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Important 2022 Dates: Spring Fling Weekend May 5, 6, & 7; and Steam-O-Rama September 28, 29 & 30, and October 1.. ATTENTION-There will be only 2 newsletters again in 2022. This one in February with details of Spring Fling Weekend, and one in August with Steam-O-Rama details. HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OF THE SOCIETY FAMILY AND FRIENDS!!!!

RECENT EVENTS- 2022 – A year full of ups and downs. Unfortunately more downs last year .It started out well with our banquet , moved on to the Spring Fling weekend which was not very successful New details to follow to make this year better), saw several successful weekend events through the year and ended up with Hurricane IAN screwing up all things Steam-O-Rama.

2022 Steam-O-Rama- The 37th year at our own showgrounds and 65th show. Between the forecast for the weekend's weather, the actual weekend weather and the clean-up of the weekend weather it was pretty crappy. Two of the bands performed on schedule on our brand new stage and two were cancelled. The Friday parade was held at its usual place as were the pulls and displays, but after Friday night nothing went through as planned. The engine displays left before their area became a mud hole and they could still get out. Most of the tractors didn't come at all because of the rain forecast, and much of the flea market and some food vendors didn't show up at all. The kitchen closed mid afternoon on Saturdays and opened only for a short time on Sunday. Needless to say we came up way short on income for the weekend. The only good news is that we have a very large freezer that is stacked to the roof with food waiting for 2023 events. And a bunch of bills waiting to be paid with 2023 income.

We would just like to say a great big **THANK YOU** to everyone who came to help set up early in the week, and those who stayed to participate in the abbreviated show in any way. Your help and endurance of the horrible weather is deeply appreciated.

Memberships- At the present time the society has over 1200 members including over 550 life members. Nearly 90 life members have passed away in the fifteen years since we started offering life memberships. Many children are included in family memberships. Membership runs from show to show and is open to anyone. Your mailing label includes the year in which your membership expires. If it says 2021, it means you did not pay dues for 2022 and they are due at this time.. This will be your last newsletter. If it says 2022, it is good until the 2023 show starts, at that time you need to pay dues to get you in for the rest of the weekend and to continue to receive your newsletters. You can renew your membership by sending a check along with the form on the cover to the address listed. If you wish to receive your card, include a **Self Addressed Stamped Envelope**. You can also renew at the Spring Fling Weekend, and of course at Steam-O-Rama. Membership renewals sent in during September will not receive a return card in the mail. If you have waited that long to renew, you will pick up your new card at Steam-O-Rama. There is not enough free time in September to be bogged down sending out membership cards. Individual membership dues are \$10 per

year, family memberships are \$20 per year and Life memberships are calculated on the decade you were born. eg. 1960's-\$60. The directors searched for a way to honor the life members who have passed away and there is now a large permanent plaque on display in the meeting room which lists the deceased life members and the year each one passed away. These are the deaths we know about. Some out-of-the-area deaths may not be recorded due to lack of notice. We appreciate the family members who have notified us and request that if you know of the passing of a life member, that you keep us in mind for notification.

2022 Election of officers. At the 2022 election of officers in November, it was moved and seconded to elect the slate of officers on the ballot for another year, so most officers have been reelected for 2023. The officers and directors are always looking for people interested in joining any of the working committees. Please let any director know if you would be interested in serving on a committee. If you or anyone you know is interested in holding an office, please have the names put into nomination before the November 2023 meeting for the consideration of the voting members present.

Advertising Opportunities- The 2023 advertising letters have been mailed, and additional applications are available to any interested parties. The previous brochure had 16 businesses paying \$100 each to have their business card on 6000 brochures. We had 14 businesses paying \$50 each to have their card on 3000 tray mats that went on each food tray that left the kitchen. The tray mat includes the Steam-O-Rama schedule of events for the week. The gate brochure also includes the schedule of events and opens to a map of the showgrounds showing where all the scheduled events will take place. 16 businesses purchased advertising space on this brochure for \$50 each. You may have noticed that some of the sponsoring businesses advertised in more than one place, and we appreciate their continued support of our efforts. For 2023 we need only one raffle ticket sponsor for the pedal tractor raffle and we are hoping someone will step up to sponsor the 5000 tickets. In addition to printed advertisers, we also have sponsorships available for our tractor Pulls, people mover and our website. These 2020 sponsors saw their advertising on the website and on the packer at the pulls and on the people mover. The full list of 2023 advertisers and sponsors will be included in the July Newsletter. This opportunity is available to anyone who would like to advertise, and forms are available from any board member or at the January or February meetings. Ad copy and payment are due by March 15, 2023.

