

# RUMORS & RUST

The Newsletter of the Western Michigan Old Engine Club : APRIL 2020

## CLUB EVENTS SCHEDULE: 2020

April

05– **NO MEETING - CANCELED**

15– Newsletter deadline

18 – Antique tractor pull, 10am

25 – Garden tractor dead-boat pull, 10am

25 – Garden tractor transfer sled pull, 1pm

## OFFICERS FOR 2020

President – Ed McCumber– 231-845-6771

Vice President – Fred Silvis– 231-757-2514

Secretary – Diane Swider - 231-845-0286

Treasurer – Sharon McCumber-231-898-3518

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2020

Carl Wiegand (3 years)

Tom Alway ( 1 years)

Mike Peters- (2 year)

Show Chairman - Bruce Patterson

Education Day Chairman – Mari Olmstead

Grounds Chairman – Fred Silvis

Doug Rollenhagen - Advertising

Ray Edel- acquisitions committee chairman

Lowell Baker -safety directors

The April meeting (April 5th) of the WMOEC is cancelled. See you at the May 3rd Meeting. Message per Ed McCumber, President of the WMOEC

December 8, 2019

West Michigan Old Engine Club Monthly Meeting Minutes

Ed McCumber - President

Fred Silvis – Vice President

Sharon McCumber – Treasurer

Diane Swider – Secretary

The afternoon began with the blessing over the food. After the meal the meeting was called to order, the pledge of allegiance was recited.

We have new members, Ken & Roxanne Thrailkill.

The minutes were read by Diane Swider. A motion was made by Dawn Quick to accept the minutes as read. 2nd by Mike Peters, Motion carried.

Sharon McCumber reviewed the monthly income and expenses on the treasurer's report. A motion was made by Karen Rogner to accept the report 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Peters, motion carried.

Old Business.

Our updated calendar of events has been forwarded to the tourist and visitors bureau.

New Business.

We have been Selected to host the International Collectors Chapter 11 show in 2021 during our August annual event. Paul Storm is the chair and contact person for this event. He reported that they may have 50 to 60 Farmall large tractors and 40 to 50 garden tractors. Paul Storm purchased a tractor to refurbish to raffle off during that show as a fund raiser. If you are interested in helping Paul, please contact him directly.

Carl Wiegand's appointment of trustee is due to expire. Ed has asked Carl to give another 3 years as trustee and he has accepted.

A question has been asked about having a consignment auction on the grounds as a fund raiser. The club would make a percentage of whatever is sold. We would like it done during the swap meet. Its to late for 2020 but we should think about it for 2021 swap meet weekend.

Fred and Roger are interested in setting up an obstacle course for youngsters to make sure they have the skills to operate a lawn tractor during the show mainly for parade purposes. They would issue a certificate after completion to prove they have passed.

The Wednesday morning breakfasts at 9 am will continue through the winter for those that are interested.

Ed thanked everyone that has come out to the grounds and helped this year it was greatly appreciated.

#### Membership Awards

10 year – Eugene Duncil, Lee Wilbur, Leon and Belinda Jabrocki and Tom and Cindy Hooper.

20 year – Carl and Maureen Wiegand

30 year - Ken Bates

40 year – Charlie and Margaret Hayes

The next meeting will be canceled at the Optimist hall.

The trophies were given out for garden tractors and antique tractors.

A motion to adjourn was made by Aubrey, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Hooper.

Motion carried.

Submitted by Diane Swider

### SYMPATHY

Thomas Raymond McCumber Sr., 77, of Ludington, died Wednesday, December 11, 2019, at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center in Mishawaka, Indiana. He was born October 8, 1942, in Ludington, the son of Jesse and Eva (Comstock) McCumber.

Tom retired as service evaluator in 2007, from Harsco Rail, where he had been employed for 30 years. Tom was a member of the Western Michigan Old Engine Club where he enjoyed competing in the tractor pulls. He was also a member of the C.B. Club which later became the Migrating Birds Camping Club. In his spare time, Tom enjoyed hunting, fishing and spending time at their cottage in Whiskey Creek.

