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Joe & Martha Herr Serve as Great Hosts to IMCA

On a cool early November day, Joe and Martha Herr served as gracious hosts for the fall gathering of the *Indiana Massey Collectors Association*. IMCA members began arriving mid-morning in Chandler, Indiana to enjoy fellowship with each other and especially admire Joe and Martha's collection of Massey Harris tractors.

The Herrs have focused on collecting the various models of the triple series tractors. Of course you will see some other models mixed in the rows, as well. All have been beautifully restored and sit in a very neat and clean barn just across the drive from their house.



As friends approached their home one tractor also greeted visitors near the special sign designating the Herr Family as a River Friendly Farmer of Indiana.

The purpose of the day was to conduct our annual fall meeting but not before enjoying a delicious meal of homemade soups, brats and hot dogs. Members finished out the menu by bringing their favorite dishes.

Joe and Martha have a very nice "party barn" they use for entertaining guests and family. It included a kitchenette, restroom and lots of memorabilia on shelves and the walls filling just about every vertical space in the building. It was perfect for our group!

We all thank Joe and Martha for the invitation to go south for our meeting and the special effort they put forth to make sure everyone had a good time. Their hospitality was over the top. Thank you for having us!!



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**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of our Massey family.
May you find that special Massey related item under your tree on Christmas!**

Notes From Our President

John W. Bush—IMCA President

A message from the President

Greetings fellow IMCA members. Here we are in December already. I suspect that some of you, like me, are wondering just where 2014 went, and how it passed by so quickly. Christmas is rapidly approaching, and I am nowhere near ready for it! I haven't even completed my wish list of Massey related needs for Santa! Guess I'd better get on that soon.

A few of the IMCA membership gathered at Joe and Martha Herr's farm in Chandler, IN on November 8th for the fall meeting. Joe and Martha were very gracious hosts, and we all appreciated them inviting us to visit their nice place in southern Indiana. Both a General Membership meeting and Board of Directors meeting were held.

Additional information was shared with the group on the good feedback we continue to receive for the 2014 MENA. Thanks once again to everyone who was involved in making this one of the best ever in the eyes of most who attended. It was more than just a "good show", it had a lot to do with how welcome we made everybody feel, and how we made sure their needs were being met. Good ole Hoosier Hospitality at its finest.

Treasurer Gary Emsweller also shared the financial side of our hosting MENA. Due to diligent management of show expenses by the show committee, good sales of T-Shirts and belt buckles, and a record-setting auction, we now have a very solid treasury. We did well enough that the Board of Directors voted to give a \$500 donation to the MCA Website Fund on behalf of the IMCA.

One of the key points for consideration of the membership is the upcoming elections for the Board of Directors and Officers at the Spring Meeting. As a reminder, per our By-laws, Directors are elected by the General Membership and may serve two consecutive 3-year terms as a Director. Officers are elected annually by the Board of Directors.



Tom Tague's and Randy Schaefer's current 3-year terms are coming to an end. This is Randy's 2nd term, so he cannot run again. Tom is eligible for another term as Director. If you are interested in serving on the Board of directors, please let Nominating Committee Chair Garry Ryan, or any one of the current Board of Directors/Officers know so that we can get you on the list. It is our intention to get nominees in place, bios written, and share those in an early 2015 IMCA Newsletter so that members who cannot attend the IMCA Spring Meeting are able to submit absentee ballots prior to the meeting. If you are

interested in serving as an officer, we would also like to hear from you.

Speaking of the IMCA 2015 Spring Meeting... We need to establish both a date, and a host. The two current best options on dates, in order to avoid conflict with the MCA and other Chapter spring meetings, and Easter, are March 21st and April 11th. My first preference would be the March 21st date so that we don't get on top of planting season.

If you are interested in hosting the IMCA 2015 Spring Meeting, please let me know as soon as possible so that we can start planning. The IMCA will reimburse for the meat, drinks, and table service. As a side benefit, hosting the meeting at your place could give you the incentive you have been looking for to give the shop a good cleaning!

Until we meet again at the Spring Meeting, I hope you all have a warm and safe winter season, and are able to get some work done on those projects either already underway, or which have been gathering dust over the summer.

