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One of Dale Starks' Massey Ferguson 860's combining wheat in Oklahoma 1982. From the film 'Yellow Trail From Texas' and the book 'Starks' Harvesters' by Robert White (Photo 'Starks' Harvesters')

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EDITOR

More bad news. Émile Couture lost his battle against cancer and died on December 25, 2010. Émile was a good supporter of the Club, participated actively, and was a member since the beginning. He was known for his friendly, engaging, and pleasant personality. His friendly demeanor in welcoming visitors to our show caused them to laugh. He was well known for his passion to preserve our farm heritage and was a collector of International equipment. The Club will certainly miss Emile. For an eloquent tribute to Emile, read Jean-Paul's blog at: <http://machinesetoutilsdautrefois.blogspot.com>

Also, Dallas Campbell has reported that Howard Barrup died just recently. Howard lived in Newport and participated in our show in the past. He was an interesting man, of independent opinion, and an innovator. For instance, he made soap from his restaurant waste oil conversion system to biodiesel. He also built a motor from scrap, which he called the 'Neverwuz'. We will miss the interesting conversations with this gentleman. Our sympathy to the Couture and Barrup families. Dallas Campbell has already made reservations for the Expo Cookshire site for our Crankup on Sunday May 29th. Also, Bob Sarrasin has been contacted to do the BBQ on August 20th.

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" ANTIQUE MACHINES" NEWSLETTER

The newsletter "Antique Machines d'Antan" is published as needed but generally once each season. It is a communications link with the members, the objective being to inform them of activities and transmit pertinent information.

Everyone interested in gas engines, toys, models, tractors, machinery, tools, and other antiques is invited to submit material of any type such as an article, letter, or advertisement to the Editor.

Distribution

This newsletter is distributed to members who have paid their annual dues and sometimes to other persons interested in antique machinery and other objects.

This newsletter is also published in French. (Ce bulletin est aussi publié en Français.)

THE CLUB

The "Eastern Townships Antique Machinery Club" is a non-profit corporation constituted in Quebec under Part 3 of "La loi sur les compagnies" in 1992.

The Club provides a forum for people interested in antique machinery, toys, tools, and other objects, to meet, communicate, exchange information, and hold meetings, assemblies, competitions, demonstrations, exhibitions. The Club meets once a month for formal meetings and holds an exhibition at least once a year.

Executive

The executive for 2011 is composed of the following members:

Position	Member
President.....	Gordon Barnett
Vice-president.....	Luc Grenier
Secretary	Dominique Perron
Treasurer	David Lord
Director.....	Yvon Cloutier
Director.....	Delmar Fisher
Director.....	Gary Dunsmore

Meetings

Members meet on the **second** Sunday of the month in January, February, March, April, May, September, October, and November at 930h in the basement of the Waterville Town Hall. (Please check with a member because date and place may change.)

The Annual General Meeting is on the second Sunday in January at 930h in the basement of the Waterville Town Hall. Elections are held at this meeting.

Each August, the Club organizes an exhibition of machinery, toys, models, and other antiques in Compton. Club members, their families, and friends meet for Christmas brunch on the first Sunday of December or the last Sunday of November.

Schedule of meetings¹

Date	Date
9 January, 2011	29 May 2011 ⁴
9 January, 2011 ³	11 September 2011
13 February 2011	9 October 2011 ⁵
13 March 2011	13 November, 2011
10 April 2011 ⁵	4 December 2011 ²

¹ Subject to change- Verify

² Christmas Brunch

³ Annual General Meeting

⁴ Crank-up and meeting Cookshire Fairgrounds

⁵ May be cancelled due to Holidays

Membership

Anyone who has paid the annual dues is a member in good standing. The annual fee covers the calendar year. For 2011, the membership fee is \$20.

The membership fee permits the Club to operate. It pays for: this newsletter, annual Government of Quebec Report, insurance, letters, special projects (ex. National engine), the website.

