

HEART OF MICHIGAN ANTIQUE TRACTOR CLUB

Dedicated to the preservation of antique tractors.

FEBRUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER

Club meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

NEXT CLUB MEETING: Thursday, FEBRUARY 1, 2024 -- 7:00 p.m.
Bennington Township Hall
5849 S. M-52 -- Owosso, MI

REFRESHMENTS: FEBRUARY: Holly Cameron, Bev Smith, Rodger Black
MARCH: Linda Gruesbeck, Barb Huff – need 1 more
APRIL: Bev Smith; Claude Palmerton – need 1 more

*Join us for snacks following the meetings.
Please sign up for 2024 snacks at the next meeting or call Annette.*

PRES NOTES: I hope everyone is staying warm and safe. If you are working on any projects that you would like to share, come to a meeting, we would really like to hear about it. For those of you that do not subscribe to the Green Magazine which is all John Deere, we have a celebrity in our midst. Claude Palmerton won a year subscription for submitting an answer to a question from the month prior. Congratulations Claude. Keep warm, see you in February, Prez

OFFICERS:

President	Kim Smith	2023	517-712-0040
Vice President	Claude Benjamin	2023	517-749-7145
Co-Secretaries	Bev Smith	2023	517-851-7069
	Holly Phinney	2023	989-224-7629
Treasurer	Tammy Kent	2018	517-281-7547
Trustee	Mel Ballard	2023	989-277-2340

AUXILIARY:

Sunshine & Memorials	Barb Huff	517-861-9934
Newsletter	Annette Devereaux	517-230-8217
Sgt. at Arms	Mel Ballard	989-277-2340

CONTACT Annette Devereaux in person, by phone 517-230-8217 or by email HMATC2016@gmail.com if you have any ideas, suggestions, classifieds to put in the newsletter.

Ginny Kline is sending our HMATC newsletters via email. If you would like email ONLY newsletter option, please let her know so we can update our records accordingly. Please call or text 989-640-4929 or e-mail klineg@michigan.gov and let her know you request e-mail only.

Sunshine & Memorials – Barb Huff will send out cards so contact her if you know of anyone in need of a card from the club. Contact Barb at 517-861-9934 or foxylady794@gmail.com.

Heart of Michigan Antique Tractor Club Monthly Meeting-January 4, 2024

The January meeting was called to order by President, Kim Smith at 7:01 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all present. Roll call of officers: President, Kim Smith; Vice President, Claude Benjamin; Secretary, Bev Smith; Treasurer, Tammy Kent; Trustee, Mel Ballard. All present. Pass the hat brought in \$44 and there were 30 people attending.

The November Secretary's minutes were approved by a motion from Floyd Koerner and Lee Ash second. The Treasurer's report was read and approved by a motion from Floyd Koerner and second by Mike Bush. There is a balance of \$3,167.21. We have 7 individual members, 18 family members, one honorary member for a total of 26 members.

OLD BUSINESS:

President Kim Smith mentioned that the Mackinac Bridge Crossing will be a go this year **IF** all the issues are settled with the bridge authority. The date is planned for September 7, 2024.

Vice President Claude Benjamin reported on a W.D. Allis Chalmers tractor that has been donated to the club as a fund raiser. A motion was made by Brent Cameron and seconded by Tammy Kent to advertise the tractor for sale, as is, in the newsletter with a minimum price of \$500.00. Any further information should be directed to Claude Benjamin, 517-749-7145, or Kim Smith, 517-712-0040.

We still need people to sign up for refreshments for, and tractor talks after, the meetings. Thank you to those who have participated.

Discussion about the annual July club tractor show. It was decided by a motion from Janet Demerly and second by Lee Ash to NOT have a food vendor. All in favor by show of hands.

Floyd and Nancy Koerner will make the ice cream again. Randy Bonkowski made a motion that the club supply the hot dogs, buns, condiments, and also the ice cream supplies for the show. Brent Cameron seconded. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Election of officers:

Lee Ash motioned to have the current board re-elected. Nancy Koerner seconded. Motion passed.

The officers for 2024 year are: President: Kim Smith; Vice President: Claude Benjamin;

Co-Secretary s: Holly Phinney and Bev Smith; Treasurer: Tammy Kent; Trustee: Mel Ballard.

Mel Ballard brought up about the merchandise on hand. We have enough in stock for a while. When we need more hats, etc., we will use a local supplier Deluxe Trophy in Owosso. We will have a fire sale to help move the hats on hand. A motion was made by Randy Bonkowski to reduce the price of hats to \$15 each instead of \$20. Seconded by Doug Ash. Motion passed by a close show of hands.

A Mackinac Bridge Committee was formed to work with Bob Baumgrass & Co., when/if the bridge crossing moves forward. They are Floyd Koerner, Doug Ash, Mel Ballard.

Tammy Kent mentioned that Dick Gilna from Corunna had passed away. We will get a plaque for the family. Annette Devereaux is going to put a list of all members who have passed since starting our club in the newsletter.

The meeting was adjourned by a motion from Tammy Kent and second by Holly Cameron at 7:59pm
Respectfully submitted by Bev Smith, Secretary

CALENDAR OF EVENTS: Monthly meeting dates: 2024 – Feb 1; Mar 7; Apr 4; May 2; Jun 6; Jul 11; Aug 1; Sep 5; Oct 3; Nov 7; Dec Christmas Party TBD.

JULY 12-13, 2024 – 8th HMATC ANNUAL SHOW – Bennington Township Hall. Genevieve Rose will be singing on Saturday, July 13th from 2:00-4:00 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 7, 2024 – Mackinac Bridge Antique Tractor Crossing – Bridge Crossing is a go! More details to follow as they will not have updated info on their website until after Feb. 1. Club Reps for 2024: Floyd Koerner, Jr.; Mel Ballard; Doug Ash

HEART OF MICHIGAN ANTIQUE TRACTOR CLUB
Membership Application and Roster Information

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: HEART OF MICHIGAN ANTIQUE TRACTOR CLUB

MEMBERSHIP DUES AND APPLICATION TO: TAMMY KENT
3095 W ELLSWORTH RD
PERRY MI 48872

New Member Renewal \$20 Individual

Date _____ \$25 Family*

Name(s) _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone or Cell #(s) _____

Email _____ Check box to receive Newsletter by email.

Tractor

Model

Year

*Family membership includes spouse or significant other and dependent children under age 18.