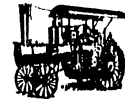


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PRESIDENTIAL STATE OF THE HILL ADDRESS:

Greetings from Heritage Hill. With the month of March upon us, I now feel like winter is winding down, assuming we do not have another late spring like 2014 or 2013. I am optimistic. Spring is soon here, the landscape will soon green and all the joys of another growing season will be upon us.

February 14 and 15 was a good weekend for Heritage Hill at the Great Minnesota Get Together at the Lac qui Parle High School. Another 126 raffle tickets were sold which is relatively equal in comparison to other years. It was fun to see and visit with many friends and neighbors who have been hibernating for the winter. Congratulations to Jerry Berge of Rosen who was the winner of the 1/16th scale Cockshutt 70 toy tractor given away after the weekend raffle ticket sales. If you do not know where Rosen, Minnesota is located, then you are long overdue for a Sunday drive, destination northern Lac qui Parle County.

The demolition of the former Len's Supper Club, at the corner of Yellow Medicine County Road 7 and US Highway 212, near Wegdahl, noted the end of another area landmark. The supper club opened for business sometime in the early 1960's and served its last meal sometime in the early 1990's. After its closure, the floods of 1997 and 2001 damaged the building beyond repair. As of late the building's roof was falling in and weed trees were lining its perimeter. The site soon became the property of Yellow Medicine County and demolition was inevitable. Road house establishments, such as Len's, were common along the corridor between Montevideo and Granite Falls. In earlier years prohibition was its catalyst. Many decades prior, and not far from Len's Supper Club, were a couple of establishments then known as Skunk Hollow and the Bronze Boot. Prior to 1934 the pathway between Granite Falls and Montevideo had yet to be enhanced and the location proved to be a great out-of-the-way place for the illicit speakeasy businesses.

US Highway 66, linking Chicago to Los Angles, probably has the distinction of the most historic highway in the United States, included in song, and full of legend, folklore and tradition. Although popular, Highway 66 is not the only highway in the United States with interesting history attached. First identified as a federal highway in 1926, US Highway 212 holds its share of historical data as well. It is interesting to note that there are two federal highways, in close proximity to each other, crossing Minnesota from east to west and with close numerical identifications – US Highways 12 and 212. As always, searching the internet revealed some answers as to how US 212 evolved over the years. US Highway 12 was one of the original national highways spanning from Detroit, Michigan on one end to Aberdeen, Washington on the other end. US Highway 212 actually started as a spur off of US Highway 12. It started in Willmar at the intersection of Litchfield Avenue and what is now Business Highway 71, formerly the corner of US Highways 12 and 71. It then ran south on present day Business 71, westerly on Kandiyohi County 19, then southwesterly on present day Minnesota Highway 23 to Clara City, then west on present day Minnesota Highway 7, then winding its way through Montevideo to Trailways Café corner, then all the way west terminating in Belle Fourche, South Dakota. In 1934 the US 212 designation was removed from the Willmar to Montevideo segment, and the highway corridor assumed its present day path southeast to Granite Falls, then easterly to Chaska and up to Saint Paul. With prohibition ending in 1933, the speakeasy establishments along the sleepy, river-bottom roadway from Montevideo to Granite Falls needed a new source of revenue. The increased highway traffic which then started in 1934 came just in time as weary travels needed food and rest along the way. Highway 212 has long held the title "Yellowstone Trail" as its westerly terminus is the northeast entrance to Yellowstone National Park.



Interest in the utilization or the Heritage Hill show site continues. As reported earlier plans are in place for the April 24, 25 and 26 Montevideo Xpo sponsored by the Montevideo Area Chamber of Commerce. Recently, the Montevideo Noon Lions have been in contact requesting the use of Heritage Hill to host another circus. More information will be forthcoming as the circus plans further develop. The Heritage Hill Board of Directors is currently looking at ways to enhance the Saturday night entertainment during the annual Threshing Show. Preliminary contacts have been made with a metro based professional garden tractor pulling organization to determine its level of interest in attending the show. On Saturday, February 21, James Roe, Ronald Molde, Orlynn Hegna and I were invited by Vice President Chris Thurk to attend the Minnesotans Gopher Cockshutt organization's annual meeting. The event was held at Charlie's Café in Freeport. This summer Heritage Hill will be hosting the organization's regional Cockshutt gathering as well as featuring the Cockshutt tractors. We as honored guests were given the opportunity to

promote Heritage Hill in front of approximately 30 members who attended the annual meeting. Heritage Hill buttons and a cup were presented to the members present.

Finally, I would like to remind all Heritage Hill members that the monthly membership meetings will resume starting with the March 16th meeting to be held at the Montevideo Community Center. Hope to see you there.