On behalf of the IMCA Officers and Board of Directors, we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John W. Bush". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

MCA Plow Day 2014

Indiana Well Represented

The Massey Collectors Association provided collectors from across America the opportunity to get their tractors and plows out, get them dirty and have some fun turning over the rich black soils of central Illinois. The Plow Day was hosted by Pat and Gary Sager near Varna, Illinois. Although the event was on Saturday, October 25th, most participants arrived on Friday to test and be assured everything was working as needed. Several discovered that there was more to plowing than putting the plow in the ground. Some even discovered that their tractors had no problem loading and unloading off of the trailer, but putting them to work for a full day brought out new and old bugs. To say the least, it was an interesting and challenging weekend.

Nearly 100 acres of soybean stubble were plowed down during the weekend by about 25 Massey tractors and 30 plows.



Four of those tractors came from Indiana Massey Collector members. John Bush, Shelbyville; Gary Emsweller, Danville; and Mike Jones, Avon traveled to Varna to put their tractors to work. John arrived with a 44 Diesel and 33 RC, Gary brought his 33 RC and Mike used his 44 Standard. Each also brought a least one plow, as well. Along

with the Indiana team, there were tractors and plows arriving from everywhere between Maryland and Kansas!

The day concluded with a delicious meal at one of the local restaurants. Because everyone was "working" all day there was not much time for fellowship, so everyone stayed for most of the evening at the restaurant sharing their experiences and telling some tall tales.



If dreams come true, you can plan on another great MCA Plow Day in Varna, Illinois next fall. So get those plows ready and be prepared for a second special weekend working your toys just a little!!

Sorry, Mike, pictures were few and far between since we were all busy plowing!!)

***Massey Collectors Association* Spring Meeting**

March 13-14, 2015

Rock Island, Illinois

***Great opportunity to get involved on the National level and meet fellow
Massey Collectors from across the country***

More Pictures from MENA - Rushville







Indiana Massey Collectors Association

Fall General Membership Meeting Notes

Saturday November 8, 2014

Herr Farms, Chandler, IN

IMCA attendees were treated to great fellowship, a tour of Joe and Martha Herr's very nice Massey collection and a delicious pitch-in lunch prior to the start of the meeting. Thank you to Joe and Martha for their fine Southern Indiana hospitality.

President John Bush called the meeting to order at 1:03 pm according to Central Indiana clocks.

President Bush handed out the list of current IMCA Board of Directors and Officers and asked for any corrections or changes to the information included.

Secretary Paul Wilkinson presented the minutes of the April 12, 2014 Meeting. The minutes were approved as presented.

Treasurer Gary Emsweller presented the IMCA treasurer's report. The report was approved as presented.

Mike Jones reported that we received fantastic feedback from the National Association. It was also reported MCA Plow Day was a success. Members participated with 25 tractors and 30 plows. All attendees had an enjoyable time. The Sager and Armstrong families co-hosted the day. Plans are being made for another plow day in 2015.

The nominating committee reported that 2 Board Members, Tom Tague and Randy Schaefer, have board terms expiring this year. Please get nominations in soon. Nominations should be sent to Garry Ryan. Board Member and officer term assignments are staggered so there are different terms that expire every year.

Old Business

President Bush shared that MENA was a great success. Mike and Dawn Dieckmann of the Pioneer Club worked well with IMCA. The Pioneer Club's gate receipts were high enough that IMCA did not have to share in the cost of the tent. The Pioneers Club picked up the entire cost.

Many visitors commented that they felt very welcome and enjoyed the fellowship, conversation, displays, refreshments and vendors while visiting the tent.

Treasurer Emsweller shared the MENA financial report. The auction made \$8,070. Since all the items were donated, there were no expenses. We did show a small loss on the banquet. Gary also shared the profit

statement by activity.

Treasurer Emsweller also shared the inventory of equipment for the 2014 MENA show at Rushville. The grand total of all Massey family items was 291.

Gary thanked everyone for helping to make the 2014 MENA show a great success.

Tom Tague reported that we were the only club that used our tent for hospitality and others will likely follow our lead. Mr. Fraley, of Fraley Sales and Service, and one of our meal sponsors, enjoyed the activities so much that he is likely to help sponsor Massey activities in the future.

New Business

The White River Valley Antique Show will serve as our host for the Indiana Massey Collectors Show in 2015. The show takes place from September 10th through September 12th. Mike Jones and Gary Emsweller went to Elnora on Friday of their show to check things out and to make some contacts. The annual attendance of the show is about 20,000.

They brought back lots of excellent information about the show and what we as the IMCA Chapter will need to accomplish before the show begins. It should be another great time for everyone to attend and enjoy the fall weekend in Southern Indiana.

