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## PRESIDENTIAL STATE OF THE HILL ADDRESS:

Greetings from Heritage Hill. September is here and the autumn season has officially started. I hope all of you had a wonderful Labor Day weekend. The end of the Minnesota State Fair and the Labor Day weekend always means that summer has unofficially ended and autumn has arrived. The 2011 Heritage Hill Threshing Show held August 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> was a huge success. So much of the success of any threshing show, or any outdoors event, is highly dependent on the weather. Contrary to the 2010 Heritage Hill Threshing Show the weather for the 2011 Heritage Hill Threshing Show was absolutely perfect – all three days. We could not have asked for anything better. Beautiful weather motivates people to get outside and enjoy the great outdoors. This year marked the completion of a major project at Heritage Hill – the addition of the Hagen House. The Hagen House has been furnished with 1940's décor, inside and out. The house was a major attraction for the guests attending the 2011 Threshing Show. Many positive comments were received, reminding those of the "good old days" when life was much simpler. Thanks are extended to those Heritage Hill members who have volunteered countless hours and brought this project to fruition, a job well done. Thanks are extended to Pioneer Power of Hanley Falls member Brad Stensrud, for demonstrating the Mercedes-Benz truck with its mounted Cook corn sheller. This unit was the last of the corn



shelling units produced, designed for those who were engaged in the custom corn shelling business. Harvesting corn on the cob, storing and drying the corn in cribs, and custom corn shelling crews, all became practices of the past with the ever increasing use of the combines, corn dryers, large farm storage and cooperative means of storage. It was very interesting to see the speed at which the 1,000 bushel corn crib could be emptied and shelled. This year, thanks to an infestation of wild oats, wheat was raised, bundled and threshed during the show. The threshing crew reported that the separators became more problematic in 2011 for whatever reason, extending the hours required to thresh all the bundles. At the end of the day, the problems were resolved and the threshing crew completed its task. Thanks as always to the threshing crew for their continued efforts to maintain the threshing machines and for providing good threshing demonstrations to our guests. Unfortunately, the 2011 Heritage Hill Threshing Show did not include the presence of a steam engine. If all goes as planned the steam engine will return for the 2012 show and beyond.

It is always exciting to prepare for, and look forward to, another threshing show at Heritage Hill. At the same time it is always a relief to have the show behind us and have the show grounds tucked away for another year. Following the Heritage Hill Threshing Show there are usually four more weekends full of threshing shows to attend, multiple shows each of the four weekends, scattered about the region. It is always fun to attend a threshing show for the first time, as well as repeat visits to other shows to see what is new. Gerald Kleene has been active representing Heritage Hill in the Minnesota Association of Antique Power Shows (MAAPS) for the past several years. Through attending these meetings Gerald has become well acquainted with the threshing organizations throughout Minnesota that are members of the association. The weekend of September 3, 4 and 5, The White Pine Logging and Threshing Show produced its 33<sup>rd</sup> annual event, which is located near McGrath, MN. As one may guess by its title, the White Pine Show is found in the heart of beautifully wooded logging country of Aitkin County. Like most threshing shows around the state, the White Pine Show has steadily grown over the years. The show is very unique as it is a privately operated event, run by, and located on the farm of, the Langenbach Family. The show site is located in among a mixture of tall deciduous and coniferous trees, rolling hills, with clearings for countless buildings, which are filled with very impressive demonstrations. Despite the fact that the show is privately owned and operated, the show is staffed by literally hundreds of friends and family, coming from far and wide, to volunteer of their time. The show site is roughly the size of Heritage Hill. Its focus is clearly logging, lumber sawing, planing, shingle making, wooden barrel production and the like. Tractor displays, gas engine displays and threshing are part of the show, but obviously secondary to the processing of wood. The show has its share of steam engines, probably around a dozen. Gerald and Karen Kleene have attended the White Pine Show for three years in a row, gleaned ideas that will hopefully enhance the growth of Heritage Hill.



