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PRESIDENTIAL STATE OF THE HILL ADDRESS:

Hello and happy spring to all Heritage Hill members!! There are many ways that one can determine if the spring season has truly arrived. This year, it has seemed to be postponed a few weeks though. We had a couple weeks of gorgeous spring weather and then it took a turn for the worst. Oh well, we cannot control mother nature. With every day comes a new array of crazy climate swings, but I suppose being that March sort of came in like a lamb, and out like a lamb for that matter, we shouldn't be surprised. Although it may not seem like it, I can definitely tell that spring is near! The birds have returned, the snow is hopefully gone, certain plants are greening up including the Johnny jump ups in my yard, work is getting crazy busy for me (reminder I work in the agriculture field so planting season is always a wild time). Each year that I can remember has seemed to differ from the last.

One thing though that stays the same year after year is how excited everybody gets for the upcoming show. I have been getting phone calls with questions, concerns, suggestions, and anything else you can think of! I am thrilled with all the interactions I get to share with you members, it makes everything much more fun when you all are communicating with myself and others about what we are going to do before, during, and after the 41st annual show. Having those conversations truly proves that we are in this together. As I have mentioned before, you have all heard the "it takes a village to raise a child" saying. Well Heritage Hill takes that to a new level. We have quite the "child" to take care of and I have faith in everyone that we can do that again this year, with many to follow. Thank you to all that help out in many different ways.

Update on the 6hp Nelson Brothers engine I have been working on. Slow advancement was made. You know what they say though, progress is progress. First off after installing the new to me fuel mixer obtained from James Lee, I tried to get it to fire. No luck on receiving any sort of combustion whatsoever, not even smoke. Well onto the next step. Thinking through the 3 things an engine needs to run, compression, fuel and spark, I determined that the fuel mixer was doing its job by removing the Webster magneto fired igniter. Inside the cylinder was gasoline vapor that I could smell from the igniter hole in the side of the engine. That leads me to believe that the ignitor isn't producing enough spark. When I bought the engine, my friend reminded me that the head gasket needed to be replaced as it leaked water when it was filled up. With that knowledge, I took the opportunity to remove the head, reinstall the igniter, and spin the engine over to view the igniter points in action. Shortly after a couple cycles of the flywheels, we were a few degrees after top dead center when the ignition linkage tripped the magneto, causing a subpar burst of energy flowing through the igniter, resulting in this tiny little spark included in the picture. It was way too small to ignite the gasoline vapor being compressed in the cylinder. Well, time to rebuild the igniter. Parts for that are on order, and hopefully I can get it to shoot a lightning style spark in no time.



I apologize for the delay in the newsletter, life has been crazy lately. I look forward to seeing you all at the next membership meeting.

Best regards, Grant Schmieg

MEETING NOTICES & COMING EVENTS

Membership Meetings	Sunday, May 1, 6pm (Future Membership Meetings: June 12; July 10; September 9; December 3)
Board Meeting	Sunday, May 1, 2022, 6:00, via Zoom
Heritage Days 2022	June 17 - 18, 2022
Christmas Party	Saturday, December 3, 2022, 5:30 pm, 6:00 dinner.

DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES: April 3, 2022 Robert Schultz, Secretary

The Board of Directors meet Sunday, April 3rd, 2022 @ 7:00 PM by Zoom teleconference.

Present were Schmieg, Coon, Grube, K Ashling, L Ashling, Hamann, Lagrad, Bergquist, Thissen and Schultz.

M/S/P Coon/Bergquist to approve the minutes of the March 7th, 2022 Board of Directors meeting.

M/S/P Schultz/Lagred to approve the March Treasurer's report.

- **Work Days:** We will be scheduling a number of work days before the 2022 show. A list of work items is being compiled and will be enumerated as the work days are announced. Watch for these in the May Newsletter.
- **Tractor Drive Coordinator:** Stephen Coon has agreed to coordinate the Tractor Drive event(s) scheduled starting the afternoon of Thursday, June 16th as part of our Heritage Days kickoff.
- **Tractor Registration:** Jackie Coon will be in charge of tractor registration from the Chippewa building this year. Please note the change in venue.
- **Jaws of Life Demonstration:** The Jaws of Life demonstration may happen again this year if it does not interfere with the Fiesta Days celebration. We do not have a definitive answer on this yet.
- **Water Testing:** Arrangements are being made to test the well water or this year's show.
- **Raffle Prizes:** The following prizes will be part of the 2022 Heritage Days raffle: 1st Prize - \$1000 cash; 2nd Prize - \$500 cash; 3rd Prize – Triangular Service Tool Box; 4th Prize – Pedal Tractor; 5th Prize – Large Hand Made Quilt.
- **Kitchen Help:** Please sign-up ASAP if you can help in the kitchen either Friday or Saturday for the show. Contact either Carla Johnson @ (320) 752-4674 or Ann Borstad @ (320) 769-2706.
- **2023 Feature:** We are planning to feature Military Equipment and Fairbanks Morse for our 2023 feature equipment. Virtually all the "traditional" farm equipment manufacturers produced military equipment at some time in the 20th century.
- **First Aid Kits:** M/S/P K Ashling/Lagred to purchase 6 First Aid kits to use in appropriate places around our grounds.
- **Sheriff and Ambulance Presence:** We need to ensure Ambulance and Sheriff presence on the grounds, especially for certain events like the tractor pull. The appropriate officials will need to be contacted to assure their presence.
- **Home Made Ice Cream:** Director Hamann will contact Clem Anton about the possibility of having his homemade ice cream making machine available for the show.
- **Chicken House Placement:** A few directors will be meeting Friday of this week to decide where to best place the chicken house/new ticket booth to make it work efficiently for the new entrance and ticket sales plans. More to come on this!!!
- **Shingle Making & Saw Mill:** John Bangsund informs us we could use some help with the Shingle making process. Also, help is needed at the Saw Mill. If you have an interest in either of these, please contact a director listed on the top of this newsletter.
- **Homemade Ice Cream:** We will check into the possibility of having the homemade ice cream vendor (Clem Anton family) from Hanley Falls to come to our show.
- **Show Schedule:** The 2022 Show schedule needs to be finalized by May 5th to be ready for printing. Please contact a director if you have some input you would like to have known before this date.
- **Water Truck Tank:** M/S/P Lagred/Hamann to purchase a used poly tank for \$200 to increase the water carrying capacity of our fire truck.
- **Tractor Registration Sign:** Glen and Jackie Coon are checking into the cost for a large banner to place on the west side of the Chippewa Building to welcome our exhibitors to the registration area.
- **Dumpster:** Schultz will contact Tostenson's about tipping fees and dumpster sizes to better handle our waste disposal this year.
- **Portable Showers:** Director Hamann will be looking at the possibility and cost of renting portable showers for this year's show.
- **Next Board Meeting:** The next board meeting will be Sunday, May 1st, 2022 @ 7:00 PM.
- **Adjournment:** M/S/P Thissen/Coon to adjourn the meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: March 2022