President Bush reported that the show committee contacts are Gary Emsweller, Tom Tague, Randy Schaefer, Glynn Graham and John Bush.

President Bush also expressed the need to establish a state IMCA site selection committee. Mike Jones moved to make the IMCA board members the state show site selection committee. Bob Rentchler seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The MCA Spring Meeting will be March 14th with a possible date for the IMCA meeting being March 21st.

Being no further business, President Bush declared the meeting closed.

18 people attended the meal and meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul Wilkinson
IMCA Secretary

IMCA Treasurer's Report

11/8/2014 (Revised)

Beginning Balance	4/14/2014	\$0.00		
Income		\$22,192.57	Expenses	\$8,559.39
Administrative	\$4,531.43		Administrative	\$550.73
Transfer of funds 4/18	\$3,600.00		DeLuxe - Check Order 4/23	\$28.99
Transfer of funds 6/4	\$628.32		Office Depot - Office Supplies	\$89.58
Petty Cash Return	\$248.00		Petty Cash - Change	\$300.00
Service Fee	\$5.11		Randy Scheafer - Ice (from Petty Cash)	-\$35.00
Donation - Mlnarik	\$50.00		Tom Tague - Ice (from Petty Cash)	-\$7.00
			John Tague - Ice (from Petty Cash)	-\$10.00
Membership	\$770.00		Gray & Gray Specialties - 300 Ink Pens	\$179.05
20 - 1 year memberships	\$700.00		Service Fee	\$5.11
1 - 2 year membership	\$70.00			
MENA - Auction	\$8,070.00		Membership	\$500.00
Cash	\$2,380.00		MCA - Dues 5/1	\$50.00
Checks	\$5,690.00		MCA - Dues 6/4	\$75.00
MENA - Banquet	\$4,700.00		MCA - Dues 8/21	\$275.00
235 Meals @ \$20.00	\$4,700.00		MCA - Dues 8/21	\$75.00
MENA - Shirts	\$1,920.00		MCA - Dues 10/6	\$25.00
96 Shirts	\$1,920.00			
MENA - Lapel Pins	\$207.00		Newsletter	\$365.50
69 Lapel Pins	\$207.00		Sycamore Printing - Printing 6/13	\$120.00
MENA - Buckles	\$1,964.14		USPS - Postage 6/13	\$49.00
18 Buckles - Special	\$264.14		Sycamore Printing - Printing 10/8	\$126.50
85 Buckles	\$1,700.00		USPS - Postage 10/7	\$70.00
Merchandise	\$30.00			
3 Hats	\$30.00		MENA - Auction	\$100.00
			J.R. Burton - Auctioneer	\$100.00
			MENA - Banquet	\$3,574.38
			Sycamore Printing - Maps & Program	\$200.63
			Denise Amos Ripberger - Desserts	\$250.00
			Bluebird Restaurant	\$3,123.75
			MENA - Misc	\$718.85
			Daryl Pyle - Table & Car Rental	\$398.75
			Sharper Image - Reg & Exh Dinner Banners	\$115.00
			USPS - Thank You Letter Postage	\$112.95
			Flag Center - Penant Flags	\$92.15
			MENA - Belt Buckles	\$2,749.93
			Bergamot Brass - Set-Up	\$687.91
			Bergamot Brass - Buckles	\$1,968.43
			Mike Jones - Postage - Godfrey	\$9.54
			Postage - Harris *	\$21.58
			Postage - Vandeven *	\$11.48
			Postage - Rath *	\$10.00
			Postage - Harris *	\$25.00
			Postage - Lang *	\$15.99
Ending Balance	11/8/2011	\$13,633.18		

Check out your IMCA newsletter and other information on the MCA web site:

www.masseycollectors.com

Many pictures of the Rushville show can be found in the web site "Gallery."

IMCA State Show - Elnora, IN

September 10-13

Everyone seems to still be talking about the great Massey Exposition of North America the Indiana Chapter planned and hosted this past summer. However, it is time to move forward and begin planning the 2015 IMCA State Show!

The 2015 edition of the IMCA State Show will be held in conjunction with the 31st Annual White River Valley Antique Show in Elnora, Indiana, September 10-13, 2015. (The weekend after Labor Day) The Elnora show is one of the larger shows held each year in the State of Indiana. The show features a steam show, many active demonstrations and a huge flea market.