The close of the annual Heritage Hill Threshing Show always opens the door to what is ahead. The Gathering of Orange is annual event organized by Old Allis News. Old Allis News is a periodical dedicated to serve the interests of Allis Chalmers collectors. Each year the Gathering of Orange is held at a different location. In 2012 Heritage Hill is pleased to be hosting the Gathering of Orange at the HH Threshing Show. Allis-Chalmers history dates back to the 1840's in Milwaukee. In 1914 the company extended into the farm equipment business. Over the years Allis-Chalmers was responsible for many innovations in farm equipment and grew to become one of the largest and most diverse manufacturers in North America. However, Allis-Chalmers became a victim of rapidly changing economic times and was forced to sell its farm equipment division to K-H-Deutz AG of Germany in 1985. Deutz sold AGCO, Inc. in 1990.



*Thank you, Wesley Thompson, President*

**Pedal Pull Results:** Congratulations to the following 2011 Heritage Hill Pedal Pull winners, who will advance onto the state competition: **4 year olds** – 1<sup>st</sup> Brock Bjornjeld; **5 year olds** – 1<sup>st</sup> Eagen Wassenaar, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kolten Bendickson, 3<sup>rd</sup> Kalen Bjerkeset; **6 year olds** – 1<sup>st</sup> Sawyer Ashling, 2<sup>nd</sup> Andrew Winter, 3<sup>rd</sup> Jack Pederson; **7 year olds** – 1<sup>st</sup> Dylan Rud, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jarret Rhode, 3<sup>rd</sup> Tyra Sandven; **8 year olds** – 1<sup>st</sup> Emily Ollerich, 2<sup>nd</sup> Brooklyn Bendickson, 3<sup>rd</sup> Michelle Hebrink; **9 year olds** – 1<sup>st</sup> Caden DeVine, 2<sup>nd</sup> Hailee Bendickson, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ethan Kontz; **10 year olds** – 1<sup>st</sup> Stone Scasso, 2<sup>nd</sup> Caden Bjornjeld, 3<sup>rd</sup> Cole Sandven; **11 year olds** – 1<sup>st</sup> Preston Marco, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kobey Landmark, 3<sup>rd</sup> Alexandra Rud.

**2011 Raffle Winners:** Congratulations to the following 2011 Heritage Hill Raffle winners: **Shotgun** – Diane Kruse, Montevideo; **Old Log Theater Tickets** – Gary D. Olson, Montevideo; **\$100** – Gaylon L. Bulthuis, Blomkest; **\$100** – Michael Bondzin, Wadena; **Ford Pedal Tractor** – Jerold L. Cronen, Hutchinson

**THRESHER'S KITCHEN:** The Kitchen Committee would like to thank all volunteers that helped in the kitchen during the 2011 Heritage Hill Threshing Show. The success of the kitchen and the service provided to the Threshing Show guests could not have happened without you. Many hands make light work. *Thank you, The Kitchen Committee.*

**Gate Admission Workers:** Thanks are extended to all Heritage Hill Members who volunteered to help at the gates. Your willingness to volunteer when asked is greatly appreciated. Gate workers are fun people and we all have a wonderful time – hope you can help again in 2012. *Thanks again, Gene Zeller, Chairman.*

**Note of Appreciation:** I would like to extend a BIG THANK YOU to everyone who ordered pies from me for the 2011 Heritage Hill Threshing Show. Your support was very much appreciated. *Thank again, Pauline Stranlund*

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Welcome is extended to the following new Heritage Hill members:

- Evan Knudson, Granite Falls, MN – Life-time member
- Mathew Heath & Melissa Kloss, Brandon Heath, Sara Heath, Kayla Waltz, Brandon Waltz and Christan Waltz - Annual Membership

## MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES: August 16, 2011 – Marlys Heath, Secretary

President Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:00PM at Heritage Hill, Montevideo, Quorum 60 members

Vice President Kleene led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary Heath read the minutes of the July 19, 2011 membership meeting. M/S/P Les Bergquist/Denny Olson to approve the minutes.

Treasurer Bergquist reported the July Financials. M/S/P Gerald Kleene/Mick Sellman to approve the report.

