

The Maine Spirit at the Fair - February 2017 Issue

It is with pleasure and high expectations for the 2017 fair season, the Directors of Lost Trotting offer this issue of "The Maine Spirit" in celebration of the planning period for the Maine agricultural fair season.

At the end of January 2017, the Maine Association of Agricultural Fairs held its annual convention in Portland at the Holiday Inn by the Bay. In this issue you will be introduced to Gerald Gilpatrich, president of the fair association. In a telephone conversation Jerry shared his background, his family's history, and provided examples of how he truly has lived a life reflective of the "Maine Spirit."

We are also introduced to Kathryn Hunter, a true believer in the blessings associated with the Maine Fair experience. Kathryn's family operates the Hunter Farm in Topsham.

In addition contact information is provided for fair sponsors, associate members and vendors, association officers and directors, and all MAAF fairs including their websites.

Your review of the convention's agenda will help you understand the complexities and issues that are addressed each year. The convention's photo sampler provides you with an idea of convention activities.

This summer live the "Maine Spirit" See you at the fairs! —S. Dexter, Editor



Staying in the Business

Charles Taylor, known throughout the United States as the oldest driver and trainer of fast horses, died at his home in White River Junction, Vt., Saturday, aged 103 years. He had been failing for several weeks past. He drove his first trotting race at the age of 15 years and his last race in 1902 at the age of 96. Since that time he had followed the principal fairs from Canada to the south, driving exhibition miles. At the Vermont state fair in October he attracted much attention by an exhibition of fast driving which was his last appearance on the race track.

2017 Maine Agricultural Fairs:

July 1-4 — Houlton

July 6-9 — Ossipee Valley

July 14-16 — North Waterford

July 20-23 — Pittston

July 28-Aug. 6 — Bangor

July 28-Aug 5 — Northern Maine

August 2-5 — Monmouth

August 6-13 — Topsham

August 10-19 — Skowhegan

August 20-26 — Union

August 24-27 — Acton

August 24-27 — Piscataquis

August 27-Sept 4 — Windsor

August 31-Sept 4 — Blue Hill

September 1-4 — Springfield

September 1-4 — Harmony

Sept 7-10 — Clinton

September 8-10 — Litchfield

September 13-16 — Oxford

September 15-17 — New Portland

September 17-23 — Farmington

September 22-24 — Common Ground

September 24-30 — Cumberland

October 1-8 — Fryeburg

New Fairs:

June 24-25 — Maple Meadow Farm Fest

August 24-25 — Maine Farm Days



Harness Racing Dates & Times at Maine Agricultural Fairs

July 28-Aug 5 — Northern Maine

28 (6:00), 1 & 2 (2:00), 3 & 4 (6:00)

August 6-13 — Topsham

6, 7, 8 (5:00), 9 (1:00), 12 (1:00)

August 10-19 — Skowhegan

13 & 14 (1:00), 15, 16, & 17 (7:00)

18 & 19 (1:00)

August 19-26 — Union

20, 22, 23 & 24 (2:00)

26 (12:00 noon)

August 27-Sept 4 — Windsor

27 (1:00), 28, 29, 30 & 31 (3:00)

1 (3:00), 2, 3 & 4 (1:00),

September 13-16 — Oxford

13, 14, 15, & 16 (1:30)

September 17-23 — Farmington

17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 & 23 (2:00)

September 24-30 — Cumberland

24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 & 1 (1:30)

October 1-8 — Fryeburg

3, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8 (1:30)

Check with each Fair for Accuracy of Dates

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Harold Grant better known as Mundy was a huge advocate for Maine fairs especially in the pulling industry. Mundy helped financially with the Acton Fair and Ossipee Valley Fair putting a cover over their pulling rings. Mundy was 101 when he passed away.

By S. Dexter

A Conversation with Gerald Gilpatrick President of the Maine Association of Agricultural Fairs

My conversation with Gerald Gilpatrick focused on his family history, family work, a dedication to the oxen pull, and a sincere commitment to helping Maine youth find their "Maine Spirit" as they learned the knowledge and skills to become good oxen teamsters.