Construction on the grounds-During 2022 our crew constructed a new and improved stage for our use at events. It is two feet deeper and higher to make the rooms under the barn completely handicap accessible, with new railing and a cement floor. At the track work was begun on an announcing tower , with local Boy Scout Nathan Mundis took on the framing of the announcer booth for his Eagle Scout project.. During 2023 our guys will be adding the skin to the frame and hoisting it on the storage area to complete the project.. Also at the track, we poured a cement pad to accommodate our grills and fryers used for track events and installed a new propane tank and gas lines. A roof will also be added to this project. In addition, Gerry Campbell pulled out the old bridge over the drainage ditch, repaired and painted it, then replaced it over the ditch to aid access from the tractor area to the rest of the displays. Various other upgrades and projects are planned, but waiting for funds to complete them.

UPCOMING EVENTS-

Ed Leaman Auctions Consignment Auction- February 25, 2023 beginning at 9:00 AM. Leaman Auctions in Willow Street has contacted Steam-O-Rama to hold an auction on our grounds featuring farm equipment dispersal and consignment (small and large) items. They are currently accepting items by phone, text or email accompanied by pictures and detailed information at: email info@leamanauctions.com , phone 717-464-1128. You can also get additional information from Clint Mellinger at 717-779-7540. There is a full listing and photo gallery on Auction Zip. We will be helping out where needed and providing food for the auction starting with breakfast sandwiches at 7 AM.

2023 Spring Fling Weekend May 5, 6, & 7 -The Spring Fling Weekend Committee has been meeting regularly to make plans. The 2023 Weekend will feature full size antique tractors for the first time in recent history and the garden tractor display and gas engine area will be the same as recent years. Jason Bull and Chuck Asper are heading the tractor parts of Spring Fling. Russ Hoffman is heading up the Gas Engine display and several other people are involved in the planning for the weekend. There will be no featured Antique or Garden tractor brand this year, but the featured engine will be Hercules Engine.. A poster for the weekend is included with this newsletter and additional copies can be picked up at any meeting if you have any places they can be displayed. The guys will be attending various winter shows and distributing posters. They are also looking for flea market and parts vendors and they have forms for anyone interested. Please let people know what will be on display, and of course, you are invited to display your own engines, garden tractors, pedal tractors, and related items. Admission on Friday and Saturday events is free to everyone. In addition there will be kids stuff available. The barrel train will be operating by donation as usual, Robbie and Aiden are working on several garden tractor games and challenges and there will be at least one pedal pull. Jason Bull can be reached at 443.540.3164 and Chuck Asper at 443.865.2952 for information on any part of the weekend. Please do not call after 9:00 PM

Antique Farm Tractor Pulls- will be held on the track Friday May 5 beginning with weigh in at 3:00 PM and Pulls starting at 5:00 PM, weather permitting. Tractors can be brought in at any time prior to the pulls. Information is on the Spring Fling Flyer.

Garden Tractor Pulls will be held all day Saturday at the pulling track. The fun pull will take place from 9:AM to 11 with the competitive pull begin weighing at 11 and begin pulling at 12:00. For details contact Jeff Leader at 717.887.0196. All these guys work full time and would appreciate calls evenings and weekends only. No calls after 9:00 PM

Tough Truck Competition-Sunday we will be featuring a Tough Truck Competition at the pulling track by the Columbia Hill Climbers. This will start about 10:00 AM rain or shine and continue until about 6:00. There are 4 classes and an additional ladies class. Admission to this event will be set up just after the dumpster area and will be \$10 per person and children under 12 will be admitted free. These guys are doing this event to benefit the society. Bring your lawn chairs and plan to spend the afternoon, refreshments will be available all day. The engines, garden tractors, flea market and yard sale will still be accessible free of charge. All participants of pulls and competitions must be members for insurance purposes. Please use the form on the back of the cover page to update memberships and alleviate the line during registration for these events.