- **People Mover:** More drivers are needed for the people movers.
- **Bleachers:** The bleachers were repaired by Bob Kellen, Wilbert Macziewski, and Wayne Spiess.
- **Defibrillator:** The new pads have arrived but the old pads will be used 1<sup>st</sup> if needed. The pads will be upgraded each year as needed in order to keep the dates current. A plaque has been placed by the defibrillator recognizing the donation given by Walmart.
- **Campers:** Doug Norman is in charge of the camping area. Everyone is asked to help direct the campers to the camping area upon their arrival. A donation of \$10.00 for the 3 days of camping will be suggested.
- **Garbage:** Bert Faehn is in charge of removing the kitchen garbage; everyone else is to take on the responsibility of emptying the cans around the grounds as needed.
- **Radio:** President Thompson was interviewed on KDMA Tuesday, August 16, 2011 and will broadcast live on the Ag News, Fargo, ND on Thursday August 18, 2011 at 2:45 pm.
- **Raffle Tickets:** Sonja Norman, Ramona Bangsund, and Vince Welling will be selling pedal tractor raffle tickets and also the gun raffle tickets.
- **Tractorcade:** The tractorcade will leave Heritage Hill at 10:30am, Thursday, August 18, 2011. Curt Berg is chair of the tractorcade.
- **Steam Engine:** A steam engine will not be featured at the 2011 Threshing Show.
- **Hagen House:** Thanks to all the volunteers for their many hours of work preparing the house for the 2011 Threshing Show.
- **Feature Tractor:** Allis-Chalmers is the feature at the 2012 Threshing Show. The advertising will be starting soon. An Allis-Chalmers feature tractor will be needed for display purposes. The selection will be tabled until the September membership meeting.
- **Pole Building:** Donations to date totals \$4,925.00. A name is needed to identify the building. Suggestions are to be brought to the September membership meeting.
- **Cups and Buttons:** Cups are available for sale at \$5.00 each, and buttons are \$1.00 each.



## DIRECTOR MEETING MINUTES: September 8, 2011 - Marlys Heath, Secretary

President Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at Heritage Hill, Montevideo.

Quorum: *Present* – Thompson, Kleene, Bergquist, Heath, Molde, Zeller, Stegeman, Bangsund, Winter, Emch.

Vice-President Kleene led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary Heath read the minutes of the August 4, 2011 meeting. M/S/P Bergquist/Kleene to approve the minutes

Treasurer Bergquist presented the August financial report M/S/P Zeller/Molde to approve the report.

- **Loan:** M/S/P Kleene/Molde to authorize the three-year \$30,000 line of credit line renewal with Citizens Alliance Bank, and authorize President Wesley Thompson and Treasurer Leslie Bergquist as signators. Thompson and Bergquist signed the renewal documents as required by bank. The present loan balance is \$17,000.
- **Ford Flags:** Ford/Fordson collectors will be donating a Ford flag the same size as the flags hanging in the Wayne Ost Building. All flags will be displayed during future Threshing Shows.
- **Geese:** President Thompson has authorized several hunters to hunt geese at Heritage Hill.
- **Planer:** President Thompson advised that Clem Anton offered to sell a planer to Heritage Hill for \$450. M/S/P Bergquist/Zeller not to purchase the planer.
- **Dump Rakes:** Heritage Hill owns 3 dump rakes and an interested party has expressed interest in purchasing two. M/S/P Bangsund/Winters not to sell any of the dump rakes.
- **Montevideo Ambulance:** \$100.00 was donated to the Montevideo Ambulance Service for services provided at the tractor pull and the lawn mower pull during the 2011 Threshing Show.
- **Raffle Winners:** Raffle winner names were published in the Montevideo American News.
- **Pop:** Pop is left over from the Threshing Show which will be sold for \$7.00 for a 24-can case.
- **Feature Tractor:** Chip Grube has offered his Allis-Chalmers 190 Tractor as the feature for 2011. No other tractors have been offered to date.
- **Parking Area:** M/S/P Bergquist/Winter to seed grass in the south parking area at Heritage Hill. The intention is to harvest the grass once a year prior to the Threshing Show.
- **Show Expenses:** Discussions were held concerning the expenses for the threshing show, including the portable toilets and the need of a portable shower.
- **James Roe Update:** Roe shared some comments and suggestions from visitors received during the Threshing Show. Heritage Hill members have expressed interest in a designated area to display items of historic interest during the Threshing Show. Roe suggested that the Hagen House basement would be available for this purpose. Roe reported that various parties continue to request the use of the facilities and reservation are granted accordingly. The Montevideo Car Club was meeting at Heritage Hill on Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup> and its members were touring the church, school and the Hagen House.
- **Gate Admissions:** Gene Zeller submitted his resignation from being the chairman of the gate admissions.
- **Discussions:** Discussions were held regarding other threshing show comparisons, including gate admission prices, camping, food service, and exhibitor and vender admission. Admission price signs and no parking signs along County Road 7 and in other areas on the show grounds were suggested.

