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PRESIDENTIAL STATE OF THE HILL ADDRESS:

Greetings to the members of Minnesota Valley Antique Farm Power Club. This presidential address is coming from Fredericksburg, TX, a neat little German town where you can get a delicious meal of Jaeger schnitzel and Dunkel beer and afterwards visit the German



National Museum of the Pacific War

chocolate store to top off your dining experience. This town also hosts the National Museum of the Pacific War. The displays in the gallery are unending. From airplanes to tanks and more video displays than you can count. I would urge anyone who has been involved or is interested in the Pacific Theater of WW II to make this a must on your bucket list. Nearby also is the Texas White House and ranch of Lyndon B Johnson who became president after the Kennedy assassination. Guided tours are given through the house which is also a national monument. President Johnson spent over 400 days at this location during his time in office.

Near Frederiksberg is a town called Luckenbach, TX, . remember from the song Waylon, Willie and the boys. We went there and were surprised, it's a town of "Population 3", a shelter where they sell burgers, another where beer is sold, a band stand and of course a gift shop. On weekends the town is filled with bikers. The day we were there we probably saw 3-400 motorcycles in the parking lot. This is not what we expected.

A couple of days to remember this month: first President's day on Feb 15. I suppose no mail and no banks open and Ladies don't forget your husbands on Valentine's Day February 14th.

In closing we wish Wes Thompson a speedy recovery from shoulder surgery..

Thank you, Gerald Kleene, President

MEMBERSHIP DUES: Just a reminder to all members who pay dues annually, that your 2015 membership dues were payable on January 1. If you have not yet paid, please send your dues to: *Heritage Hill, Box 226, Montevideo, MN 56265*. \$15 for one person; \$25 for member and spouse. Children under 18 years are free. Thanks.

MEETING NOTICES & COMING EVENTS

Heritage Hill Membership Meeting – January and February

Heritage Hill Directors meeting

Ole & Lena Days – MN West Technical College, Granite Falls

Great Western Minnesota Get Together – Lac qui Parle Valley High School – Raffle Sales

MAAPS Meeting Heritage Hill

Heritage Hill Membership Meeting – Montevideo Community Center

Servers Wes and Dorraine Thompson, Steve and Carmen Haugen, Floyd and Wanita Kanten

Annual Threshing Show featuring Massey-Harris/Massey-Ferguson

Christmas Party – Montevideo Community Center

Cancelled

Thursday March 3, 2016

Saturday, February 6, 2016

Sat & Sun, February 13 & 14, 2016

Saturday April 15, 2016 11 AM

Monday, March 14, 2016

August 19, 20 & 21, 2016

Saturday, December 10, 2016

MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES – Monica Engen, Secretary

None – Membership Meetings start again on Monday March 14th at the Montevideo Community Center 7 PM

DIRECTOR MEETING MINUTES: (Feb 4) – Monica Engen, Secretary

Vice President Hegna called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at the Montevideo Chamber of Commerce Office.

Quorum: Present – Hegna, Bergquist, Molde, Johnson, Grube, Ashling, Engen and guest Stegeman. Absent: Coon, Kleene, Thompson

- Pledge of Allegiance was not recited-no flag in the room where meeting was held.
- Secretary Engen read the minutes of the January 7, 2016, directors’ meeting, as recorded by Secretary Engen. M/S/P
- Bergquist/Hegna to approve the minutes.
- Treasurer Bergquist gave the financial report. M/S/P Molde/Ashling to approve the report.
- Member News: Wesley Thompson had shoulder surgery - keep him in your prayers and keep Glen Coon in your prayers also.
- Raffle Ticket Sale Dates: Ole & Lena Days, Minnesota West College, Granite Falls, February 6,- 8 to noon.
- Greater Minnesota Get Together, Lac qui Parle Valley High School, February 13 and 14. Additional help is needed. Please contact Ron Molde
- Arts Meander: No new information was made available concerning this at this meeting. Christianson was not present.
- Farming Committee: Federal Crop Insurance claim was filed for 2015. The county land is in need of additional tile.
- Addition tile installation is needed on the county land – will be presented at the March membership meeting.
- Christmas Party: Trish from Trish’s Catering contacted Kleene. The issues will be discussed at Membership Meeting in March.
- IRS 990 Tax Return: All Directors reviewed 990 Report. M/S/P Ashling/Grube to acknowledge the review by the board and approved the contents as printed.
- Annual Audit: The 2015 treasury and all related reports are now available for the annual audit committee review. Robert Lerohl is an existing committee member. Molde and Hegna volunteered for the committee. The committee will meet and prepare the annual audit report prior to the next directors’ meeting.
- Sponsorships: Sponsorship forms for 2016 show are printed. Members are encouraged to contact sponsors to request donations. Contact Grube for details. Molde will contact Farmers Union Oil Cooperative, Karian/Peterson Power Line Contracting LLC, Minnesota Valley Coop. Light and Power Assoc. and Running Farm Supply
- Next Board Meeting: March 3, 2016, Montevideo Chamber of Commerce, 7 pm.
- Next Membership Meeting: March 14, 2016 at Montevideo Community Center, 7 pm.
- Newsletter Processing: February 17, 2016, Montevideo Chamber of Commerce, 10 am.