Exhibitors are invited to set up with their trailer, truck, canopy, etc in the designated area, and take note, the areas will be changing for display of both gas engines and garden tractors and antique tractors.. They can run their engines, swap parts, engines, etc., they are invited to attend the auction, consign items if they wish, and to have a good time all weekend .We are all hoping for a full weekend of great weather and fun activities

Games and Fun-If you attended 2021 Steam-O-Rama, you might have been able to view the FIRST ANNUAL SKILLET TOSSING CONTEST. It was rained out in 2022. The contest area will be roped off on the flat area where the train cars used to sit. About 30 participants showed their skills at tossing 8 to 10 inch cast iron skillets as far as possible at a target area. Everyone had a good time. There were 4 to 6 inch skillets supplied for the kids. The problem was that the ground was hard and they broke our skillets! This year we will have a tilled course and hopefully no more will be broken. SO we are searching for 8 and 10 inch skillets to toss. We don't want grandma's family heirlooms, just some old skillets laying around the cellar, garage or barn that no one has used for years. They can be pitted and rusted, we don't care, we just want to toss them around. So please, if you have some let us know. They can be dropped off anytime or at the spring show, just let us know to look out for them.

Yard Sale/ Flea Market Friday and Saturday, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., and Sunday from 8:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. This is open to everyone, not just vendors or established sellers. It costs \$15.00 for a 20 ft. X 20 ft. space. You can sell anything you like on that space with few restrictions, like alcohol, firearms or pets. You can be set up all three days or any part of it. You can sell new items or crafts, but you need a tax number to do that. You do not need a

tax number to sell your own belongings as yard sale items. The weekend has already been advertised in the show guides and will be listed in the local papers and Lancaster Farming. You can acquire forms at any meeting, download from our website, or by calling Rich and Trudy Reichard at 717-235-1353.

Exciting News on the Spring Consignment Sale for 2023. Noah Conley will be taking over the consignment of items and auction day details. He will also be doing the scheduling for all parts of the auction week. For information on consigning and details for getting your items advertised, please call or text Noah Conley 717-683-0706 or you may email him at wdfarmtoys@gmail.com. If you can volunteer your time in auctioneering, checking in items, clerking, cashiering or being a runner on the days of the auction, please contact Noah so he can put you on the schedule.

Friday evening starting at 5:00 we will be selling plants in the feature building as usual but this will be a separate hand clerked auction, with separate numbers and collection of money will be at that site. Every year people leave the sale before everything has been entered into the computer so many plants end up not being paid for. This will be stopped. If you buy plants you will be paying for them in the feature area before leaving. In past years we have had lots of spring annuals and flower garden items, and hope for a nice selection again this year.

Under the barn at 5:00 we will have auction of small items. If you plan to bid on collectibles, literature, toys and small items of value under the barn, you will need to obtain a bidder number from the trailer and all items will be paid at the trailer. Bidder numbers will be good for both days, but each day's items must be paid for before leaving that day. Last year we had some collectible household items and we will have some similar items again this year, so it's not all farm equipment.

Saturday at 8:30 A.M. we will begin with the wagons full of small items and continue with the outside farm items. Gas Engines and related items usually start between 10:30 and 11:30, with tractors following soon after. Some items in the track items may be sold in the morning. Both for the wagon loads and in the track area multiple auctioneers may be selling at the same time. Please be prepared.

A full sale bill will be available April 29, with advertising in local papers, Lancaster Farming, and pictures are available on Auction Zip and at www.rentzelsauctionservice.com and on Steam-O-Rama and Rentzels Auction facebook pages. Most items are available for preview throughout the week all day until early evening. The sale is usually over by 3:00 P.M. Contracts are available when items are checked in only. If you want to make a list of the items you are bringing that is OK and can help with check-in.

