

Welcome to the November Edition of the Hope Agricultural Heritage Club news bulletin. With harvest season mostly behind us and winter settling in soon, it's a perfect time to take stock of all the great work happening across the club. Without further ado, here's what's new:

## **Christmas Party**

It's that time of year: The **annual HAH Club Christmas Party** is fast approaching!

Everyone is invited to join us for an evening of good company and the chance to renew your membership (and bring along a friend interested in joining our cause for 2026). **Please bring your membership dues of \$30 and an additional \$5 to help pay for the refreshments provided.** I've also got it on *very good authority* that Earl has been in touch with Santa himself, who will be making a special appearance to check if you've been on the NICE list! 🧑🏻‍🎅

Here are the details:

**Date:** Monday, December 15th

**Start Time:** 7:30 pm

**Location:** Hope United Church, Port Hope (4651 County Road 2)

Please bring a wrapped gift (approx. \$15 value) for the gift exchange. We'll also be collecting non-perishable food items and cash donations for the local food bank. We'll share the total amount collected at our next member meeting and in the next news bulletin.

## **Tractor Raffle Draw Update**

This year's raffle tractor is currently parked at the Garden Hill Farmers Market on Ganaraska Road in Campbellcroft, and it's proving to be an excellent spot! Ticket sales have been steady as visitors stop in and take a moment to admire the tractor while shopping.



If you haven't purchased your tickets yet, there's still time!

Please visit [www.hahclub.com](http://www.hahclub.com), click the raffle ticket box, and send an e-transfer. Once received, you'll be sent your stub number, and your ticket will be added to the official draw drum.

As you can see below, the drum is filling up quite nicely! Good luck to everyone who has purchased tickets. We will be drawing the lucky winner on December 15th at our annual Christmas party.



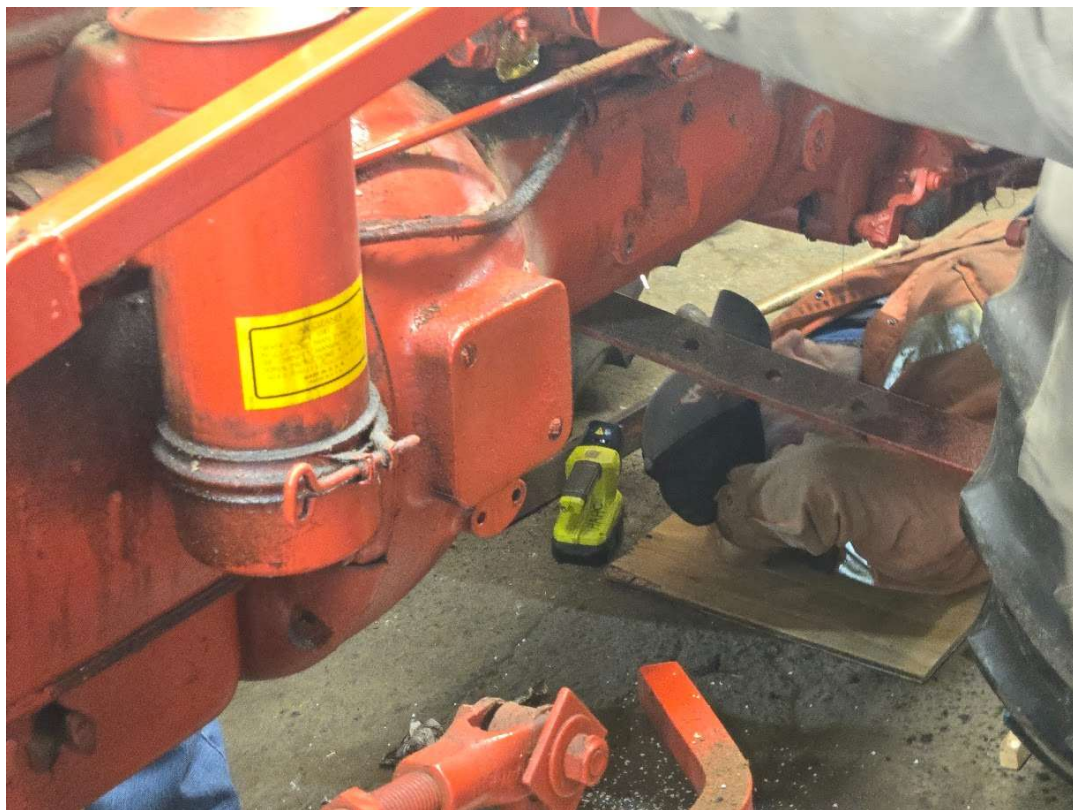
## What We're Working on in the Club Right Now

### Next Year's Draw Tractor

Board Members have selected a **Farmall Super A** for the 2026 raffle tractor. Members (including John Tufford, pictured beneath the tractor in the second photo) have already been busy sourcing new parts and giving it the attention it needs.

We'll share an updated photo soon, but for now, here's a look at it in its "before" condition:





## Projects at the AMC

Behind the scenes at the Antique Machinery Centre, many members have been hard at work organizing, with member Ivan Elford leading the charge. Jobs currently underway include:

- Installing lighting in the sheds
- Planning the installation of new eavestroughs next year
- Continued sorting and cataloguing of supplies, tools, and equipment

## Before & After Feature

One of the true joys of this club is watching a piece of history come back to life.

This month, I wanted to highlight the transformation of an **unstyled John Deere AR** donated by the family of Don Miedema.

### BEFORE

Pictured here is the tractor as it arrived - weathered paint, years of honest wear, and all the hallmarks of a machine that had lived a full working life! The signature John Deere green was faded, the metal showed a little age, but it was clear this tractor had been earning its keep long before it rolled into the AMC.



## **AFTER**

And here it is now, fully restored! From the fresh coat of classic John Deere green and yellow to the detailed finishing touches across the engine and frame, club members have brought this tractor back to showpiece condition. It now stands as a proud example of the preservation work done by HAH Club members and a testament to their skill, dedication, and teamwork. Well done to everyone involved!





## Holiday Updates

**Please note that the AMC will be closed on the following Tuesdays in December:**

**December 16, 23, and 30.**

**Tuesday night meet-ups will resume on January 6th** (weather permitting). Everyone is welcome at the Antique Machinery Centre (5077 County Road 10) to lend a hand, share stories, and take part in ongoing projects.

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**Thank you for reading this month's edition of the HAH Club news bulletin.**

If you have stories, photos, or project updates you'd like to share in future editions, feel free to send them to me directly at [kelsey.jibb@gmail.com](mailto:kelsey.jibb@gmail.com).