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2020 Edition

# Hope Agricultural Heritage Club 2020 Christmas Wrap-Up Dear Members and Friends,

First of all, I must say that I missed seeing all of you at our functions, whether it was our open house, machinery show, BBQ, fall fairs or Club meetings. There's nothing like a good joke and a good laugh while talking old tractors!

► Tost of you know that we cancelled our 2020 tractor draw at the last minute because of the coronavirus and what was happening in our country and the world. We would have not been able to sell enough tickets to recoup the tractor costs without going to shows and fairs. Our major fundraiser along with our annual BBQ was gone 😕



Not too many days go by that someone calls me with something to donate to the club or wants to discuss the value of some equipment and what to do with it. In this newsletter are some pics of items donated this year such as the Farmall 140 [Mauri Simpson], blacksmith forge and tools [Murray King], and a carpenter's toolbox [Armstrong Family] are just a few. A few must see items the next time the Antique Machinery Centre opens.

At many of our meetings, I have mentioned that the Antique Machinery Centre has two horse drawn plows made in Port Hope on Cavan St. They were made by the Thomas Hayden and Son, Iron Founders and Dealers in Coal and Wood. I was surprised when the great-great-grandson [Jim Hayden] of Thomas Hayden called me. He was looking for information on the history of the company and foundry, but I could not give him much info. He mentioned that they made 4 different plows and were lettered, some had the letter N. Thomas Hayden and Son were in business from 1855-[circa]1933. He plans on coming to Port Hope and wants a tour of the Antique Machinery Centre. I have his phone number, so if anyone has some information of the Hayden company, or where the original factory building location was on Cavan Street, please let me know.

**I** wish everyone Seasons Greetings and A Happy New Year. May we get over this virus and get back to normal with our friends and tractors. My New Year's Resolution is for us to be able to meet at the shows and functions again in 2021!

We have our 2021 Membership Cards available and beg you to send in your membership dues so your Club can pay its insurance and continue in 2021. Barry will record the memberships as they are returned and when we meet again in the future, you will receive your card.

Like to talk and discuss what's happening in the HAHCub or at the AMC? Give me a call 905-753-2387

We will be sending all members the newsletter [95% via e-mail} and will be printing some as well. If anyone, or other clubs would like copies please let me know. Thanks to Jon Beavan for putting this

newsletter together again this year. For any comments, suggestions or if would like to thank Jon for his great newsletters over the years contact <a href="mailto:Jon.Beavan@aecom.com">Jon.Beavan@aecom.com</a> Thanks, Jon.

Hoping to see you in 2021, President, Earl Ashby





### **Report From The Bare**

2020 started off like a normal year. It was cold and snowy at the AMC, but the worker bees still came out and made things happen. Meanwhile Th'Bare was presenting to the Port Hope Council about creating a Canton Heritage Park. This was an effort to gain more space, more support from the town, and a bigger area for the Club to use and grow into. The presentation was well received, the actions harder to do with problems around the gravel site and the rules for use around the pit. This process is still going on, and we haven't given up.



We have been given more space and we are getting support from the Council. Yes, we actually received our first grant from the council of \$5,000 to work on projects in the Canton Heritage Park.

Meanwhile in the AMC we were working on a John Deere Subsoiler. It was cleaned up, painted with a stand and rack made for it so that it could be placed outside the Canton Hub as a showpiece. Then came a new hit and miss engine. Even though it was going to be made into a stationary display, we had to make it work. And yes, we did make the old engine purr. It now works away, smoking with the putt-putt-miss noise of the authentic hit and miss engine. It was beautiful to watch and listen to it. Sadly, now we had to drain the oils and liquids, shine it up to get ready to paint. Now finished, it will also be displayed inside the Canton Hub on a stand so people can't fall over it.

Earl and worker members moved on the engine of a big irrigation pump. The big pump project was started in the summer with them trying to get pistons, rings, gaskets, and all other needed parts which are very hard to find.

Then came Covid-19, so we were shut down until September. Just an aside, can you imagine the executive members of the HAH Club trying to have a Zoom meeting. This was a laugh! We did make it "kind of work" and we did enjoy seeing each other and talking a little bit about the future. Remember this is a Club that half the members do not even have email.

September came and we decided that Earl and I were in the same bubble and we were going to go to the AMC. We invited anybody who wanted to join us. Bam, the door opened, and eight members showed up with coveralls on, ready to go to work. It was wonderful to have life back in the AMC. During the shutdown, the parts had arrived for the pump, so Doug and the others were putting in new pistons and rings and bringing this big old girl along by leaps and bounds. The hit and miss engine started in March was now painted and put on its stand.