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COMING EVENTS

1. Cumberland Heritage Village Museum, Heritage Power and Country Festival. May 28-29, 2011 (unconfirmed). www.ottawa.ca/museums Cumberland, Ontario.

2. Central Mass. Steam, Gas, and Machinery. Orange, MA. 4th weekend in June. June 25-26, 2011. (confirmed) www.oldengine.org, www.cmsgma.com

3. Vermont Gas and Steam Engine Ass. Brownington, VT. June 17-18. 2011 (confirmed).

4. New York Two-Cylinder Expo. Biannual, 2nd week-end of July, not Sunday. Canandaigua, NY. July 7-9, 2011. (confirmed) www.newyorkstateexpo.com

5. Farmersville. Athens, ON. 3rd July weekend, according to website. July 15-17, 2011. (unconfirmed). www2.ucdsb.on.ca/athens/athenschamber/Farmersville.htm , www.athensontario.com

6. Vermont Gas and Steam Engine Ass. Stockbridge, VT. Corner of 100 & 107. September 2-3, 2011 (confirmed).

7. Festival du Lait. Coaticook, QC. August 4-7 , 2011 (confirmed). www.lefestivaldulait.com

8. 54th Annual Stowe Antique and Classic Car Meet. Stowe VT. August 12-14, 2011 (confirmed). www.vtauto.org

9. Pageant of Steam, Canandaigua, NY. August 10-13, 2011 (confirmed). www.pageantofsteam.org

10. Eastern Townships Antique Machinery Club. Exposition 2011. August 20-21, 2011. Compton.

11. "Rough and Tumble". Kinzers, PA. August 17-20, 2011. (confirmed) www.roughandtumble.org

12. Massey Exposition of North America. Canandaigua NY. August 10-13, 2011 (confirmed). www.masseycollectors.org

13. Connecticut River Valley Flywheelers. Ely, VT. August 26-28, 2011 (unconfirmed)

14. Chateaugay Valley Antique Association Rockburn, QC. August 27-28, 2011. (confirmed)

15. Week-End Rouge. Parc des Salines. Saint-Hyacinthe, QC. September 9-11, 2011 (unconfirmed). www.appaq.ca

16. Fall Festival. East Burke, VT. Saturday, September 24, 2011.

17. IHC National Red Power Roundup. June 23-25, 2011. Albert Lea, Minnesota.

18. Collectors Show. Orleans Elementary School, Orleans VT. February 13, 2011.

CHRISTMAS PARTY 2010

Each year for a long time, the Club has celebrated Christmas with a brunch at the beginning of December. In 2010, the brunch was served by the personnel of the Coaticook Golf Club from 1000h to 1230h. This site is particularly attractive for several reasons. First, there is a beautiful view over the Coaticook River Valley because the Club House is located high up on a hill. Secondly, the room is spacious with many windows. Thirdly, the Club doesn't require that we guarantee the number of participants like other places where if we predict 75 participants and 50 come, we have to pay for 75.



Figure 1. Coaticook Golf Club , Christmas Brunch, Sunday, December 5, 2010. L-r: Gary Dunsmore, Linda Dunsmore, Marilyn Reed, Phil Reed.

On Sunday, December 5th, a cloudy day with no snow, 57 members and their friends met at the Club for the brunch. Most of the participants came from the region around Coaticook, Compton, Waterville, Bury, Cookshire, and East Angus, but some came from as far away as Danville and even Kinnears Mills.

Gordon Barnett was the first to arrive at 900h followed by Delmar and Nicole Fisher at about 920h. Most of the participants arrived at about 945 to 1000h. Dave Lord collected the money (\$14 per person) for the meal and gave a ticket to each person who had paid. The Machine Club paid the tip. Gordon received the gifts, gave a coupon for each gift to the participant, and put the double in a container for the drawing later on. In fact, there were 58 gifts. Gordon then ticketed each gift and put each double in another container for the gift draw.

