

QUINEBAUG VALLEY ENGINEERS



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FROM THE DESK OF THE TREASURER – Art Chester

Dues for 2022 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 October show was a great success! Total income came in just under the spring show, making it the second best show ever! 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

The tree guy we picked loads in South Windsor hooked me up with another guy on a site in Farmington. A load out day was set up and netted us 8 loads of 12' and 16' white pine. Beautiful, large diameter, straight, mill quality logs. There is still more on the ground, probably another 10 loads. I'm working on setting up another haul day, but the tree guy is very busy. Saw mill cut days for the new engine building have depleted our available stock of material, so we need those loads from Farmington.

The Sawmill is in need of someone to adopt the area and keep it ready for mill cut days, show demonstrations and spectators. General cleaning and removal of sawdust, bark, slab wood, unusable logs, cut-off ends and leaves. Cleanup after shows, emptying the saw dust truck and fueling the Murphy need to occur as well. See Dave or Art.

We now have all the material needed for the engine building. Thanks go to a great crew on Saturdays for getting it done!

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!

2nd Engine Building

Footings and foundation walls have been poured, the site back-filled, rough graded, and underground utilities piping is complete. Winter will halt work soon. Spring will start with construction of the Rustin and Wichman engine foundations, the Clark exhaust, interior electrical piping, and the 20 piers that need to be installed. Following all that, the concrete floor can be installed and construction started. I have the materials for the Wichman engine mounting and will it build over the winter in the style of the frame built for the Fairbanks.



Engine Collection Purchase

We have moved all the 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 (the Marion) 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. It will have to be moved in the spring with a dump truck and heavy trailer. We also purchased two rare hot air engines from Ray that were at Kent. One is mostly finished – the other is in 'as found' condition. Both are now stored in our tractor building. Rumor has it that the rest of Ray's hot air engines may well be available to us at some point.

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!

ENGINES – CONNOR BISHOP & ETHAN BAILEY

Ever since I have been coming to the Farm, first as a spectator, and then as a volunteer, I feel that each show is a little better than the last! We have been expanding at a great speed the past few years, and this year is no exception. Not only do we now have a great food pavilion, but concrete is in the ground for Engine Building #2!

Our acquisition of Ray's engine collection is a huge step forward for us and I look forward to threading miles of iron pipe to plumb all the engines as they are placed in the new building. As the weather warms up next year we will need plenty of volunteers to help erect the new building, so if you're interested in helping out but don't know where to start, this is a great way to get involved.

We have some great new enthusiastic members who have been going through the Farm's collection of trucks, giving them the love that they have been needing. Currently the GMC flatbed is getting treated to a new clutch and brakes, which is quite a job considering the time it has been sitting.

Now it's time for some winter projects, a merry Christmas, happy new year, and see you at the Farm!

From Dave Chester:

WANTED: For our repair shop: Oxygen and acetylene torch set with tanks. Looking for the smaller like 3 foot tall tanks that you don't have to rent.

Contact Dave Chester 860-982-5163

FREE::::: Pine slabwood from our sawmill! Great for backyard campfires, camping campfires, outdoor boilers whatever...come and get some today!

Contact Dave at 860-982-5163



From Dianne:

We passed inspection so the new kitchen was put into action for the Oct. show. I ended up coming down with bronchitis the day before the show and missed the whole thing.

So, I want to thank everyone who stepped up to help out—some at the last minute.

Kathryn's taking the picture. Left to right: Allen, Chuck, Melissa, Shirley, Payton, Jaime.





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For more information on the Zagray Farm Museum, go to

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