant Street.

NOTICE ABOUT INSURANCE CARDS:

If you do not have a yellow plastic insurance card, or if yours has died, please let me know.

Contact: Terry V. Spencer - 362-3351 or terriet1@tds.net

MATC 2015 Membership Dues Form
(January 1 - December 31)

PLEASE PRINT VERY CLEARLY

Name: (print)______________________________________

Company Name: (if sponsor)_________________________

Spouse/other: (print)________________________________

Names of children younger than 18 years:
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BD_________________  
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BD_________________

(For additional children, please provide information on a separate sheet.)

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City: ______________________________________________

State: ___________ Zip: ____________________________

Phone: ____________________________________________

E-mail: ____________________________________________

Membership is $25 per year per family
Sponsor membership is $40 per year/sponsor
Insurance is $15 per person

Membership: $__________
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—Harriet
Note...

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