Thank you, Wesley Thompson, President

MEETING NOTICES & COMING EVENTS

Heritage Hill Membership Meeting – Montevideo Community Center

(Servers: Wes/Dorraine Thompson; Carmen/Steve Haugen; Floyd/Waunita Kanten)

Heritage Hill Directors' Meeting – Montevideo Chamber of Commerce

Montevideo Xpo – Heritage Hill

Lawn Mowing – Heritage Hill

Montevideo Chamber of Commerce – After Hours

Annual HH Threshing Show - featuring Cockshutt Tractors and equipment

Christmas Party – Montevideo Community Center

Monday, March 16, 2015

Thursday, April 2, 2015

April 24, 25 & 26, 2014

Tuesday, May 5, 2015 – 9 am

Monday, July 20, 2015

August 21, 22 & 23, 2015

Saturday, December 12, 2015

DIRECTOR MEETING MINUTES: March 5, 2014 Marlys Heath, Secretary

President Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at the Chamber of Commerce Building, Montevideo.

Quorum: *Present* – Thompson, Hegna, Bergquist, Heath, Molde, Grube, Kanten, Roe Absent: Bangsund, Kleene *Guests*: 3

Secretary Heath read the February 5, 2015 meeting minutes. M/S/P Bergquist/Kanten to approve the minutes.

The Treasurer's report was unavailable.

- **Raffle Tickets:** The total tickets sold at the past events were: 39 at Granite Falls Ole and Lena Days and 127 at The Great Western Minnesota Get-Together. Due to the incidence of a minor requesting to buy a ticket at LqP Valley School, Thompson researched the law. It is illegal to sell a raffle ticket to a person under the age of 18.
- **Montevideo Xpo:** The Montevideo Chamber of Commerce is moving forward on the plans for the Xpo and there was no new information to be reported.
- **Circus:** The Montevideo Lions club has requested the use of the show site at HH to host a circus sometime the week of July 13th. M/S/P Hegna/Bergquist to approve the use of the show site for the circus.
- **Canine Police Demonstration:** Thompson received confirmation from the Chippewa County Sherriff's office that they would give a canine demonstration during the Threshing Show in August 2015. A specific time needs to be scheduled for each day of the show.
- **Cockshutt Collectors:** Thompson, Roe, Molde and Hegna attended the Minnesotan Go-Pher Cockshutt Collectors annual meeting held at Freeport, Minnesota. Thompson invited the collectors to the Threshing Show in August 2015 and gave them information regarding Heritage Hill and accommodations. The Cockshutt Collectors have arranged its own annual banquet which is scheduled at the VFW in Montevideo, Saturday, August 22, 2015. The organization has requested the use of one of the people movers to transport banquet attendees to the VFW in Montevideo during the daylight hours. A Cockshutt tractor will be provided and the unit will be accompanied by escorts. M/S/P Hegna/Bergquist to approve the use of the people mover.
- **HH Grounds Coordinator:** Jim Wick has volunteered to be the coordinator of the projects needing completion at HH.
- **HH Chapel Coordinator:** No confirmation has been received at present time.
- **Website:** The new website is now operational. Thanks are extended to Grube and Kleene for their technological assistance.
- **Office Cubicles:** No more information is available about the office cubicles.
- **Kitchen Rental:** Merrie Bertrand donated \$100.00 for the usage of the Threshers' Kitchen in February 2015.
- **Lawn Mower Pull:** Kleene will be the coordinator for the lawn mower pull scheduled for Saturday, August 22, 2015. Kleene has contacted a group called Sneaky Pete Pullers. M/S/P Hegna/Grube for Kleene to pursue contracting the Sneaky Pete Pullers to provide the lawn mower pull for August 22, 2015. The directors' have been requested to solicit sponsorships to defray tractor pull and the lawn mower pull expenses.
- M/S/P Bergquist/Hegna to adjourn the meeting.

The new heritagehill.us website – by Gerald Kleene

One task yours truly has finally accomplished was to proceed with changing the website host and regain the Heritage Hill website domain name. In trying to untangle and rebuild the website, it was determined that Heritage Hill did not own its own domain name, Heritagehill.us. This I will try to explain. Just because you have a web address you don't necessarily own it. And that was our case. I had to find the previous owner and coax him to release the name to us. Believe me this was not a simple task. This took from before Karen and I departed for the winter, until about three weeks into our travel. Much time was spent contacting the former website host, waiting for return calls, even driving to his residence. This all had to be coordinated through a domain resistor which is the place where all domain names are registered. We were completely at someone else's mercy. First you need to get the name released and then you need to accept it to your ownership. After you own your domain name then you can get someone else to build and host your web page. We discovered that MVTW Wireless in Granite Falls provided such a service and when I walked through the door and who did I meet but our neighbor Kristen Noble. It was Kristen who gave me all the guidance and the hoops we had to go through to accomplish our goal. Kristen & I reviewed our current website and then she took over and built the new site. You may be disappointed that many of the earlier pictures are no longer available. When we reviewed the earlier pictures we found that many of the pictures were of poor quality and quite grainy. Our plans for the future are that Kristen will train Chip Grube and me how to post on the website to avoid additional cost and charges to the organization. Now if this paragraph has confused you, this is exactly where I was when I started this task. Please ask when we return and I will explain.