The participants got a coffee and chatted after their arrival. At about 1020h, the members and their friends headed for the food tables where there was a big choice: scrambled eggs, sausages, bacon, beef stew, toast, baked beans, apple and orange juice, coffee and tea, squares, and cake.



Figure 2. Coaticook Golf Club, Christmas Brunch, Sunday, December 5, 2010. L-r: Sharon Moore, Royce Rand, Dominique Perron.

At about 1100h, drawing for the gifts began. Luc Grenier looked after the first stage of the drawing, that of the participant with the winning coupon. Gordon chose the first and the winner or someone in the audience chose the second and subsequent winning coupons. The winner was then invited to choose a ticket from the second container, which was matched to the gift. It took about 40 minutes to choose all the gifts.



Figure 3. Coaticook Golf Club. Christmas Brunch, Sunday, December 5, 2010. L-r: Pauline Chagnon, Françoise Dionne, Raymond Chagnon, Michel Dion.

The President thanked the manager, Mr. Brown and his team at the Golf Club for the warm reception and good food. He also thanked all the participants who brought a gift, wished everyone

a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2011. The Club thanks Michel Dion for making the arrangements with the Golf Club.



Figure 4 Coaticook Golf Club, Christmas Brunch, Sunday, December 5, 2010. L-r: Lisianne Lapierre, Luc Grenier

Everything ended at about 1215h. As he prepared to leave the site, the President received a telephone call from Emile Couture in the Coaticook hospital. He wanted to say hello to all those present and regretted that he couldn't be there.

Dominique Perron and Gordon Barnett then went to the Hospital to see Emile. Émile was in palliative care and had received a stint to open his esophagus so that he could swallow food. In spite of everything, Emile was in good humor and told stories of his experiences at Waterville TG.

SEPTEMBER 2010 MEETING

The meeting was held on September 12 with nine members present. Several subjects were discussed:

Magnetic Logo

In the Business Arising part of the Meeting, a member had requested information on the availability and cost of magnetic plaques with the Club logo. This has not been done and will be pursued soon.

Trailer

It is the status quo concerning the trailer. (The Government has proposed changes governing the inspection of trailers. If the proposed

legislation is adopted as presented, an annual inspection in a government centre will be necessary. However, to date, there has been no development in this file.)

Date of the meeting

Several times during the year, the meeting conflicts with other events. For example, the second Sunday falls on Thanksgiving, Mothers Day, and sometimes Easter. The second Sunday in September is also the date of the Saint Hyacinthe exposition, Fin de semaine rouge, which several members attend.

The subject will be discussed at the Annual General Meeting in January.

Expo 2010

The group examined the incomplete interim report line by line.



Figure 5. Expo 2010, Compton QC, August 21-22. A mosaic of the participants at Expo 2010 made by Jean-Paul Gendron.

The line concerning the expenses by the Car Club provoked discussion.

The supper cost \$906 with revenues of \$936. There were 83 participants whereas a meal for 100 people had been planned.

Except for the folders and an ad in the Stanstead Journal, the Car Club placed all other advertisements in other papers.

There is a lot of other information concerning Expo finances that are not presented here. Final analysis, it looks like there will be a \$1400 deficit. It should be noted that visitor attendance

was only 439, about half that of last year's. If there had been the same numbers as last year, there would have been another \$1600 in revenue.



Figure 6. Expo 2010, Compton QC, August 21. L-r: Nil Veilleux, Luc Grenier prepare to start the National engine



Figure 7. Expo 2010, Compton QC, August 21. Two nice Cockshutts (40, Golden Eagle D4). Owner : Jack McAuley.

Other comments:

- Our expenses have to be examined more closely.
- An advertisement should be placed in La Terre de Chez Nous.
- Sponsorships should be obtained.
- A loudspeaker is needed to broadcast the music. One of our exhibitors suggested that the musicians be located amongst the exhibitors.
- We used to have 2000 visitors and only 439 this year. (The rain on Sunday was undoubtedly a major factor in discouraging visitors.)
- Maybe the date of Expo should be changed to coincide with the Comptonales.
- Changes won't increase attendance at Expo. There are a number of factors contributing to the decline in attendance.
- Those who appreciate and like antiques are of a certain age.