Jerry's family came to Maine in 1712 from County Limerick, Ireland to Biddeford, Maine to help build woolen mills. His family eventually moved up the Ossipee River to build saw mills, In 1820 Maine became a state and in 1821 the Gilpatricks new home became known as Limerick, Maine.

In 1960 Jerry became the last person to be physically born in the town of Limerick.

His family farm became known as the Gravel Acres Farm in 1953 when his parents discovered gravel deposits on their land.

Jerry's father's family were timbering folks. One side of the family harvested timber with oxen and the other with horses. His great grandfather operated a freight company distributing materials and goods from the yarn mill in Limerick.

His wife's family were harness racing people. Linda Gilpatrick, her maiden name Sargent, was introduced at an early age to the work of the harness horsemen. Her father was a trainer for Freeman Parker. Jerry was one of those naughty but nice cattle boys. When Linda was at the Cumberland Fair she was warned not to go up to the cattle barns. Linda did go to the cow barns and as a result married Jerry in 1983.

Graduating from high school in 1979 Jerry applied for work at the Portsmouth Ship Yard. His career there spanned thirty years. Travel to the shipyard from Limerick was 56 miles each way. After a day's work he would return home and on his farm work with 4-H Club members teaching them to be oxen

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teamsters so they would become successful competitors in oxen pulls at Maine fairs.

The Gilpatrick family tradition was lumbering and working with oxen. Finally, after many generations, in 2013 the Gilpatrick oxen were sold. Jerry no longer had the interest to support the cost of and perform the work to be a quality exhibitor. He asked his mother if he could sell the oxen. Her response was simply, "the oxen are yours. You can do what you want!"

In 1983 Jerry joined the Ossipee Fair. Harold "Mundy" Grant became Jerry's mentor. He brought to Jerry the motivation and skills to become a pull superintendent. He apprenticed under "Mundy" until he became a knowledgeable and skillful assistant superintendent. "Mundy" passed away in 2015 at the age of 100.

Jerry's move towards leadership began in 1989. His motivation was a bill in the Maine Legislature that was called "The Elephant" bill. The language of the bill attempted to prohibit the exhibition of elephants or animals weighing in the approximate weight of Maine pulling animals. The bill's language targeted sweep stakes horses and oxen thereby prohibiting both horse and oxen pulls. At

this time, Jerry became highly motivated to understand the relationship and connections between Maine laws and Maine's agricultural fairs.

As our conversation continued Jerry expressed that one of his great motivators is his passion for agricultural fairs. He wants to encourage young people to get involved with the fairs. He wants to make today's fairs viable for the future. Key to this viability is the necessity to encourage and mentor young people to take on leadership roles at the fairs. Jerry worked at the shipyard for 33 years. A sign at the shipyard stated "Sails to Atoms." As one of our earliest shipyards, the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard built ships in the 19th century that were sailing ships and in the 20th century the yard built ships that were nuclear powered. Jerry believes that this sign contains a message for today's fair directors and organizers. The message is that we need to look towards the future. We need to embrace technology and use the technology to improve our fair offerings on many fronts.

Jerry believes that we need to be modern managers. We need to meet and greet and ask the questions of our vendors, our exhibitors

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4-H Members Jason Gilpatrick, Jessica Gilpatrick and Nick Storer

and patrons how we can improve our fairs every year.

Jerry stated, "I am really positive about this year's fair convention and the up and coming fair season. Fair organizers are beginning to realize that we need to be diligent about our animal exhibits. Maine fairs need to have the highest quality animal exhibits to show people their need for animals as food, for animal by-products and that animals are treated like professional athletes. When we exhibit our animals we need to tell our stories so that people will realize that our animals as athletes are treated as coach Bill Belicheck would treat his prize quarterback, Tom Brady. The broader public needs to know that our animals are given the proper diet, protein and exercise that is required for them to exhibit at their exhibition level."

