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Happy New Year !

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, January 14th at 7:00 PM in the Sussex County Fairgrounds Administration Building. During these cold winter months when we can't be in the engine shed, the club is always looking for people who would like to do some kind of a presentation at a meeting. The presentation can be very informal and on almost any topic, although preferably it should be related to something having to do with the club. For the January meeting, Jim Dunlap has offered to bring a film which he believes will be of interest to club members. **DON'T FORGET TO BRING IT JIM!**

Please remember this winter, if there is snow on the roads, there will be **NO** meeting!

First, I'd like to wish everyone a **HAPPY NEW YEAR** for 2010. I hope that this year brings good health and good friendship to all our club members and their families.

This edition of the Line Shaft, as you might guess, is primarily devoted to the NJAE&MC Christmas Party. This year's party seemed to have had the highest attendance yet based on the room looking thoroughly stuffed. I was thinking we might need to rent Bruce Mitchell's new barn for next year's event. We had 44 attendees last year and I'm not sure what the official number (as if there is an official tally) is for this year but I counted up to about 45 and near went crazy with all the movement around the room. It reminded me of the time I tried to count turkeys in a flock of 30+ birds in the woods out back of my house. As to the party, I figured if I yelled "FREEZE", someone might have a heart attack, thinking it was a robbery. Anyway, that method sure didn't work with the turkeys so I dropped the idea.

On behalf of the club, I would like to thank club members Les & Grace Stevens for supplying and cooking a ham for the party. Due to health issues, Les cannot attend meetings but follows club business at home via the newsletters. Check out the photo of Les and Grace at home and Gail Mitchell carving up the delicious ham. I'd also like to thank Pres. Blace for the turkey and the other ham. I'd also like to thank myself and the other members who slaved over a hot stove in order to supply the other luscious dishes for the party. Just look at the serving table photo; I start salivating every time I see it. Last but certainly not least, thanks to AnnMarie Adams for "volunteering" to coordinate the food donations with all the members. I must admit I was skeptical about this plan but AnnMarie worked double-time to make sure she proved me wrong.

Our club has been experiencing some problems with the postal service's delivery of the newsletters since we went envelope-less, especially, it seems, over the last couple of months. Several members have mentioned that they have missed certain newsletters. I would like to hear from members to get a feel for the extent of the problem, focusing on the last two newsletters, November and December, even if you've already mentioned it to me in passing. Please contact me via e-mail

(below) or phone (leave message if I don't answer) to let me know if you haven't received one or both issues or received them under unusual circumstances (word of mouth has it that a couple of members may have received damaged newsletters in a postal service provided envelope). Of course, for anyone who doesn't receive this newsletter my poll isn't going to work very well!

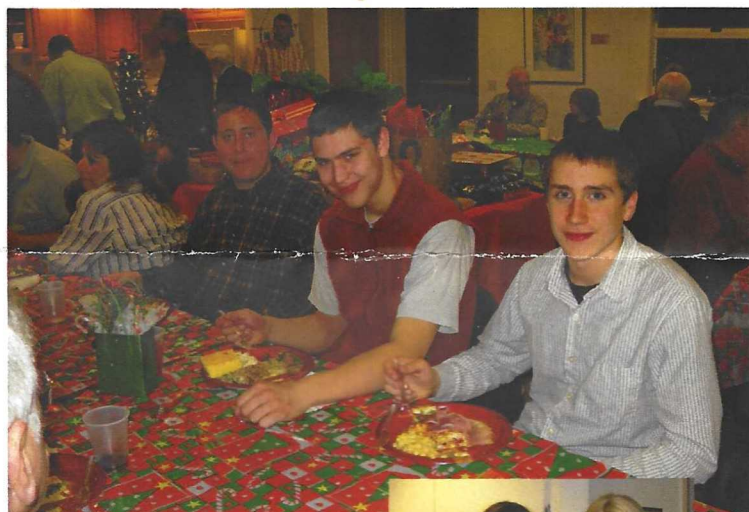
Remember, it is January and membership dues are due again. Let's try to help Treasurer Bruce get his membership roster straightened out early this year by getting payment to him ASAP. I've included a membership form in this newsletter for the payment details but current members need not use the form as long as they get the dues to Bruce and let him know who they are for. Don't forget that new members, having joined during the 2009 Fair and up to the present will not need to pay dues until January, 2011.