While no one was together, Earl came up with a dream, of the Club having and relocating our own antique barn. Barns from the 1900s are disappearing quickly if they're not looked after. We had a line on getting a barn and moving it on to our property or somewhere close by. So, this dream is in the

background, as we try and find support and money. Stay tuned as we keep dreaming of this very expensive acquisition.

In October we started to rebuild an antique scale. Cleaning all the pieces, rebuilding the wood and getting it ready for show. This piece is still in the works.

So, from the comments above you can see the Club is still working along and adding more pieces. One of the last pieces that came in is a toolbox that doesn't look like much on the outside but inside it's amazing with tools and compartments. This was used in the Port Hope Crane factory, where they made toilets, etc.

**I** know Earl has said this, but I have to repeat his message, please send in your membership money so we can keep the Club functioning. It takes 60 paid up members to pay our insurance alone. So, please send now.

### The Light goes on!!

One of my projects over the last few years was to get more lights and proper lighting into our building. A year ago, we got the lights into the high bay which vastly improved our ability to work and display everything in that area. Well this month, we started to work on lights in the lower area of the AMC. Art Marvin took on the leadership role to build the sub assembly units of 12-foot 2x4s with the light base mounted on them. This was a big job with over 36 lights in total.

On Remembrance Day a gang showed up to install our new LED lights. We hired an electrician and his son to come and help us install these lights. Our members worked alongside them and made the process work. At the end of the day we threw the switch, and that area lit up and showed items we have not seen in years. I really can't wait for you to visit us, during an open house, and see all the beautiful antiques that we have under this new lighting system. Did you know there are tools on the wall? I really can't say enough about the men that came and worked their buns off all day, up and down ladders to make this lighting system work. BIG THANKS, Earl, Brent Adamson, Art Marvin, Steve Lake, Greg St. Amand and Brian Beatson.

We did this on Remembrance Day during this horrible Covid time, but our members did stop at 11:00 and had a moment of silence. Then we talked about loved ones that were lost during the war. We did remember. Also, the hired electricians gave a \$150 donation back to the Club, which is appreciated very much.

Now for the sad news: Santa has sent his regrets that he will be unable to attend a Christmas party due to Covid. So, with heavy heart we have canceled our Christmas get together. We are very optimistic that we will be able to have our Open House in June. We really hope that Covid numbers will be down and we can have controls in place for this event. Probably not the barbecue, but at least our open-air museum where people can walk around and see our wonderful antiques. We are looking forward to seeing you then. Have a SAFE Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

The Bare



#### **2020 Events:**

Well, as you know this year hasn't been like every other year where the club and its members are able to participate in many events, gaining an opportunity for public exposure and to sell draw tickets, fundraise and try to gain new members. But there are a few things to mention and provide some bright spots to the year.

#### **Tractor Parade of Support for Frontline Workers**

Paul Burnham extended an invitation to the club, looking for participation in a special parade being organized by the Northumberland Federation of Agriculture (NFA) to honour our frontline healthcare workers. They were looking for enclosed tractors or farm trucks so that everyone was "inside" and even though Paul knew that most of our fleet of old girls are not covered, the local agricultural community hoped to convey a message of support for ALL front-line heroes, which needed to be expressed. It was also way of sharing the message to Ontarians of our continued commitment to feed our communities and the world in this incredible time of need. Members of the public were asked not to come outside to see the parade and participants were to remain inside their machines.

The parade was organized for April 18<sup>th</sup> with participants to gather at 1pm at the corner of County Road 18 (Burnham Street) and Telephone Road with support from The Town of Cobourg and the Cobourg Police Department. On the day, a parade of pickup trucks, other vehicles and more than 50 tractors representing the NFA turned out to honour local front-line health-care workers. Bruce Buttar, the director of both the NFA and the Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA), spearheaded the parade and says he "thought it was perfect and we had great



support from local farmers". He continued by saying "It was enough to show our support and let the front-line workers know that we're thinking about them and supporting them."

The Parade first drove by the Northumberland Hills Hospital, with staff gathered outside to wave and cheer, before proceeding south along Strathy Road and east on Highway 2 to the Golden Plough Lodge long-term care home. The residents were really thrilled and pleased to see the procession go by.