□ Adjournment: M/S/P Grube/Bergquist to adjourn the meeting.

TREASURER’S REPORT: JANUARY 2016

Financial Statement: January 1, 2016

Internal Accounts

\$20,733.07	General Fund
\$411.90	Building Fund
\$3,417.39	Chapel Fund
<u>\$21,000.00</u>	Farming Fund
\$45,562.36	TOTAL

Depository Accounts

\$2,621.29	Citizens Alliance Bank - Checking
\$42,941.07	CAB - Preferred Money Market
<u>\$0.00</u>	CAB - Certificate of Deposit
\$45,562.36	TOTAL
\$0.00	Loan Balance - Citizens Alliance Bank

Operating Statement

\$45,562.36 **Balance: January 1, 2016**

RECEIPTS

\$135.00	Dues/membership
\$5.37	Interest
<u>\$61.00</u>	Merchandise Sales
\$201.37	TOTAL

DISBURSEMENTS

(\$164.20)	Office/Postage
(\$165.00)	Chamber Dues
(\$223.48)	Electricity
(\$2,705.76)	Farming
(\$40.00)	Memorials
(\$195.00)	Raffle Expense
(\$11.88)	Repairs
(\$2.00)	Sales Tax Remittance

\$42,240.41 Balance: January 31, 2016

(\$16.00) Trailer License
(\$3,523.32) TOTAL

Financial Statement: January 31, 2016

Internal Accounts

\$20,116.88	General Fund
\$411.90	Building Fund
\$3,417.39	Chapel Fund
\$18,294.24	Farming Fund
\$42,240.41	TOTAL

Depository Accounts

\$2,294.13	Citizens Alliance Bank - Checking
\$39,946.28	CAB - Preferred Money Market
\$0.00	CAB - Certificate of Deposit
\$42,240.41	TOTAL
\$0.00	Loan Balance - Citizens Alliance Bank

Leslie K. Bergquist, Treasurer

United Engine Company – Lansing, Michigan



“United Engine Company, when first initiated, had a rather complicated corporate structure, which makes the company history difficult to untangle. United Engine Company first appeared in January 1911 as the United Manufacturer’s Association of Jackson, Michigan. A year later in a 1912 issue of *The Gas Engine*, it was noted that United Manufacturer’s Association had relocated from Jackson to Lansing, Michigan. It was further noted that the name had been changed to “United Engine Company”. In addition, C. L. Sprinkle, company president, was prominently noted in every advertisement, further linking the transition of the two company names. In addition, there were other gas engine manufactures, with similar names, operating at the same time including United Factories Co., Cleveland, Ohio; United Engine Manufacturing Co., Hanover, Pennsylvania; and United Manufacturing Co., Detroit, Michigan. Another interesting fact regarding the United Engine Company is that it never built its own engines; rather the company became a middleman between the manufacturer and the end user. It was widely known, the Associated Manufacturers, Waterloo, Iowa, was the prominent engine builder for United. There may have been other builders as well including such companies a Gibson, Port Washington, Wisconsin. Throughout the life of United Engine Company, engine were made available in sizes ranging from 1 ½, 2 ½, 3 ½, 4 ½, 6, 8, 10, 12, and 14 horsepower, and ranging in price from \$28.00 to \$281.25. In 1917 Associated announced its “Iowa Oversize” line of engines, which was soon followed by United’s new series of engines as well. The new line of United Engines featured a 15-horsepower engine advertised for sale at \$342. Topping the 1927 line was a double cylinder 25-horsepower engine, identical to that sold by Associated Manufacturers. With the advent of Rural Electrification Administration extending electricity to the farm, and the general decline of gas engines for farming use during the 1930’s, United Engines gradually faded into oblivion. A *Farm Implement News Buyer’s Guide* of the 1940’s noted that repair parts for the Associated Engines, which were the same as United, were available from WHW Machine and Tool Works of Lansing, Michigan. Even though United Engines were practically identical, even down to the same part numbers, the same publication listed “No Repairs” under the United Engine Company heading.



