



THE WHISTLE BLAST

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Time flies! We are just weeks from the show. It is critical that members step up to be involved in activities at the show – there are plenty of opportunities. If you've never volunteered before – this is your chance. Whether for an hour or a day, we have opportunities for you. If you didn't get a chance to sign up at the June 22 General Meeting, you may do so on Wednesday, July 30 at the bean supper, or anytime during the show.

Golf carts: Golf cart owners will be required to show proof of insurance at the gate. Please obtain proof of insurance from your insurance carrier. Golf cart owners without proof of insurance will not be allowed to operate the cart on the show grounds.

Golf cart safety: While we're on the subject of golf carts (which includes Gators & other UTV's), please remember to follow the established golf cart operation rules at the show. These include not operating the golf cart in the food vendor area, staying off the paved walkway. All golf cart drivers must be licensed drivers – no children.

Set-up before & tear-down after the show: Even if you're not able to help in one of these areas, there will be plenty of work the days prior to the show to set up tents, tables, equipment, place signs, and other work. We need all the help we can get. We will start about 8:00 a.m. on Monday, July 28. Stay for a couple of hours or stay all day. We'll also need help on Sunday with tear-down activities. We'll plan to start about 9:00 a.m., and should finish by noon.

2014 Features: The Hoosier Co-op Jamboree will be held at our show this year. That includes Co-op & Cockshutt tractors. We will also feature other lesser know makes of tractors, as well as all makes of gas engines.

Memberships: Dues for 2014 will be \$10 adult members. Junior memberships for those under age 16 are \$1, and lifetime memberships for members who have reached age 75, are free.

Volunteer Opportunities: Sign-up sheets will be available at the Bean Supper on July 30, but feel free to contact the organizer to sign up for your preferred work shift. We know that's a busy time, so we hope this will help remind members of their commitments. Volunteer slots for all areas will be changed from 2 hour slots to 1 hour to be more flexible.

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. Workers for this area will be in the shade. Contact Vicky Mellady (765-583-0992) for information.

Workers will be needed at the **main gate** to direct exhibitors, give directions and information, and to accept donations. Volunteers are needed Wednesday (to direct incoming exhibitors only), and on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from about 8:00 a.m. until approximately 6 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 (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. You need to have a clean driving record. We'll also need **riders** on each shuttle wagon to make sure that guests get on and off safely. Kirk Young (765-589-7040) is coordinating drivers and riders.

Registration Hours: Registration will be open during the following hours at the show:

- Wednesday – 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.
- Thursday – 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- Friday – 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- Saturday – 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Be sure to stop by during these times to register your exhibit and/or to pay your memberships.

Vendors: Directors Ronda Cassens & Vicky Mellady are working on increasing the number of vendor booths at this year's show. If you have any leads, please contact them. We will not be providing electrical hook-ups, but vendors may bring generators. There is no charge for vendor spaces.

If you got bored during some of those long winter days & did some extra cleaning in your garage, shop or attic, but haven't figured out what to do with things you thinned out yet, you might consider a booth at the show.

In Memory: Lifetime member Jim Haan passed away on February 25 at the age of 95. Jim had been active in our organization since the beginning, and his family continues that tradition. Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire Haan family.

Upcoming events:

- 2014 Show set-up dates – Monday, July 28 – Wednesday, July 30, 2014
- Bean Supper – Wednesday, July 30, 2014 – 6:00 p.m.
- 2014 Show Clean-up – Sunday, August 3 – 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon (approximately)
- 2014 Show dates – July 31, August 1, & 2, 2014

We're on the Web: In addition to our website (www.tsqpai.org), take a look at our postings on the following:

- Smokstak.com
- Yesterday's Tractor (ytmag.com)
- www.cockshutt.com

If you know of other sites that we should be updating with our show info, please let one of the Directors know. Also, we are on Facebook, thanks to Angie Young and Vicky Mellady.

Ice cream party, Election of Directors &

Officers: Our ice cream party will be Sunday, August 24 in combination with our Annual meeting & Election of Directors & Officers. Directors whose terms expire this year are Shane Kerkhove, Doug Miller, Louis Cassens, Kenny Brovont and Peggy Bryant. Please plan to attend this meeting. We will review the show and discuss plans for next year. Your input is critical as we make our plans for next year.

Needed: Advisors: If you're interested in helping guide the direction of our organization, either as a future Director or not, please let one of the Directors know. New Directors must serve one year as an Advisor, including participation in meetings & planning activities before they are eligible to be placed on the ballot for Director.

Question: What do antique tractors & engines have in common with robots? Answer: You'll be able to see them all at this year's show. The McCutcheon High School's 4272 Maverick Boiler Robotics team will be demonstrating their robots at the show on Saturday. Times are to be determined.

President's Comments:

Time is getting near for our show. Plans are shaping up for a good show this year. We are still in need of volunteers to help, especially at Registration. Contact the appropriate director of each area to let them know when you can work, or sign up at the bean supper on Wednesday, July 30.

See you at the show!

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