## Gray Motor Company – Detroit, Michigan

Gray was an American firm, based in Detroit from 1901 until the 1970's. Many fishing boats, lobster boats, tugs and pleasure craft used Gray engines. Boats were usually of small size, ranging from 12 to 32 feet. Gray also produced a line of outboard motors with the unique drive right angle curved shaft. Many of their engines were re-manufactured truck motors from Hercules, Studebaker, Pontiac, Continental or GM 71. Gray Marine started as the Michigan Yacht and Power Company by O. Mulford in 1892 and was a dealer for the Sintz eas engine, one of the first marine engines. It bought out Sintz in 1902. Michigan ventured into automobile engines and was re-branded Gray Motor Company about 1910 by O. Mulford and his banker partner, Gray. Within a few years they were building 7000 engines a year. Some would go into WWI lifeboats, and others would be used for pump units for Western Front trench service. These were called Victory motors. The company went on to build the Z motor for automobiles in the 1920's. The Gray Motor Company of Detroit had become a major engine builder by 1906. Its 1908 line consisted of 1, 2, 3 and 4 cylinder models ranging from 2 ½ to 40 horse-power. A 1908 advertisement claimed that Gray had the largest plant in the world devoted exclusively to making two cycle marine engines. The 2 ½ horsepower engine cost \$67.50 while the 6 and 10 horsepower engines sold for \$97.50 and \$158, respectively. Gray announced its line of horizontal hopper cooled engines in 1911. This followed a 1910 takeover by United States Motor Company, an automotive conglomerate that failed within a few months. When Gray resumed operations under its own leadership in 1911, the farm engine line appeared. Gray sold engines under such trade names as Marvel, Wizard, Honest John, Big Reliable, Big Six and Thoroughbred. The Gray 3-in-1 carburetor was claimed to be capable of handling kerosene, gasoline, or gas with only minor adjustments. During 1916 Gray developed a series of lightweight, high speed engines to replace the hopper series. Three styles were offered initially. Gray's sales literature claimed that these throttle governed engines to be "steady as steam" Due to early year mass production gas engines, every make and kind, the Gray Motor Company was often confused with other manufacturers of similar names including: A. W. Gray's Sons, Middletown Springs, Vermont; Gray-Hawley Manufacturing Company, Detroit, Michigan; and Gray & Prior Machine Company, Harford, Connecticut. After 1920 Gray disappeared from the stationary engine scene, opting to specialize in marine engines.



## MEETING NOTICES & COMING EVENTS

### EVENT

**Heritage Hill Membership Meeting – Heritage Hill**

*(September: Mary Ann/Curt Berg, Wanda/David Heath, Sonja/Dale Norman, Marvell/Milo Moen)*

**Directors' Meeting – Heritage Hill**

**MAAPS Meeting – Heritage Hill**

**2012 Swap Meet**

**2012 THRESHING SHOW – Featuring Gathering of Orange**

### DATE/TIME

**Tuesday, September 20, 2011 – 7 pm**

**Thursday, October 6, 2011 – 7 pm**

**Saturday, October 8, 2011**

**April 20 & 21, 2012**

**August 17, 18 & 19, 2012**

## EXTRAS

Ole is stopped by the County Sheriff around 2 o'clock in the morning and is asked where he is going at this time of night. Ole replies, "I am on my way to a lecture about alcohol abuse and the effects it has on the human body, as well as smoking, gambling and staying out late." The officer then asks Ole, "Really? Who is giving that lecture at this time of night?" Ole replies, "That would be my wife Lena."

