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In Memory of Joseph Cook

COOK, Joseph Harrison- 65, of Wantage passed away on June 27, 2012 surrounded by his loving family. Born in Paterson he has lived in Sussex for the past seven years. He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War and was the owner of Tri-State Diesel in Garfield. Joseph won numerous achievement awards for the IGNITOR magazine while serving as Co-Editor. A "Golden Quill" award was presented to him every year from the prestigious Old Cars Weekly automotive journal. Joseph, along with other club board members, was instrumental in decision making on rulings of the club. Joseph would attend the Portland, IN and Hershey, PA annual tractor and car shows with his son Peter. As an avid hobbyist of metal detecting, Joseph had been a member of ECRDA since 1983. In his support of the hobby he was a past Vice-President of ECRDA, a past President of the FMDAC, and a delegate of the World Council for Metal Detecting. Joseph met many detectorists from around the world and cherished each and every one. He will be missed by all. Joseph was an active member of New Jersey Antique Engine and Machine Club. He served as secretary for numerous years, helped to organize many parades, assisted with manning the engine shed at the fairgrounds during the fair week, and many other activities. Joseph's enthusiasm for all things mechanical were unmatched by anyone. Beloved husband of Irene Cook (nee Kalaschnikow) of Sussex. Devoted father of Peter Cook and his wife Melissa of Lake Hiawatha, Amy Cook of Ringwood, and Nina Cook also of Ringwood. Dear brother of the late Trina Avery. The family requests donations be made in Joseph's memory to the American Cancer Society, 30 Mercer Street, Hackensack, NJ 07601, or the New Jersey Antique Engine and Machine Club, P.O Box 2103, Branchville NJ, 07821, or The Spark Plug Collectors of America (c/o Rich Niezabitowski, 9 Heritage Lane, Simsbury, CT, 06070; please designate as donation.



1946 - 2012

Member Profile: JOE COOK

Joe was born in 1946 and was raised in Wayne NJ. After graduating from Wayne High School, he enlisted in the United States Navy, attended Machinist Mates School and joined the fleet as a "Tincan" sailor....for you non-seagoing folks, that's a distinctive breed known as a "destroyerman" and you thought that "swagger" was bad knees. Joe spent most of his 4 year enlistment serving on the USS Fechteler DD870, including three tours in Vietnam providing downed-pilot search and rescue on the China Sea and naval gunfire support for land-based operations. Joe was in charge of the forward engine room...."big" steam engine that is!

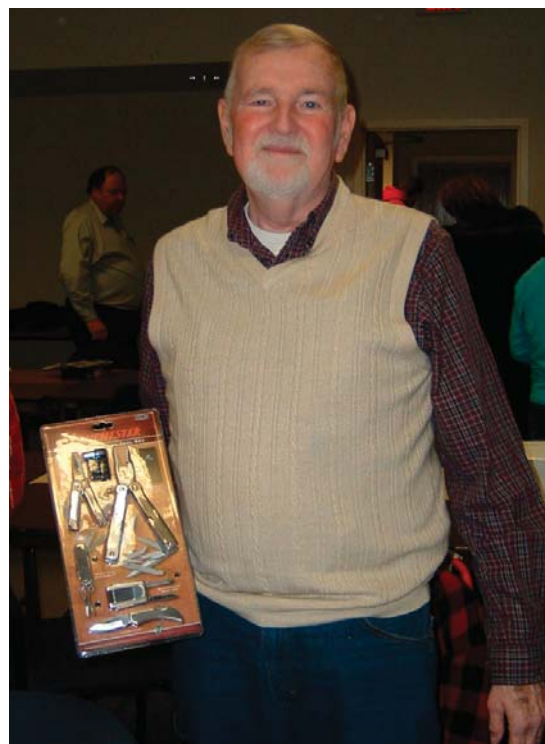
After his discharge, he went to work for CASE Power of Totowa NJ, working his way from shop mechanic, to field service mechanic and eventually to Service Manager. He spent 23 years working for CASE, and then moved on to Cook's Field Service Inc...wholly owned by Joe Cook and providing in-field service of heavy construction equipment. Joe eventually purchased Tri-State Diesel, a diesel injection rebuild shop located in Garfield and Fairview NJ. Then Joe retired.

Joe married Irene in 1976 and they have 3 grown children; Peter, Nina and Amy. Prior to moving to Wantage NJ, four years ago, they lived in West Milford, NJ.

Joe became a member of the North Jersey Antique Engine & Machinery Club in 1998 and was the secretary and editor of our newsletter for 4 years.

