

Powerland Heritage Park

Home of the Great Oregon Steam-Up



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Powerland Heritage Park News

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President's Message

Happy New Year All!

I hope the Holiday season was good to everyone and we are all rejuvenating our energies for the New Year! It may seem like nothing is happening here at the Park, but let me assure you that things are moving along and much work is in gear getting ready for our open season.

The APMA Board welcomed our newest board members at our January meeting, Evan Burroughs and John Nagy! We look forward to the energy and ideas that they bring to the table to prosper the cause of Antique Powerland and Powerland Heritage Park! Welcome Evan & John! We also say thank you so much to Tom Kneeland and Mike Baker, we wish them well in their new adventures. The Board also elected its new leadership for the 2018 year and I am pleased to announce the officers: President: Michelle Duchateau, 1st VP: Bill Prine, 2nd VP: Kathie Rosenquist.

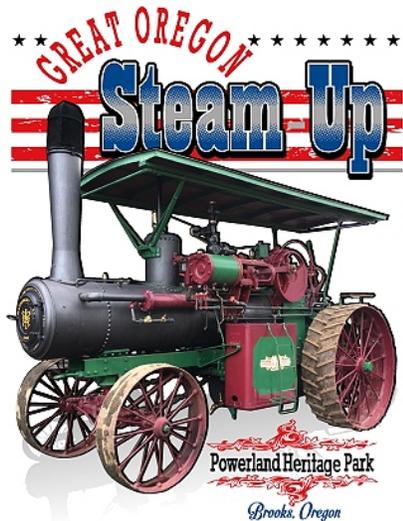
I also want to thank all those that participated in our fall fundraising campaign! Your donations to the Newman's Own Foundation Challenge was incredible!

I along with all the other Board members are looking forward to and working toward making 2018 another outstanding year!

Aloha,

Michelle D.

Did You Know???



As you may recall the featured tractor at the 2017 Great Oregon Steam-up was the Advance Rumely. Did you know there is a connection between the Advance Rumely Co. and our iconic Corliss steam engine located next to the saw mill? How can this be you ask?

Let's go back and take a closer look at the Corliss Steam Engine Company. The Corliss Steam Engine Company was originally known as Fairbanks, Clark & Co. in the 1830s. In 1843 it was renamed Fairbanks, Bancroft & Co. when Edward Bancroft joined the company.

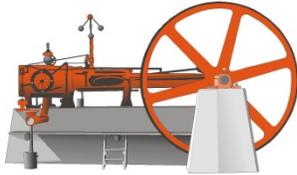
In 1846 it was renamed Bancroft, Nightingale & Co. when George H. Corliss joined the company, and in 1847 it was renamed Corliss, Nightingale and Co. In 1848 the company moved to the Charles Street Railroad Crossing in Providence, Rhode Island.

In 1857 the company was renamed for the last time to Corliss Steam Engine Company. By 1864 Corliss bought out his partners and was the sole owner of the company. By 1859, all of the key features of what we now know as the Corliss engine were in place. Patents granted to Corliss and others incorporated rotary valves and crank shafts in-line with the cylinders.

Corliss' 1849 patent expired in 1870; the term of this patent had been extended by U.S. Patent reissue 200 on May 13, 1851 and U.S. Patent reissues 758 and 763 on July 12, 1859. After 1870, numerous other companies began to manufacture Corliss style engines. Among them The Allis-Chalmers Company produced a steam engine utilizing the Corliss design. In general, these machines were referred to as Corliss engines regardless of who made them.

So where does Advance-Rumely Co. come into the story? The M. Rumely Co. purchased the Advance Thresher Co. in 1911. For several years the Advance-Rumely Co. enjoyed success producing and selling tractors and threshing machines and in 1923 they purchased the Aultman-Taylor Co. which was a competing tractor manufacturer.

But despite their early business success and acquisitions, the general financial collapse of the Great Depression beginning in 1929, began to take its toll on the Advance-Rumely Co. As early as January 1930, the Rumely management began seeking a buyer for the company. Correspondence with Otto Falk, president of the Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Company, proved fruitful: Allis-Chalmers agreed to take over the firm and did so by May 1931.



