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September Meeting

The September Meeting will be held at 7 PM in the conference room of the Charles River Museum, on Thursday evening, September 5, 2019. The meeting room will be open at 6:30 PM, so members can socialize before the meeting.

There will be a brief poster session, where members can discuss current projects, share experiences, and perhaps enlist the advice of NEMES members. Members are encouraged to bring current projects. to discuss

Our speaker will be David Perreault will show and discuss his model engine casting kits, particularly Atkinson Cycle engine castings.

[The Atkinson Cycle was invented in the late 1880s, using a linkage to have the piston make all 4 cycles in one turn of the crankshaft, which also allowed a longer expansion stroke than compression stroke, for greater efficiency. Looking at Dave's YouTube site, the engine for which he is selling castings is a differential engine, with two pistons in one cylinder. Ed]

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Club Business

Rich Baker

Dues. We are now collecting 2019 dues. Please bring your \$25 check to the June meeting, or you can try out our credit card system. Or mail me a check to Rich Baker, NEMES, 288 Middle Street, West Newbury, MA 01985.

See Rich Baker for the NEMES merchandise.



President's Corner Dan Eyring

[Editor's note: As Dan is taking over responsibility for programs, he will not be writing a monthly column. I am keeping this space open, in case he wants to do a column in the future.]

Report on August Meeting

The August meeting was a departure from our normal location at the Charles River Museum, meeting instead at Bruce Rosenbaum's Steampunk Museum in Palmer. Only about 15 members made the trek, and it seems few made it by the scheduled time of 1PM, due to a lot of traffic on the Mass Pike, and alternate routes. The meeting actually started a little before 2 PM.

Despite the delays, it was a good meeting, and IMHO worth the trip. Mr. Rosenbaum has converted an old church into a steampunk museum, and workspace. On the main floor of the former church he had several large exhibits, a small maker space, and room for steampunk lectures. A lecture on his steampunk philosophy started the meeting, of which I missed the beginning due to traffic. He was espousing what he called Januvian philosophy [based presumably on the two-faced Roman god Janus], which I gathered to be looking both towards the past, and to the future. Mr. Rosebaum believed that Steampunk, by using the past to help reinterpret the future, can make a contribution.

There were a number of displays on the main floor, including a steampunk elephant head, made from what appears to be a pattern for a pulley or perhaps impeller, and the front grille from a Hudson car. See photo:



The lower floor of the church was originally the assembly hall, and this is where Mr. Rosenbaum has his steampunk museum, with a number of

steampunk creations. One interesting one is a man, made from an electric meter for the head, and old theater dimmer handles and rods for the arms. This is shown on the next photo:



Seeing the objects, and hearing Mr. Rosenbaum talk justified the trip to me.

Update on Dan Eyring

Rumor has it that Dan has been sighted at the Museum, but not on a regular work day. An unconfirmed rumor has it that he was not using his cane for part of his time at the Museum.



From the Editor's Desk

Bob Timmerman

Not much of a Gazette this month. There does not seem to be much news from club members, and I have not received any articles submitted by club members.

The Gazette could be a better newsletter if some of the members would provide information on *their* projects.

Machinery for Sale/Wanted

As a service to members, we continue to put listings of machinery for sale or wanted by members in this space from time to time. The notices of machinery for sale are not restricted to NEMES members, as members will benefit from the widest possible exposure to information on used machinery. Requests for machinery wanted are restricted to members. Send any information to me at RWTimmerman@gmail.com

No new listings.

Future NEMES Meetings

At the December, 2018 meeting, Dan Eyring took over responsibility for programs, and began the effort to recruit a program committee, so that no one person would have to do all the work of programs. Anybody who wants to serve on the program committee, or has ideas for programs, please talk to Dan.

Here is a list of upcoming programs:

September 5

David Perreault will show and discuss his model engine casting kits, particularly Atkinson cycle engine castings.

October 3

Chris Fitch of CF Designs will present and discuss his work in kinematic sculpture.

November 7

David Schein will present and discuss his "upcycling" works, sculpture made from old bicycle parts.

Anybody have topics for after November?

Future Events

Thanks to a lot of hard work by our President, Dan Eyring, we now have a list of future events. If you do not see your favorite show on the list, give the information to our webmaster, James Scheffler III, and he will put it on our website

Note that the Straw Hollow Engine Works Show, which is normally held mid-August will NOT be held this year, as they have lost the field where it is normally held.

Sept.

- **6-8** Sterling Fair and Engine Show, Sterling Airport, Sterling, MA
- **6-8** Dave Whitneys's Gas and Steam Engine Show, Rte 101, Dublin NH

- **13-15** Tobacco Valley Flywheelers Show, Haddam Meadows State Pk, Rt 154, Haddam, CT
- **14** Cranberry Flywheelers Machinery Show, Plymouth Airport, Plymouth, MA
- **21-22** Annual Round-up Engine Show, Barker Farm, 303 Barker Road, off Rte 103, Ludlow, VT
- **27-29** Connecticut Antique Machinery Assn. Rt. 7, Kent CT 860-354-1859
- **28** VT Gas & Steam Engine Assn, East Burke Fall Festival, East Burke, VT

Oct

- **4-6** CMSGMA Fall Campout/Work weekend, Election of Officers Meeting 4pm (Sat.) Club House, 524 E. River St., Orange, MA
- 5 New England Wireless and Steam Museum, Yankee Steam-Up - East Greenwich, RI
- 6 Musterfield Farm Harvest Day, North Sutton, NH
- **5-6** Zagray Farm Fall Show & Swap Meet, Zagray Farm Museum, Rt 85N, Colchester CT
- **11-12** Rough & Tumble Harvest Show Rt. 30, Kinzers PA
- **19-20** Waters Farm Engine & Tractor Show 53 Waters Rd, West Sutton, MA.
- **17-19** Coolspring Fall Expo & Swap Meet Rt. 36, Coolspring PA
- **19-20** Blue Mountain Fall Harvest & Sawmill Show, Jacktown Grove, 1229 Richmond Road, Bangor, PA

Nov.

No information on meetings

Dec.

1 CMSGMA Winter Snowball Chili Cookoff 9am - Noon Pot Luck, Meeting 1pm Club House, Orange, MA