On July 24, 1965, at Elbridge Church, Tom married Irma VandeVoorde, who survives him. He is also survived by: his son, Tommy McCumber of Ludington; his brother, Ed (Maralee) McCumber of Ludington; his sisters-in-law, Flo Purchase of Ludington and Linda (Harry) Nunn of Ohio; his brother-in-law, Mike (Janet) VandeVoorde of Custer; and several nieces and nephews.

Tom was preceded in death by: his parents; his sister, Frances Lou McCumber; and 2 brothers-in-law, Fred (Meredith) VandeVoorde, and Arland "Buck" Purchase.

Memorial services will be held in the spring. Interment will take place in the McCumber Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Western Michigan Old Engine Club or to the family.

Beacon Cremation & Funeral Service, Pere Marquette Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

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

Tom McCumber funeral is April 25, 2020 at 11 am. Visitation starts at 10 am at the United Methodist Church in Ludington on Bryant Road.



## **SYMPATHY**

John Albert Anderson, 77, of Fountain, made his transition to be with the Heavenly Father on Dec. 6, 2019. He followed his brother Thomas who made his transition earlier on the same day.

John was born on Jan. 7, 1942 in Ohio, the son of Louis A. Anderson and Irene M. (Karpinski) Anderson. John was a member of Teamsters Local 20 and was a long haul trucker for all of his career.

John was also a farmer. He took great joy in working the soil, growing crops on his land, and raising livestock. Hunting and harvesting deer was a fun recreation for him in his younger years. He enjoyed the time spent in his blind and bonding with all of his hunting companions from Ohio.

John was an avid tractor and farm equipment collector. He took pleasure in tinkering with and fine tuning all of his machinery. John attended and participated in several tractor pulls over the years. Member of the Western Michigan Old Engine Club since Sept. 2017. He loved spending time with his grandchildren and sharing all of his knowledge about farming, mechanics and machinery. He also enjoyed watching the Kentucky Derby horse races, football games and NASCAR.

John is survived by his daughters, Brenda (Trenton) Lynn, Irene Janicki; grandchildren, Cody, Dylan, Marissa, and Haley; great-grandchildren, Aria, Kooper, and Jace; sisters, Joanne Litwin, Helen (Gary) Stanton; and brothers, Louis Anderson, Donald Anderson, Richard (Sharon) Anderson; and many nephews and nieces.

John was preceded in death by his parents, Louis and Irene; partner in life, Leola; son, Louis; son-in-law, Tony; sisters, Rosemary, Carolyn, and Irene; and brothers, James and Thomas.

A celebration of life will be held in the spring. Please contact John's daughters if you'd like to be included.

Arrangements were entrusted to Oak Grove Funeral Home of Ludington, [www.OakGroveLudington.com](http://www.OakGroveLudington.com).

## **SYMPATHY**

Sympathy for Ray Edel and family ,for Ray's older brother Henry L. Rakoski. Henry was 90 years old and passed away February 3rd 2020 at the Manistee county medical care facility .

## SYMPATHY

Loren Vreeman of Irons, passed away on January 10th. Loren has been a member of the club since June 2010. He worked at the show at the Back Gate with Sharon & Estella.