A special area has been designated for the large family of Masseys. An opened sided 60' x 75' building will also be available for memorabilia, display tables and visiting. If you plan to display items or memorabilia be reminded to bring your own tables. No tables will be provided by the show grounds.

Fees:

Everyone pays to play - Similar to Rushville!! \$10.00 per person for the weekend. This allows individuals to come and go as they wish. Children 12 and under are free.

UTVs and golf carts are allowed but must be registered at \$10.00 per unit and everyone MUST SHOW Certificate of Insurance with \$500,000 coverage for their unit. No UTVs or carts allowed in flea market area.

Camping & Hotels:

Camping is extremely tight, but they have reserved 10-12 spots for individuals wanting to camp. Sites have 30 amp service

and water. No promise that they will be together. Cost is \$15.00 per night. A few 50 amp locations could be available at \$30 per night. We need to get these committed very soon if we want to keep them. If you plan to camp at Elnora please let Gary Emsweller (317-745-7949 or MasseyH@aol.com) know as soon as possible.

Baymont, Holiday Inn Express, Budget Hotels, and Theroff Motel are located in Washington, Indiana. No arrangements have been made as of this printing. They are approximately 17 miles from the grounds.

Tractor Drive:

Although WRVAA does not sponsor a tractor drive, they will not prohibit IMCA planning a tractor drive on Thursday morning. John Dunning of Spencer and a member of the Board of Directors of WRVAA has volunteered to develop and plan a route for a drive, if we so choose. It would start and end at the show grounds and would include a breakfast or lunch depending on the start and length. This is still tentative but we hope to make it available to you and your family. More details will follow.

We also will be planning a banquet and auction on Saturday evening so be thinking about a special Massey related item you might want to donate for that fun event!

Your State Show Committee will be working throughout the winter putting together details to make this show nearly as exciting as the 2014 show. Look at future IMCA Newsletters for more details. Mark your calendar for another great IMCA Show!!

Nominations for MCA & IMCA Board

Leadership opportunities are all around us!! Board of Director positions will be available at both the National level and the State level in 2015.

The Massey Collectors Association will be electing three Board of Directors at their Spring Gathering in Rock Island, Illinois. With it being so close to Indiana, each of you should consider serving on this board. Most of the meetings are conducted via conference calls so there is very little travel needed. Because of term limits two of the three positions will be filled with new board members!! Think about it ... one of those could be you!!!

On the State level the IMCA membership will be electing two Board of Directors at our Spring Meeting on March 21st, 2015.

If you feel uncomfortable serving on the National level please consider one of the position on the IMCA Board. The terms of Tom Tague and Randy Schaeffer will be concluding at our Spring Meeting. Unfortunately, Randy has fulfilled two complete terms on the Board and will be stepping down at this meeting. So at least one IM-

CA member will be new to the 2015-16 Board of Directors.

The tasks on either Board are very similar and usually very simple! Board members conduct the general business of the organization. They make most of the decisions as to the normal operations of the group on behalf of you, our members. They help plan and carry out activities planned for the group and keep the membership informed of upcoming events, help with providing information about the collecting hobby and serve as a voice of the membership.

If you are interested in either leadership opportunity please contact any of your IMCA Board of Directors or e-mail Garry Ryan (IMCA Nominating Chair) ryange-me@comcast.net, John Bush jwbush53@hotmail.com or Gary Emsweller MasseyH@aol.com

Please be reminded that the deadline for the National Board is January 1 and the IMCA Board is February 15. Think about it, talk about it and just say "YES"!!

John W. Brown, IMCA Life Member Passes

We just found out that our beloved friend and Massey tractor collector John Brown of Howell, Michigan has passed. John was provided a Life Membership to the Indiana Massey Collectors Association because of his passion for exhibiting his Massey tractors during all of our State Massey Shows he was able to attend.

John was always the life of the party when he would arrive at the shows with his very well used pick-up truck and homemade trailer carrying his favorite Massey Harris 101 tractor.

It was a "must hear" story about his adventure getting to each show. In most cases, it was trying to determine where he should have turned left instead of right!

You could always find John not far from the gathering area of people, sitting in his folding sling chair sipping on his half gallon thermos jug of iced tea. He always had a tin of homemade cookies and shared them with everyone. John, unfortunately, had

not been able to attend shows in the past several years but many of us have stayed in touch with him. He was definitely one of those unique individuals you would never forget if you ever met him!!