We need to get these items advertised to attract buyers. The week of the sale is too late to find out what is coming. PLEASE call or text Noah at 717-683-0706 to report what you will be bringing so we can get the advertising in. **The DEADLINE FOR ADVERTISING IS SUNDAY APRIL 22, 2023.**

The sale terms are as follows. All items will now be charged an individual commission. No more total of items sold as in years gone by. Items up to \$25.00 will be charged 35% commission; \$25.01 to \$100 will be 20%; \$100.01 to \$500 will be charged 15%; and \$500.01 to \$2500 will be 10%, \$2500.01 to \$5000 will be 8% and over 5000.01 will be 5%. If the items you consigned with the commission subtracted is less than \$15.00, no check will be issued and the amount will be considered a donation to the society. All checks will be mailed approximately 2 weeks after the sale, which gives all auction checks time to clear the banks. You are encouraged to bring anything you wish to sell and get it out there to the public, but we don't need any junk and we reserve the right to turn away any items deemed to be unsalable. Reserved bids may be placed on large items such as tractors or engines. But this needs to be communicated to Noah at the time of consignment. A \$50 no sale fee will be charged for items that do not reach the reserve you have set. The best plan is to be there to make sure you get what you want for your items.

Sale items may be brought to the showgrounds Monday May 1 thru Thursday May 4 from 10 AM to 7 PM. No items will be accepted on Friday or Saturday. This is a change from other years so you need to pay attention to the dates and times. The earlier items are on display, the more potential bidders can see what will be available at the auction, so get your items signed in early. There will be people sleeping at the showgrounds all week, but security will only be on patrol all night Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Make sure you fill out a consignor's contract and have a copy to

take with you. You will receive another copy with your check along with the clerk list showing what was bid for your items. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask

Another change to our practice of years gone by, we reserve the right to reject items we determine to be junk or unsalable. We have been wasting our time and the auctioneers' valuable time and talents by accepting items we have trouble getting even \$.50 bid for them. So don't waste your time and ours, scrap them or dispose of them yourself. If you have any items you wish to donate to the society to sell, you will receive a copy of the clerk card if you wish to claim it as a donation. We are a registered non-profit organization and any donations are tax deductible. Over the years we have had quite a number of large and small items donated for the proceeds to go to the society and are used to support a variety of community efforts from the 4 H clubs and local charities and families in need. We appreciate these donations very much. There are some tractors and many small items already consigned. There are also several yard sale spaces contracted.

We are truly desperate for help- We have always been shorthanded in the meeting room with sale registration, and clerking the sale. This is a sit down job in the warm and dry and you can stay all day or whatever time you might have. We need several good people for these jobs. Please talk to Noah or Sue if you can help for a few hours or all day. Please step up and lend your support to the society.

The Kitchen will open Friday and Saturday at 7:30 A.M. for breakfast sandwiches and drinks and remain open until the sale and yard sale and engine show are over. Friday evening, Saturday, and Sunday the trailer will be open at the track during the hours of weighing and pulling. More info on Kitchen activities follows. Workers preparing for the sale on Monday thru Friday will be served lunch and supper as needed. Menu will depend on the weather.

Kitchen Preparation- Wednesday, April 12 beginning about 8:30 A.M., we will be cooking chickens for soup and bones for fall pan haus, and working to ready the auction room and wagons for sale week. Wednesday April 19, we will also be making chicken corn soup, cooking bones and making broth for fall pan haus. Lunch will be provided both days and we will be finished around 1:00. Wednesday April 26 we will be working on additional soup preparation, clean up and sale prep, trailer prep and all the odd jobs. Monday May 1 we will be cleaning the trailer and working under the barn and in the kitchen to get ready for the Spring Fling Weekend and we will be accepting consignment items. Tuesday May 2 is a day off for kitchen help, but lunch and dinner will be supplied for anyone working. Wednesday, May 3 we will be cooking any last bones for the fall and making sausage patties and crab cakes. Thursday morning we will be preparing other items for the sale, cleaning up and preparing for the sale weekend. On prep days we will be finished with most work by 1:00. Friday and Saturday we will be open all day until activities are over. The trailer will be at the pulling track as stated above and help is needed for all three days. Any help at either of these locations will be greatly appreciated. Anyone wishing to donate pies or cakes for the weekend should bring them, through the week and mark containers for return. Lunch will be provided for kitchen and sale workers, any donations to the menu will be greatly appreciated. As with any activity at the showgrounds, kitchen help is desperately needed and appreciated. An hour or all day, we are grateful for any time you can give to the society. We're hoping for great weather and plenty of people this year. Hope to see you there.

