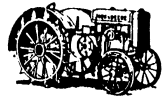


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PRESIDENTIAL STATE OF THE HILL ADDRESS:

Greetings from Heritage Hill. A few weeks ago during the extreme cold weather, KARE-11 meteorologist Eric Perkins commented that he has been receiving messages from viewers inquiring if some unusual weather phenomenon might be causing extreme bitter cold temperatures. Eric's reply was simply "no". The trouble was that most viewers are too young to remember such harsh winters. Actually, this weather could not be more normal. To me it sure brings back memories of past decades. Long ago these cold temperatures were common place during my formable years in Big Bend Township. When we went outside to work, do chores, or complete whatever needed attention, it may have been cold, but we never thought too much about it, we were use to unsympathetic winter weather. It was then, and is now, just part of residing in Minnesota.

As you may know, the membership elected me as Heritage Hill president at the January membership meeting. I would first like to thank the membership for their vote of confidence. My decision to accept the nomination came about with much pondering and turmoil over the past few of months. By leaving the position open for a few months, I was really hoping that another member would step forth and assume the leadership role as president. Unfortunately that did not happen. As a non-profit organization it is very important to have all officer and director positions filled. It is kind of uncomfortable, especially when promoting the organization, to not have a president. People have continued to contact me with questions and information requests. In the interim I advised the callers that I was not the president, which often time lead to questions and discussion regarding the future leadership of the Heritage Hill. It became increasing awkward trying to explain the situation. I am not sure if everybody has noticed but I am old....and getting older. I just do not have the energy and stamina needed to fulfill all the volunteer duties that I have in past years. In addition I wish to spend more time relaxing in the summer at the lake with the family, and attend the grandchildren and great-grandchildren's school events whenever possible. I am happy to help at Heritage Hill when and where I can, but I will be relying on other members for their help as well. As stated earlier, the position remains open to any member who is interested. I hope this is understandable to all.

Looking ahead to this summer Heritage Hill will be featuring Minneapolis-Moline at its annual Threshing Show, August 15, 16 and 17. In addition the Minneapolis-Moline Collectors, Inc., based out of Nevada, Iowa, will be joining the Threshing Show again this summer and holding its annual convention at Heritage Hill. Thanks are extended to Bert Faehn for sharing his Minneapolis-Moline GB Diesel for the 2014 Heritage Hill feature tractor. Like most major implement companies, Minneapolis-Moline has a long history of corporate mergers which formed the company in 1929; and corporate mergers also being the termination of the Minneapolis-Moline name in 1974. Over the 45 year history of M-M, the company produced a leading line of tractors and implements, still popular with restorers today. In the early 1950s M-M introduced the Uni-Tractor which was a three wheeled powered unit used to drive other farm implement units. The concept was instead of having different tractors and harvesters, one power unit mated to the correct implement unit could do all the jobs a farmer needed, an all-in-one concept. Among the commonly used attachments were the combine, forage harvester, hay baler and the corn picker. The units were also popular for the commercial harvest of sweet corn. While it was sold in small numbers the idea never was popular with most farmers. Many farmers referred to the Uni-Tractor as the Minneapolis-Moline Motorcycle. Throughout my career in agriculture, the Uni-Tractor has been or source of interest and an inspiration for building my latest toy implement. Currently, I am constructing a replica of the Uni-Tractor picker-sheller, both the pull-type and self-propelled versions. Like past Minneapolis-Moline feature events at Heritage Hill, it will be fun to have the huge volume of M-M tractors gathered together.



I would like to offer my condolences to Elsie Holtan and family on the death of Donald Holtan. Donald died January 24 and his funeral was held January 30 at Lac qui Parle Lutheran Church. He was an active life-time member of Heritage Hill and a very avid collector and restorer of antique gas engines. Having been a mechanic his entire life, Donald was known far and wide as the "Doctor of Engines". He was always available to mentor a rookie engine collector and share some sound advice. Donald will be greatly missed. Blessed be his memory.

Finally, I would like to extend sympathy to Ronald and JoAnn Molde, and family, on the loss of their son Steven Molde, Saint Cloud. Steve died January 30 in a tragic accident while vacationing in the Dominican Republic. His memorial service was held February 8 at Atonement Lutheran Church, Saint Cloud. Please keep the Molde family in your thoughts and prayers.