For a video and more photos, visit <a href="https://www.cobourgblog.com/news-2020/farmers-honour-healthcare-workers">https://www.cobourgblog.com/news-2020/farmers-honour-healthcare-workers</a>

#### **HAH at the Santa Clause Parade**

The Club received a unique opportunity to be involved in this years' Port Hope Santa Clause Parade, the 84<sup>th</sup> Annual. As you can imagine, like everything else this year the parade was a little different. It was held on November 28<sup>th</sup> and unlike in the past, it was the spectators who drove by a stationary parade, which was parked along the LTWMF Access Road in Port Hope between 12:00 and 2:00pm. The spectators in their cars could not stop nor were people allowed to walk the parade, all due to the now familiar COVID concerns.





Invited to put some tractors/things along the parade, members wishing to participate were asked to shine up their "tractor" and to make them fun for the kids to look at. You didn't have to stay with the vehicle, just deliver it before the start and return when over to take home. With this drive-by format, spectators could enjoy music, a colourful display of community floats and live music from the safety of their own vehicles.

It was a great day for the parade. The community came together and with 30 parade entries to enjoy the 555

spectator vehicles showed faces with non-stop smiles. At the start, postal carriers were collecting letters for Santa and there was also an area for people to donate money or non-perishable food items. Members of the Port Hope Fire Department kicked off the parade with a number of their fire apparatus and a long fishing net for anyone who wished to donate toys. There were bands, floats, dancers, clowns, tractors and of course, Santa was waiting at the end of the parade to greet one and all.

For all of the members who took part, a big thank you!







### Club Meetings, 2020:

It may be difficult to remember now, but the club was able to hold one General Meeting in 2020 before the announcement on March 17 that there would be no April meeting, and in fact no more until further notice. This one lone meeting was on February 10<sup>th</sup> and was announced as an Annual Meeting and Show n Tell. The members were asked to dig out our grandfather's treasure that we had been entrusted with and to bring it out and tell us it's story and share some of our own history. Jokes about Moses aside, it was a fun evening indeed!

The guest speaker for the night was Kevin Stewart, Supervisor of Sales and Operation at Dufferin Concrete, which has locations all over Ontario including Bowmanville and Peterborough. He spoke on "Everything you need to know about concrete". There was a lot to cover, with different mixes for different jobs, how temperature and moisture affect the product and more. I'm sure we all learned something new.

#### **2021 Future Meetings**

Hopefully the club will be able to once again hold general meetings in the coming year with some interesting speakers and/or topics. If anyone has suggestions of a good speaker please let Barry or Earl know. Details of our first meeting of 2021 will be announced once we are able to gather as friends again at the Canton Community Centre. So stay tuned and stay in touch!



#### 2020 Donations, Acquisitions and Restorations:

Even with the year that was our collection continued to grow through generous donations. There is always something new to see or something you didn't notice on a previous visit to the AMC and once we are able to return this will again be evident. Another way that the HAHC grow is when one of our members finds an interesting piece that they think would be a good fit at the AMC. Here are some of the new articles that were added over the past year.

#### **McCormick Farmall Model 140**

Maurice Simpson of Port Hope made the generous donation of a 1961 McCormick Farmall Model 140. Sporting 21 PTO Horsepower this tractor has the serial number 13572 and makes a fine addition to the AMC.





According to Earl it is an excellent running and looking tractor after Maurice had spent several years cleaning and painting it. The club would like to thank him for his thoughtful donation of this beautiful tractor to the AMC for future generations to see and enjoy.

### **Massey Harris 101 Junior Twin Power**

The Marvin family have been farming in Hope Township for well over 100 years. Lloyd Marvin and Marian Earl were married in 1940 and began to take over farming on the family homestead. Marian quit her teaching job to help out on the farm and a few years later, for a few hundred dollars, they purchased their first tractor........... a secondhand MASSEY-HARRIS 101 JUNIOR TWIN POWER.

The "Massey" was employed alongside teams of heavy horses for many years until the horses were retired in the early 1960's. Over time all of the



horse drawn equipment on the farm was modified to be pulled by the Massey. Even on the steep hills of "Marvindale" that little tractor was safe and reliable. At an early age all the Marvin children learned to drive on the old Massey.



After Lloyd's death in 1998 the 101 JUNIOR was parked in the barn and sat for 20 years. During that time Art passed on a couple opportunities to sell it. "It was the first tractor on the farm, and I couldn't part with her".



In 2018 Art began to clean up the old girl and it wasn't long before he realized that the job of restoration was bigger than he could handle. That was when Donna and Art decided to offer the tractor to the Hope Agricultural Heritage Club. "We are thrilled that the Club agreed to complete the restoration and put her on permanent display. The preservation of a bit of local history is important to our family".