As we ended our conversation, Jerry expressed his vision for the 2017 Maine Agricultural Fair Season:

"We will have great weather for this fair season. Each fair will explore inviting the use of new technologies to the fair. Technologies including the use of debit cards, internet technology for live coverage of fair exhibitions and competitions. And as fair managers we need to assess continuously our performance and ask for reactions and evaluations from vendors and patrons so that we can ensure that our fairs offer experiences that truly reflect the "Maine Spirit."

HARNESS RACING IS AT ITS BEST WHEN IT IS PART OF A GREATER EVENT. IN MAINE, IT'S THE MAINE AGRICULTURAL FAIR!

Ideas for Implementation

Each year I am positive that fair organizers take time to think through new ideas. How can we offer something new that will increase fair attendance? Often change is difficult and people resort to repeating what they find comfortable.

As we move through the 21st century we will find that our world is constantly changing — even new can become old!

One aspect of human endeavor doesn't change and that is the need for engagement. People love to be challenged and to be involved. We can engage people in two ways: 1. through activities and 2. through imagination. So here is the challenge! How can we engage people so that they will become involved? And how can we engage people so that our activities through demonstrations, hands-on creativity, and entertainment will be attractive to a number of demographic groups. Here are a few ideas:

- 1. Regional and Statewide Song Writing Contests that begin in the school and then are demonstrated through performance at Maine fairs.
- 2. Storytelling Contest based on Maine history and its agricultural heritage.
- 3. A parade at each fair that includes area community/school bands, dancers from area dance schools, town history floats prized animals, and carriage rides.

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Memories & GEMs

Kathryn R. Hunter

There are a gazillion reasons why many folks love a Maine fair. Let's talk about just a couple of them.

You can find a fair in every corner of the State of Maine. Many of them have been a pleasurable tradition every summer and fall for over 150 years.

People love nostalgia. They love to be reminded of wonderful childhood memories when they first came to a fair with their families.

They remember admiring their grandmothers carefully slicing the apples, pouring the sugar and crimping the crust with loving fingers. They think back on the delicious cinnamon smell as the pie baked in the oven. They watched as it was gently carried on a red gingham checked towel and brought proudly into the Exhibition Hall with high hopes of a blue ribbon.

They remember following their grandfather up the dusty, creaky wooden steps into the Pulling Ring. The men all had frayed edges on their folded up pant legs splattered with work stains. It was a sea of hats and flannel shirts and blue paisley handkerchiefs. The smell was a mixture of tobacco, coffee, sweat, diesel fuel and manure. They remember the cheers and the laughter and the storytelling. They remember the magnificent muscles of the horses and oxen straining and gleaming while they pulled the load "all the way."

They also remember squealing with delight with their friends on their first ferris wheel ride. Their fingers were sticky from the pink cotton candy and caramel corn. They remember ketchup dripping down on piping hot French fries piled high with salt and vinegar.

Fair memories are a gift. Fair memories are cozy and warm. Fair memories tug at our hearts and are best when shared and re-lived. People love to visit a fair and reflect back on happy moments from their childhood. Fair folks come back every year to rekindle joy and the wonderment and excitement. They delight in watching a whole new generation experience the magic of a Maine fair.

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And then we have our volunteers. Heaven sent, each and every one. They love to help. They love to keep busy. They love to make improvements and they love to make a difference.

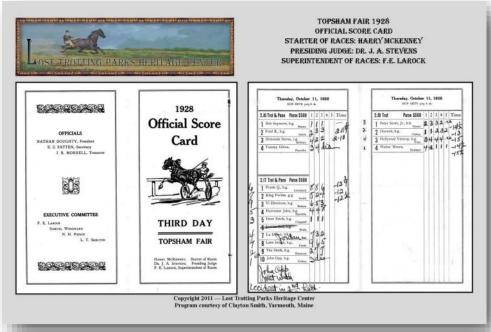
You know these people. They are the ones who mow the grass, paint the buildings, hammer the boards, grade the race track, reload the drag, haul away the manure, move the bleachers, put up the fences, hang the flags, pass out brochures, sweep the grandstands and plant the flowers — the never ending tasks that make the fair happen.