Thank you, Wesley Thompson, President

MEETING NOTICES & COMING EVENTS

Heritage Hill Membership Meeting – Montevideo Community Center

(Servers: Wesley/Dorraine Thompson; Dennis/Beatrice Olson; Floyd/Waunita Kanten)

Heritage Hill Directors' Meeting – The Rivers Restaurant, Montevideo

Montevideo Xpo – Heritage Hill

Lawn Mowing – Heritage Hill

Annual Threshing Show featuring IH Tractors & Gas Engines

Monday, February 17, 2014

Thursday, March 6, 2014

Friday/Saturday, April 25 & 26, 2014

Tuesday, May 6, 2014 – 9 am

August 15, 16 & 17, 2014

MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES: January 20, 2013 – Leslie Bergquist, Acting Secretary

Vice-President Hegna called the meeting to order on Monday, January 20, 2014 at 7:00 at the Montevideo Community Center. Quorum: 25 members.

Vice-President Hegna led the Pledge of Allegiance.

M/S/P Curt Berg/Philip Thissen to waive the reading of the November 19, 2013 membership meeting minutes.

Treasurer Bergquist presented the December 2013 treasurer's report. M/S/P Mick Sellman/LuVerne Bangsund to approve the report as presented.

- **Montevideo Xpo:** Heritage Hill will host its annual bake sale and sell bars and coffee at the event. Outside vendors will serve meals arranged by the Montevideo Chamber of Commerce.
- **Tiling Project:** Chip Grube, Orlynn Hegna and Leslie Bergquist reported on county land tiling project. Chippewa County Commissioners have granted approval. Grube provided required information to Chippewa county Land Management. Hegna has contacted H&H Construction, Inc., Granite falls, to initiate the project. The preliminary cost is estimate at \$8,000.
- **Picnic Shelter:** The project has been suspended until spring 2014 at which time the concrete will be installed.
- **Thanksgiving Service:** James Roe reported that all went as planned and the service was well attended.
- **Officer Election:** Orlynn Hegna reported that the 2014 presidential position has not yet been filled. M/S/P Robert Lerohl/Richard Emch nominated Wesley Thompson for 2014 HH President.
- **By-laws:** Ronald Molde and Floyd Kanten reported that the by-law committee is recommending the following changes to the HH by-laws:
 1. **Nominating Committee:** Nominating committee consist of three Heritage Hill members rather than the newly elected directors.
 2. **President and Vice-president Term Limits:** None.
 3. **Ex-Officio Term Limit:** None.

Changes to the by-law require a 30 prior notice to a membership vote. The membership may vote regarding the proposed changes at the February 17, 2014 meeting.

- **Power Supply:** Ron Molde reported that electrical service is needed for a vendor display near the Chippewa Building. Molde has agreed to install the electrical service.
- **Audit Committee:** Gerald Kleene and Robert Lerohl served on the 2013 audit committee. Lerohl reported that no inconsistencies were found during the audit.
- **Tractor Sales:** Floyd Kanten reported that the HH directors have recommended that three HH owned tractors, including a 1938 Farmall F-20, 1927 John Deere D, and 1937 John Deere B, be sold. M/S/P Merlin Hanson/Leslie Bergquist to sell the three tractors.
- **Facilities:** James Roe reported that interest continues in renting the chapel and HH kitchen facilities.
- **Trees:** James Roe reported that he continues to compile a tree donor schedule.
- **Highline Poles:** Leslie Bergquist reported that CapX2020 highline poles have been offered as a donation to HH. M/S/P Wesley Thompson/Mick Sellman to not accept any highline poles.
- **Shoe Repair Equipment:** Mick Sellman reported that Judy Anderson has offered to donate shoe repair equipment to HH. Directors are planning to view the equipment prior to making a decision.

DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES: February 6, 2014 – Marlys Heath, Secretary

President Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at The Rivers Restaurant, Montevideo.

Quorum: *Present* – Thompson, Hegna, Bergquist, Heath, Molde, Bangsund, Kanten, Grube, Roe. *Absent:* Kleene.

President Thompson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary Heath presented the January 2, 2014 Directors' Meeting minutes. M/S/P Hegna/Roe to approve the minutes.

Treasurer Bergquist presented the January 2014 financial report. M/S/P Bangsund/Grube to approve the report.

