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# September 2025

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**PRESIDENTIAL STATE OF THE HILL ADDRESS:**

Late summer is always one of the busiest — and most enjoyable — times of the year for me. The sheer number of tractor shows across the Midwest is incredible, and with so many great ones happening, it is nearly impossible to choose where to go. For the past five weekends, I've been on the road, traveling to different towns and enjoying every bit of it.

This year, I had the privilege of attending:

- Heatwole Threshing Association in Heatwole, MN
- McLeod County Fair in Hutchinson, MN
- Half Century of Progress Show in Rantoul, IL
- White Pine Logging and Threshing Show in McGrath, MN
- Atwater Threshing Days in Atwater, MN

Each of these events had its own unique charm and atmosphere, and all were a lot of fun. Two of them — Heatwole and White Pine — were new experiences for me this year, and I was not disappointed. At Heatwole, I had the opportunity to show my 3hp Associated hit-and-miss engine, which drew plenty of interest and great conversation. At White Pine, things got even more exciting. Since I obtained my MN Historical Boiler's license this July, I was given the chance to operate a Case 75hp steam engine for all four days of the show — and what an awesome experience that was!

Along the way, I've made countless new friends and, of course, done plenty of recruiting for Heritage Hill. It's always rewarding to share what we have going on here and to see the excitement in others when they hear about our club. I expect we'll see quite a few new faces around the Hill in the coming year — let's hope they follow through and join in the fun!

As always, I encourage each of you to spread the word and invite as many people as you can to next year's show. The more hands and smiles we have, the stronger our club will be. And as a friendly reminder,



we've got lawn mowing scheduled for September 13th, and our membership meeting on October 25th at 10:00 AM, with Plow Day to follow — I look forward to seeing many of you there!  
See you all at the Hill.

Best regards, Grant Schmieg, President

## MEETING NOTICES & COMING EVENTS

Mowing: September 13, 2025 at 10:00am  
 Board Meeting: October 5, 2025 at 7:00pm via Zoom  
 Membership Meeting: October 25, 2025 at 10:00am in the Thresher's Kitchen  
 Plow Day: October 25, 2025 following the Membership Meeting  
 Christmas Party: TBD  
 Heritage Days 2026: June 19-20, 2025

\*Important Dates\* – September 26-28, 2025 – Private Event using multiple facilities. Please avoid using the grounds during this reservation.

## TREASURER'S REPORT: August 2025 Elizabeth Peterson, Treasurer

### HERITAGE HILL TREASURER'S REPORT August 2025

#### Financial Statement: August 1, 2025

##### Internal Accounts

\$105,069.08	General Fund
\$4,868.00	Chapel Fund
\$11.95	Farming Fund
\$1,137.60	Insurance Premium Fund
<b>\$111,086.63</b>	

##### Depository Accounts

\$1,228.06	MinnWest Bank - Checking
\$109,858.57	MinnWest Bank - Savings
<b>\$111,086.63</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

#### Operating Statement

**\$111,086.63**      Balance: August 1, 2025

##### RECEIPTS

\$750.00	Donations
	Miscellaneous
\$3,400.60	(FSA)
\$52.37	Interest Paid
<b>\$4,202.97</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

##### DISBURSEMENTS

(\$261.61)	Farming Expenses
(\$354.52)	Fuel Purchases
(\$414.83)	Grounds Maintenance
(\$160.00)	Equipment Repair
(\$234.01)	Office/Postage/Printing
(\$159.00)	Electricity
(\$1,263.00)	Insurance (Crop)
(\$720.67)	Miscellaneous Exp
<b>(\$3,567.64)</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

**\$111,721.96**      Balance: August 31, 2025

## Financial Statement: August 31, 2025

### Internal Accounts

\$106,853.96	General Fund
\$4,868.00	Chapel Fund
\$0.00	Farming Fund
\$0.00	Insurance Premium Fund
<u>\$111,721.96</u>	<b>TOTAL</b>

### Depository Accounts

\$1,811.02	MinnWest Bank - Checking
<u>\$109,910.94</u>	MinnWest Bank - Savings
<b>\$111,721.96</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

Elizabeth Peterson, Treasurer

## MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES: Katelynne Death, Secretary

No minutes.

## DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES: Elizabeth Peterson, Treasurer

Board Members Present: Schmieg, Peterson, Grube, Miller, Fjerkenstad

The meeting was called to order September 7, 2025, at 7:00pm.

