



# MAFMCA Newsletter

Montour Antique Farm Machinery Collectors Association

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## President's Message

by Brian Bickhart

Hello fellow members! Just a quick note to get the membership geared up for a busy year as we move toward our 18<sup>th</sup> annual antique show for MAFMCA.

Our upcoming events need the many talents and time of our members to volunteer. Please contact me if you are able to help out at any of the **TRACTOR PULLS**, at our **ICE CREAM STAND during the Montour-Delong Fair**, and at our **ANNUAL SHOW** in September.

Our monthly pulls over the new few months are held on the last Saturday of the month at the Montour-Delong Fairgrounds. Our staff of volunteers works hard at putting together this event for our members – bring a tractor or two and participate in the pulls, come to lend a hand or even just

to stop by as a spectator and have lunch to help support your club!

Our monthly meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm (Montour-Delong fair building). We encourage all members to participate in the meetings as it is becoming an exciting time with the future planning of a meeting hall/kitchen and with the replacement of the pulling sled not to mention some fresh ideas for upcoming shows.



Enjoy the nice weather and I hope to see you at some upcoming events and meetings this summer.

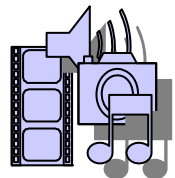
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**WEBSITE – Be sure to visit the MAFMCA website often ... we are currently updating and making some changes to the site!**

[www.mafmca.com](http://www.mafmca.com)

**Video Clips & Photo Displays** – At a recent meeting, a suggestion was made to display interesting video clips and photos during our annual show -- of tractors and other antique equipment found online or even created by our own members and collectors. An example was given of a video clip found online of musicians playing music accompanied by a tractor engine! So, we are making a special request to members for any fun and interesting video clips and photos of antique tractors and equipment so that we can play them as a display during our show. Please email your clips and photos to [mafmcasecretary@aol.com](mailto:mafmcasecretary@aol.com) so we can begin compiling our entertainment collection!



## Calendar of Events

**Saturday, May 30 – TRACTOR PULL**, weigh-ins 10 am, pull begins at 11 am, Montour-DeLong Fairgrounds

**Friday-Sunday, June 19-21 – TRACTOR EXHIBIT at the NITTANY MOUNTAIN CAMPGROUND**, New Columbia, PA – [www.nittanymountainkoa.com](http://www.nittanymountainkoa.com) – Father's Day Weekend – Bring a tractor and camp free both nights with water, electric & cable hook-ups (*if you need sewer hook-up, sites are pay one night, get one night fee*). Tractor Parades daily; tractor games Saturday afternoon with trophies; ceramics Saturday 9am-12noon; DJ Saturday evening; Father's Day breakfast (dads eat free) 9am; horseshoe tournament Saturday 10 am; swimming, fishing, miniature golf, arcade, and more!

**Saturday, June 27 - TRACTOR PULL**, weigh-ins 10 am, pull begins at 11 am, Montour-DeLong Fairgrounds

**Saturday, July 25 - TRACTOR PULL**, weigh-ins 10 am, pull begins at 11 am, Montour-DeLong

**Thursday, July 23 – IRON HERITAGE PARADE**, downtown Danville- Parade forms at 6 pm and moves at 7 pm – parade applications can be found at [www.ironheritagefestival.org](http://www.ironheritagefestival.org)

**Saturday, July 25 – TURBOTVILLE 150-YEAR CELEBRATION CAR & TRACTOR SHOW**, 9:00 am with a parade at 2:00 pm – club is invited to exhibit & parade tractors

**Sunday, July 26 - IRON HERITAGE FESTIVAL FLY-IN EVENT**, Danville/Riverside Airport – Members are encouraged to display antique tractors – a tentative picnic for members is possible – *details to be announced*

**August 10-15 - Montour-DeLong Fair** – Ice Cream Stand volunteers needed for the week; Tractor Pulls

**September 4, 5 & 6 – 18<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SHOW**

**Saturday, October 10 – TENTATIVE MAKE-UP TRACTOR PULL**, weigh-ins 10 am, pull begins at 11 am, Montour-DeLong Fairgrounds

**Our 18<sup>TH</sup> Annual Show** – is coming up in September. The show cannot be a success without its members. Please try to come out to a monthly meeting and see what things we have in store for the show ... perhaps even volunteer to be on one of the planning committees! We are interested in trying to add some new displays and activities. If you have some ideas, we'd love to hear from you.