Our Corliss steam engine, located at Powerland Heritage Park is an example of Allis Chalmers' Corliss engine. So in reality it is an Allis Chalmers built engine.

The engine was originally installed in the B.P. John's furniture factory in Portland, Oregon in 1880. In 1927 it was moved to the Salem Sash & Door Co. located at the corner of Ferry and Church Streets. Then in 1955 it was sold to the Yoder Sawmill in Yoder, Oregon. And finally, it was installed at Powerland Heritage Park in 1979 by the Western Steam Fiends.

For another piece of lesser known trivia: you are all familiar with the Valvoline Oil Co. Did you know the company name was established by the petroleum oil inventor, John Ellis, for the steam engine valves it lubricated? And George Corliss, inventor of the rotary steam engine valve, was one of the first industrial giants to realize the benefits of Ellis' product.

Submitted and written by Bill Prine

Opening Weekend at Powerland Heritage Park

Traditionally Powerland's open season has always started on April 1st. This year, our opening weekend will be April 7th & 8th, due to Easter being on April 1, 2018. Join APMA, or volunteer at your favorite partner Museum to be a docent for this new season!

APMA MEMBERSHIP

Just a reminder that memberships for 2018 are now due. APMA's membership year is the calendar year: 1/1 thru 12/31. For your convenience, payments may be made by credit/debit card on the website or by calling the office @ 503-393-2424. We will be processing renewals at the APMA Annual Meeting as well.

Events and Activities

Young at Art Workshop

This painting class is for all levels, or in my case, no level, of painters will be held at Powerland on March 3, 2018. We will be painting a scene of hydrangeas. All materials will be provided as well as refreshments, to keep our energy up 😊 Details and registration for this class can be found at: www.youngatartor.com

When: Saturday, March 3rd at 1pm to 4 pm

Where: Dezotell Building, west side **Cost:** \$ 20.00

Bring a friend, make new friends, and have a great time!

Fun at the Park

Our first event of the season will be *Fun at the Park* on May 19th from 9am – 4pm.

This is a family event with no admission fee. In addition to children activities, there will be a craft fair with artisan booths!

Tell all your friends and invite them to check it out!

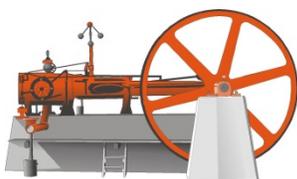
APMA will also be hosting a barbeque after this event at 5:30pm. APMA will provide the hamburgers, hot dogs and the fixings, just bring a side dish to share!

RSVP by MAY 9, 2018 to: office@antiquepowerland.com or by calling 503-393-2424.

Join Us for an APMA Workday

Dates have been set for the 2018 Saturday Work Days! April 7 / May 12 / June 9 / July 14 / September 15

Join us as we work on projects to spruce up the Park and get ready for Steam-Up! As always coffee at 8:20am & Lunch at Noon. Let Mark Bennett, our volunteer coordinator, know you'll be there and ready to help! bennettor@comcast.net



APMA 2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Event	Description
May 19	P. H. P. Presents "Fun at the Park"	Craft Fair & Family Day
June 16	Brooks Historical Celebration: Historic Gervais	10am to 3pm at Brooks Historical Society
June 16	NW Vintage Car & Motorcycle Museum All Comers Rendezvous	7th Annual All Comers Rendezvous 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
June 22-23	Antiques & Collectibles Swap Meet	EDGE & TA Branch 15 38th Annual Swap Meet Variable hours, camping available.
June 23	OVMM Auction	Annual Silent Fundraising Auction held in the John Deere Museum from 9-3
July 4 - July 8	All American Vintage Trailer Rally	Open to all vintage trailers. Come see a piece of American history!
July 4 - July 8	Civil War Reenactment	Step back in time! (Formerly held at Willamette Mission State Park.)
July 28-29 August 4-5	The Great Oregon Steam-Up	Fun for the entire family. Train and trolley rides, steam tractors, steam sawmill and large engines. Threshing, blacksmithing, tractor pull, daily parade and lots more.
August 24-25	Pacific Northwest Truck Show	26th Annual Brooks Truck Show. Over 200 trucks of all sorts of shapes, sizes and vintages
September 22	Hops & Vines	Wine and Craft Beer Sampling