

From the President

Hello fellow Edgar Steam Club members! It has been a while since we have been able to publish a newsletter. I would like to introduce Jean Mueller as our new newsletter editor. Thanks for stepping up to this position Jean!

For those who have not heard, I am saddened to announce the passing of Kurt Umnus Jr. on April 2, 2024. Kurt was one of the charter founding members of our club and the previous owner of the show grounds. We are all thankful for the work he and the other founding members put forth in those formative years for our organization. A HUGE thank you to all of those people!

Your board of directors will be concentrating on some badly needed building repairs for 2024. These were delayed while we lived through 3 bad years in a row. We all remember 2020, where we were unable to hold the show due to Covid, and the rainy weather of 2021 and 2022. Hopefully, we have good weather this year and the club can get caught up. There are some projects being put on the back burner while we wait for club finances to improve.
Regards, Greg



Membership updates

As reported at previous Membership Meetings, there has been considerable discussion regarding membership benefits as well as the duties, responsibilities, and what it means to be a member of the Edgar Steam Club. At the October 2nd meeting the Board asked for an advisory vote asking if they should move forward with on the motion, "*Members are required to work for your admission wristband*". The members present voted unanimously to do "something". The board is still looking at options for "*earning your wristband*". Updates will be forthcoming.

As reported in Greg's message, the club is looking for ways to improve its finances. Much discussion was had about gate fees, whether member's should be charged an entrance fee even if they work, and the price of camping. As gate fees had already been raised and it seemed unfair to charge members who were working to support the show, it was decided that the camping fee would be raised to \$75. This fee includes access to bathrooms & showers, water, wi-fi, and garbage disposal. While the new fee may seem like a large jump, it is very much in line with camping prices around the state. This added revenue from the camping fee will help the club to recover from the previous years of sparse attendance.

In other news, the club will now be offering scholarships to graduating high school seniors. Club members, children, or grandchildren of members are eligible to apply. Keep this in mind if you know someone who will be graduating next year.

Much discussion has been had about the need for new roofing on the buildings at the grounds. It was decided that new steel was the best option. This summer the roof will be replaced on the pancake house shed and kitchen. The craft building roof will be replaced in the future as finances allow. The log cabin will be looked at as a full demo and rebuild project. This may take a few years to finish.

Our next meeting will be May 20th @ 7:00pm in the Youth Building. Everyone is encouraged to attend! Remember, this is your club. You are an important part of our mission – "To preserve our rural heritage and educate future generations through education and live demonstrations."

CLUB WEBSITE: www.steamshow.com

FIND US ON FACEBOOK!

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ENGINE CLUB, INC.

May 2024

2023

Membership meeting schedule

- 5/20/2024 7:00 pm Youth Building
- 6/17/2024 7:00 pm Youth Building
- 7/15/2024 7:00 pm Youth Building
- 8/5/2024 7:00 pm Youth Building
- 8/19/2024 7:00 pm in the Barn

Our 2023 show was a wonderful success! We are thankful for the beautiful DRY weather. It was a pleasure to welcome all of our friends and visitors back to enjoy our show. The latest improvement to our grounds was the Parking Lot granite roads. Fortunately, we did not have to test them out in 2023!

The new show ground entry route has much improved the traffic flow and parking for our show.



The General Store has been updated with new roof and air conditioning.



Thank you to outgoing director Troy Wiesman for his service to the club. Janice Soczka was elected to fill this roll. Also, thank you to Linda Berens & Randy Martyn, who have stepped down as directors. Appointed to fill these rolls are Fay Nieman and Justin Martin.

2024

2024 Board Members & Committee assignments

- Greg Szemborski, *President* – 715-680-0439
- Social media, advertising, licenses, bands, bars
- *Paul Kunze, *Vice President* – 715-223-3665
- Rentals, permits, membership, log cabin
- Elton Martyn, *Treasurer* – 715-551-1424
- Sawmill, financial records
- *Dana Hubacek, *Secretary* – 715-505-5351
- Meeting minutes, contracts
- Tom Martin– 715-574-1020
- Buildings & Grounds, tractor reg, barn
- *Scott Borchardt– 715-218-3765
- Flea market, craft shed, garbage, food vendors
- Chad Kayart, – 715-223-5263
- Resaw, woodworking shed, camping, blacksmith shop, safety, pancake house
- *Janice Soczka– 715-352-2786
- General Store, youth building, homestead demos, children’s activities
- **Fay Nieman– 715-615-0405
- Parking & Bus rental, scholarships
- Dan Klockziem– 715-432-6364
- Gates, small engines, EMS, handicapped shuttle
- Keven Behnke– 715-571-0216
- Field demos, crops & threshing, long range planning
- Gary Schacht– 715-206-0755
- Steamers & Shuttles
- **Justin Martin– 715-715-573-9244
- School & show office, banquet, petting zoo
- *elected for 2024
**appointed to board to finish a term

Wednesday work nights starting May 22. Looking for a project to work on at the grounds? Contact Tom Martin

The club is in need of a volunteer handbook. If you have experience and/or interest, we are looking for 2-3 people to spearhead the project. Contact Dorrie Martyn.

Save the date: Banquet will be October 5th.

If anyone is interested in advertising on fence by the flea market during the show, contact Greg Szemborski. Sponsors will need to provide their own banner. A 4' x4' space will be \$200.



STEAM SHOW WEEKEND Aug 23-25

We are always looking for more volunteers! Check out our website to sign up for shifts during the show or contact volunteer coordinator Dorrie Martyn @ 715-680-6151.

Work week meals

Once again meals will be provided for members during the work week leading up to the show. The club is providing the main entrée, water, and soda. Fresh veggies, fruit, and side dishes are needed to fill out the meals. This year’s offerings include Egg bake, Asian beef & vegetables with rice, Salisbury steak with potatoes & green beans, and Brats. Any questions or concerns can be directed to Cheryl @ 715-937-5455.

Look at our Website & Facebook pages for club updates! Click on the Facebook icon on our webpage and you will go straight to our page! Contact Cheryl (715-937-5455) to share any updates with your Club family.



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