Financial Statement: March 1, 2022

Internal Accounts

\$43,021.46	General Fund
\$4,688.00	Chapel Fund
\$17,500.00	Farming Fund
\$10,000.00	Insurance Fund
\$75,209.46	TOTAL

Depository Accounts

\$2,511.12	Citizens Alliance Bank - Checking
\$72,698.34	CAB - Preferred Money Market
\$0.00	CAB - Certificate of Deposit
\$75,209.46	TOTAL
\$0.00	Loan Balance - Citizens Alliance Bank

Operating Statement

\$75,209.46 **Balance: March 1, 2022**

RECEIPTS

\$245.00	Dues/Membership
\$11.91	Thrivent Choice
\$474.42	REC Dividend
\$6.17	Interest
\$737.50	TOTAL

DISBURSEMENTS

(\$300.00)	Advertising
(\$15.00)	Minnesota Department of Ag Fee
(\$150.00)	Montevideo Area Chamber Dues
(\$310.86)	Electricity
(\$321.00)	Chippewa County Ditch Assessment
(\$117.00)	Office/Postage/Printing
(\$1,213.86)	TOTAL

\$74,733.10 **Balance: March 31, 2022**

Financial Statement: March 31, 2022

Internal Accounts

\$42,545.10	General Fund
\$4,688.00	Chapel Fund
\$17,500.00	Farming Fund
\$10,000.00	Insurance Fund
\$74,733.10	TOTAL

Depository Accounts

\$2,028.59	Citizens Alliance Bank - Checking
\$72,704.51	CAB - Preferred Money Market
	CAB - Certificate of Deposit
\$74,733.10	TOTAL
\$0.00	Loan Balance - Citizens Alliance Bank

Leslie K. Bergquist, Treasurer



THIS HISTORY OF THE FLEA MARKET

The origin of the term "FLEA MARKET" is practically impossible to trace. It is a mystery that has never been solved as there has never been a serious investigation into the origin of the name. There is little or no official records or documentation existing on this amazing phenomenon of the flea market. The first reference to the term "Flea Market" appeared in two conflicting stories about a location in Paris, France in the 1860's known as the marche aux puces, translation, "Flea Market".

The traditional and most publicized story is in the article "What Is A Flea Market?" by Albert LaFarge in the 1998 winter edition of Today's Flea Market magazine. In his article LaFarge says, "There is a general agreement that the term "Flea Market" is a literal translation of the French marche aux puces, an outdoor bazaar in Paris, France, named after those pesky little parasites of the order Siphonaptera (or "wingless bloodsucker") that infested the upholstery of old furniture brought out for sale."

The second story is printed in the book Flea Markets in Europe published by Chartwell Books. In the Introduction of this book, the author writes, "In the time of Emperor Napoleon III, the imperial architect Haussmann made plans for the broad, straight boulevards with rows of square houses in the center of Paris, along which army divisions could march with much pompous noise. The plans forced many dealers in second-hand goods to flee their old dwellings; the alleys and slums were demolished. These dislodged merchants were, however, allowed to continue selling their wares undisturbed right in the north of Paris, just outside of the former fort, in front of the gate Porte de Clignancourt. The first stalls were erected in about 1860. The gathering together of all these exiles from the slums of Paris was soon given the name "Marche aux Puces", meaning "flea market", later translation.

"Flea Market." Regardless of the origin or the definition of flea markets, I have never heard of anyone who did not love to go to a marche aux puces.

A flea market is a facility that rents space to anyone that offers for sale to the general public merchandise, products, items, services and all other legal needs of the buying public. These renters are known as vendors. Flea markets are a worldwide business that has been around for hundreds of years and could be considered as a multi-billion dollar worldwide industry that has never been and probably never will be truly defined.

Flea Markets are the incubators and breeding grounds of entrepreneurs that represent the Free Enterprise System and they are the representatives and protectors of an American Way of Life. Flea Markets are the only opportunity available for a person to start a business without a large layout of capital and long term commitments. Albert LaFarge, author of U.S. Flea Market Directory, says, "Today's American flea market is a modern version of a phenomenon that has endured throughout history in all civilized societies - wherever there is a high concentration of people, there will be market days when they assemble for the exchange of goods and services." The marketplace of the ancient Greeks was known as the Agora; in Rome, the Forum; and in Israel, at the Temples.

Each nation has its own name that translates into flea market. America has approximately 5000 flea markets, swap meets, open-air, farmers, antique and collectible markets and special events, with an estimate of over one million vendors and one hundred million annual shoppers.