## TREASURER'S REPORT: August 2011

### Financial Statement: August 1, 2011

<u>Internal Accounts</u>	<u>Investment Accounts</u>
\$7,199.45 General Fund	\$2,512.73 Citizens Alliance Bank - Checking
\$1,503.39 Chapel Fund	\$29,559.70 CAB - Preferred Money Market
\$1,144.00 Decibel Reduction Fund	\$0.00 CAB - Certificate of Deposit
\$8,800.91 Farming Fund	<b>\$32,072.43 TOTAL</b>
\$4,134.26 Hagen House	
\$3,500.00 Holt Caterpillar Fund	\$17,000.00 Loan Balance - Citizens Alliance Bank
\$157.51 Pole Building Fund	
\$1,299.10 Threshing Fund	
\$323.30 Tractor Pull Track Fund	
\$4,010.51 Wayne Ost Fund	
<b>\$32,072.43 TOTAL</b>	

### Operating Statement

Donations		Other Donations	
<b>Pole Building</b>			
\$250.00	Wesley/Dorraine Thompson	\$25.00	William Thompson
\$100.00	Mark Tollefson	\$25.00	Richard/Barb Oleson

		<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>	
<b>\$32,072.43</b>	<b>Balance: August 1, 2011</b>		
		(\$1,348.11)	Advertising
		(\$900.00)	Audio
		(\$1,132.75)	Cups
	<b>RECEIPTS</b>	(\$133.99)	Electricity
\$54.00	Button Sales	(\$421.94)	Equipment Purchases
\$270.75	Church Service	(\$252.79)	Farming Expense
\$1,048.45	Concession Sales	(\$4,953.14)	Food Purchased
\$7,574.14	Crop Sales	(\$911.16)	Fuel Expense
\$215.00	Dues/Membership	(\$459.60)	Hagen House
\$10,447.00	Gate Admission	(\$600.00)	Insurance Claim Repairs
\$10,139.22	Insurance Claim	(\$109.92)	Interest
\$10.51	Interest	(\$240.00)	Merchandise Purchased
\$61.00	Meeting Lunch Donation	(\$100.00)	Montevideo Ambulance
\$768.00	Merchandise	(\$600.00)	Music
\$50.00	Other Donation	(\$134.00)	Office/Postage
\$350.00	Pole Building Donations	(\$400.00)	Parking Service
\$1,505.00	Raffle Tickets	(\$100.00)	Pastoral Services
\$785.00	Swap Spaces	(\$3,201.00)	Portable Toilets/Shower
\$15,950.00	Threshers' Kitchen	(\$200.00)	Raffle Expense
\$1,971.25	Tractor Pull: Food Sales	(\$201.20)	Refuse Removal
\$1,944.00	Tractor Pull: Hook Fee	(\$5,288.28)	Repair/Maintenance
<b>\$53,143.32</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	(\$1,100.00)	Tractor Pull Sleds
		(\$640.70)	Trophies
<b>\$61,787.17</b>	<b>Balance: August 31, 2011</b>	<b>(\$23,428.58)</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

### Financial Statement: August 31, 2011

<u>Internal Accounts</u>	<u>Investment Accounts</u>
\$27,341.57 General Fund	\$1,218.78 Citizens Alliance Bank - Checking
\$1,503.39 Chapel Fund	\$60,568.39 CAB - Preferred Money Market
\$1,237.00 Decibel Reduction Fund	\$0.00 CAB - Certificate of Deposit
\$8,800.91 Farming Fund	<b>\$61,787.17 TOTAL</b>
\$3,724.66 Hagen House	
\$3,500.00 Holt Caterpillar Fund	\$17,000.00 Loan Balance - Citizens Alliance Bank
\$9,539.22 Insurance Claim Fund	
\$507.51 Pole Building Fund	
\$1,299.10 Threshing Fund	
\$323.30 Tractor Pull Track Fund	
\$4,010.51 Wayne Ost Fund	
<b>\$61,787.17 TOTAL</b>	

**Leslie K. Bergquist, Treasurer**