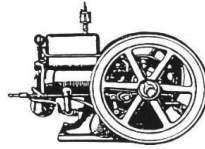


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## 2024 Newsletter Deadlines:

March 1, May 31 and September 30

Please submit all articles in writing or email by the deadlines listed above.

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## From the President's Desk

**SHOW DATES: June 29, 30, July 1st**



Congratulations N.A.P.A. founders, members, volunteers, friends, family, neighbours and donors on reaching 52 years of preserving our agricultural heritage. What a remarkable accomplishment and it is all as a result of the passions, hard work, and commitments of each of you. A special thank you for placing your trust in me as we continue to honour the journey we have made thus far and the efforts and achievements we have yet to fulfill. This year, 2024, marks an incredible milestone and we are aiming to make this year's show and display one of the greatest yet. The only way this is possible is by working together and continuing to be a powerful, positive voice in our community. If you have not been part of this outstanding group yet, this is the year to get involved. There is a place and opportunity for everyone and we invite everyone to join us. Maybe you're a new member looking for a place to share your passion, or possibly a long time member who continues to guide a team as a committee chair, or you may be a busy person who hasn't found the time to come out regularly, but you hope to change that this year. You might also be a person who has volunteered in the past and you're thinking this is the year I'd like to become a member. Regardless, we are thrilled to work with each of you as we make year 52 exceptional. My most sincere thanks to Roger Robert for his many years of service and leadership. We would not be where we are today if not for his energy and commitment to N.A.P.A. - thanks Roger! Sincerely, *Derek Fretz*, President.

## Show Co-Chair Report

Hello everyone, another year is upon us. This year's feature is Case and we would like you to invite anyone you know that has Case to come out to display what they have. We would like to invite everyone else to come out to display anything they have. Hopefully we will see lots of volunteers coming out to the work parties before and after the show since there is a lot to do this year. Thank you, *Roger Robert*.

## N.A.P.A. Souvenir Shop



Exciting news from the Souvenir Shop! Get ready to refresh your wardrobe with our latest feature T-shirt. This year's feature shirt displays a Case tractor that was part of last year's show. Our production team is working hard to get the shirts ready for purchase before the show. We also have some other items being prepared. For those interested in purchasing items in advance or placing an order for a N.A.P.A. crest sweatshirt, please contact Lindsey at 905-359-5792. Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to a great year at our show.

Just a kind reminder to Renew Your "2024" Memberships

2024 Memberships were due on December 31st. If you have not renewed yet, you are not in good standing. RENEW NOW!

As this is my first report as Membership Chair I would like to start off by thanking Jean for all her hard work and dedication of being Membership Chair for the past 20+ years! Thank you for EVERYTHING you have done for the club and as you continue to help me transition into this position, many, many thanks!

While I have been a longtime member and come from a family that has been involved for decades in this phenomenal club, I will now have the opportunity to put A LOT more "names to faces" taking on this role. So don't be shy, stop by and say Hi ~ I will be at the monthly meetings and at the show!

Looking forward to meeting and helping everyone with their memberships. Some reminders:

- If you are sending a Cheque or Money Order to renew your membership please make it payable to: "NIAGARA ANTIQUE POWER ASSOCIATION"
Also please include a self-addressed stamped envelope and mail to: Brianne Visser 3499 Zavitz Rd Stevensville, ON L0S 1S0
If you wish to make a Cash Payment or to check your membership status contact Brianne at: 289-308-6454

2024 MEMBERSHIP FEES : Single: \$15.00 Couples: \$25.00 Students ( 13-17 yrs ) \$5.00 Children under 13 yrs are FREE!

\*\* Applications for New Members \*\* can be picked up at the Monthly General Meetings OR at our Annual Show. See Bri at the Membership Booth in the Headquarters Office!

Kind Regards, Brianne Visser, Membership Chair



April Dinner Meeting \* PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE!



What? Where? When? Who? How much?

SPRING DINNER MEETING - Monday, April 11, 2024 6:00pm \$25.00/person
CRYSTAL RIDGE COMMUNITY CENTRE - 99 Ridge Road, Crystal Beach, ON
TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM - Barbara Mittlestead 905-835-8902 for tickets & details.



ROAST BEEF, MASHED POTATOES, GRAVY, CORN, SALAD, ROLLS, DESSERT (PIE), COFFEE, TEA

VOLUNTEERS, VOLUNTEERS, VOLUNTEERS



CASE, CASE, CASE... Just in case you have any Case tractors or equipment we need you! Still looking for: Case Show Feature Chairperson, Club Secretary, someone to assist our Treasurer and eventually take on the main role, more Kid's Corner helpers (2-3).

A Special Thank You to the grounds keepers who maintain the buildings and make our property look like a beautiful park - and we're always looking for new team members!

