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REMSEN DEPOT "STEAM ENGINE" CORN MAZE

According to John Secor, Remsen Development Corp. (RDC) President, "It was touch and go with the weather, but recent rains have kept the corn from browning out, and the maze will be in great shape".

The maze Secor is referring to is a 6-acre, life-sized cornstalk maze in the shape of a steam engine with a plume of smoke and a coal tender running on a railroad track. The maze was designed by Lee Green, Lee Green Consulting, a firm specializing in bridging the gap between surveying, engineering and technology.

The cadre of volunteers Mr. Green put together to stake and string almost 500 survey points, and pull stalks to create the 5-foot wide pathways creating the steam engine outline, added an element of "sweat equity" to his specialties.

The crew, made up of Remsen Depot Project supporters, pulled corn over a four-day period during the July 4th heat wave. A neighbor, whose house borders the cornfield, graciously made sure everyone had enough water to drink while they worked.

In addition to the corn maze, volunteers are constructing a hay bale maze in the shape of a railroad lantern especially for small children. Kids who find the center of the 300-bale maze will receive a paper lantern souvenir and activity page describing how lanterns signals "talked" to trains.

Secor added, "We're always looking for ways to put some "fun" in our fundraising, and the corn maze seemed like a natural fit with our work to promote the area's railroad and agricultural heritage. Corn mazes are popular attractions in many places, and we want people to enjoy wandering through it to find their way to the exit."

The maze field is part of acreage RDC has purchased as the future site of a New York State 1900s Dairy Farm Museum. The activity is the organization's major fundraiser this year to help meet the last mortgage payment on the land.

Both mazes will be operating on Saturdays and Sundays, from 1 p.m. to dusk, beginning September 14th and ending October 13th. Admission to the Corn Maze is \$6, Adults and \$4, Under 12. The Hay Bale Maze is \$1.00. Discount admission coupons are available in many area locations, including the Adirondack Foothills Visitor Information Center, Route 12, Remsen.

For special excitement, two "Flashlight Nites" will be held Saturdays October 5th and 12th from 6 to 8 p.m. No tickets will be sold after 7 p.m., and you must have a flashlight to be admitted.

Tickets should be purchased at the Remsen Depot, 10603 Depot Street, Remsen, NY. Refreshments and a Gift Shop are also available at the Remsen Depot. Group tours and rates can be made by arrangement only at (315) 831-4257. No pets are allowed in the maze.