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**NO MEETINGS IN JANUARY,
 FEBRUARY OR MARCH**

Sat., April 5—Wayne Town Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Regular monthly meeting

Sat. May 3—Wayne Town Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Regular monthly meeting

Sat. May 10—Spring Gas Up & 2 day Flea Market

Sat. June 7— Regular Monthly meeting, 7:30 p.m.

At Club Grounds



THE EXHAUST

The voice of the Ashtabula Co. Antique Engine Club Inc.

Ruth Lazor, editor

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The President's Corner—

(For this edition, Vice-president Wayne Johnson has penned the President's Corner.)

“BEHIND THE SCENES”

The “behind-the-scenes” group of people who show up on Wednesdays at the engine grounds during the better weather could go unnoticed until we start realizing what all they do in the operation of the grounds.

As soon as the weather breaks in the spring, 12-15 of our loyal members start showing up on Wednesdays to see what needs to be repaired or done. One of the first things we do in the spring is start up the water system and get the chemical treatment working. From there, we make sure the restroom equipment is operating properly and inspect the buildings for any winter-related damages. The tractors and mowers are made ready for the upcoming season. Inspection of the grounds for washouts or holes that could be hazardous to the public is also made. We trim trees that have sagging branches, and also get ready to plant the flower beds. The kitchen is cleaned and made ready for a season of activity.

Some of the major improvements done by our volunteers during the last couple of years were: rebuilding the roof on the stage; hanging the windbreakers in the pavilion; installing a security system throughout the grounds; pouring a cement floor and erecting a building for a first-aid station; digging an 800 foot sewer line to the passenger depot for a bathroom; laying down a hard-surface walkway through the Ag Museum; building a beautiful school house; putting new doors on the restrooms; leveling and planting grass on the hill by the steam engines; upgrading and improving the sign out by the road and installing lights on it; and pouring a foundation for a Fairbanks single-cylinder engine. The grade to the passenger depot was also built up and a 72 foot cement pad across the front of the building was poured. New metal roofing was installed on the restroom and the kitchen/pavilion building.

A continual operation during the summer months includes mowing, trimming, weed eating, spraying weeds, and setting the

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GROUNDS RENTAL

Are you interested in renting the engine club grounds for a family reunion, graduation party or other event? All you have to do is contact David Hill (724)932-5020 and he will send you a contract to sign. There is a \$60 charge plus a \$60 deposit which is returned if everything is left in the same condition as when you arrived. This includes the use of the kitchen—electric stove and a refrigerator. There are several other rules that must be followed: no alcohol on the premises, no firearms, and respect for the equipment of the club and all of our displays. If there is any damage to buildings or property, there will be a financial consideration besides losing the deposit. And, please, take all your leftover food and put ALL garbage in the dumpster. This will save club members time and effort to clean up your mess!

Several dates are open for any gathering you would like to schedule. Be sure to call Dave so he can schedule your dates.

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CHRISTMAS TRIVIA

Christmas trees were originally decorated with gilded fruit apples, nuts, sweets, and paper roses. Candles were used to illuminate the tree, which have now been replaced by electric lights invented in the late 1890s. The first glass ornaments were imported from Germany in the 1880s.

The sugar plum is a round or oval piece of sugary candy. It can also be a bonbon, which is a chocolate covered cream.

The Yulelog is the main log used in the fire at Yuletide. Later it became the main log in the Christmas Eve fire. It was thought to be good luck to keep the fire going for the twelve days of Christmas and to save a piece of the yulelog to start next year's fire.

grounds up for the various shows.

Our current project is tearing down and moving a building and power unit from Pennsylvania and bringing it over to the grounds to be re-assembled. We are a little bit ahead of the game because we have a 2014 raffle tractor which is currently being restored by some of the Wednesday crew. The tractor for the 2015 July show has also been obtained.

The above list would not be possible without the “behind-the-scenes” crew that shows up on Wednesdays. They are always looking for ways and ideas to improve the show grounds. We welcome any and all members who would like to contribute to the operation of this club.

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LAMBORGHINI MADE A TRACTOR???

Yep, a Lamborghini tractor!

Before he started making cars, Ferruccio Lamborghini owned a company that built tractors. This was well before he had his sights set on his cross-town rival, Enzo Ferrari. The first tractor was the Carioca model that was built in 1947 from surplus parts that were left lying around after World War II.

The tractor is now in the family museum at Centro Studi e Ricerche Ferruccio Lamborghini in Italy. He used the fortune he made in farm equipment as start-up money for his luxury auto business. His supercars, i.e. Murcielago and Gallardo, are famous today, but the tractor side of the business is still going strong. The Lamborghini name is in script along the nose and the famous raging bull logo is there also.

Will we see one of these famous tractors at a future show?????

2014 GROUNDS SCHEDULE

GAS UP **Saturday, May 10** **2 day-flea market—Saturday and Sunday**

Native American Festival June 20, 21, 22

33rd ANNUAL BIG SHOW **JULY 4, 5, 6**

Bluegrass Festival August 15 & 16

Arts & Craft Fair August 30, 31

AACA Car Show Sunday, Sept. 14

FALL SHOW **Saturday, Sept 20** **2 day flea market—Saturday and Sunday**

FFA Haunted Hayride to be announced

All functions of the Ashtabula County Antique Engine Club are in **bold print**. All others are groups that rent the grounds for their functions. Please support their events also.

ARTICLES NEEDED!!

The editor of **The Exhaust** is looking for articles from members about their projects, engine shows they have visited, repair and restoration information and anything else that would be of interest to our members. There are fellows—and gals—out there who have done some amazing things with engines, tractors and anything mechanical. Let's hear from you. Contact—Ruth Lazor (440)293-7392 or at cloverdale63@embarqmail.com.

RAFFLE TICKET SALES

by Dave Cover

With the changing seasons the focus for several members has changed from grounds maintenance to getting our raffle prizes, both a tractor and an engine, ready for next year. As of this writing a Massey-Harris “pony” is at Julius Pal's and a 1 H-C “LA” engine is at Charlie Nicholas', both getting ready for prime time. No real problems anticipated here.

However, in my opinion, we are falling short with our raffle and that is because we are not doing as good a job as other area clubs in selling our tickets. We are stumbling just short of the finish line, so to speak. Our main income producers are the gate and the kitchen. However, other sources including our raffle are major contributions to our financial well being. If each member sold just one additional book of raffle tickets (\$5.00 worth), our income would be increased by about \$3,000.00. Tickets can be sold in a variety of ways including being used as gifts. Or perhaps you could volunteer to take our raffle prizes to other area events prior to our big show and sell tickets.

Please consider stepping up and helping us to better promote our raffle. Every additional ticket sold adds directly to our financial ability to meet the needs of the club.

(Editor's note—Raffle tickets will be available after January 1, 2014. Please contact Linda Lipps (330)876-1482. Raffle tickets will also be included in the March 2014 edition of **The Exhaust**.)

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THINGS TO PONDER

Whenever you stop believing in Santa, you get underwear!

According to Phyllis Diller, you know you are old when your walker has air bags!