Ole and Sven’s Fishing Trip

One evening Ole and Sven were standing on shore up north on Norway Lake. They were loading a couple large old wooden barrels, full of norther’s and walleyes, onto their rusty 1963 Ford pickup, getting ready to head back to the farm. Suddenly a conservation officer came upon the boys, stopped them and inquired about the large quantity of fish being loaded onto their trusty old Ford truck. “Do you have a permit to catch all those fish?” inquired the officer. “No sir, all of these fish are pets”, replied Ole. “Your pet fish? How is that?” questioned the officer. Confidently, Ole and Sven assured the officer, “Well, every night we take our pet fish here for an outing in the lake, we let them swim for about a half hour, then whistle and they all come back and jump into the barrels, then we all go home. We do this every evening”. Furious, the officer replied, “Well, that is nothing but a crock of lies!” Ole and Sven assured the officer that it was all true, and then offered to demonstrate. The officer then said, “Well this I got to see!” The boys then proceeded to



release the fish into Norway Lake. After about five minutes of silence, the officer inquired, “Well.....?” Ole and Sven replied, “Well, what.....?” “The fish”, insisted the officer, “Where are your pet fish?” Ole and Sven in their usual Norwegian demeanor replied, “What fish?”

The farming committee was asked to say a few words about last year’s corn crop on county land. We averaged about 130 bushels/acre on the corn. Naturally, you wonder why we didn’t get 200 plus bushels per acre like the “big boys.” In June we had lots of rain, and with the big hills, the water all ended up down below on untilled ground so we drowned out about 13 acres. The members put about 1000 bu. ear corn in the crib and the rest went to the Montevideo elevator.

This coming year we will plant soybeans. The seed is ordered from Pioneer and again will be donated by Pioneer, as they have done since we took over the county land. It looks like we'll have to live with low grain prices for a while which means our income from grain will be lower.

The Farming Committee

Ole & Lena Days



On Saturday, Ole & Lena days were held in Granite Falls. As in the past our Minnesota Valley has had a booth promoting our club and selling raffle tickets. This year Ron Molde, Dustin Johnson, Les Bergquist and Orlynn Hegna manned the booth. Selling raffle tickets is a very important part of the club’s income and Ron has taken responsibility of heading this task for a number of years. We thank him for his dedication. There will be a maximum of 700 tickets sold. Your next opportunity to assist in selling tickets and promoting the club is on Feb 13 & 14th at the Lac qui Parle Valley High School. Your assistance is needed.

Ron, Dustin & Les at Ole & Lena days

MY EXCUSE

We all get heavier as we get older because there is a lot more information in our heads. So I am not fat, just really intelligent and my head could not hold anymore of it so it started filling up the rest of me. *That’s my story and I am sticking to it.*

POTATO SACK EXERCISE (For Seniors)

- No. 1 Stand on a comfortable surface
- No. 2 With a five lb potato sack in each hand extend your arms horizontally for one minute, then relax.
- No. 3 Each day you will find you can hold the position more comfortably. Each day you will find you can hold the position a little longer.
- No. 4 After 2 weeks move up to 10 lb sacks.
- No. 5 After 1 month try 50 lb sacks
- No. 6 Eventually you will be able to lift a 100 llb sack in each hand, hold your arms straight out for 10 min.
- No. 7 Put a potato in each sack.