Vreeman, Loren 9/21/1944 - 1/10/2020 Irons, MI Loren J. Vreeman, age 75, died on Friday, January 10, 2020. Loren was a farmer through and through spending his retirement years in Irons, MI in the summer and traveling throughout the sunny states in the winter. Loren was preceded in death by his brother; William Vreeman; and brother and sister-in-law, Sylvan (Andrea) Vreeman. He is survived by his wife, Pat Vreeman; children, Tim and Amy Vreeman (Holland, MI), Curt and Tammy Vreeman (Comstock, MI), Randy and Angie Vreeman (Vicksburg, MI), Kristen and Steve Lausman (Chicago, IL); grandchildren; Scott Vreeman, Jacob Vreeman, Logan Vreeman, Lydia Vreeman, John Vreeman, Clark Vreeman, TJ Vreeman; sister, Ilene and Bob Wolthuis; sister-in-law, Leona Vreeman; Pat's children; Bill, John, Marge, Joe, Bob, Tony, Jimmy, Trish; the many Lisowski grandchildren and great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews; and his ex-wife, Lynette Vreeman (Kalamazoo, MI). Memorial contributions in Loren's honor may be given to Leader Dogs for the Blind. A private family service will take place in the summer. [www.langelandsterenberg.com](http://www.langelandsterenberg.com)  
Cards may be mailed to his wife Pat Vreeman 5642 Washing Irons, MI 49644.

## SYMPATHY

Robert "Bob" Edward Schudlich, "One of the River Road Boys from the Schudlich Farm" age 86 of Manistee, passed away on Sunday March 1, 2020 in Manistee.

He was born on January 6, 1934 in Manistee Township, son of the late Ernest and Mary (Smith) Schudlich. Bob attended Manistee High School, graduating with the class of 1952 and was also a veteran of the United States Army, serving from November 2, 1956 until January 20, 1958. He enjoyed working on and collecting all types of tractors. Bob was a member of the Western Michigan Old Engine Club in Scottville and especially loved attending antique tractor shows.

Bob had been employed by the Manistee County Road Commission for 25 ½ years and worked 13 years at Jebavy Sorenson Orchards, as well as having farmed the family homestead on River Road. Bob is survived by his brother, James Schudlich; sister, Dorothy Wrzesinski, both of Manistee; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

He is preceded in death by his parents; brother Ernest Schudlich; sister, Darlene Jados; and 2 brothers-in-law, Tony Jados and Robert F. Wrzesinski.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial service with military honors by the Manistee County United Veterans Council for Bob will be held at 1:00PM on Saturday March 7, 2020 at Oak Grove Funeral Home with Spiritual Care Giver Mark O'Brien officiating. The family will receive friends for visitation from 12:00PM until time of service. Final interment will take place in the spring at Trinity Lutheran Cemetery.

Memorial contributions in memory of Bob may be directed to Hospice of Michigan or Manistee County Medical Care Facility.

Please feel free to share a memory or photo with the family at <http://www.oakgrovefh.com>. [The family has entrusted funeral arrangements with Oak Grove Funeral Home & Cremation Center of Manistee.](http://www.oakgrovefh.com) Cards can be addressed to James Schudlich 305 Care Center, Apt. #109 Manistee, MI 49660

## WMOEC BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY LIST APRIL 2020

DOUG	BACON	APR	DEBRA	KESSLER	APR
LARRY & BABETTE	BAKER	APR	BOB & BETTY	KRAN, JR.	APR
ALAN	BOULEE	APR	JEREMY & HEATHER	LANGER	APR
DAVE	BRATSCHI	APR	LEO	MAJESKI	APR
MARSHA	BRATSCHI	APR	BYRON	MILLER	APR
DUANE & LESLIE	COOPER	APR	KEN & SUE	PURDY	APR
DOUG	DAMKOEHLER	APR	KAREN	ROGNER	APR
RAY	EDEL	APR	LARRY	ROGNER	APR
CHUCK	EISENLOHR	APR	SHARON	RUBA	APR
JAKE	FISCHER	APR	BILL & TERRI	STAKENAS	APR
JEFF	GULLIVER	APR	SCOTT & MEGAN	TERBEEK	APR
KEN	HANSEN	APR	PEACHES	THROCKMORTON	APR
ANDY II	HEGEDUS	APR	WAYNE	VAHS	APR
JOE & MARILYN	JOAS	APR	EDWARD	WAYNE	APR
MIKE	KESON	APR	DAVID	RITTER	APR

### NEWSLETTER NOTE:

Newsletter: We have offered up an email for the newsletter instead of getting it mailed or seeing it on the website. This will save the club on postage and supplies and time for making it. We have had about 12 people change to the email form. Thank you club members to help save money for the club. If you want to change, please email [sharonmccumber@yahoo.com](mailto:sharonmccumber@yahoo.com) to make this happen.