You've seen these people. They smile at the gates, sell 50/50 tickets, dust the museum, arrange the pickle jars, count the money, update the website, coordinate the entertainment, pass out ribbons and answer a thousand question. These are the people who are the volunteers at Maine's many agricultural fairs.

These people are "fair folks." If you are reading this, you are probably one too!! Every business, every organization, every Mom & Pop store, and every fair has them. "Fair folks" and the volunteers are gems!! They always Go the Extra Mile: GEMs! They are a true treasure. They never complain. They help because they want to. They enjoy carrying on a tradition and they love their hometown fair.

Why don't you visit a Maine fair? Come and find your smile and make a memory of your own.

Kathryn R. Hunter is the 1st Vice President of the Maine Association of Agricultural Fairs. Kathryn has been a member and volunteer of the Topsham Fair since 1983





From S. Dexter —

Since 2010 I have either displayed at or attended Maine's agricultural fair convention at the Holiday Bay by the Inn located in Portland, Maine. I have fully enjoyed my interactions with convention attendees, organizers, vendors and entertainers. Each year I met new people and hear new stories.

The annual convention signifies that the fair season is here. It is time to organize, gather new ideas, renew, and return to the business of making their 2017 fair the best it can be. Worker and organizers change over the years, yet there still lives that spirt that ties each person to participate in the process that continues that slice of Maine's agricultural heritage — the Maine Agricultural Fair!

A brief outline of the convention is offered for your review —

Day 1:

Opening Session — Welcoming Remarks by Agricultural Commissioner Walter Whitcomb and MAAF President, Gerald Gilpatrick.

Presentation: Using Facebook for your Fair by Rachel Damon

Presentation: Stipend Report and Evaluation by Betty Farr and Melissa Jordan (MDACF)

Presentation: New Wage on Hours Law by Pam Megathin, MDOL

<u>Presentation:</u> Pulling Superintendents and Superintendent Recertification by Abe Addition and the Maine Pull Events Commission with Miles Greenleaf (MDACF)

<u>Presentation:</u> Health Inspection Program — Maine Center for Disease Control

<u>Presentation:</u> Live Streaming at the Fairs — From Windsor, Bill McFarland and Ernie Wheeler and Steve Graustein from Fryeburg

Presentation: Harness Racing Directors, Jerry Lemarre

Presentation: Building Long Term Vendor Relationships, Dan and Kandra Ayotte-Frasier

Presentation: Pine Tree Ox Association, Brett McConkey, President

<u>Presentation:</u> Fair Livestock Superintendents — New Policies on Animal Inspectors, Randy Hall, Farmington Fair

<u>Presentation:</u> Presidents and Vice Presidents Meeting — Tom Foster — Presenter, Ryan Wallace, Maine Center for Business and Economic Research and Robert Lyons, CPA, MST

Presentation: Maine State Fire Marshall

Presentation: Auction to Benefit MAAF Scholarship Fund, Dick Brown, Auctioneer

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2017 Annual Convention for the Maine Association of Agricultural Fairs

Day 2

Presentation: Farm Steer and Ox Club — Melinda Larabee Robinson

Presentation: Pine Tree Ox Association

Presentation: Maine Association of Livestock Exhibitors — Steve Norton, President

Presentation: WIFI on Your Fairgrounds — Steve Graustein, Fryeburg Fair

Presentation: Service Animals — Eric Bellavance

Presentation: Maine Draft Horses and Oxen — Dale Cole, President

Presentation: Keynote Speaker — "Scare the Pants of You" — Marla Callico, CFE, President

and CEO International Association of Fairs & Expositions (IAFE) Springfield, Missouri

Presentation: Farmers Daft Horses — President Bill Winslow

Presentation: Exhibit Halls, Carolyn Small, Cumberland Fair

Presentation: General Session — Gerald Gilpatrick, MAAF President

MAAF Reports:

Executive Director's Report

Treasury Report

Legislative Liaison Report

Report of Maine Harness Racing Commission

Report of Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

President Gerald Gilpatrick's Remarks

Marketing Considerations

Does your brand attract attendance beyond 25 miles of your fairground?