- The young are interested in computers because they are familiar with this technology, even a Commodore 64.
- The young haven't grown up with antique machinery, and so don't appreciate it.
- The young are interested in Mustangs and not the square Fords.
- For the young who live in today's society, the older folks have done nothing.
- There is little new at Expo.
- Maybe we should invite other clubs (horse, miniature airplanes, and others). (Why should we when we already lose money with the Car Club???)
- If everyone were on the same grounds, the situation would be improved. (The Municipality has removed the sand piles on the plateau. So, this section will be available in the future.)
- When the National engine is started, the spectators are shrouded in smoke. We need to install a vertical exhaust pipe.

So, after this discussion, the following resolution resulted:

It was proposed by Wells Coates and seconded by Delmar Fisher to request permission from the Compton Municipal Council to have access to the Récré-o-parc for the presentation of an antique machinery show in 2011.

Christmas Party

After discussion, it was decided to have a Christmas Party on Sunday December 5th at the Golf Club in Coaticook, or Sunday November 28 if the December date is not available. This resolution was proposed by Phil Reed and seconded by Normand Hébert.

Future presentations

There was a discussion on future presentations to make the meetings more interesting. One suggestion concerned the presentation of slides and DVD's. Talks such as those presented by Gary and Luc are needed.

NOVEMBER MEETING 2010

EXPO 2010

There was a discussion about Expo 2010. The comments were:

- There are no more craftsmen at the Museum and maybe we should try to have them at our show.
- The antique cars make the show more attractive.
- Even with the deficit, the Club can continue for several years.
- There were 800 visitors in 2009, 400 in 2010.
- The car collector culture is different – don't touch.



Figure 8. Expo 2010, Compton QC, August 21. Normand Hébert sawing lumber with his chainsaw mill. André Boissoneault looks on.

- Club members die. It is the same everywhere. Interests change with each epoch. Those from the Model T Ford era are dead and these cars are less in demand now. The younger generation is interested only in machines of their era. The featured era at the moment is ours and the young don't identify with it.
- There is still a demand for rare machines.
- There is a cultural factor in the picture – for Anglophones, a show is a gathering of friends. The Anglophone mentality can't be imported to Quebec.
- The Americans are losing members too but their shows are still strong. The exhibitors in the U.S. take their holidays to go to the shows.
- Should we be independent (from the Car Club)? Maybe they help us.
- If there were no visitors, some members wouldn't show anything and there would be fewer exhibitors.
- In the States, the atmosphere is warmer. A show is a family party, for example, Ely.
- Reflection is important – it is a question of renewal or disappearance.
- At Saint-Hyacinthe, there were fewer exhibitors but a lot of flea marketers.

- Maybe Facebook and Twitter are an avenue to be explored. But, one must be hooked up to the Web and know a little bit about technology.
- Maybe the CRIFA students in mechanics are a possible source for new members.
- There is a possibility that Expo Coaticook will approach us to participate in their event. This would probably mean staying there the night to protect our machines. At Expo Saint-Hyacinthe, exhibitors have to participate for the full ten days. If ever we decide to participate, we will insist on our conditions.

Expo 2011

There was a brief discussion on the needs for next year. Members still want a Saturday meal. It must be remembered that we have to prepare half of the meal as it is currently practiced. Bob Sarrasin has to be contacted early to reserve his services.

We also have to decide if we are to continue with the same canteen. There is a possibility that other groups, such as the Cubs or Compton groups could furnish this service.

De-rusting solution

Luc presented an interesting solution, which makes nut removal easier. It is a solution of 50% transmission oil and 50% acetone. In a test, 250 pounds of torque was required to remove a nut without the solution but only 50 pounds when the solution was used. See Jean-Paul's blog for more details.