Florida Gas Engine Shows – by Gerald Kleene

While in Florida this year Karen and I attended the famous Florida Flywheelers Antique Engine Club show which was held January 14 to 17, 2015, in Fort Meade, Florida. It is kind of like the Minnesota State Fair; it cannot all be seen in one day. We then drove about 25 miles down the road to a lesser named show that we discovered last year named the Hardee County Pioneer Days at Zolfo Springs. This is a much more orderly, laid back show with numerous smaller exhibits. I was amazed at all the different small engines on display and so decided to see how many different ones were here. After spending a few hours with a paper and pencil here is a list of what I found: Fairbanks Morse– Iowa – Sears & Roebuck – Leaders – Stattley - Economy – International Harvester – Monarch

– Page – Eclipse – Tuttle – Stover – Superior – Stover – Mc Cummins – Hercules - Fuller Johnson - Detroit –

Thrall – Automarine – Gray – Busy Bee – Essex – DesJarens – Clinton – Associate – David Bradley – United – Koehler – Jagger – Nova – Reed – Webb – JD – Motion – Associated – Rock Island – Gibson – Stevens T – Sparta – Stuart – Silverkroph – Monitor – Sandwich - Worthington – Callian – Perkins – Olds – Maytag – Lansing – Lakebreeze – Wonder – Globe – Hagen – Deutz – Witte Keep in mind I didn't go into their trailers where there were some of the collections were stored , also it was the last day and some exhibits had already left. This is a small show I would recommend members to put on their bucket list.

TREASURER'S REPORT: February 2015

Financial Statement: February 1, 2015

<u>Internal Accounts</u>		<u>Investment Accounts</u>	
\$13,658.68	General Fund	\$892.44	Citizens Alliance Bank - Checking
\$2,279.07	Building Fund	\$29,904.85	CAB - Preferred Money Market
\$3,647.39	Chapel Fund	\$0.00	CAB - Certificate of Deposit
\$11,212.15	Farming Fund	\$30,797.29	TOTAL
\$30,797.29	TOTAL	\$0.00	Loan Balance - Citizens Alliance Bank

Operating Statement

\$30,797.29 **Balance: February 1, 2015**

<u>RECEIPTS</u>		<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>	
\$5.00	Buttons	(\$130.00)	Chamber of Commerce Dues
\$440.00	Dues/membership	(\$287.65)	Electricity
\$3.51	Interest	(\$49.00)	Postage/Office Expense
\$10.00	Merchandise	(\$10.00)	Raffle Expense
\$1,660.00	Raffle Tickets	(\$476.65)	TOTAL
\$2,118.51	TOTAL		
\$32,439.15	Balance: February 28, 2015		

Financial Statement: February 28, 2015

<u>Internal Accounts</u>		<u>Investment Accounts</u>	
\$15,300.54	General Fund	\$2,530.86	Citizens Alliance Bank - Checking
\$2,279.07	Building Fund	\$29,908.29	CAB - Preferred Money Market
\$3,647.39	Chapel Fund	\$0.00	CAB - Certificate of Deposit
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Leslie K. Bergquist, Treasurer

NOTES FROM THE SOUTH



What is it?

The first of these Motor Wheels were developed in 1910 in England and called the Wall Motor Wheel. The Wall Motor Wheel was a one cylinder one horsepower air cooled engine used only on British made bicycles. This is Briggs & Strattons entrance into the small engine world. The first ones we ever saw was in Pioner Park in Zolfo Springs Florida. From then on "enquiring minds want to know." Here is the story.

The A. O. Smith Company bought the manufacturing rights to the Wall Motor Wheel in 1914. A. O. Smith Company then produced the Smith Motor Wheel for use on American made bicycles and a Cyclecar called the Smith Flyer. The Smith Motor Wheel was a single cylinder air cooled one horsepower engine that sold for \$60.00. The

Smith Flyer sold for \$135.00 and was equipped with the Smith Motor Wheel. The Smith Motor Wheel could easily be attached or fitted alongside the rear wheel of bicycles started then lowered to the ground to go forward. The same procedure was done with the Smith Flyer. Over 60,000 Smith Motor Wheel were sold for use on bicycles and on the Flyer. In 1920, Briggs & Stratton acquired the patents and manufacturing rights of not only the Smith Motor Wheel but the Smith Flyer Cyclecar. Briggs & Stratton then re-designed the Smith Motor Wheel into a one cylinder air cooled engine with two horsepower. They also redesigned the Smith Flyer into the Briggs and Stratton Flyer. Sales of the Briggs and Stratton Motor Wheel also included use on American bicycles.

Another do you know what this is? Keep your answer till the next membership meeting and just maybe the correct answer will get you in front of the lunch line or so.



On the subject of safety

We came upon an incident which could have had a disasterous outcome at this same antique engine show. The ambulance had just pulled up and rendered first aide to a person who just been hit by a four wheeler. A witness to the impact said she flew like an animal who just got hit by a car. The victim was put on a backboard and transported for medical treatment. Later we learned the outcome was good with just minor brusing. Deciding who was at fault would be difficult: Was the vicim in the path of the four wheeler or was the four wheeler in the path of the victim? With today's insurance companies being as fickel as they are we all need to be consious of where we are, whether walking or driving. After witnessing this event I will bring this subject up for discussion.

Below

Pictures from the Florida Flywheelers where John Deere ws featured. It was almost impossiable for an AC guy to get a breath of fresh air.

