



THE WHISTLE BLAST

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HAPPY NEW YEAR 2014! I don't know about everyone else, but I am definitely ready for spring!

Christmas Party: The Annual Christmas party was well attended, and the auction brought in over \$800 for the Association. Thanks to all who contributed auction items or who purchased items. Auctioneer David Hobbs did a great job. Thanks also to the Hobbs family for clerking the sale, and thanks to MCL Cafeteria & Bakery for set-up for the party, and for donating two meal cards for the auction.

2014 Show plans: Show dates are July 31, August 1 & 2. The Directors have decided to not charge visitor admission for the 2014 show. We will accept donations to the organization.

We will again require proof of insurance for golf carts used during the show. There will not be a charge for use of golf carts.

We will be working to try to obtain loaner golf carts, as we've done previously. We know that not having those last year was a disappointment to some of our guests.

The future: As previously communicated, the Directors will be considering options for 2015 and beyond to continue to provide an antique power show for the community. We welcome suggestions from members & friends about how we can continue to provide an interesting and entertaining show. Feel free to contact any director with your comments, or send us an email at tsgpa@dcwi.com

Website Updated: Check out our website at www.tsgpai.org. It's been updated to include photos from the 2013 show.

2014 Feature: This year's show will feature Co-op & Cockshutt, as well as other short line tractors. All gas engine manufacturers are welcome. Please keep in mind that although we feature a specific manufacturer or type of equipment, there is plenty of room for all exhibits. Don't hesitate to bring your exhibit just because we are featuring a different make!

2014 Show Volunteer Opportunities: It's never too early to think about helping out during the show. This year, we'll need helpers at the main gate, as well as at Registration. Volunteer shuttle drivers and riders will also be needed, and we can always use help with set-up and tear down activities.

The Registration area will need volunteers from Wednesday through Saturday. Registration is located on the north end of the amphitheater building, under the overhang. In addition to registering exhibitors, these volunteers are also responsible for collecting membership dues, selling hats, T-shirts, and buttons. Contact Vicky Mellady at 765-583-0992 if you have questions.

Workers will be needed at the main gate to direct exhibitors, accept donations, register golf carts, and give directions and information. Volunteers are needed Wednesday (to direct incoming exhibitors only), and on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. until approximately 6:00 p.m. Workers will be outside during their shifts at the gate, and you'll need to be on your feet most of the time. Please contact Vicky Mellady at 765-583-0992 for details.

Tractor drivers will be needed for the shuttles during the show. You need to be over 18 years of age and a licensed driver with your own tractor. We'll also need riders on each shuttle wagon to make sure that guests get on and off safely. Kirk Young is coordinating drivers and riders.

Membership: TSGPA currently has 118 adult members, 7 junior members & 79 lifetime members.

Vendors: We had a small vendor area last year, but keep in mind that it was more than we had in 2012. Directors Ronda Cassens & Vicky Mellady are continuing to work on getting the word out to bring in more merchandise vendors. There will be no charge for vendor spaces. No electrical hook-ups will be available, but generators are allowed. If you have suggestions for vendors, please contact Vicky or Ronda.

Look for us on Facebook: Tippecanoe Steam & Gas Power Association is on Facebook. Thanks to Angie Young and Vicky Mellady for maintaining it.

Upcoming events:

- Directors & Advisors Meeting – Meeting will be scheduled for March or April – watch for card!
- General Meeting – June or early July – Date to be determined.
- 2014 Show set-up dates – Monday, July 28 – Wednesday, July 30.
- Bean supper – Wednesday, July 30, 2014
- 2014 Show dates – Thursday, July 31 – Saturday, August 2.
- Tear-down date – Sunday, August 3 – 9:00 a.m. (we're usually finished by about noon).

2014 Entertainment Updates: Justin Paschal will provide musical entertainment on Friday August 1, beginning at 5:00 p.m. The Soul Station Singers will perform on Saturday morning, and the IGTPA Garden Tractor pull will take place on Saturday, with weigh-in beginning at 3:00 p.m. The pull will start at 4:00 p.m.

President's Comments: I just want to thank all our members for their continued support of our organization. We're looking forward to another great show this year. Please plan to attend our General meeting before in the spring to share your suggestions for improvements in the show, or feel free to contact any of the Directors with suggestions. Please look over the information about where volunteers are needed during the show & be prepared to sign up for times to work. Hopefully, the weather for the show will be like last year.

Thanks,
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