We are in the process of applying for a Trillium Government Grant that would help cover the costs of:

- Replacing timbers on the Henry Log Home
Upgrades to the ailing soundsystem
Repairs to the aging electrical services on the grounds.

If you are able to help as a labourer for any of these projects we would be grateful.



## “TEAMWORK” by Linda Ursacki

On August 14th, 2023 at 8:43am the “Old Ford” tractor with the bright yellow forks was loaded on a trailer and prepped to leave for Dain City to remove three mini gazebos from their canal side home. The gazebos had served as bird nesting structures to keep mosquitoes away from the rowers who use the canal for practices and competitions. Now these structures were about to get a new home with a much different purpose.

Once the “Old Ford” arrived, six men, three trucks, and three trailers were about to dismantle, load, and transport these mini gazebos to our Niagara Antique Power Association show grounds. Then, there was me, sitting and taking pictures to document the work and all the team work, as well as collect the nuts and bolts so they could be reassembled. By 10:10am the work commenced and the dismantling of the gazebo shelters began.



Here’s how the work unfolded - once the nuts and bolts were removed to make the roof removal possible, the “Old Ford” moved in and lifted the roof from the legs. But wait, the legs had to be put on the trailer first to support the roof structure. Out came the chainsaw - watch out for those toes, I thought! The legs were cut off as close to the ground as possible and you could hardly tell that there had ever been any such structure there at all.

As one gazebo was loaded on one of the trailers, another was being prepped to be removed. The second and third trailers were ready for their cargo and by 12:07pm the last of the shelters was loaded and tied down, and shortly thereafter headed towards Sherkston. It only took 2 hours to do all that work - now that’s what I call “Teamwork!” Around 1:07pm, our N.A.P.A. show grounds received their first of the gazebos and they were as efficiently removed from the



trailers and placed on the driveway for the winter. In springtime, they will be reassembled and placed in the new home of the Trading Post for Antique Dealers - a new component for 2024.



Thank you to the guys for all your teamwork. Now we need Spring to hurry up and arrive so we can get the structures reassembled for our show on June 29, 30 and July 1st, 2024.

**See you there!** Linda Ursacki, Director

*Thanks so much for documenting this big day Linda.*

What kinds of things do farmers talk about when they are milking cows?

*Udder nonsense!*

Did you hear about the magic tractor?

*It turned into a field!*



Where do horses go when they're sick?

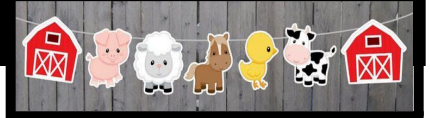
*To the horsepital!*



Which farm animal keeps the best time?

*A watch dog!*

## Kid's Corner



Our Kid's Corner show activities are back again - pedal tractor pulls, dig away at the sawdust & shavings, teeter totter, fun fishing pool, and everyone's favourite kiddy cars. This year we have another opportunity for kids with a scavenger hunt on the show grounds, a kids activities booklet with things like word scrambles, word searches, fun facts, and a colouring contest. The winner will receive a youth size t-shirt. You won't want to miss this year's kids fun! *Contest for kids ages 0-12.* Please see Jason Shoup if you are able to help - we still need 2-3 additional helpers for our show weekend.

## Important Reminders

- If you are a **Committee Chair** I need information from you to complete our show brochure and poster to ensure accuracy with all events and exciting show components.
- A special **Thank You to Harold Minor**, our Vice President, who is coordinating and refurbishing 2 of our portable show signs this spring - see Harold if you'd like to help.
- **TRUCK & TRACTOR PULLS ARE BACK** this year on Saturday! Tractor "skill games" and a "slow race" will be held on Sunday and/or Monday weather permitting. If you wish to help, pull, or compete contact Matt Brenner at 905-658-7758 for more details.
- **NEW** this year will be **Vintage Class Race Cars** courtesy of Humberstone Speedway and some highly collectible VW's from one of our local clubs.
- As spring approaches, be ready for a "**Work Party**" call. We have much to do before showtime.
- **WANTED:** Tonka trucks & equipment, Fisher-Price play sets, etc. for the Kid's Corner activities.
- Still looking for barn beams, boards, planks, etc. to maintain our grounds and buildings - see Derek.



## Sunshine Committee ☀️



Please let us know if you or someone in our "N.A.P.A. family" is celebrating a special milestone (birthday, anniversary, etc.) or if we have missed the loss of one of our members, volunteers, or affiliates.



## Trading Post & Granny's Antique Attic



Our Millpond Trading Post is getting a new home and Coordinators this year. Welcome aboard Lauren Fretz & Nick Fitzgerald! We have also added 3 structures to the plans which will be housing juried Antique Dealers in this new component of our show - "**Granny's Antique Attic.**" Please see either Lauren, Nick or Derek for details.



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