

NORTHEAST CLUB

Newsletter No. 123

April 2015

Join us for our next gathering:

Sunday, April 26th, 2015

Hosted by Duffy and Leila McDanolds

Route 10

North Haverhill, NH

603-787-2396

Plowing start at 9:00am - Potluck Lunch at 12:00pm - Meeting at 1:00pm

Please bring your own chairs!

Northeast Two-Cylinder Club

Meeting Minutes

Sunday, February 15, 2015

Blackmont Equipment

North Haverhill, NH

- Scholarship fund.....\$2,865.00
- General fund.....\$13,272.24
- Wagon fund.....\$449.28

Secretary's Report:

Kim read Erin's report in Erin's absence. Kim noted that there contained many, action items discussed at this previous meeting and that it would behoove us to list the action items and bring the list to a meeting to decide on the priority of each so we can and will continue to move the items we deem important continuously forward.

Betty has the figures that went into the income taxes. Betty sent word that she has not written any checks nor deposited any monies.

It was a much reduced attendance due to inclement weather.

Next meeting is an Expo Committee meeting in which everyone is invited to attend. February 22nd at the Hanover Fire Station at 9AM.

Treasurer's Report:

Leila reported the treasurer's report in Betty's absence:

Check book balance.....\$22,087.14

- Expo fund.....\$5,500.62

President's Report:

Ira read Betty's email to the group explaining hers and Dana's absence. We all send our best wishes to the Ramspott family.

Items from the Director's Meeting:

The issue of whether the club will be a 501(c)3 or 501(c)7 is still being researched and more information will come to light to be shared at the April meeting at Duffy's.

We talked about the club inventory and "stuff," and decided a first step would be for everyone to take quantity estimates of club inventory items in our possession, eg., number of boxes of t-shirts with approximate numbers of shirts per box, numbers of cones, signage type and quantity, etc. Please contact Ira with general description and quantities of your inventory by April 1st so he can consolidate a list of items and bring it to the April meeting to discuss what to do next. Ira can be reached at 802-878-2028, 1681 Rt 128, Westford, VT 05494 or ILAWVT@gmail.com. At that point we will have a better idea how large the storage facility needs to be, what we can get rid of and what is important to keep. Ongoing discussion on how to attract new younger members:

-Ira spoke of someone who might be interested in joining: Doug Fenn. (Ira will follow up). Cathy also talked about how impressed she was during the Canandaigua Expo when she noticed youngsters showing their pride in their antique lawnmowers. She felt since they had their own tractors/mowers they had a greater desire to be involved. They also had their own expo activities using their own machines.

David Jeffery, Kim's friend, asked if it was a requirement that members own their

own J.D., and if not, if that is communicated publicly, as it might be an assumption to some.

-Ira also reported that a long time member (one of the first NE 2-Cylinder members), Kent Wright, of Bridport, VT, had a 420 industrial he is willing that the club arrange to restore. Ira wondered if this could somehow be tied into inviting agricultural groups/classes to help restore it or become a fix-it-up project for an ag. Class. (Tabled for future discussion)

How to make meeting more inviting: Suggestions for interesting topics from the past were shared, including the subject of ignition, fuel, a movie on various particular topics, motor vehicle rules and regulation (for instance, DMV rules for trailers and tow behinds). It was suggested that not all the talks needed to be specifically tractor related, but could be broadened to agriculture, farming, or other topics in that vein.

Communication and organization improvement by potentially creating two committees:

-An activities committee which would help with meetings and the club's activities. They would help organize meetings, including where to hold them (including whether we have one place to always meet), interesting meeting talk topics, managing any set-up and take down. Also consider the Scholarship Fund/Pedal Tractor Raffle and look into whether we should maintain the raffle for scholarship, the scholarship, and/or how to fund the scholarship otherwise.

-A communications committee to manage, included but not limited to, the contact information for all membership and distribution of the list as necessary.

Generally improving communications – Ira reported the Directors wished to open

Director's meetings to the general membership for input, transparency, and increased communication. Everyone agreed this was a good idea. Cathy suggested a newsletter be published in between the regular newsletters for updates and communication. Everyone agreed this was a good idea.

April Plow Days – Sunday, April 26th, Duffy's farm, North Haverhill, NH. Leila said there will be coffee and a potluck at this event. She will provide the paper products. We need to bring our own chairs to this event as there will NOT be picnic tables this year.

We thanked Raymond of Blackmont for providing space for us to meet and eat. Submitted by Kim Allen

Those of you who own dues to please remit them as soon as possible to:

Betty H Ramspott, Treasurer
NE Two Cylinder Tractor Club
11 Lower Main St.
Sunapee, NH 03782

Please make checks payable to: NE Two Cylinder Tractor Club. Thank You!

THANK YOU!

The Expo Committee greatly appreciates your input regarding the mailing pertaining to the future of the JD Expo!

There are still a few of you that have not sent back the postcard. Please do so at your convenience because your opinion is valuable to us.

If you would like to help with expo planning please contact:

Dana Ramspott:
603-398-8116
rspot@comcast.net

A Message from Ira:

Your incoming officers join in belated thanks to the members for their recent vote of confidence. As a Club, we face decisions this year, among them-

How to attract new, younger members; how to make meetings and activities more appealing, to ourselves as well as new members; How to ease and spread the burden on those who host our activities; How to spread the considerable load of making Expo happen; and how we see our mission as a club, and how to perform that mission and have fun.

There's discussion, planning, and work to be done. We hope to see you all at Duffy's for plow day, and for the start of a conversation about where we go from here. There will be a need for folks with ideas about our future, and for those willing to help make it happen.

See you all at Duffy's and Leila's.

Club Officers:

President – Ira Allen
Vice President – Tom Miller
Treasurer – Betty Ramspott
Secretary – Erin Carey
Director – Jeryl Frankenfield, Sr.
Director – Mark Wilder
Director – Lucas Vaughan

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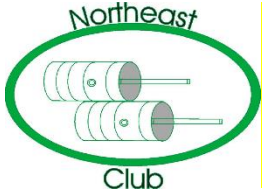
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