Joe also belonged to the SPCOA (Spark Plug Collectors of America), and was the editor of their newsletter the *Ignitor* for 7 ½ years and had been a director for the past 5 years. He also was the former VP and Treasurer of The East Coast Research & Discount Association and belonged to the FMDAC Federation of Metal Detecting & Archeology Club. His hobbies included scuba diving and metal detecting. Where did this guy find the time and we're not done yet! Joe's true love, after Irene and the kids, is old and unusual spark plugs! He originally started his collection with 12 plugs and it has now grown to thousands. Bruce Mitchell built the traveling show cabinets for the plug collection and they have traveled far and wide on display. A group of us spent an evening in his cellar showroom and he lectured on for hours over the idiosyncrasies of the not-so-common pre-1950 spark plug. We have an article on spark plugs (hey, were no dopes we took notes) that appeared in our newsletter. When asked how do you spell fanatic (for this article), Joe answered JOE COOK!

Joe, due to his illness, has sold or has given away many of his collectables however he still owns, a 1948 Ford 8N (award winner at the 2009 MTA Show), a 1954 Massey Harris, 1965 Penn Panzer, an Associated 2 HP Hit & Miss, a Monitor 2 ¼ HP, a gasoline powered EZ Washer and a couple of ancient Maytags. He also has an un-restored 1952 Case DO, orchard tractor that he was getting ready to dig into.







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Letter From the Editors

Looking forward to seeing all of you at the fair!! If you have any articles or any projects you are working on please let us know via email [Tiffany {tredding55@yahoo.com}](mailto:TiffanyRedding55@yahoo.com) OR Christina [Christina {FranciscoChristina17@gmail.com}](mailto:FranciscoChristina17@gmail.com).

Thank you!

Sincerely Your Editors,

Tiffany Redding & Christina Francisco

**THANK YOU! TOM TUNSTEAD
for donating the peddle tractor
to the club for the raffle.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

**NO AUGUST MEETING
See you at the Fair**

NJ STATE FAIR

Friday, Aug. 3rd - Sunday, Aug. 12th

**TRACTOR SHOW
& SWAP MEET**

Saturday, September 8th
at G & H in Newton
Time TBD

MARKETPLACE

WANTED: 14.9 x 24 used tire

CONTACT: Ken Reuter, 973-670-1646

FOR SALE: International Cub Cadet 102; repainted, just needs wire harness. \$400 **CONTACT:** Paul Curcio, 33 Central School Rd., Wantage NJ 07461, 201-835-5924, PaulF350@yahoo.com

WANTED: Backhoes-Compact Tractors-Mini Excavators-Skid Steer Loaders-Cletrac & Oliver Crawlers-Farm Tractors-Small Dozers... in any condition. **"Top \$ Paid"**

CONTACT: Robert Norman, 845-858-8242

FOR SALE: Gravely Model L Walk-Behind with rotary brush cutter. \$200

CONTACT: Dave Betts, 908-303-1994

FOR SALE: Steam bent ash hardwood walking plow handles;
high quality straight grain. \$30 per pair.

CONTACT: Bruce Mitchell, 973-702-1012

FOR SALE: Premier Designs jewelry or host jewelry trunk show. Donations to NJAE&MC from sales.

CONTACT: AnnMarie Adams, 973-946-1726, AnnMarieBAdams@aol.com

FOR SALE: 2 ea. 154 International Harvester Low Boys; one ran 3 yrs ago when shut down, under tarp, has Woods 59 inch belly mower. 2nd tractor running, needs brake work, has rear mount 3 point hitch with hammer type mower attachment. Both with long personal ownership. For sale or trade for older Cub Low Boy with plow and/or attachments, or 8/9N Ford.

CONTACT: Charles Germershausen at cgermershausen@hotmail.com or call cell 1-973-214-5968. Tractors located in Florham Park, NJ.

WANTED: Spare parts for 1917 Fairbank/Morse hit & miss engine. Ford Golden Jubilee steering wheel

CONTACT: Charles Germershausen at cgermershausen@hotmail.com or call cell 1-973-214-5968.

FOR SALE: 2 Goodyear 16.9 x 24 6 ply Industrial Sure Grip Tractor/Backhoe tires. Approx 40% tread. Good condition, great for spares. (These tires are \$800 each when new) Asking \$125 each or willing to trade for decent 11.2 x 28 tractor tires for Ford 2N.

CONTACT: John at 973-919-0369

WANTED: Parts for International M Hit or Miss Engine. Piston, sleeve, etc. needed, all parts considered.

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