Work Parties and Projects- A Specific Schedule follows Monday work parties will continue as the weather allows. The crew starts work most Mondays about 9:00 AM and welcome anyone willing to lend a hand. Mowing and yard work continue throughout the spring and summer.

Any storm or snow damage to buildings and grounds will be assessed and plans made for repairs. The best course of action to give suggestions and volunteer your time, is to attend monthly meetings listed at the beginning of the newsletter.

FOR SALE: The society has several pallets of 12" block for sale. If you have any interest in obtaining block for a project you may be working on, please contact any director for further information. Numbers and prices can be discussed at that time. We also have a lot of cut and split firewood for sale. We have the equipment ready to load blocks or firewood onto your truck or trailer, or you can arrange delivery at a cost to you. Please contact any board member for prices and availability.

E.A.S.E.&O.E.S Financial Information- Each January, the Officer and Directors are given a detailed account of the Society's financial standing, and the same is presented at the January general meeting. As a member, you are entitled to the report if you want. An annual copy can be obtained from Sue Knaub at any time. 2015 and 2016 and now 2022 were not good years mostly due to the fact that Steam-O-Rama came up about \$60,000 less than usual, and we still have our credit line with a sizable balance, but we work at paying on that each month. Good shows since have helped pay some debt, but we have the additional lot purchase to pay for also. No big projects are in the works at the present time as we continue to pay monthly bills and hope for great events for 2023. Especially after the recent difficult years it has become evident that we cannot depend on two shows a year to pay all our bills and help get rid of our debt.

Additional Events- As shown earlier we are working to rent out the grounds to outside organizations for additional events. In addition to the Spring Fling Weekend and public sales, we have rented the areas to two separate 4 wheeler groups for the weekend of August 12 to 13, and October 13, to 15., September 16 and 17 will see the return of the Muddy Run Pow Wow. Open to the public, this event has returned to our grounds after an absence of about 15 years, and under new management. Please mark your calendars for these additional events and plan to attend.

Newsletters and Mailings- Even though we use Bulk Rate postage, our costs for printing and mailing newsletters stays high. We have been collecting email addresses for several years in preparation for using them to distribute newsletters to any members willing to receive them in this manner. This year that newsletters are being emailed to members who have supplied their email address to us. There are still some glitches to be ironed out as not all computers play well together. If you are not already on the list, now is your chance to save the society time and money. If you are willing to receive your newsletter via email, you need to notify us of that fact by emailing your reply to steamorama@aol.com as soon as possible. This way we can compile a list to use. You can also download your newsletter from the website, www.steamoramapa.com if you would rather do it that way, but you need to let us know that you plan to do that. If you do not wish to receive a newsletter at all, you can make that notation when you pay your dues and we will no longer send one out to you.

Tractor Raffle- Tickets are being printed for our 2023 Pedal Tractor Raffle and they will be available at the Spring Fling Weekend. Our thanks to Morris Bohlayer for the donation of a brand new in-the-box 20+ year old John Deere 8310 pedal tractor to be given away this year. Nine additional prizes are yet to be decided. Remember to purchase your raffle tickets at any event, and if you have the time and energy, tickets are available for you to sell also.

Public Sales- As of this writing there are several scheduled public sales.. We thank Dave Conley for his continued support of our Society through his volunteer efforts at our Consignment Auction at Steam-O-Rama, and for allowing us to serve the food at his on site auctions as they become available. Check the Rentzel Auction website for details. We also thank auctioneer Ken Keeney and Tom Saylor for their continued support at consignment sale and recent public sales. Letters are ready to go out to our list of possible auctioneers including Jeremiah Herbst, Josh Mego, Scott Dehoff Andy Grothe, Elam King, Jerry Dehoff and Chuck Smith .

We have one public sale scheduled for Saturday February 25 on site and hopefully several more will be added to the list.