John's obituary is listed below:

JOHN W. BROWN

BROWN, JOHN WILLIAM Age 81, lifetime Howell area resident, passed away Tuesday, December 9, 2014. He was born June 12, 1933 in Howell, son of Forrest J. and Ethel (Carlson) Brown. He was a 1951 graduate of Howell High School, a life member of Ann Arbor Moose Lodge #1253. During his employment at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, he was known as "Mr. Fix it".

He is survived by his daughter, Hope (Sam Grissom) Berry of Howell; two grandsons, five great-grandchildren and brother, Robert Brown of Mundelein, IL. He was preceded in death by his brother, Richard. Services will be held at a later date.

Bill Mickler, MF L&G Collector Passes

It is with great sadness we report a good friend and fellow Massey collector passed away this past Fall. Bill Mickler, Indianapolis, collected and exhibited some of the nicest Massey Ferguson Lawn and Garden tractors and implements ever to be exhibited by one person. Bill had about every model and implement that was made by Massey and all of them were restored to better-than-factory condition.

Bill and his wife Barbara would bring their prized possessions to shows in an enclosed trailer, park them under a canopy but every night they would drive them back into the trailer for their overnight stay. Each morning they would return them to the canopy.



Bill was a serious collector who was always cheerful and smiling to all he met. Bill will be missed at the central Indiana shows, but his cheerful personality and his outstanding knowledge as a collector will always be a fond memory to others.

Listed below is his obituary:

WILLIAM MICKLER

William E. Mickler age 79, of Indianapolis, passed away Sunday, September 28, 2014 at his residence. He was born on August 21, 1935 in Pennsylvania as the son of William J. and Grace (Gilligan) Mickler. He graduated from Cathedral High School in 1954. He served in the U.S. Army. William married Barbara (Carter) on July 4, 1960 in Indianapolis.

He was the owner and operator of Mickler's Sirloin Inn Restaurant on East Washington for 40 years. Mr. Mickler was a member of Holy Spirit Church, Antique Tractor Club and Train Collector Association. He enjoyed restoring antique Ford and Massey Ferguson Garden tractors. He was also a collector of American Flyer Trains.

William is survived by his loving wife, Barbara (Carter) Mickler; sons, William J. (Barbie) and Bernie; daughters, Elizabeth and Bernadette (Jim) McDonald; brother, Jim (Sherry); sisters, Gracie Goodpastor and Mary Margaret (Jim) Mattingly; grandchildren, Brooke, Austin and Elizabeth Marie.

BUY - SELL - TRADE

If you have anything to BUY - SELL - TRADE send it to us!! Some fellow Massey Collector just might have what you want or can lend a helping hand!

For Sale - Massey Ferguson 65 w/loader & backhoe. Everything works. Great tractor for digging & moving snow & soil. It does need brakes tightened. Runs good, sheet metal straight, excellent tires. \$4000.00 obo Gary Emsweller 765-745-7949. MasseyH@aol.com

For Sale - 1953 Massey Harris Mustang WF. 2nd owner, all manuals, in process of restoring. In process of restoring, just finished painting. Moving to FL must sell. Best offer. 765-517-0874 or carrieiley91@yahoo.com.

For Sale - 1952 Massey Harris 22 RC NF. Ready for work or restoration. Good tires. \$1200.00 obo. Gary Emsweller 765-745-7949. MasseyH@aol.com

Massey Calendar of Events

(Indiana Shows, MCA Chapter Events and State Shows)

Mar 13-14, 2015 **MCA** Spring Meeting

Mar 21, 2015 **IMCA** Spring Meeting

Jun 11-13, 2015 **Massey** Days Reunion

July 16-19, 2015 **MHFCO** State Show

Jul 31-Aug 2, 2015 **MFCW** State Show

Aug 7-9, 2015 **MASSEY EXPOSITION OF NORTH AMERICA**

Aug 13-16, 2015 **MO MCA** State Show

Aug 21-23, 2015 **Iowa MCA** State Show

Sept 10-13, 2015 **IMCA STATE SHOW**

Rock Island, IL

Your Place??

Baraboo, WI

Plain City, OH

Burnett Corners, WI

Chambersburg, PA

Hamilton, MO

Cedar Fall, IA

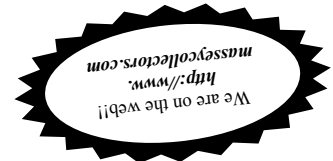
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