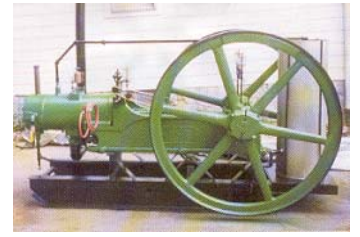


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PRESERVING THE PAST FOR THE FUTURE !!

Hi Fellow Members,



August/September 2007

Hope everyone had a great 4th of July. I'm sure everyone needed the rest after the show.

Sorry to give bad news, but we lost one of our members. Dale Sigmon passed away on July 27th. Our sympathy goes out to Harry & the rest of Dale's family. Two of our members, William & Charles Lynch lost their father, Clarence, June 20th. Also, Don Hollar has been moved to Hospice. Other concerns are Hoot Auton (was in hospital but back home now) and Bobby Huffman (suffered a stroke but is also ok and back home). Please keep these members in your thoughts & prayers. Also keep the prayers going for our troops and their families.

Up-coming events:

* This Saturday, the 11th is Sig's night at Hickory Speedway. Bring your equipment to the racetrack around 4:30 PM. We'll go around the track a couple of times, have supper & enjoy the race, compliments of Wilson & Linda Sigmon and Sig's Tire.

* Show committee meeting on Thursday, August 23rd at Sig's at 7 PM.

* The Old Soldiers Reunion Parade is next Thursday the 16th. Need to line up by 4:30 down behind the old hospital. If you need more info, call one of the officers below.

* The Hickory American Legion Fair is August 28th thru September 3rd. We would like to have a bigger showing this year.

* Next regular club meeting on Thursday, September 6th at Sig's at 7 PM.

* Bellwood Tractor & Engine Show starts September 6th thru the 9th.

* Our club outing is at Glenn Sigmons on Saturday, September 15th. You may bring equipment and enjoy good food & a good time.

Hope to see you Saturday!

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Membership to date stands at 228. That includes 2 new members since last meeting, Lennie Smith from Claremont & Jim Yount from Newton.

The Lions Club of Taylorsville had a good turn out for their 1st show & 2nd pull. A total of 22 tractors, engines & lawn tractors were on display from 1 PM till 5:30. A big turnout for the pull, over 60 tractors competing. FAPA had 10 members participating. If any members are interested in getting involved in pulling competition, our neighboring club, Northbrook Tractor Pullers, pull the 3rd Saturday of each month starting at 4 PM.

We have upgraded the club supply trailer. We now have a 7 X 16 wedge trailer purchased from Hickory Enclosed Trailers & our old trailer has been sold to one of our members.

'Thank You' plaques have be prepared & presented to our supplier members & sponsors. Thanks for all you do!!!

Please remember to return signs and banners to the meeting hall or drop off by Sig's Tire.

Anyone wanting to receive the newsletter via e-mail please e-mail either Kevin Sigmon at ksigmon@sigmet.com or Rachel Keller at rakeller@bellsouth.net. This will help save on postage & time doing over 228 newsletters and it will be easier to notify most members sooner if needed. (Kevin had some but his computer crashed & he lost them).

We are still working to improve the web site. If you have any suggestions, please let us know. We are trying to do it ourselves to save money. We've added a section on the web site to post the minutes & newsletters from previous meetings for anyone who has missed them. We will soon have a bulletin board to post items for sale.

Pictures from the show are posted on the web site. The 'Calendar of Events' will be updated weekly. If anything is missing or you know of any events, please let us know.

FOR SALE:

Massey Ferguson 1925 MF 25 w/4 cylinder Perkins Diesel engine. Owner Barbara Ford, phone # 828-466-1106 or cell # 336-710-1840.

1950 Ford 8N – new tires, brakes, etc. Over \$6,500 invested. Will take \$4,800. Owner Mike Daniels, phone # 828-217-5111.

1964 2000 Ford w/4 cylinder gas engine. Excellent condition. \$3,800 or best offer. See Jamie Sigmon, phone # 828-256-2176.

Association officers

President: Carroll Hilliard 828-241-4061 Vice Pres: Wilson Sigmon 828-256-2176
Treasurer: Kermit Nash 828-459-9616 Secretary: Rachel Keller 828-464-7679
Show Chairman: Butch Minyard 828-324-0041

A Message from Carroll

At the close of our August meeting I read a story that I would like for all of you to have. Not knowing the name of the author, I don't know who to give credit.

Taps

If any of you have ever been to a military funeral in which taps was played; this brings out a new meaning of it.

We in United States have all heard the haunting song, "Taps". It's the song that gives us the lump in our throats and usually tears in our eyes. But, do you know the story behind the song? If not, I think you will be interested to find out about its humble beginnings.

Reportedly, it all began in 1862 during the Civil War, when Union Army Captain Robert Ellicombe was with his men near Harrison's Landing in Virginia. The Confederate Army was on the other side of the narrow strip of land. During the night, Captain Ellicombe heard the moans of a soldier who lay severely wounded on the field. Not knowing if it was a Union or Confederate soldier, the Captain decided to risk his life and bring the stricken man back for medical attention. Crawling on his stomach through the gunfire, the Captain reached the stricken soldier and began pulling him towards his encampment. When the Captain finally reached his own lines, he discovered it was actually a Confederate soldier, but the soldier was dead. The Captain lit a lantern and suddenly caught his breath and went numb with shock. In the dim light, he saw the face of the soldier, it was his own son. The boy had been studying music in the South when the war broke out. Without telling his father, the boy enlisted in the Confederate army.

The following morning, heartbroken, the father asked permission of his superiors to give his son a full military burial, despite his enemy status. His request was partially granted. The Captain asked if he could have a group of army band members play a funeral dirge for his son at the funeral. The request was turned down. But, out of respect for the father, they did say they could give him only one musician. The Captain chose a bugler. He asked him to play a series of musical notes he had found on a piece of paper in the pocket of his dead youth's uniform. This wish was granted

*Day is done.
Gone the sun.
From the lakes.
From the hills
From the sky.
All is well.
Safely rest
God is nigh.*

*Fading light.
Dims the sight.
And a star
Gems the Sky.
Gleaming bright.
From afar.
Drawing Nigh.
Falls the night*

*Thanks and praise.
For our days.
Neath the sun.
Neath the stars.
Neath the sky.
As we go.
This we know.
God is nigh.*