How do your fairs activities attract attendee from all age cohorts?

Do you attempt to target new audiences through new exhibits and competitions?

Is the quality of traditional venues and activities consistent from year to year?

Do you collect qualitative data each year from people who attend your fair?

Do you plan marketing activities for every month of the year? If not, why not?

Does your fair combine marketing activities with fair competitors and exhibitors?

Does your fair ever compete with another fair in special competitions?

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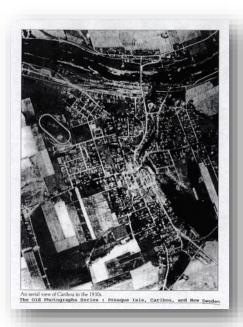
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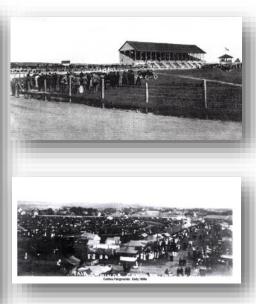
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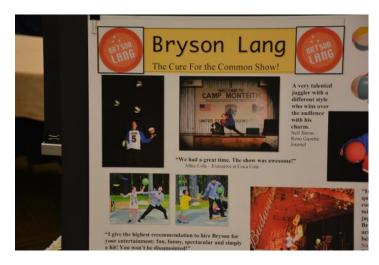








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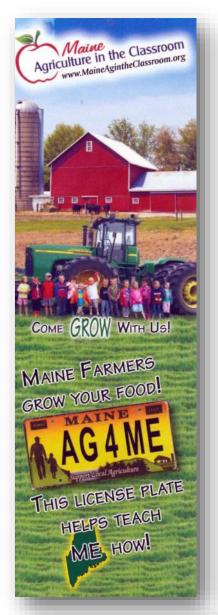






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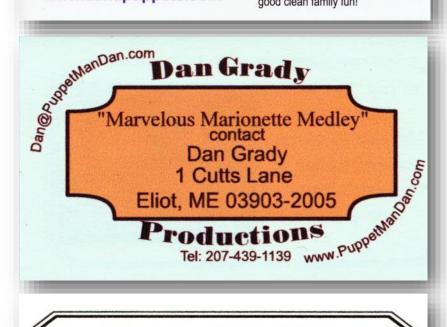
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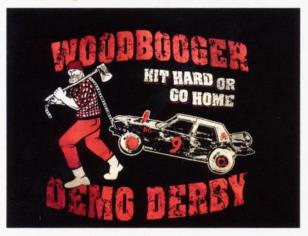
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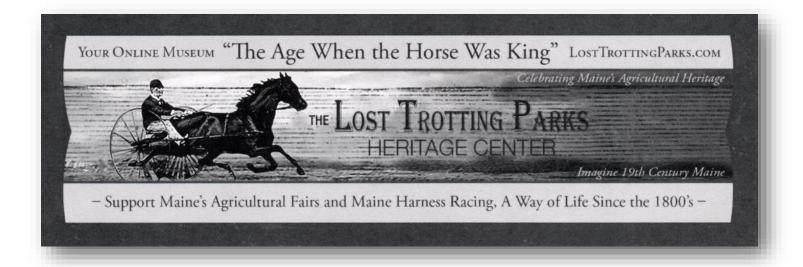
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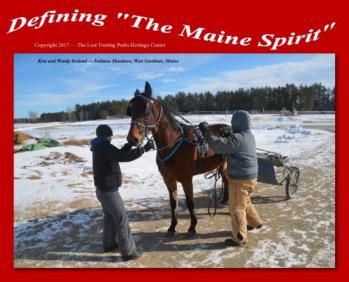












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