

QUINEBAUG VALLEY ENGINEERS



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FROM THE PRESIDENT, CONNOR BISHOP

This year is flying by, but we are flying through projects as well! The DeZara engine collection is finally moved out of the Tractor Barn and into the Chester Engine Building. That project was waiting on the last two engines to be moved, the Cooper-Bessemer and the Clark, which was waiting on a new skid. We had a great work party to help move the engines out, swap skids, and truck them over to their new home with our 80D crane and Mack tractor.

At the time of writing, all engines are in their final resting place and jacked down to the floor except for one. Anchoring them to the floor and plumbing are the next tasks – if anyone has donations of good clean iron pipe and fittings it would be appreciated. I plan on using mostly 1” and 2” pipe, but donations of any size would be appreciated.

On the topic of donations, we have received several exciting donations this year. A Northwest Model 6 cable shovel (and the transportation!) was donated last month. Bill Williams and I spent several weekends fixing swing clutches in order to swing, travel, and boom down the machine and get it on a trailer. The shovel is overall in great shape, has a few leaks to remedy, and could use a good greasing and clutch adjustment.

We also have been hauling back items from George Jarvis’s house that he had left to us. Murphy engine parts, tools, small tractors, his famous truck, a plow truck, and a trailer body filled with shovel parts and tools have been brought to the farm in the past few weeks. Our beloved George may have passed on, but his memory will live on – I think of him every time I drive past his green F250 at the Farm.

There never is a shortage of projects at the Farm! If you’re interested in getting involved, check out our ever-expanding project list on our forum, ZagrayForum.com. We also can always use volunteers during the show – if you would like to help out let me know.

Our Fall Show is fast approaching! Let’s hope for a weekend of good weather and great times. See you at the Farm!

FROM THE DESK OF THE TREASURER – Art Chester

Dues for 2023 are due and are still \$20.00 per year.

Lifetime memberships are \$500 and help the museum grow!

Donations for the Ray DeZara engine collection for the fourth and final payment of \$35,125 are welcome. I need to make that payment in late April 2024. Please note on your donation that it is for this purpose.

For those of you who contribute to the United Way campaign, QVEA is now listed as a charitable organization allowing you to direct your donation to us for the support and expansion of the Zagray Farm Museum. The Pfizer Foundation also has a volunteer program that provides QVEA with substantial donations each year, based on the volunteer work of members who work or are retired from Pfizer.

Saw Mill

The saw mill was busy during the Summer show providing some additional material for our construction needs. But I used it all up! I'm in need of 1" boards, mostly.

Needed! Pine logs 8'6" to 16'6" as always. Our supply of shorter material is rather thin.

Bob Chester Engine Building

We have been busy on the building over the last couple of months. The painting has been completed (20+ gallons of stain!) The half walls on the front have been completed except for the top plates. We have ordered clear curtains to enclose that front display area and protect the engines for the winter months. Perhaps they will be installed for the fall show. The last 2 engines were moved into the building, the Clark on a new skid built by Conner. All of the engines have been set in their final locations in preparation for bolting down. When that is complete, we can begin the plumbing needed to get these engines running again! And figure out the Clark exhaust piping, a pad for the propane tanks, and an entrance apron on the west side door (that was waiting on the Clark exhaust installation). See Conner to help, we need it!



Other Projects

A half wall has also been installed on the pavilion and clear vinyl curtains ordered and make the area more usable during poor weather, and transform it into a usable 3 season space. Our picnic tables that were built in 2007 and stored outside have started to decay. Ned gave them needed repairs and stain to extend their life, but we needed more tables under the pavilion. Rather than building 4 or 5, we decided to replace all of them and use the old tables outside around the building. So, Allan, Bob Lee and I collaborated on a design and 14 tables were built and clear coated. They look great!

Engine building one has a new 24' by 8' rear workroom under part of the rear overhang. It's framed and plywood installed at this moment, and will get siding and paint shortly -- a much-needed addition to this building for tools and support materials.

The second bleacher set for the pulling pit needs to be shortened to match the first one completed last fall. The trailer used by the pullers got a major overhaul, new roof, door, trim, paint, and solar charging for the sound system (thanks, Allen and Bob Lee) as well as a refurb of our wash stations.

The upper part of the farmhouse has been painted and at least part of the front garage will see some paint soon, hopefully.

Our old repair shop up front is getting a much-needed sorting and cleaning with the intent to continue to make it a working machine shop. See Chris Allen to help.

George Jarvis donated his truck in his Will, Murphy parts, Northwest parts, and plenty additional items. So you'll see George's 1972 Ford with the iconic 80D license plate at the farm. We are glad to have it. The model 6 that George talked about often has also made it to the farm and looks great. We will be culling a few items deemed expensive to keep or duplicates.

**.....AND THERE ARE PLENTY MORE!!!!!!
So come out and lend a hand when you can!**



Behind that crane, Connor was trying to unwind the cable but wasn't having much success. Dave Chester and Scott Clewell had to manually pull them down to attach to the Clark.

Getting the Clark situated on its new skid.





George Jarvis donated this old MAC truck to the farm a few years. It's come in handy.



Hey Scott! What's the clamp for?



In memory of George Jarvis.
He requested that his NW6 be moved to the
Zagray Farm Museum. Bill Williams and
Connor Bishop got that done this past August.

FROM THE SECRETARY/EDITOR, DIANNE TEWKSBURY

FUTURE SHOW DATES: Oct. 7 – 8, 2023

May 4 - 5, July 20 – 21, Oct. 5 – 6, 2024

Location: 544 Amston Rd. (Rt. 85), Colchester, CT

Admission: \$10 per person / Children 15 and under are FREE!

Hours: 7am – 4pm Rain or Shine

Camping with your display (no hookups)

Show Info: Connor Bishop @ 203-313-5362

Vendor Space: \$30 Weekend – 30' x 18'

Vendor Space Info: Karl Hansen 860-887-0144

A FLAG?

During the March 2023 meeting, someone brought up the idea of having a Zagray flag. If you have any interest in creating a design for a Zagray Farm Museum flag, please let Connor know at 203-313-5362.

FOR SALE

If you have any items fit to be offered for sale, we will be selling items during the shows in the area around the center door of the Tractor Barn.

No furniture, dishes or kitchen-related items unless they are antique.

Proceeds will go to the Zagray Farm Museum.

WINTER STORAGE AVAILABLE: First come, first served space is available in our Tractor Barn over the winter months for a fee of \$17 per foot for your RV, trailer, vintage vehicle, etc. The measurement needs to include from the tongue to the tail lights and include anything attached (any space that would not allow for another vehicle).

Vehicles can be stored in the building from Nov. 1 through April 15.

Please contact Ned Tewksbury at 860-537-2252

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QUINEBAUG VALLEY ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION, INC. (QVEA)



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STREET _____

CITY _____

STATE/ZIP _____

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Dues are \$20.00 per person for one year, payable with application.
Dues include liability insurance at the farm.

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