### **Chrysler Irrigation Pump Update**

In our last issue of the Horizon HAHClub newsletter we mentioned the restoration of the Chrysler industrial irrigation pump that was seized. Since then we have managed to get 4 of 8 pistons out fairly easily, but the last 4 were different! Trying to hammer pistons up and down over a few weeks we removed 2 more. The last 2 [rear ones] did not want to move, so we drilled out the centers of the pistons, which relieved the diameter of piston a little, then dropped a small chain from the top around the wrist pin and the other end of the chain around a 6 ft. crow bar. With a few blocks and a couple of men prying up while one man was underneath hammering upwards the last two pistons



came out. No amount of coca cola, diesel fuel, or penetrating oil would have worked on these. As well the rings were seized to the pistons.

• nce apart, we checked out everything: rod bearings, valves, gaskets and heads, to see what was good or needed replacing and ordered. This was an issue, to find parts! Lots of people gave me names where and who to call, but no one could help. Remember these engines were built in 1951-52, 70 years ago!

We did find Rick Potts in Port Hope that thought he had lots of pistons but after going through all of his boxes of pistons, rings, and bearings, we found nothing that fit ours. However, he did donate all his parts to the HAHClub. There are lots of cylinder flat head pistons and bearings, many of those engines were used in farm tractors.



Finally, we found a supplier in California. Willys ,5575 Crooked Creek Drive, Altaloma, California. 909 980 3022 and ask for Mike, he knows his stuff which is an issue today!

Next item needed were gaskets to find. After asking around I was given a name of Gasket City in Hamilton, Alan Lambert 888 335 4686. He has tons of gaskets for anything old and again he knows his stuff.

During the summer, all our parts were received and we were ready to start assembly. The boys began going back to the AMC Tuesday evenings at the end of August. We will keep you posted on the progress.

### **Carpenters Toolbox**

An interesting item that was donated to the club was this carpenter toolbox. It was owned and used by William Henry Armstrong, who was a mold maker at Crane Ltd. Port Hope (Port Hope Sanitary), from 1874 to 1958. The donation was made by Lawrence Armstrong and Great Grandsons



Michael, David and Stephen.





#### **Ballot Box Table**

A little off the subject but a good conversation piece. As far as Earl could find it is an Antique Fraternal Organization Brass Ballot Box Table. Unless someone has a better idea of what it is please let us know? We will use for displaying literature or tickets. Thanks to Susan Smith and Lance Simpson of Canton for thinking of the Hope Agricultural Heritage Club and the Antique Machinery Centre when making this donation.



#### **IHC Hit and Miss**

The club is restoring some small items for display purposes. One item just finished is an International Harvester 1½ hp. Engine, which was donated by Niell Fowler of Sewyn Township. It will be displayed with a stand we made and a sign describing what it is, and who donated it. This and many other antiques will be available and used for indoor shows, displays and for any organizations. Once things get to be normal again, the HAHClub will be placing items in the Canton Hub [Community Centre] for display and to create some interest and awareness of our club and the Antique Machinery Centre.





#### **Penfold Cutter**

The next project this winter is to restore this Cutter. From what I can find it is a Penfold Cutter made in Guelph, Ontario. It was donated by John Ferguson, who originally lived and owned a dairy farm just west of Port Hope on the lakeshore road. The property is now covered in houses. John has some good stories about going out cruising with some girlfriends, but he is better to tell the tales. I am sure this would be the only means of transportation at the time, by his father and family in the winter. Once this COVID-19 gets over, the cutter will on display for all to see.







### **Membership Says Goodbye to Some Good Friends:**

Every year it seems that we have sad news to pass along and 2020, along with everything else, has been no exception. It is a part of everyday life and when our interests lay with antique equipment it goes without saying that most of our members are of similar vintage as the machines we love so much.

#### Robert (Bob) DeLong

One of the very early members of the Hope Agricultural Heritage Club members passed away this year. Although Bob has not been active in the club for many years due to his health, he always loved to be with us. He was one of those wonderful old school mechanics, who would fix anything. Always happy in spite of his many health issues. We have missed Bob for many years, and now he has gone to the great tractor fixing place in the sky.

A message to The Bare from his daughter stated that Bob "struggled with many health issues over the years, but he fought those issues, in spite of being in constant pain each and every day. His health issues did limit his mobility. One of his greatest joys was being a part of the tractor club and participating in the annual farm show and bbq. He talked fondly of the members (especially Earl and yourself) and the clubs' accomplishments. I don't have a contact for Earl so if you could be so kind to pass on this news to him and other members our family would appreciate it.

Dad turned 78 in July and he just celebrated his 58th wedding anniversary with Mom in July as well.

