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NEWSLETTER NOV 2016

Well November almost gone and Christmas fast approaching!! I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving!! Now for the business part of this letter.

On Nov. 19th four board members and our Wpo Representative met at Carlisle, Pa. to view the site for the 2017 National plowing matches. We drove to the site at Williams Grove and looked things over. The site is 82 acres that is seeded to wheat and it is the same field that we plowed in 2010. This year (2017) we will be able to plow on the south end of the field where it is a more level. Bob Miller and his wife Marian met us at the field and explained the lay out and plowing directions. The group then proceeded to a meeting room to plan the 2017 matches.

The 2017 National Plowing matches will be held at Williams Grove, Pa with the **Pennsylvania State Plowing Contest Committee, Inc. (PSPCCI)** and **Pennsylvania Agriculture Education Center** hosting this years event. The Pa. state contests will be held Thursday Aug. 31st. The National contests will be held on Friday Sept. 1st and Saturday Sept 2nd.

CONTEST SCHEDULE:

Wednesday Aug. 30th : Stake out plots and practice.

Thursday Aug.31st: Pa. state contests, National practice and Banquet at 6:30pm

Friday Sept 1st: 9:00am Antique Class Contest
 12:00am Small plow and Reversible
 4:00pm Kverneland challenge

Sat. Sept 2nd: 9:00am Open class
 10:30am Juniors contests
 12:00am Small plow and reversible

Presentation of awards as soon as possible after last contest.

For all those interested in antiques and steam engines the Williams Grove Historical steam engine assn. will be holding their show the whole week before Labor day right next to the plowing site.

The annual meeting and banquet will be held at the Cracker Barrel restaurant next to the motel.

Directions to motel: Take PA turnpike 76 to interstate 81, turn south on 81 and go to exit 47B which is route 34 or Hanover street. Go south about half a block and Sleep Inn is located right behind the Cracker Barrel.

Directions to Banquet: Exit motel and walk up the hill to the Cracker Barrel.

Contact person for those needing equipment is Jay Wichard and his number is 717-226-8408.

Lodging: Thirty five rooms are reserved at the Sleep Inn until August 1st, 2017. Cost of the rooms will be \$79.00 plus tax. When calling in your reservation tell them you are with the National Plowing Assn.

Sleep Inn Carlisle, PA
5 East Garland Dr.
717-249-8863

Lorraine M. Brown, widow of Glenn Brown, passed away August 14th, 2016. She was a dedicated member of the USAPO for many years and will be missed by family, friends and all members that knew her.

About our financial situation. At this time all the plow repairs and the WPO dues for 2016 have been paid in full. The only outstanding bill that we owe is shipping of the containers. The savings and checking accounts have \$11900.00.

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There were 156 members on the address list. I sent out 18 notices to members that were behind on their dues. There were 11 members that have not paid dues for the last 3 years and 3 of them canceled their memberships. There are 7 members that still owe for 2015 and 2016, 28 members that still owe for 2016. If those were all paid we would have about \$1800.00 more in the accounts. Those 8 members that owe 3 years will be not receiving any more news letters after this mailing.

Note the year or years to the right lower corner of the envelope are the years you owe!!!!!!

Please pay your dues now and show you support for the USAPO!!

Thank you!!

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year
Roger L. Neate

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Make check payable to USAPO Dues \$30.00 Year _____

Name _____

Street Address _____

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