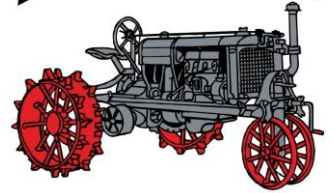


# QUINEBAUG VALLEY ENGINEERS

Zagray Farm



Museum

## The Zagray Quarterly

16 September 2021

**FROM THE DESK OF THE TREASURER – Art Chester**

**Dues for 2021 are due and still \$20.00 per year.**

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

Contributions to help pay for the Ray DeZara engine collection are needed to pay the second annual installment of \$35,125 due April 2022. Please note on your donation that it is for this purpose.

Our July show was fairly typical, hot and rain to our north kept some people away. Still, all in all, we did well – on to the fall show! I believe all of our grounds improvements and additions to our displays also plays a part in our continued growth. Thanks to all who make our shows happen!

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.

We are set-up with Amazon Smile as well. This program donates ½ of 1 percent of eligible purchases to a charity of your choice. The pricing is the same on Amazon Smile as on Amazon. Paste or type this link <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/06-1426891> into your browser to connect to QVEA's page and get started!

## Saw Mill

Picked up 3 loads from a site in South Windsor. It happened that I was delivering pellets to a customer when I noticed the tree guys starting on a stand of white pine. So I wandered over to talk to them. We still need 12' and 16 foot material any way we can get it.

**LOST!** We had two log tongs with chains for lifting logs off trailers.

I vaguely recall someone borrowing them a year or more ago. We don't use them as much now that the skid steer has a grapple bucket, but we really would like them back for those times when the skid steer is unavailable. Hopefully, this will stir a memory in someone!

We have about 60 of the 2"X12"X16' rafters needed for the 2<sup>nd</sup> engine building but 80 more need to be cut. All of the posts have been cut as well.

So, our emphasis remains on producing the necessary materials for the second engine building. We can now store lumber under the rear shed roof of the new tractor building, giving us more room under the mill.

## **SAW LOGS *Still* NEEDED!**

### **2nd Engine Building**

Excavation has been started on this project. And then the rains came! I'm hopeful that we can get it graded before the show and ready for footings. We modified the structure to enclose the rear and both sides. This will allow for our new engine collection to be housed indoors. The front of the building will have a shed roof for the Wichman engine and some other engines for display. The plan is to have all the foundation work complete and ready for concrete floor in the early spring. Construction to follow.

### **Pavillion**

**The pavilion is complete and will be inspected next week. We should be open for the show!**

### **Engine collection purchase**

We have moved a good portion of these engines from Kent and have them in the tractor building on static display pending construction of the next engine building. We've had a great crew of volunteers, trucks and trailers, making the project simple. The remaining engine is at Ray's shop and we are ready to get it, but the crane guy has a medical

issue. So it's temporarily on hold. We also have been made aware of two rare hot air engines that Ray will part with. It's under discussion. The addition of this collection and the Bob Chester Memorial Engine Building will easily make us the largest engine display in New England! Quite an accomplishment!

## **FROM CONNOR BISHIP AND ETHAN BAILEY**

While we have had an exciting time hauling the Ray Dezara engine collection to the Farm, we still have one more to pick up! Hopefully after our show we will be able to orchestrate another day with the crane and a tag trailer, and then the move will be complete. Once that is done, then they all get moved into our soon-to-be new engine building. I made a rough plan for the engine layout to maximize space, ease movement between engines, and in the cases of engines with clutches, position them against a wall. That would give us the option of making a trap door in the wall to pass belting through so we can run displays set up outside the building, if so desired.

In our current engine building, Ethan and I have begun to weld up the framework to hold the lineshaft for the Atlas Imperial engine. Once complete, the Atlas will be belted up to one of the original button machines that it ran, plus other various flat-belt driven machinery.

Several of our farm trucks have been getting some much-needed help thanks to some new volunteers. The black dump truck got a tune up and is in line for a carburetor rebuild, the gray ford and plow truck got brakes, and the blue chevy is having its rotted transmission lines gone through.

We're all looking forward to a great Fall show. If you're interested in helping out, make sure to stop by and see what there is to be done!

## **FROM PAUL TOWNE**

Shortly after the Colchester Historical Society acquired the title to the Zagray farm in 2000 they paid to have the property surveyed . They did this for two reasons. First, they knew that there had been a dispute between the Zagray family and an adjoining property owner. Second, they realized that a survey would be necessary if they ever wanted to harvest timber from the wooded part of the farm.

Twenty years have passed and the Zagray Farm Museum could use the proceeds from a timber harvest to help pay for the Dezara engine purchase. Now is the time for us to contact the three big logging firms in Connecticut and start a science based forest management project on the Zagray land east of the air line trail. I estimate that a good size firm could harvest all of the appropriate trees in about 1 month.

Paul

## FROM THE SECRETARY – DIANNE TEWKSBURY

We couldn't quite get the kitchen done in time for the July show, but Allen set up a refrigerator, two grills, propane tank, a temporary 3-sink dish washing station and drainage system just outside the kitchen under the Pavilion roof. Chatham Health approved everything and gave us a permit so we could cook and serve food to the public. I think we made another record even though it rained really hard on Sunday. People were scrambling to get under the Pavilion roof and enjoy their sandwiches or ice cream. Chuck (right), a friend of Allen's, Maryann Clewell (2<sup>nd</sup> from left), Shirley Bucci, and Mary Blazek (on Sunday) all joined the kitchen crew for the first time. Along with (from left) Kathryn , Allen and myself, we had a good time! Thanks everyone!!



Now, we're getting down to the finish line with the club's new kitchen. The cabinets had arrived and Marc Bezanson got them installed before the flooring was scheduled to be installed on Aug. 16.





Earlier this summer, the septic system and tanks went in.



Art got the grease interceptor installed before the sinks went in then he installed all of the plumbing for the sinks and installed a hot water heater – we now have running cold AND hot water!!



Several club members came to the farm last Saturday to help get the 60" oven/grill and the 54" refrigerator into the kitchen and in place. It was a struggle, but they got the job done! Thanks guys!!



If inspection goes well on Monday, we'll be inside for the October show. A dream come true!! This kitchen and pavilion will be enjoyed by club members and the community for years to come! Thanks everyone!!! Let me know if you would like to join the kitchen crew!

Dianne Tewksbury  
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**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

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