Dad never wanted a funeral but requested a party. Unfortunately, due to Covid this request has been postponed for the time being."

We Thank you Bob for all your contributions and know we and your family will miss you.



### **Member Recruitment:**

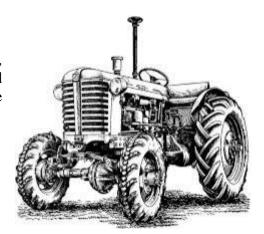
As you are aware, like any club, new members are the only way we can survive. Some pass away, move, get old or just become disinterested. We meet many people through the years and especially at the open house weekend where a flyer could be handed out, asking for new members. But this year we couldn't do this. New members don't join unless they are asked, similar to tractor draw tickets that don't sell themselves. In an effort to create interest and awareness in what we do, donations that we need, please provide an e-mail contact for all future club function's a "Would You Like to be a Member?" form has been created. Please take a look (it's the last page) and get back to Earl or The Bare with any thoughts or comments. And if you know someone who may be interest, it doesn't hurt to ask them. They can only say "no", or "I will think about it".

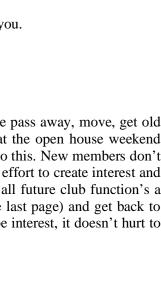
Thanks, Earl



#### **General Meetings in 2021:**

As soon as we are able, we will announce any upcoming meeting, so please stay tuned and in touch. Don't be afraid to reach out and talk to any one of us! You don't want to miss any of the excitement! In the meantime, stay safe and stay well!





See the AMC flyer for dates and events specific to that facility. If you don't have a copy, go see Earl or Barry. They'd be glad to set you up with one!

### **Your HAHC Directors**:

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Doug Davey	905-396-5746	Jake Greydanus	905-373-5310
Dan Lovshin	905-377-1348	Jack Malfait	905-372-6308
Steve Lake	905-999-3230	John Tufford	905-885-9351
Mark Shelly	905-373-9843		

# **Closing Remarks**:

Well, I know we keep saying it but that was quite a year. Hopefully you have managed and been able to stay in touch and now we are well into the winter months with an end hopefully within sight. With luck you have had the chance already to get those fall chores done before winter had a chance settle in and have some projects to keep you busy over the cold months

### 2021 Membership Form. Fee - \$20/year.

Mail To: Membership Chairman Barry Adamson 1020 Port Britain Rd., Port Hope Ont., L1A 3V7 – 905-885-2760 <u>Bare@AProd.com</u>

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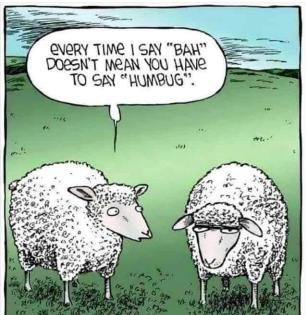
ahead. Hopefully we can all start to get together again in 2021 and start to enjoy each other's company again and this hobby we all love. You can always reach out to other members and chat or help out with one of the projects from the AMC. There are always small tasks that you can take home to complete. Maybe you can offer some words of wisdom or encouragement. Or just make fun of everyone, that's a good way to shake the winter blahs. Just don't be too hard on them.

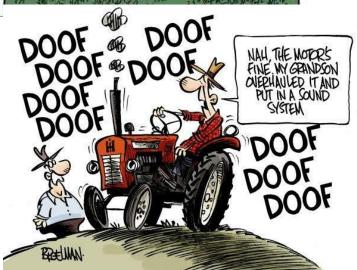
And if you see something of interest, read an article, go to an event or visit a museum (even a virtual tour) that you think fellow members might be interested in also, take some photos and pass them along (or the link). Don't forget that we have a Facebook Page where you can post things also. You can phone Earl or the Bare with your story or email it to them. If you haven't done this before and aren't sure how, it's easy. Your niece or nephew or the 10-year-old next door will gladly help you get started.

**B**ut above all, have a happy and safe winter. See you all on the flip side!



**I**'m going to leave you with a few funnies found on the inter web. Enjoy!











## WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A MEMBER?

The Hope Agricultural Heritage Club is always looking for new members.

If you like antique machinery, engines, tools and meeting others with the same interests then this is the club for you!

Attend informative meetings with interesting guest speakers, club functions like open houses at the Antique Machinery Center, annual barbeque, annual show, and hands on restoration projects.

For only \$20.00 you can be a part of your community's preservation of our heritage and leave a legacy of historical artifacts for future generations. Plus, you get to have the enjoyment of fellow enthusiasts.

I like what the club is doing and agree it needs my membership and support.

PLEASE SIGN ME UP:

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