As always, we strongly invite more members to submit articles and/or photos for the newsletter regarding restorations, usage, or even descriptions of engines, equipment, or tractors that they own (or don't own). After all, sharing our interests in engines and machines is what our club is all about and the very reason for its existence. Submissions may be sent to your editors at rmagera@nac.net or in hard copy at a meeting. Talk to us at a meeting or by e-mail to discuss your ideas.

NJAE&MC Christmas Party

As usual, this year's NJAE&MC Christmas Party was a great fun event for club members and a wonderful way to say good bye to 2009, enjoying time with lots of friends and enjoying superb food and desserts. Several members noted that there seemed to be a lot of "new faces" there, a testament to the recent growth of our club. We welcomed the latest member, Dustin Krysa, a good friend of my son Kyle's, who had just joined that day at the party. That's him seated between Kyle and Luke in the photos. Dustin is a volunteer fire fighter in Lafayette, an Eagle Scout, and carpentry major at Sussex Tech. and I'm sure he will be a fine addition to the club. Thank you for helping to make Dustin feel at home. We also had the pleasure of the company of our favorite "Queen of the Fair", Kelsey Kistle and her friend Callie Tappan who stopped by to share in the festivities and to brighten up the party. They're two beautiful young ladies and I surely didn't hear any complaints from the guys about their participation in the party, especially Pres. Blace's grandson Blace, who got the chore of sitting at their table and entertaining them. It's a tough job but somebody had to do it! I'll wager that young Blace is happy that I talked him into coming.

The swap option gift exchange was as crazy as usual, with so many swaps that it made my head spin. A 6 inch bench grinder, gift certificates, and Case and M-M calendars were top hits of the day. The calendars threw me; two years ago I intentionally chose what was obviously a calendar so I'd be certain no one would swap me for it. Go figure! Tractor models were still popular and tool sets, as we are an engine and machine club, were always welcome. I don't remember seeing any fighting over tie-downs; maybe they'll be back in fashion next year. The main thing is that there were no fist fights and no one was injured, and except for a few "looks that could kill", everyone survived. Things did get tense though, as is evi-



dent in the photo of Bruce preparing to choose his gift under the watchful eye of Blace. And we call this fun!

Well, enjoy the few photos I've provided, hopefully to remind you of the good time that you had, or if not, at least to show you what you missed and coax you to come next year. And remember, good friends and good food; it doesn't get any better...unless maybe if there was an open bar. God bless!



MEMBERSHIP FORM

Our dues are \$15 per year for a single member or for a family. With your membership you will receive our monthly newsletter, The Line Shaft, and a membership card. For members who had joined and paid their yearly dues at the Fair this past August, they get a few free months and their next membership payment will be due in January, 2011. Please fill out the form below and bring it to the next meeting or mail it with your dues to Bruce Mitchell, 171 Mt. Salem Rd., Sussex, NJ 07461. We look forward to your continued membership. If you know someone who would like to become a member, please provide them with a copy of this form. Thank you.

Please print clearly

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: North Jersey Antique Engine & Machine Club

LOCAL EVENTS & SHOWS

BLUE MT. ANTIQUE GAS & STEAM ENGINE ASSOCIATION

Jacktown Grove, Bangor, PA

January 17 2009 ANNUAL SNOW SHOW

(8 am - 4 pm snow or shine) Free admission and parking.
For more information 610-588-6900 www.jacktown.com

FLORIDA FLYWHEELERS ANTIQUE ENGINE CLUB

7000 Avon Park, Cutoff Rd., Ft. Meade, FL 33841

Tel 863-285-9121, www.floridaflywheelers.org

January 13-16 23rd

ANNUAL ANTIQUE ENGINE & TRACTOR "SWAP MEET"

February 24-27 18th

ANNUAL ANTIQUE ENGINE & TRACTOR SHOW

MILITARY TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION

9TH ANNUAL SPRING SWAP MEET

& MILITARY VEHICLE SHOW

April 17 & 18, 2010

www.mtaofnj.org

Sussex County Fairgrounds, Augusta, NJ

MARKETPLACE

WANTED: 2 bottom trailer plows and 3 point hitch 2 bottom plows. More plows are needed to enable NJAE&MC members, who don't own one, to participate in the spring and fall Plow Days. If you have one or know of one collecting rust in the back 40 or in a fence row, please let us know.

CONTACT: Jeff Brooks, 973-383-3370/Bob Eckes, 201-874-6773

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: Schramm Air Compressor, Trailer Type, V-4, runs on 2 cylinders, 6 volt. Looks like late 40's early 50's vintage. Asking \$250.00.