**Vendors** - We are always looking for new and returning vendors for our flea market during the show. Please contact Treasurer Vickie Bostian for more information on reserving space at our flea market ... and please feel free to share this information with potential new vendors.



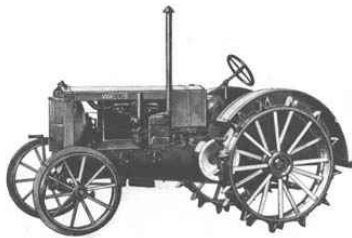
**A BLAST from the PAST ....** This was a group photo of a few of our members about 8 or 9 years ago at the Iron Heritage Festival Fly-In event at the Danville/Riverside Airport (Riverside, PA).

*In this photo: Carol Wright, Rhonda Trapani, Carl Wright, Penny & Mike Mausteller & puppy, Maudell & Tom Bostian, Ben Trapani, Brian Bickhart, Maxine Roup, Walt & Vickie Bostian, Pat & Jim Coleman, and in the front, Angie, Makaela & Janae Bickhart, Kolby & Taylor Whitenight & Zach Bostian*

This year's **FEATURED TRACTOR** for the **18<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SHOW** is **MASSEY HARRIS** – Read on to learn about the history of Massey Harris tractors ...



**DANIEL MASSEY** - In 1847 Daniel Massey, a Canadian pioneer and farmer, opened a small machine shop near Newcastle, Ontario. At the time his mission was simple: perform repairs and build basic implements for the local farmers. Soon however, his business began to show signs of growth based on a fast-spreading reputation for producing outstanding machinery that stood up to the rugged Canadian land. Eight years later Daniel Massey retired, his business firmly established and growing rapidly. The Massey family would go to build the business seeing it through the successful merger with the Alanson Harris Company. A testament to the vision of Daniel Massey was seen in the many contests and awards that Massey products won over the years. Among the most coveted of these prizes were two gold medals at the 1867

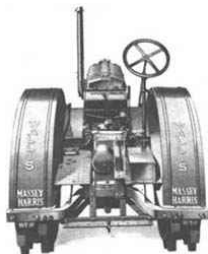


International Agricultural Exposition in Paris. The Massey business continued to grow, and in 1889, Massey added to its trophy case the gold medal at the Paris Universal Exposition. Sponsored by the French

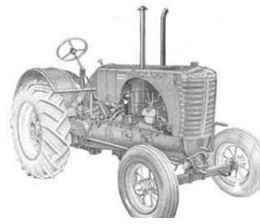
Ministry of Agriculture, the Exposition was the largest harvesting machinery trial in history. Massey's Toronto Light Binder trashed the competition taking home the gold medal and distinction of "World's Greatest Harvesting Machine."

Daniel Massey's son, Hart, took over the company leadership following his father's early retirement and death in 1856. Hart's brother, Walter, took over in 1896, followed by Chester, and finally Vincent Massey who served as the company president in the 1920's.

**ALANSON HARRIS** - Much like Daniel Massey, Alanson Harris, a farmer and mill owner, had a talent for designing building, and repairing farm equipment. On the urging of his family and neighbors, Harris purchased a small foundry in Brantford, Ontario, in 1857 and began making and repairing machinery for the local farmers. Soon Harris was competing for business with the Massey Company and, thus began an intense rivalry between the two ventures that would last for three decades before the companies merged in 1891. By this time, the Massey and Harris companies decided that merging would be better than competing. The result was an agricultural powerhouse in Canada that few were willing or able to match.