- **Shooting Range:** Jan Payne, Montevideo High School Trap Shoot Coach; Ed Picht, Department of Natural Resources Conservation Officer; and Steve Maass, Tri-County Sportsman Association, were present at the meeting. Jan Payne presented a request to sub-lease an area at HH to be used for the trap shooting purposes and other gun related activities, including skeet shooting, target practice, police training and youth gun safety programs. After a period of discussion with many questions and answers, MSP Hegna/Roe to check out the feasibility of using the grounds and proceed with the preliminary plans. Jim Roe, LuVerne Bangsund, and Les Bergquist will work with the other organizations to proceed with the preliminary plans.
- **Ole and Lena Days:** 45 raffle tickets were sold at the Granite Falls Ole and Lena Days on February 1, 2014.
- **Great Western MN Get Together:** Ticket sellers are needed for the annual trade show February 8 and 9, at Lac qui Parle Valley High School. MSP Bergquist/Hegna to purchase 2 toy tractors from Wesley Thompson at the estimated cost of \$35.00 each. One to be given away in a drawing of the raffle tickets sold on Saturday, and the other for tickets sold on Sunday.
- **Shoe Repair Machine:** Board members visited the shoe repair equipment being offered as a donation from Judy Anderson. M/S/P Hegna/Roe to accept the donation of the equipment.
- **Memorials and Donations:** Jeff and Carla Johnson donated \$25.00 in memory of Donald Holtan. Marvell Moen donated \$100.00 to HH. Lorraine Lee donated religious books which will be displayed in the Chapel.
- **Threshers' Kitchen Usage:** Jim Roe has approved a family gathering in the Threshers' Kitchen, February 9. The group will provide their own snow removal.
- **Bylaws:** The proposed bylaws changes will be voted on at the February Membership Meeting.
- **Meander:** Currently HH does not have an artist for the Arts Meander in October 2014. Contact Sally Phillips if any known artist may have an interest displaying at HH.
- **Tree Donations:** Jim Roe has completed the schedule of HH tree donators. The list will be posted in the Threshers' Kitchen.
- **Pedal Tractor:** A pedal tractor is still needed as a prize for the August 2014 Threshing Show raffle. Contact President Thompson if a Minneapolis-Moline pedal tractor can be located.

TREASURER'S REPORT: January 2014

Financial Statement: January 1, 2014

Internal Accounts

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|--------------------|---------------|
| \$22,657.76 | General Fund |
| \$6,017.11 | Building Fund |
| \$2,808.39 | Chapel Fund |
| \$17,500.00 | Farming Fund |
| \$48,983.26 | TOTAL |

Investment Accounts

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|--------------------|---------------------------------------|
| \$1,640.97 | Citizens Alliance Bank - Checking |
| \$47,342.29 | CAB - Preferred Money Market |
| \$0.00 | CAB - Certificate of Deposit |
| \$48,983.26 | TOTAL |
| \$0.00 | Loan Balance - Citizens Alliance Bank |

Operating Statement

\$48,983.26 **Balance: January 1, 2014**

RECEIPTS

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|--------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| \$90.00 | Dues/Membership | (\$1,618.81) |
| \$5.98 | Interest | (\$130.00) |
| \$23.00 | Meeting Lunch Donation | (\$356.40) |
| \$100.00 | Raffle | (\$49.93) |
| \$218.98 | TOTAL | (\$325.52) |
| | | (\$1,399.99) |
| | | (\$16.00) |
| \$45,305.59 | Balance: January 31, 2014 | (\$3,896.65) |

DISBURSEMENTS

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|--------------------------|
| Buttons/Plaques |
| Chamber of Commerce Dues |
| Electricity |
| Equipment Repair |
| Office/Postage |
| Raffle: Shotgun |
| Trailer License |
| TOTAL |

Financial Statement: January 31, 2014

Internal Accounts

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| \$18,980.09 | General Fund |
| \$6,017.11 | Building Fund |
| \$2,808.39 | Chapel Fund |
| \$17,500.00 | Farming Fund |
| \$45,305.59 | TOTAL |

Investment Accounts

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| \$1,457.43 | Citizens Alliance Bank - Checking |
| \$43,848.16 | CAB - Preferred Money Market |
| \$0.00 | CAB - Certificate of Deposit |
| \$45,305.59 | TOTAL |
| \$0.00 | Loan Balance - Citizens Alliance Bank |

Leslie K. Bergquist, Treasurer

Rock Island Plow Company – Interesting Facts



Located in the Quad Cities area, the Rock Island Plow Company was founded in 1855 as Buford and Tate Company initially building plows. The company was later called Buford and Company. In 1882 the company was renamed Rock Island Plow Company at which time a couple horse drawn implements were being produced. By 1900 multiple pieces of agricultural implements were added including corn planters, cultivators, tedder rakes, plows, side delivery rakes, windrow loaders, the Great Western cream separator, potato harvesters and feed mills. Rock Island Plow Company was probably best known for its production of the Heider variable speed transmission tractors starting in 1914. The tractors were renamed Rock Island-Heider from 1916 to 1929. From 1929 to 1937 the tractors were again renamed Rock Island. Tractor production ceased in 1937 when J.I. Case Plow Works bought out Rock Island.