### SOMETHING'S TO KNOW:

If you have items that you would like posted on the club's website or Face book page such as club event photos, items for sale, club announcements, etc, please email them to [oldengineclub@gmail.com](mailto:oldengineclub@gmail.com).

The club would all so like for someone to take photos to be put on the web page and face book pages , so we can have some new pictures to update the site with.

### APPRECIATION NOTE:

"The Western Michigan Old Engine Club would like to thank the businesses and individuals who provided sponsorship to us for 2020. Your support is greatly appreciated."

**PLEASE remember to patronize our advertisers!!**

### MEMBERSHIP DUES:

W.M.O.E.C. dues for 2020 are \$20.00. Please Mail dues to: WMOEC 5443 S. Custer Rd. Custer Mi. 49405

You may also pay in person at the club meetings.

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## Western Michigan Old Engine Club 2020 Calendar

### March

15 – Newsletter deadline

### April

05– Monthly meeting, 4pm, Optimist Building (**CANCELED**)

15– Newsletter deadline

18 – Antique tractor pull, 10am

25 – Garden tractor dead-boat pull, 10am

25 – Garden tractor transfer sled pull, 1pm

### May

03– Monthly meeting, 4pm, Optimist Building

15– Newsletter deadline

16 – Garden tractor dead-boat pull, 10am

16 – Garden tractor transfer sled pull, 1pm

21 – Spring Swap Meet setup day

22 – Spring Swap Meet

23 – Spring Swap Meet

23 – Antique tractor pull, 1pm

### June

07 – Monthly meeting, 7pm, Show Grounds

13 – Garden tractor dead-boat pull, 10am

13 – Garden tractor transfer sled pull, 1pm

15– Newsletter deadline

27– Antique tractor pull, 10am

### July

11 – Garden tractor dead-boat pull, 10am

11 – Garden tractor transfer sled pull, 1pm

12– Monthly meeting, 7pm, Show Grounds

15– Newsletter deadline

18– Antique tractor pull, 10am

26– Monthly meeting (for August), 7pm, Show Grounds  
30– 46<sup>th</sup> Annual show, 9am to 6pm

31– 46<sup>th</sup> Annual show, 9am to 6pm

### August

01– 46<sup>th</sup> Annual show, 9am to 6pm

02– 46<sup>th</sup> Annual show, 9am to 2pm

02– Antique tractor pull, 10am

15 – Garden tractor transfer sled pull @ Western Michigan Fair Grounds, 12 noon

22 – Garden tractor transfer sled pull @ Oceana County Fair Grounds, 12 noon

30– Monthly meeting (for September) and potluck dinner, 5pm, Show Grounds

### September

12 – Antique tractor pull, 10am

15– Newsletter deadline

16– Education Day

19 – Garden tractor dead-boat pull, 10am

19 – Garden tractor transfer sled pull, 1pm

### October

03 – Antique tractor pull, 10am

04– Monthly meeting and election of officers, 4pm, Optimist building

10 – Garden tractor dead-boat pull, 10am

10 – Garden tractor transfer sled pull, 1pm

### November

01– Monthly meeting 4pm, Optimist building

15– Newsletter deadline

### December

13– Monthly meeting & Christmas party, 2pm, Optimist building

NOTE: All tractor pulls take place at the WMOEC show grounds unless otherwise indicated  
All dates and times are subject to change. Check the website for the current schedule

[www.oldengineclub.org](http://www.oldengineclub.org)

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