



Maine Antique Tractor Club

2010 MATC Newsletter

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President's Message:

Greetings to all our Members:

One of our members told me that he would rather shovel snow than mow the lawn. But about the third day of March, he was ready to rearrange those priorities for a little break from the snow shovel. I think most of us are ready for a little break and I know spring is coming, it always does. Our Club is getting busy and our event list is growing and we are all looking forward to a great summer of fun along with some hard work. I think fun and hard work go hand and hand. Lets keep a positive attitude and enjoy the season ahead. Keep them tractors rolling.

Bob

- Our first event for 2011 is the R. S. Osgood open house in Dixfield on April 14 from 9 to 4. They provide some great refreshments and create an excellent opportunity to get out and smell a tractor while some of ours may still be stuck behind snow in the back shed. The raffle tractor will be present so come and help sell some tickets. Contact Reggie Lee @ 645-4977.
- On March 26th from 9-4 the raffle tractor will be at Hammond Tractor in Fairfield. Stop by and see Bill and Bob Clark

Treasurers Report as of February 28, 2011:

Balance in Checking	\$ 3,023.53
Balance in Savings	\$12,662.07
Balance in CD's	\$45,483.29
Total Balance in Banks	\$61,168.89

Highlights of the March Meeting: The meeting was held at the Richmond Fire Station with Charles & Norma Hawkes as hosts.

- Glenn Jones donated a book, "100 Years of Vintage Farm Tractors," to our library.
- It was voted to donate \$150 each to Washburn Norlands Living History Center, Maine Agriculture in the Classroom, and Maine Farm Days 2011.
- The MATC Summer Festival committee continues to work on the "Make A Wish" fund raiser. Sponsors, vendors, etc. are making donations to the raffle. A tractor pull will be held with the driver asked to make a hooking fee donation. A volunteer is needed to be chairperson of the flea market. Volunteers are also needed for the rest-rooms detail.
- If you have anything you want in the Schedule of Events, please contact Brian Winslow - 19 Monk Rd. - Bridgton, ME 04009 - (207) 450-1220 - bbwinslow@aol.com as soon as possible. The Schedule of Events will be in the April Newsletter.
- Work on the progressive drag will start soon. A brake system will be installed.
- Five members of the Southern Maine Tractor Club came to our meeting. A discussion was held and it was voted to have a "Bragging Rights Pull" May 22 with the southern club as host. This sounds like a fun way for the two clubs to get together.
- Members were reminded their 2010-2011 insurance runs out April 15. If you haven't renewed for 2011-2012, please do so soon. If Proof of Insurance is needed for an event, contact Terry Spencer at least a month in advance.
- Tractors and drivers will be needed for the people mover or movers at the Bangor and Common Ground Fairs.
- Several members read or told jokes.
- Randy Grant won the 50/50 raffle - \$60.

Next Meeting:

April 3, 2011

Hosts: Bill & Harriet Clark
398 Middle Rd. Skowhegan, ME
(207) 474-6664

Happy Spring!

Harriet Spencer, Secy.

Festival Highlights:

- A special day is planned during the 2011 Summer Festival,
- Three of the Tractor Club Members have received generous gifts and trips from The Make A Wish Foundation. Unfortunately 2 have passed away. The Festival Committee and Tractor club have decided to do a special fund raising event during the Festival. On Friday, June 24th there will be a special pull. A donation for a hook up will be greatly accepted and appreciated. There will be a drawing of the raffle tickets of many prizes donated by sponsors .
- Watch your April and May Newsletters as the raffle tickets will be included in both of those issues with directions of where to return the tickets and your money to enter the raffle. Tickets will also be on sale during the day Friday on the grounds. All proceeds will go to The Make A Wish Foundation from Friday's events. Your donations are fully deductible and receipts will be furnished to you from Make A Wish.
- At the time of writing this article, Union Farm Equipment has started the ball rolling with a 1952 Farmall Cub with a belly mounted mower. See their web site for a picture of the tractor.
- Will-Dale Press is donating all raffle tickets and Food Vendors have donated delicious food. Others are in process of making their donations toward the raffle.
- Many thanks go to these generous folks and sponsors of MATC, The Festival and The Make A Wish Foundation.
- If you have questions, respond to Glenn Dewitt at dewitt1603@roadrunner.com
- The next Festival Meeting will be held on April

