

## **A Note from Barry (theBare)**

Well, HELLO everybody.

Haven't we had a wonderful hot summer and a wonderful early fall! In fact, it's being so wonderful, I have not taken the time to communicate with you, but I'm back.

First thing I'd like to share with you is that I've been fired. OK, that's harsh. I have been replaced as editor of the monthly bulletins. No more bad English grammar spelling mistakes and all that other stuff that I was famous for and ashamed of. But I tried and created many laughs. It was hard work.

A young lady has come forward to act as our editor. Now I would like to introduce Kelsey Jibb.

The Board of Directors is very lucky that she has volunteered to better communicate with you, our supporters. Kelsey was one of the ladies manning the gate at our September open house, so she got to meet and talk to a lot of you folks. Here I'll stop writing and let Kelsey jump in and tell you a bit about her background and her experience with social media and communicating with folks. Kelsey is going to edit and all that stuff, BUT I must dream up and write the stories, so you are still going to hear from me.

## **A Note from the New "Editor"**

Hello! My name is **Kelsey**, and I'm happy to introduce myself as the new editor of the HAH Club monthly news bulletin. I'm a fifth-generation farmer who grew up surrounded by *green* tractors. I can already hear the friendly ribbing from our "red" fans! I spend my days growing cut flowers for local floristry production, but historically, my family was involved in the beef cattle industry (my father, Ralph Jibb, raised Herefords and Charolais). I'm honoured to be stepping into this role, and I look forward to keeping everyone up to date on all the things happening within the club!

## **Now, onto the latest news:**

### **Annual Fall Open House**

The annual fall open house took place on September 20–21, and what a beautiful weekend it was! Several hundred visitors toured the Agricultural Machinery Centre (AMC) and admired the

collection of antique equipment, many taking the opportunity to chat with club members and learn stories behind the machines.

A big thank you to all who attended and helped make the event a great success—you may have even met me at the gate!





## **Improvements at the AMC**

If you were at the Open House, you may have noticed our recent upgrade: No more extension cords running between the outbuildings! We now have underground power connecting all the buildings. Now we're just hooking up the lights!

A big thank you to Steve and his backhoe, Art for his electrical skills, and everyone who pitched in with shovels, flashlights, good humour, and the effort in making this happen. This improvement makes the site much safer and more professional.

## **New Additions to the HAHC Collection**

We've recently received several generous donations of equipment to the club, including:

- An **antique icebox**



•**Cigar and tobacco plug cutter.** This would be used to cut cigars and chewing tobacco to length for sale. Tobacco production was a major industry in the Durham/Northumberland areas for decades before its decline in the 1980s.



•An I.H.C. Farmall Model A tractor



•**Horse-drawn plow** donated by the Dickinson family. I stopped by the Antique Machinery Centre last week and spotted new member Ken Towles, adding a fresh coat of paint.



•An **antique wooden washing machine with a copper tub**, accompanied by this story from its donor, Judy Bacon:

“This machine was gifted to my Dad, Al Coker, about 60-65 years ago. He ran ‘Coker’s Fix-It Shop’ on Marsh Street in Port Hope, with the motto ‘We can fix anything – but a broken heart.’”

As a kid, I remember it in his workshop, and after he passed in 1979, I became the keeper of this treasure. My Dad would be so pleased to know that his treasure will now be cared for by the kind folks at the Hope Agricultural Heritage Club.”



### **Club Members In The Community**

Our members have been busy representing the club at local fairs and community events.

### **Port Hope Fair 2025**

At this year's fair, members presented an educational display to more than 200 local school children, focused on the importance of tree planting and environmental stewardship. Using a forester planter pulled by a John Deere, the team demonstrated how tree planting has evolved from shovel work to mechanized planting. Students also learned that the Eastern White Pine is Ontario's

official tree, while the Maple is Canada's! Many thanks to Earl and Susanne Ashby, Art Marvin, Jack Malfait, and John Tufford for organizing and hosting this experience.



### **Orono Fair 2025**

Our presence at the Orono Fall Fair was another highlight of the season. The club's booth was located in the vintage tractor area, surrounded by over 100 restored tractors. Sales of our tractor raffle draw tickets went very well, bringing in over \$1000 across the weekend! Visitors enjoyed sharing stories about farm equipment, old and new, in the great weather. Special thanks to Bob Barrie, Terry Essery, Jack Malfait, Ivan Elford and daughter Wendy Elford, and Earl Ashby for transporting equipment and representing the club with such enthusiasm.



### Upcoming Members Meeting

**Our next members meeting will be held on Monday, October 27th, at the New Hope United Church in Welcome, starting at 7:30 PM.** You'll get to hear from President Earl Ashby, who will be giving a talk on his visit to the Stan Reynolds Museum. It's a great opportunity to catch up with other club members and hear about what's next.

### Tractor Raffle Tickets

If you haven't grabbed your tractor raffle tickets, don't worry! You can still get them online.

Visit [www.hahclub.com](http://www.hahclub.com), click the raffle ticket box, and send an e-transfer. Once received, you'll get your ticket stub number and your ticket will go into the official draw drum. Every ticket sold helps support the HAH Club and our mission to preserve our local farm heritage. Good luck in the draw!

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Thanks for reading the Hope Agriculture Heritage Club news bulletin. If you have any stories or photos you'd like to share and perhaps see featured in a future edition, you can forward them to me at [kelsey.jibb@gmail.com](mailto:kelsey.jibb@gmail.com) or any of the board members.

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