



NEWSLETTER EDITOR: BARBARA MITTLESTEAD **WINTER: NOVEMBER 15, 2022**

2023 Newsletter Deadlines are February 29, May 31 and October 31
IN WRITING ONLY PLEASE!

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Hello everyone, I hope everyone had a great summer & stayed healthy. This year's show was a great success thanks to everyone. Thanks to Matt Brenner for arranging the tractor pulls it was a great addition to the show. In regards to next year's show we are featuring Allis Chalmers if you know someone that has one, please invite them. Thanks to Dale Winger, Len McLaren & Brian Minor for cutting the grass. Also, thanks to all the members that came out to clean up the ground & buildings and all the help before and after the show. We will need lots of helpers next year because the log cabin needs a lot of repairs. At this time, I would like to encourage all members to try to recruit new members young & old to make our N.A.P.A. family grow. If there is anyone who can help us apply for grants or large corporate donations, please let us know as we need all the help we can get. I would like to wish all our Members & Their Family's Merry Christmas, Happy New Year & Good Health from my Family & myself. Till we meet again Stay Safe.

ROGER ROBERT PRESIDENT



Elections were held at the General Meeting on October 11th. Results: Officers for 1 year are President Not Filled, Vice President Derek Fretz, Secretary Barbara Mittlestead, Treasurer Mary Geyer, and assistant Colleen Winger. Directors voted in for 2 years are Ed Geyer and Linda Ursacki. 3-year Directors Ron Baer, Diane Holmwood and Al Ursacki. A full New Board had to be voted in because of 2 years of no Elections because of Covid 19



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

How to check your "MEMBERSHIP STATUS" or "RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP":

1. To check your **STATUS** or make a **PAYMENT**, you may contact me at 905-892-8357
2. I am also available once again at our general meetings, and during our show
3. Send **CHEQUE** or **MONEY ORDER** payable to: **NIAGARA ANTIQUE POWER ASSOCIATION**
4. **Please include a self- addressed stamped envelope**
5. **Mail to:** Jean Robert, 755 Church St, Box 98, Fenwick, ON L0S 1C0

MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE: SINGLE \$15.00, COUPLES \$25.00, STUDENTS (13-17YRS) \$5.00, CHILDREN UNDER 13 ARE FREE.

I "**ENCOURAGE**" all our members to "**RENEW**" their **MEMBERSHIP** on or **BEFORE DECEMBER 31ST**. **REMEMBER** in order to remain a "**MEMBER**" in "**GOOD STANDING**" you are "**REQUIRE** to **KEEP YOUR MEMBERSHIP** up to **DATE.**" Your **MEMBERSHIP FEES** are used, to help with the cost of "**MEMBERSHIP PACKAGES, PLAQUES, EXHIBTOR RIBBONS** and your **NEWSLETTER.**"

I hope that you have a **SAFE** and **HEALTHY FALL AND WINTER.**

"MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR"

JEAN ROBERT MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON



N.A.P.A. has been invited to participate in the Port Colborne Santa Claus Parade on December 3rd at 6:30. Emily Brenner volunteered to be Chairperson and organize it. Contact Emily: E-Mail stonessoupemily@gmail.com

CUT AND PLACE THIS SCHEDULE WHERE YOU CAN REFER TO IT THROUGH 2023

2023 MEETING SCHEDULE

MONTH	EXECUTIVE	GENERAL
JANUARY	4	10
FEBRUARY	8	14
MARCH	8	14
APRIL	5	11(SPRING DINNER)
MAY	3	9
JUNE	7	13
JULY	5	11
AUGUST	NONE	NONE
SEPTEMBER	6	12
OCTOBER	4	10
NOVEMBER	8	14
DECEMBER	6	12 (CHRISTMAS SOCIAL)

Both meetings are held at Bethel United Church 1742 Concession Road 3, Port Colborne. Executive Meetings are the Wednesday after the First Tuesday of the month; at 7:30 PM. General Meetings are the Tuesday after the Executive Meeting at 7:30 PM. Except: in April we have a Spring Social and in December we have a Christmas Social, Place to be announced. There are No Meetings in August

Roger Robert is not going to be President because of his health so we need someone to step up and take the position of President. Roger gave 100% for the 8 years he was President. If you are willing to accept the position let any Executive know before the next General Meeting in December. There are 5 Executives, 4 Officers and many long-time members that are willing to help you fulfill the office of President. Please step forward and help N.A.P.A., to continue sharing Rural Farming Heritage in the Niagara Area.

WANTED:

Roger Robert is looking for local milk bottles and advertisements, and anything else related to local milk products.