Presentation

The President presented a video « Yellow Trail From Texas ». This was a film made by a British group, which featured a custom grain harvester operating in the American mid-west. The contractor (Custom cutter) was Dale Starks, who owned nine Massey Ferguson model 750 and 760 combines in the seventies. He owned as many ten wheel trucks to haul the combines on trailers and transport the grain.

He started his work in Texas and worked northward as far as Saskatchewan, a distance of some 2000 miles. It was the Canadian Company – Massey Harris – that originally started the practice of the harvest brigade from Texas to Canada in 1944. Massey produced the first commercially successful combine in 1938.



Cutting south of Kremlin, Montana, August 1979.

Figure 9. Part of Dale Starks fleet of Massey Ferguson 760 combines harvest wheat south of Kremlin Montana in August 1979. Photo from Starks Harvesters, Robert White

The film related their experiences on the road, in the field, and their lifestyle. They often worked 18 to 20 hours a day, almost without stopping, except for maybe fifteen minutes to eat a sandwich or hamburger.



Figure 10. Aerial view of wheat harvest in Colorado 1983. From the book 'Starks Harvesters', Robert White

Robert Dougherty, a Bury native, was an engineer at Massey Ferguson involved in the development of new combine models. He and his team placed prototype combines with Starks and worked with him. The Company liked to place these machines with a custom operator because he put on many hours in a short time, which brought out the weak points and allowed the engineers to correct them before going to production. Dale Starks died in 2007.

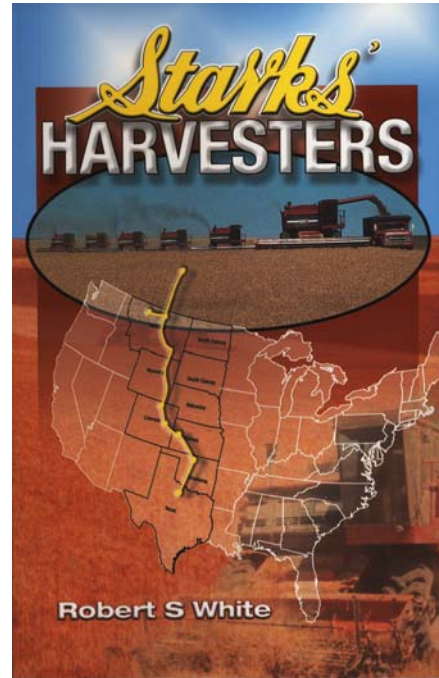


Figure 11. Robert White's book, « Starks Harvesters ». Robert operated one of Dale Stark's combines for several years. The yellow line is the harvest route taken from Texas to Canada.

JANUARY 2011 MEETING

There were 12 members present. Several subjects were discussed:

Financial report

The treasurer presented the annual financial report, which showed a deficit for the 2010 financial year, mainly because of Expo. There was a long discussion regarding the different line items and it was evident that several factors contributed to the deficit. There will be a discussion with the Car Club about their expenses and the need to respect a budget.

Christmas Brunch

There were several remarks regarding the Christmas Brunch last December at the Coaticook Golf Club:

- It was very nice.
- The Brunch was good.
- There was a nice atmosphere.
- It is a lovely place.
- The Club doesn't require a guarantee as to the number of participants, which is a big advantage.

- The restaurant at the East Angus Airport is closed now. There wasn't much space there anyway.
- The choice is evident for next year.
There was a discussion on alternating the brunch site. The Christmas brunch used to alternate between the East Angus and Coaticook areas. Because of the above reasons, the Brunch has been held in Coaticook for the past few years.

Canteen

Several members want to change the canteen model. Consequently, other avenues to furnish this service at Expo will be explored.

Publicity

It was suggested that the publicity be restructured for Expo 2011.

It was observed that the Website is an important publicity vehicle. At the beginning of summer, the Club site received 800 to 900 hits per month (950 in June and significantly decreased by fall).



Figure 12. Expo 2010, Compton QC August 21. L-r: Wells Coates, David Roy.