6th at the Richmond Fire Station at 7 pm. We are busy with plans for a very busy and successful 2011 Summerfest,

Judy

2011 SUMMERFEST CAMPING APPLICATION

FESTIVAL DATES ARE FRIDAY THRU SUNDAY
JUNE 24, 25, 26, 2011

Camping is available Wed thru Monday:

June 22-27, 2011

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

E-MAIL _____

SIZE & TYPE OF CAMPER _____

ELECTRICITY _____ WATER _____ SEWER _____

NUMBER OF DAYS AND DATES OF CAMPING

REQUESTS OR COMMENTS: _____

\$15.00 FOR EACH DAY OF CAMPING FOR MEMBERS

\$20.00 FOR EACH DAY OF CAMPING FOR NON-MEMBERS

MAKE YOUR CHECK OUT TO MATC AND MAIL TO JUDY FAIRBANKS, 1103 INDUSTRY RD, INDUSTRY, ME 04938

REFER ALL CAMPING QUESTIONS TO DALE & JUDY FAIRBANKS AT 207-778-2157 OR 207-317-1872

EMAIL ADDRESS: dalejudy@beeline-online.net



Cockshutt Tractors

This will be the last installment of information for the feature tractor, Cockshutt. Again, I have borrowed information from The Cockshutt Club website, the book entitled Cockshutt The Complete Story by The Cockshutt Club, and William Cockshutt, as well as other various websites. If anyone would like more information, the Cockshutt Club website is an excellent resource.

I am sure that any of the club members who own Cockshutts, including myself, would be more than happy to talk Cockshutt (probably at length).

Mike Pratt, Vice President MATC

1928-1945 Lacking a tractor of their own design, Cockshutt started selling Allis Chalmers' Models 20-35 and the United models. They then began marketing Oliver Hart Parr Models 18-28 and Models 28-44. Cockshutt then began marketing the exceedingly popular Oliver 60 and 70 models. Thousands of these tractors were sold and the company was almost to the point of being unable to keep up with the demand. Model 70 Standards were being built as fast as possible, and their demand picked up just as quickly. Many of the Model 60's and 70's were sold in Oliver green, with red wheels, and yellow grill, and were advertised this way. Others were painted Cockshutt red with cream-colored wheels and grill, and the Cockshutt name was cast into the axle housing.

As a side note the raffle tractor that MATC is raffling this June at the 2011 festival is an Oliver built Cockshutt 60.

The Models 80, 90 and 99 tractors had lower production than the Model 60's and 70's but were also well received. The Cockshutt/Oliver connection was continued in many people's minds long after Cockshutt started building their own tractor. Even today, you will hear people saying, "Cockshutts are just Oliver's painted red."

1946-1957 WWII had come and gone, with the Oliver-built Cockshutts selling strongly all the way through the war period. In 1946, Cockshutt unveiled their own successful Model 30 tractor, with its industry revolutionizing independent PTO. All fuel types, and four front-end styles were available. The models 40, 20 and 50 followed, in that order, with independent PTO as standard equipment. The Models 40 and 50 also came in diesel, distillate and LPG versions. The Model 20 using a continental L-Head 140 cubic inch 4-cylinder engine was not available in either diesel or LPG and they did not have the independent PTO. Later, the Model 20 did become available with a distillate engine option.

Buda engines were used in the Models 30, 40 and 50 tractors with all fuel types available. The Buda engine company was bought out by Allis Chalmers in 1953 forcing Cockshutt to re-examine its engine alternatives. Perkins, Hercules, and once again Continental, engines were utilized in Cockshutt models as the Buda engine supply was used up. The 35 Deluxe, a model falling midway between the Model 30 and Model 40 power sizes used the Hercules GO-198, 4-cylinder gas engine. The Model 35 used the same six-speed transmission and rear-end as the Models 40 and 50. It also introduced the "Deluxe" styling paint scheme which was the reversing of the paint colors on the hood grill and fuel tank from previous models. The effect was very appealing and gave the nearly ten year old round-nose body style a fresh appearance. The Deluxe models were even provided with a cigar lighter. The 20 Deluxe models' operator's platform was measurably improved by offsetting and tilting the steering wheel column up and by offsetting the gear shifter making it much easier to mount and dismount than the previous model. Another major upgrade on the Model 20 was the heavy duty round tube front axle which replaced the rather flimsy and easily-damaged square tube type earlier model.

