

Welcome to the March edition of the HAH Club news bulletin.

While we start off this update with some sad news, there are some exciting updates and plenty to look forward to this spring. From a new draw tractor reveal to the launch of our very first photo contest, there's always lots happening with the club - read on for all of the details!

In Memoriam: John Bickle

It is with great sadness that we share the passing of our friend, John Bickle, who passed away on March 9th, 2026.

John was a dedicated member of this club and someone who gave generously of his time and good humour. His contributions to the HAH Club and his community will not be forgotten. He will be missed by all who knew him.

We extend our heartfelt condolences to John's family and loved ones during this difficult time. Details regarding a memorial service can be found on the [MacCoubrey website](#).



Service

Calvary Pentecostal Church
401 Croft Street, Port Hope L1A 4H1,

Saturday March 21, 2026
11:30am

Upcoming Meeting: April 6th

Our next member meeting takes place on **Monday, April 6th** at the New Hope United Church. (4651 County Rd. 2).

The doors open at 7:00 pm, and the meeting gets underway at 7:30 pm. The public is welcome to attend.

April 6th Guest Speaker: Jack Malfait

“A Look Back at Tobacco Farming in Hope Township”

This popular presentation is back by popular demand! Board member Jack Malfait (son of a tobacco farmer and who grew up not far from our own Antique Machinery Centre) will be sharing more about the story of tobacco farming in Hope township.

Tobacco was once a significant part of the rural life in our area of Ontario, and many of our members and the community can likely remember working in tobacco fields as teens. Come out for an evening with fellow agricultural enthusiasts and learn something new, or perhaps reminisce about something old!





Call for Guest Speakers

We're always on the lookout for interesting presentations to share at our member meetings. If you, or someone you know, has a story to tell, a piece of history to share, or a skill to demonstrate related to agriculture, machinery, or rural heritage, we'd love to hear from you.

Please reach out to any board member to share your ideas!

2026 Draw Tractor Update

We are happy to unveil that the 2026 draw tractor will be a John Deere 920.



Second Place Prize: Children's John Deere pedal tractor

Third Place Prize (*pictured below*): John Deere 2440 toy tractor



Raffle ticket sales for the 2026 draw will open soon.

Details on how to purchase will be shared in a future bulletin and on the club website. Stay tuned!

June Open House - Save the Date

The annual summer open house is coming up fast! Join us at the Antique Machinery Centre for a fantastic weekend.

June 6 & 7, 2026 - Open House runs from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Come explore the AMC and view vintage tractors, restored equipment and original displays, and take lots of photos! A BBQ lunch will be available from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm. (cash only)

June 7, 2026 - “All You Can Eat” Beef & Pork Buffet opens at 4:00 pm

The ever-popular annual buffet dinner, catered by **Taylor’s Custom Meats & Catering**, returns for 2026!

Buffet tickets must be purchased in advance:

- Adults: \$27
- Kids (6-12): \$20
- Kids 5 & Under: FREE (hot dogs available, cash only)

You can purchase tickets online by visiting our website, www.hahclub.com, or by contacting Earl Ashby (905-753-2387) or Terry Essery (905-376-0046).

And speaking of the AMC - we're pleased to report that the club has a brand new BBQ on site, ready for action this season!



Introducing: The 2026 HAHClub Photo Contest

We're excited to launch a new photo contest this year, with some great prizes up for grabs for members!

Here are the three categories:

- Parade Ready** - your best shot of a beautifully restored or show-ready piece of equipment
- Still Hard At It** - equipment still doing what it was built to do
- Yard Art** - a decommissioned piece of equipment that's found a second life as a feature on a property

How to Enter:

Submit your photos by email as an attachment to Kelsey Jibb at kelsey.jibb@gmail.com. Please include your name, the year and type of equipment, and any fun or interesting details about your photo!

Prizes:

In November, club directors will evaluate submissions based on merit (*not the colour of the tractor, don't worry!*), and select a winner in each of the three categories.

Each winner gets bragging rights for a full year and a free 2027 club membership. Winning photos and honourable mentions are planned to appear in a 2027 HAH Club calendar.

Speaking of Members: Membership Renewal

A friendly reminder that HAH Club memberships for 2026 are now due! The annual membership fee is \$30 per year, and helps us plan for the year ahead. There are a few ways to renew:

Option 1: E-Transfer (new & easy!)

You can now renew by sending an e-transfer to membership@hahclub.com.

Please be sure to include your name and phone number in the message so we can match up your payment correctly.

Option 2: Mail-in Membership Form

You may also renew by completing the **club membership form** shown below. You can mail this form (also found on the last page of the latest edition of our printed newsletter) along with your payment to:

2026 Membership Form. Fee - \$30/year. Mail to: Membership Chairman Barry Adamson 1020 Port Britain Rd., Port Hope Ont., L1A 3V7 – 905-885-2760 Bare@AProd.com	
NAME	
ADDRESS (INCLUDE 911 ADDRESS)	
CITY	
POSTAL CODE	
PHONE	
EMAIL	
FAX	

Option 3: In Person

You're also welcome to renew your membership by contacting any board member, who can accept your payment.

Tuesday Night Meet-Ups - Come On Out!

A friendly reminder that Tuesday night meet-ups at the AMC are up and running! Drop by on Tuesday evenings to lend a hand, work on a project, share stories, or just enjoy some good company. And word has it there's usually a treat or two to be had as well...

Whether you're more "hands-on" with the restoration work or just stopping by for a visit, everyone is welcome!



2026 Meetings & Events at a Glance

Regular Member Meetings open at 7:00 pm, meeting starts at 7:30 pm:

- **April 6** (New Hope United Church)
- **August 24** (AMC)
- **October 26** (New Hope United Church)
- **December 19 (Saturday) - Annual Christmas Party.**

Please note: The Christmas party has been rescheduled to 1:00–4:00 pm at New Hope United Church. Please update your membership cards accordingly!

Special Events at the Antique Machinery Centre:

- **June 6 & 7** - Annual Summer Open House
- **September 19 & 20** - Annual Fall Open House

Thank you for reading the March edition of the HAH Club news bulletin. If you have stories, photos, project updates, or anything you'd like to see featured in a future edition, please reach out to me at kelsey.jibb@gmail.com. We hope to see you on April 6th!