CONTACT: Jim Dunlap, 973-764-2622

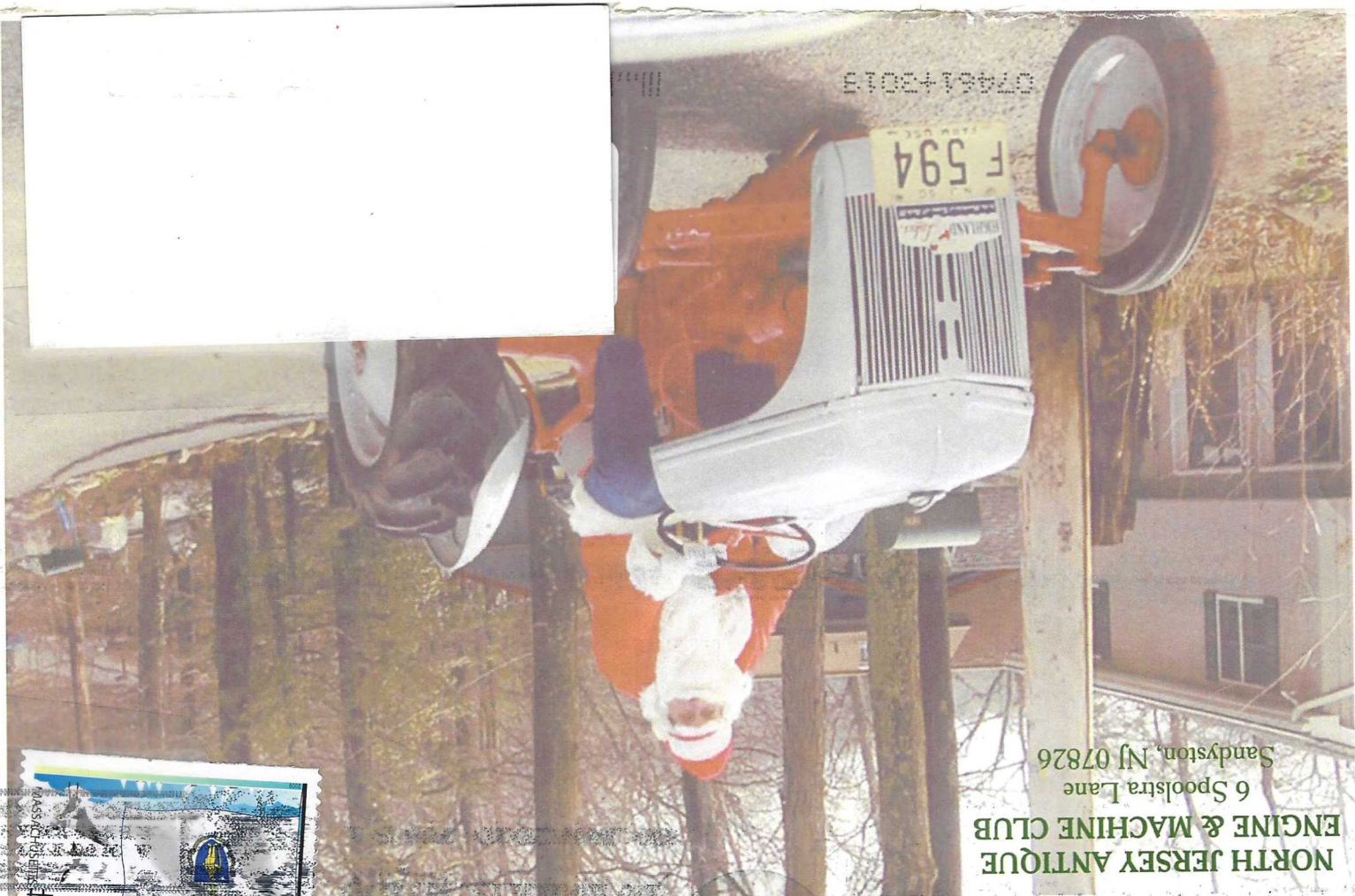
FOR SALE: 1950 Ford F-7 Truck, Flathead V-8 (Lincoln motor), 5 speed trans, single speed rear axle, has a fifth wheel and class III hitch. Great truck for hauling antique equipment. Asking \$8,900.00 (Trades Considered)

CONTACT: Jim Dunlap, 973-764-2622

WANTED: Old, odd or unusual spark plugs wanted by collector. Will buy or trade. **CONTACT:** Joe Cook, 66 Central School Road, Wantage, NJ 07461

Phone: 973-973-875-9733 E-Mail: joe.ignitor@gmail.com

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