The Model 40 D-4 and Golden Eagle featured a Perkins L-4, 4-cylinder diesel engine of 169.5 cubic inches. The Golden Eagle was the name badge given to the Cockshutt 40 D-4 that was marketed in the United States.

The last round-nose model Cockshutt to appear was the Golden Arrow, a 1957 show tractor that was built in very

limited numbers (135 tractors, more or less) to present the new draft-sensing three-point hitch of the upcoming Models 540 and 550. It also featured the transmission of the upcoming Model 550. The front frame, engine and sheet metal were the same as a Model 35. These show model Golden Arrows were intended to be returned to the Brantford factory in Brantford, Ontario, for upgrading to the full 550 Models. Some of the Golden Arrows escaped this fate and are much sought after by Cockshutt collectors today.

The Golden Arrow is the Maine Antique Tractor Club featured tractor for the 2011 Festival being held in June. We are very fortunate to have two club members who own this very rare tractor, and hopefully both will be displayed at the festival.

1958-1962 In 1958, the new Model 500 series arrived on the scene departing from and contrasting with the old round-nosed streamline styling. The Model 500 series had a new bold squared off look and in the all-yellow paint scheme called Harvest Gold. During 1961, the red belly paint scheme came into effect. The tractors now featured a vermilion red transmission engine and frame up to the nose of the tractor. The Model 500 series included a Model 540 utility and the Models 550, 560 and 570 which were full-sized tractors. The Model 540 was powered by a Continental L-head 162 cubic inch engine and like the earlier Model 20, was not offered in a diesel version. The Model 550 that was replacing the Model 35 was powered by a Hercules GO-198 engine that included a diesel version. The Model 560 replaced the Model 40 D-4 and Golden Eagle and was powered by the Perkins L-4 diesel with no gas option. The Model 570 used a Hercules 298 cubic inch 6-cylinder engine in gas or diesel. The last production Cockshutt model was the Model 570 Super using a Hercules GO-339 engine. The rich history of innovative tractor design ended with the model.

Cockshutt had fallen victim to corporate raiders in 1958 resulting in a controlling interest being acquired outside the family-owned business for the first time. Tension within the company increased until the time Cockshutt was purchased by the White Motor Company which happened in 1962. The White Motor Company had also acquired the Oliver Company and Minneapolis Moline during this same time period. Not wanting to lose the valuable brand loyalty to Cockshutt of the Canadian farmers, White elected to continue the Cockshutt name using the more advanced Oliver tractor models of the period as the basis of the new Cockshutt line thus things had come full circle. Cockshutts were again Oliver tractors.

If you are graduating this year, the Guidelines for a Scholarship are below.

- All members seniors who apply for scholarship will receive monies. The amount they receive depends on how many apply. To all graduating high school seniors who are requesting scholarship money:
 - 1. You must be a dependant of a current MATC member who has been a member for the previous year.
 - 2. You must write a letter requesting scholarship money.
 - 3. The request must be received in writing, no later than May 1st, 2011.
 - 4. Please include the name of the high school you are graduating from and the name of the principal. The name of the higher education facility you will be attending, courses you will be taking, and some personal information such as : work experience, high school extra curricular activities, awards, and civic affiliations.
 - 5. If you turn 19 years of age during the year in which the scholarship is to be awarded, you must become a member of MATC in your own right.
 - 6. Submit your letter of application to Michael Pratt, 225 Center Hill Rd, Weld, ME 04285

MATC NEWSLETTER



*Our Sincere
Sympathy to...*

Our Very Sincere condolences to Linda Hooker and family on the passing of Jim on February 27th. Jim was an 'all around' guy and he will be truly missed at the tractor pulls and meetings. Jim was fun to be around and he loved the kids. After a MATC Meeting last fall, we were all invited to "The Hooker Farm" for a hay ride and tour around Jim's beloved farm and the goodies in Linda's kitchen. These things will always be remembered and Jim will not be forgotten. Linda is planning a last hay ride for Jim from the funeral home to cemetery in late spring when the cemetery opens up. This would probably be sometime in April depending on the weather. She would like the club members to know that all are welcome to come and give a tractor escort.

List of 2011 Committee Members

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