Rock Island Plow Company, along with International Harvester, Minneapolis-Moline and John Deere, were among the manufacturing companies that made the Quad Cities the center of progressive innovations and production of agricultural equipment. The Quad Cities were also home to many inventors during the mid to late 1800, who worked for more than one of these manufacturing companies. The history of these individuals becomes exceedingly intertwined.



Although the company never manufactured its own engines, the Rock Island Plow Company was a major supplier of gas engines starting 1912. Rock Island was a marketing agent, acting as vendors for manufacturers to sell engines under the Rock Island name, colors and logo. Two major suppliers of gas engines to Rock Island Plow Company, was Jacob Haish Company, DeKalb, Illinois, and Alamo, Hillsdale, Michigan. Rock Island Plow Company contracted as a distributor for the Root and Van Dervoort Company, East Moline, Illinois. These engines were



sold under the R&V name, colors and logo without Rock Island branding. In addition to the Rock

Island Plow Company, Root & Van Dervoort had major ties to John Deere Company, supplying John Deere with engines to distribute as well. Interestingly, Root and Van Dervoort had ties to and became business partner with the Moline Plow Company. When exploring the history of these early agricultural equipment companies, the web becomes very tangled and difficult to follow, but interesting at the same time.

Much debate exists regarding the paint color used by Rock Island Plow Company on its gas engines. A Dulux brown, 93-24590 has become the common standard used by engine restorers, although enough existing Rock Island engines with original paint document the lack of uniform coloring. The original colors range from a pale mustard to a dark brown. It has been suggested that maybe the engine horsepower or the date of manufacturing had a bearing on the paint color used. Some Haish/Rock Island engines have been documented with other colors, primarily red and gray, while 1, 4 and 6 horse power Haish have been observed with dark brown paint and black pin striping.

***Note:** The above gas engine article is included in this newsletter in memory of Heritage Hill member and antique engine enthusiast Donald Holtan. Each and every time antique gas engine history appeared in the Heritage Hill newsletter, Donald made special efforts to extend his appreciation for the printed material. Donald was an avid collector of many old gas engines throughout his life and found much joy in sharing his engine knowledge with others. Heritage Hill and its members will forever be grateful to Donald Holtan and his loving wife Elsie for making the Powerhouse gas engine building possible and for all their support over the years.*

Redwood Falls Gazette – August 11, 1932

ROAD CAMP GAS ENGINE STOLEN; FOUND IN FIELD Work Delayed on Highway 14 Monday While Crew Seeks Lost Equipment HIRE NIGHT WATCHMAN Employees Follow Tracks; Find 1 ½ Horsepower Engine in Cornfield

Paving on Highway No. 14 near Vesta was delayed Monday forenoon while employees of the Nolan Brothers construction company of Minneapolis sought and found a one and one-half horsepower gasoline engine which had been stolen during the weekend.

The engine was recovered in a cornfield about 20 rods from the equipment by P. J. Hoover, and employee, who followed the tracks left by two men who zig-zagged across the field, carrying the loot.

Apparently the men planned to hide the engine until the crew had moved on, for no parts had been stolen and it was upright in a part of the field where the corn was particularly thick.

The theft was discovered Monday morning when employees were ready to resume pouring concrete. The small engine is part of the "Cure-Crete" equipment, used to spray the newly laid paving with melted tar to prevent too rapid drying. Until recently, concrete was cured by piling wet earth on top.

The theft of the engine was not the first time the company has been molested by thieves. Earlier in the year the company lost a magneto on one occasion and a tractor cylinder head on another.

The company now has a night watchman to prevent further thefts and warns that no quarter will be shown thieves who are apprehended.



Raffle 2014

The 2014 Heritage Hill raffle is off to a great start. At the February 1 Ole and Lena Days, Granite Falls, 45 tickets were sold. The Great Minnesota Get Together was held at Lac qui Parle High School February 8 and 9, with 167 tickets sold. Thanks are extended to all members who attended these events and helped with the sales. The 2014 raffle prizes include Benelli Eagle 12-gauge shotgun, \$750 cash and \$250 cash. Ticket prices are \$10 and the 2014 raffle is limited to 750 tickets. Members are encouraged to participate in the ticket sales. Please contact Ron Molde, raffle coordinator, for a supply of tickets.



"We're having a big meeting tomorrow to kick off our Employee Wellness Campaign. Who's in charge of bringing the soda and donuts?"