Presentations

To make the meetings more interesting, special presentations are needed. There was a discussion of possible presentation subjects. There were several suggestions:

- Videos or DVDs
- Conversion of generator to alternator
- Conversion of a tractor to electronic ignition.
- Types of welding
- Tractor bodywork
- Engine rebuilding

It was remarked that not much is needed to spark a discussion. This remark was made after it had been announced that there was a Fargo truck for sale. This resulted in a discussion about Fargos: when they were made, where they were sold (Canada), cab type (CO (Cab Over) or standard).

Calendar

The Club sells Old Iron calendars for profit as a source of finance. The question was asked if the Club could do the same with the calendars of the Association Provinciale. We will get the information. (The Association sells them at cost for \$7.50 for a run of 500. They are printed in June.)

One member reported that someone had printed a calendar for \$4 each for only 20.

A member noted that anyone can have calendars printed at Jean Coutu. With our own photos, we could assemble our own calendar. (You will recall that four or five years ago there was a project to publish a calendar, which failed because of the work involved.)



Figure 13. Expo 2010, Compton QC, August 21. L-r: Visitor, Rose-Ange Hébert, Myriam Hébert demonstrate weaving.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Immediately after the Regular Meeting, the Annual General Meeting was held.

The outgoing Executive was reappointed to the same positions, with two exceptions. The results are:

President: Gordon Barnett
 Vice-President: Luc Grenier
 Secretary: Dominique Perron
 Treasurer: Dave Lord
 Director: Yvon Cloutier
 Director: Gary Dunsmore
 Director: Delmar Fisher

Also, the date, site, and frequency of the meetings have not changed. The meetings will continue to be held at the Waterville Town Hall, on the second Sunday of the month at 930h. There will be no meeting if there is a conflict with a holiday, such as Thanksgiving, Easter, and Mother's Day.



Figure 14. Expo 2010, Compton QC, August 21. The BBQ. L-r: Jane Williams, Keith Macdonald, Bob Sarrasin, Lisianne Lapierre, Luc Grenier

FOR SALE

For sale: International Harvester LB engine, 300-500 rpm, 1.5 – 2.5 HP, Serial 1BA123855. Robert Cowhard, 819-835-5687.

For sale: Tractors: Ford 8N, repainted, new fenders, new exhaust, good tires, 6V, runs smooth, \$2500. Ford 9N, good tin, good tires, new exhaust and water pump, hi-lo transmission, converted to 12V, \$1500. Ferguson 2085, repainted, new fenders, new exhaust, good tires, \$2000. Phil 819-563-8606, pmreed@sympatico.ca

The dues remain the same at \$20 per year.

Table 1. Winners of Plaques and trophies. Expo 2010. Compton, QC

Trophy or plaque	Winner	Description
1. Trophy J.M. Chagnon (Best Exhibitor)	Sylviane Jobin Saint-Raymond-de-Portneuf, QC	Spinning process for wool and cat and dog hair
2. Trophy Couture (Best restoration)	Jacques Sills Saint-Anne-de-Sorel, QC	Ferguson FE35 and MHF 62 plow
3. Trophy Bill Kerr (Best combination engine and equipment)	Elmer Andrews Waterville, QC	Combination of engine and wood processor
4. Plaque, Public's choice	Famille Hébert (Normand, Jean Yves, Sébastien Coaticook, QC	Exposition and demonstration of chainsaws and sawing boards with a chainsaw mill
5. Plaque, Club special mention	Rose-Ange and Myriam Hébert Coaticook, QC	Demonstration of rug hooking and weaving
6. Plaque, Longest distance travelled	John Barrette Saint-Raymond-de-Portneuf, QC	
7. Plaque, Best tractor exhibitor	Jack McAuley Hatley, QC	3 tractors Cockshutt : D4, 35, 40
8. Plaque, Best engine exhibitor	Roger Legault Mirabel, QC	Engine Shapely & Muir plus McDougall water pump
9. Plaque, Best exhibitor of models and toys	Jacques Veilleux Compton	Collection of miniature IH equipment