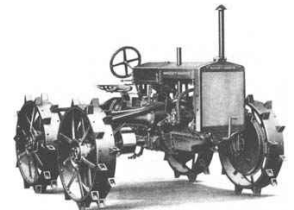
**EXPANDING THE BUSINESS** - The new **Massey Harris Company** expanded from harvesting equipment to other areas, including wagons, tillage equipment and manure



spreaders. Within 20 years Massey Harris was ready to take their business to the next level: power farming. They forged agreements with the Bull, Parrett and Wallis tractor companies. The company's success accelerated with the introduction of an advanced U-

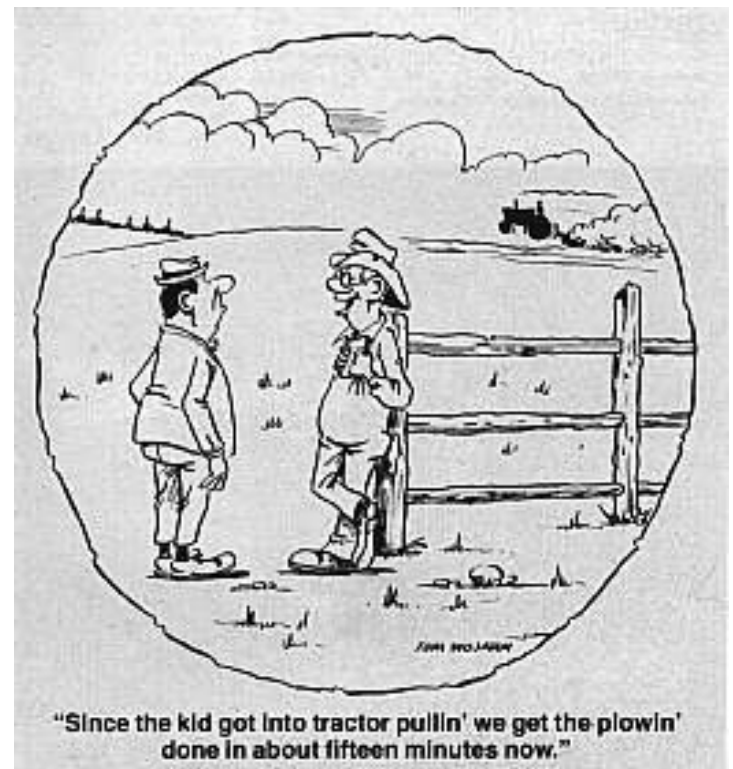
frame on MH 20-30 tractors of the 1920s and 30s and the modern-looking M-H 101 introduced in 1938.

**HARRY FERGUSON** - In the 1920s, Harry Ferguson revolutionized tractor design and safety in Great Britain with the perfection of the "Ferguson Sytem" of attaching implements to tractors in a way that controlled implement draft and prevented tractor "flipovers." An agreement with Henry Ford to produce Ford-Ferguson tractors in 1938 made Ferguson an important figure in international agricultural equipment. Following the death of Henry Ford and their agreement, Ferguson produced the popular TO-20, the "Little Gray Fergie," in Detroit, Michigan. The Massey Harris company recognized the significance of innovative, patented hitch and hydraulic system that Ferguson had developed in 1953 negotiated a merger of the companies as



later shortened to **Massey-Ferguson**.

article obtained from [mabiebrothers.com/massey](http://mabiebrothers.com/massey) website



**EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL  
ANTIQUÉ FARM  
MACHINERY SHOW**

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**SEPTEMBER 4, 5 & 6, 2009**

at the

**MONTOUR DELONG FAIRGROUNDS**

Located in Montour County, PA  
Rt. 254 1/2 mile west of Washingtonville, PA  
Exit 215 or 224 off I-80

ADMISSION \$2.00

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**MEMBERSHIP**

If you would like a new membership or renewing an existing membership, please fill out the form below. Make all checks payable to **MAFMCA** and send to: **PO Box 83, Riverside, PA 17868**. The MAFMCA membership year is from September to September (Labor Day weekend). If you have questions, please contact Angie Bickhart (email [MAFMCAsecretary@aol.com](mailto:MAFMCAsecretary@aol.com) or phone 570-275-8204).

**Annual Dues - \$5.00 (Family Membership)**

<b>MAFMCA</b> Montour Antique Farm Machinery Collectors Association <b>MEMBERSHIP FORM</b> <input type="checkbox"/> New Member <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal	
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