The Secretary Report was given by President Schmieg M/S/P by Miller/Peterson

The Treasurer Report was given by Liz Peterson M/S/P by Fjerkenstad/Miller

Agenda:

- **Mowing** – The next mowing date is set for September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025 beginning at 10:00am. If you have a mower or a weed whip and are able to help out in any way possible, please consider helping. The weather is supposed to be beautiful so come enjoy a great Saturday at the Hill!
- **Important Dates** – We have a few things on the schedule:
  - o Mowing – September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025
  - o Private Event – September 26-28<sup>th</sup>, 2025
  - o Membership Meeting and Elections – October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025
  - o Plow Day – October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025
- **Elections** – Elections are soon approaching. These candidates have agreed to have their name placed on the ballot. New candidate biographies are below.
  - o President: Grant Schmieg
  - o Vice President: Joe Schumacher
  - o Secretary: Abby Schmieg
  - o Treasurer: Liz Peterson
  - o Director:
    - AJ Burgi
    - James Lee
    - Becky Miller
    - Marshal Lagred
- **Advertising for 2026** – We are looking for new ideas for advertising for 2026. A mention was made by Elijah Fjerkenstad about running an advertisement at local movies theatres. There were also conversations brought up about live interviews with the local radio stations, writing articles for the local newspaper, and going business to business. We are open to other ideas if anyone has any suggestions.
- **Next Board meeting:** October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 7pm via ZOOM

- **Next membership Meeting:** October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 10am in HH Threshers kitchen.
- **Adjournment:** Motion was made to adjourn the meeting. M/S/P Grube/Peterson

## Upcoming Board Member Election

The annual election of board members will be held in accordance with the Bylaws of Heritage Hill. This process is an important responsibility, as the Board of Directors provides leadership and direction for the continued success of our organization. The election will take place at 10:00 AM on October 25th, 2025, in the Heritage Hill Thresher's Kitchen during the membership meeting.

The following members are running for board positions:

- President: Grant Schmieg
- Vice President: Joe Schumacher
- Treasurer: Liz Peterson
- Secretary: Abby Schmieg
- Directors (3 positions): AJ Burgi, James Lee, Becky Miller, Marshal Lagred

We are pleased to introduce our first-time board candidates. These individuals bring energy, experience, and a genuine passion for Heritage Hill. We encourage all members to get to know them as they step forward to help guide and grow our club.



### AJ Burgi – Candidate for Director

Hello, my name is AJ Burgi. Some of you may know me and some may not, but I am running for Board at Large. Although I've known some of you for many years, I really started coming out and enjoying the Heritage Hill show about six years ago. My family and I became members about three years ago and have been helping out and volunteering wherever we can.

I have been collecting and running engines for about 15 years, and late last year our family bought our first tractor. Every year we look forward to the show and the great events here at the Hill throughout the summer. Seeing the growth the club has made inspires me, and I would love to be part of that future growth. That's one of the biggest reasons I want to serve on the board. Although we may butt heads sometimes, I will always have the club's best interests at heart and will do my best to make sure Heritage Hill continues to grow and preserve this wonderful heritage for many years to come.

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James Lee – Candidate for Director  
My name is James Lee, and I live in Menahga, MN. I have been an avid collector and restorer of antique gas engines for many years, beginning with my 2-horse Fairbanks when I was just 8 years old. I have a passion for preserving the history of early farm machinery and sharing it with others.

Active in MVAFPMA since 2018, I have enjoyed exhibiting my pieces, talking with fellow enthusiasts, and helping newcomers learn more about the hobby. I am running for a position on the Board of Directors to contribute my experience, enthusiasm, and fresh ideas to the organization. I believe in fostering a welcoming environment for exhibitors and visitors alike, ensuring the show continues to thrive while honoring its traditions.



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Abby Schmieg – Candidate for Secretary



Hi! My name is Abby Schmieg, and I've been a proud supporter of Heritage Hill for the past five years. While I didn't grow up attending tractor shows, this place has truly become part of my heart—I even married my soulmate here just last year. Heritage Hill has given me not only wonderful memories but also a passion for preserving and celebrating our agricultural heritage.

I would be honored to serve as Secretary on the Board. I enjoy staying organized and keeping things running smoothly, and my experience with record-keeping, scheduling, and communication has prepared me well for this role. Most of all, I'm committed to giving back to this community that has given me so much and to helping Heritage Hill continue to grow for generations to come.