Information:

Our 2022 Show was very successful. Checking back to the 2004 show, this year had the best gate take in all these years. The Southern Ontario Truck and Tractor Pull was New to our show but was enjoyed by many. The Special Feature of Then and Now had a display of Then & Now Tractors and Then & Now Trucks.

Barbara Mittlestead arranged the Entertainment for this year.

The entertainment had 3 Award Winners this year.

- 1) Walter Ostanek a 3-time Grammy Recipient Known as Canada's Polka King.**
- 2) Big John T-Bone Little referred to as Canada's King of Music and The Guy from Niagara and he has been inducted into the New Brunswick Country Music Hall of Fame for 2022.**
- 3) The Torchmen Quartet are Grammy nominees, Canadian Gospel Music Association award winners, and have sung on stage all over North America from Newfoundland to British Columbia and many parts of the United States for over 50 years.**
- 4) John Leonard's Military Band Organ that has received many Awards and was in the movie "The Natural" starring Robert Redford.**
- 5) Other Local Entertainers were Tim Hebert and Boderline, Niagara Ole Tyme Fiddlers and Then & Now Mike and Joan Burnett.**

We had a Steam Traction Engine running the Sawmill and one running a Thrasher. With Dan Roscoe retiring running the sawmill, we will need volunteers to step up and run the Sawmill. The Horse Pulls and Lawn Tractor Pulls were cancelled. The Blacksmith Shop was running and teaching the craft by Al Ursacki. The Kiddy Korner ran all 3 days with Jason Shoup and one or two people helping. We need more volunteers so all the Kiddy Games can Run.

The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne Grant was applied for by Barbara Mittlestead on June 24th. This was given to Barbara during the Show which gave her days to write up and get copies to the city for June 30th. Thinking we probably would not get the Grant she was pleasantly surprised when she got a phone call informing us that we received \$3000.00 (all that we asked for). Barbara Mittlestead had the Memorial Building up to date. Jean Robert and Committee ran Membership & Registration all 3 days. The Henry Log Cabin ran by Diane Holmwood and Linda Ursacki. The Theme was Homestead. The Arts & Craft Building was set up by Barbara Dobmeier. The Model Building was organized by Don Cole. The Souvenir Shop organized and run by Lynn Raymond and her committee. Muranda Bidoski and Annette Bidoski and committee ran the Ice Cream Shop. Vicki McCauley and committee ran the Bake/Pie Shop. Barbara Mittlestead set up the Food Court. Derek Fretz and Bradley Fretz and committee ran the Mill Pond Trading Post. The Flea

Market was run by Francis Topp. The Loonie Store was run by Len McLaren, Mary Geyer and N.A.P.A. Ladies. Ken Angle ran Camping. The Official National Canadian Horse and Newfoundland Ponies were not at the show because the National Canadian Horse was giving birth and Rose Cook had to be at the birth. Sky Hunters previously Birds of Prey were there with a great display by Dave Gibson. Ron Baer oversaw the Engine Rows. On Sunday there was a Church Service lead by Debbie Grimes Lay Minister. The Torchmen Quartet joined the service and added some Great Gospel Music. We had some displays but need more that will interest Kids, Youth, Middle Aged and Seniors to attend the Show.

2023 Annual Heritage Display

Our annual show will be on July 1st 2nd and 3rd. The Special Feature will be Allis Chalmers. Matt Atkins will be Chairperson of the special feature. Contact him to inform him if you have any Allis Chalmers or if you know someone who does. With Matt inviting Allis Chalmers owners we can have an awesome display. Let us make 2023 show the best show in its 51st year. Before we can accomplish that we need to get the grounds and building ready for visitors. The grounds group Len McLaren, Brian Minor and Dale Winger kept the grounds in pristine shape but will need help this year. The log Cabin needs a lot of work. The old chinking needs to be removed and we need to make sure there is no rot. Then it must be sanded and then apply the chinking and stain. Anyone knowing someone who knows how to chink the logs please let an executive know so we can find out how much it will cost to fix the logs. The Log Cabin needs a lot of work done to make it safe for members and visitors. Each year the Log Cabin is used for different themes that will interest visitors. This year will be Christmas in July. We are looking for chair people to help a committees do different things that needs to be done. Annette and Muranda Bidoski have volunteered to do the Ice Cream Shop and manage the food court which includes the Pie/Bake Shop and all the food vendors. We need someone to take over the Entry Gate. We also need a chairperson to find volunteers to Park the vehicles and contact the Cadets for volunteers. The Sawmill needs someone to replace Dan Roscoe and get volunteers to help run the Sawmill safely. We need a Chair person who can get Antique Tractors and Antique Car owners to attend the show. We need all members looking for new displays that will interest people in the community to attend the show.



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TO ALL N.A.P.A.
MEMBERS**



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