Steam-O-Rama Flea Market-Rich and Trudy Reichard have informed the Board of Directors that they will be retiring from managing our flea market effective this year . They have been doing a commendable job of registering, placing and overseeing our flea market for over 30 years. As well as gathering new vendors yearly. We need someone or several someones to step up to the task Please, if you are interested in helping in this capacity contact Rich at 717-378-9871 or any other director ASAP. They are more than willing to offer training and advice where needed and any new ideas will be welcome. Please step up and keep our flea market going

Thank You's and Concerns- Our Thanks to all who helped make 2022 events a success, whether as a volunteer, vendor, exhibitor, or attendee. It wouldn't be possible without everyone working together in some capacity or

another. Additional Thanks to the many organizations who help support our cause by offering special services at Steam-O-Rama. Our thanks to all the guys who helped make our stage and track projects successful.

Special thanks to Nathan Mundis, local boy scout, who constructed the framing for our new announcing tower as his Eagle Scout project, and to Scott Slaybaugh of Sunny Hill Orchards in Biglerville PA for the donation of over 20 bushels of apples in both 2021 and 2022 for the season's apple butter. Thanks also to the Pow Wow crew for the donation of leftovers from their event to be used by the kitchen crew. Becky, of nearby "Becky's Kitchen" headed up the food service for the Pow Wow workers using the Steam-O-Rama kitchen. The left over groceries were donated to SOR for use in workers food and SOR breakfast sales.

Our **Sympathy** to the families of Life Members: Bill Leader, Fred Stauffer, Mike "Digger" Smith, and Leroy "Jim" Weaver.,

Concern also for all of whom suffered maladies of one kind or another and are on the road to recovery.

FIRST HALF WORK SCHEDULE

Meeting dates are available on page 1.

Saturday February 25- Consignemnt Auction of Lehman Auctions Trailer open all day

Wednesday, **April 12**- 8:00 A.M.-Kitchen Prep. Bones for Pan Haus, soup, etc., lunch provided\

Sunday, Deadline for advertising auction items

Wednesday, **April 19**-8:00 A.M.-Kitchen Prep. Bones, soup, etc., lunch provided

Wednesday April 26- 8:00 AM-Kitchen, trailer and barn prep

Monday **May 1**-10:00 A.M. Begin accepting consignment sale items, cleanup and maintenance for sale, mowing if necessary, kitchen prep work lunch and supper provided for workers

Tuesday, **May 2**-10:00 AM consignment items accepted all day, lunch and supper as needed.

Wednesday, **May 3**-10:00A.M. Consignments accepted, and kitchen work. Sausage Patties lunch and supper provided for workers

Thursday, **May 4**-10:00 A.M. Consignments accepted, baking for weekend, all areas ready for sale, meeting room preparation for clerks, lunch and supper provided for workers.

Friday, **May 5** -5:00 PM, Feature Building-,auction of bedding and decorative plants, and under the barn small items and collectibles. Yard Sale/ Flea Market and Tractor, Garden Tractor, & Gas Engine show all day. Kitchen open all day. Antique Farm Tractor Pulls weigh at 3, pull at 5.

Saturday **May 6**-8:30 AM Auctions of wagon loads of tools, collectibles, lawn and garden items, gas engines, tractors and equipment., Antique Farm Tractor, Engine Garden Tractor and Show all day, Garden Tractor Fun Pull at 9 AM., sanctioned pull weigh at 11 and pull at noon. Antique Farm Tractor, Garden Tractor and Gas Engine show, Yard Sale/ Flea Market all day. Kitchen and Trailer open throughout pull.

Sunday, **May 7**- 8:30 A.M. Tractor Engine show and Yard Sale starts, Tough Truck Competition begins at 10:00 PM. Trailer open for breakfast sandwiches and lunch throughout afternoon

Monday, **May 8**-8:30 A.M. Cleanup from Weekend

Tuesday –**May 9**-7:00 PM–General Meeting

Tuesday-**June 6**-7:00 PM Executive Meeting

Tuesday, **June 13**- 7:00PM General Meeting followed by Strawberries and Ice Cream Social

Tuesday, **July** - NO Executive Meeting-

Tuesday, **July 12** – 7:00 PM General Meeting

