



THE WHISTLE BLAST

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Show Highlights: We had an excellent show this year! With the exception of a brief but impressive storm Friday evening, the weather was great. There was a good turn-out of Co-op and Cockshutt tractors, as well as a nice assortment of short line tractors. The vendor area was several times larger than last year, with an interesting assortment of items.

Thank You: It is impossible to thank everyone that contributed to the success of the show, because there are so many. Special thanks go to all the Association Directors and Advisors, as well as all exhibitors and volunteers.

We really appreciate those first-time volunteers at set-up/tear down, at the gate, on the shuttles, and at registration – thanks for getting involved.

Election of Officers: The Election of Directors and Officers was held at the August 24 General Meeting. Directors Shane Kerkhove, Doug Miller and Peggy Bryant were re-elected to three year terms. The following Officers were elected: President – Shane Kerkhove, Vice President – Vicky Mellady, Secretary – Ronda Cassens, and Treasurer – Doug Miller.

2015 Show: The 2015 show will be held on Saturday, August 1 from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. While plans are still being finalized, the show will consist primarily of working field demonstrations. We are planning activities to appeal to a variety of participants and visitors. All activities will take place in the soccer field, in the area adjacent to the wheat field. There will be no admission charge, but we will again accept donations. Watch future newsletters for more information about the 2015 show plans.

2014 Financial Report: The Association's 9/1/13 - 8/31/14 financial report is attached to the newsletter for your review. Please note that some items on the report are combined totals for 2013 and 2014. That is due to the checks for last year being written after 9/1/14.

Christmas Party and Auction: Our annual Christmas Party and Auction will be held on Saturday, December 6 at 6:00 p.m. at the MCL Cafeteria in West Lafayette. Participants should go through the cafeteria line and pay for their own meals. Bring items for the auction. Dave Hobbs will be auctioning again this year. This is an opportunity to spend time together with friends in the organization – something we may not have had a chance to do during the show.

2014 Show Statistics: A comparison of the main display areas between from 2012 – 2014 follows.

	2012	2013	2014
Tractors	185	115	139
Gas Engines	220	175	165
Garden Tractors	94	57	60
Antique Cars	27	26	31
Total Exhibitors	194	170	115
Total Gate	1414	1567	NA*

There were 35 Co-op/Cockshutts displayed. *No gate count is available due to no admission charge.

We had about 25 exhibitors who had not previously participated in our show. Most of these were tractor exhibitors. There were 35 exhibitors that had been at our show in 2012 and 2013 that did not participate in the 2014 show. Exhibitors came from as far away as Oregon, Ohio and Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

Current Membership: As of 9/12/14 the Association has 75 adult members, 81 lifetime members and 3 junior members. Welcome to our 4 new members this year.

Show Photos: Bob Anderson shared over 200 photos he took at this year's show. You can access them at <http://public.fotki.com/redlinetoys/2014-tippecanoe-ste/>. If you find one you like, you can download to your own computer. We'll try to get some of these photos posted to the TSGPA website soon.

Suggestions Please: 2015 will bring many changes to the show. If you have suggestions, please share them with any of the Directors below.

Donors: Thanks to the following organizations for their monetary donations:

- Monsanto
- Agrigold
- Americus Quilt Club

Thanks, also, to several individuals for their donations to our association. We appreciate the generous support.

Honorary Lifetime Membership Awarded: In appreciation for his long-time support of the organization, John Haan was awarded an Honorary Lifetime Membership to the Association. John has been involved in the show almost since the beginning in the early 1980's. When our predecessor group planned to end the show, John was one of the organizers that brought interested people together to organize TSGPA. John has been responsible for the management of the wheat – including planting, fertilizing, and harvest. In the past few years, he's also been responsible for preparing for the Garden Tractor Pull. He also hauled the steam engines to and from the show. These activities take a lot of time and effort throughout the year, including the show week. John is looking forward to being able to attend shows that he's not been able to attend previously due to his commitments to our show. Thanks, John!

Upcoming events:

- Christmas Party and Auction – Saturday, December 6 @ 6:00 p.m. location at MCL Cafeteria and Bakery – West Lafayette
- 35th Annual Show – Saturday, August 1, 2015

Weather Plan: We will revise the current disaster plan to reflect the field location for the show. There will not be a rain date planned.

Volunteer Opportunities: It's never too early to start thinking about opportunities for volunteers at next year's show. We'll need people at Registration, and will also plan to have one shuttle in operation, so we'll need drivers and riders for the duration of the show. Although the set-up (and tear-down) will be much less than previously, volunteers will be required. We anticipate that by ending the show at 4 p.m., we'll be able to get the tents down and other items packed that evening, and won't have to have any Sunday tear-down. Further details will be published in *The Whistle Blast*.

We also need people who are interested in helping to organize and plan the show to serve as Advisors. Advisors are invited to the Director's meetings (3-4 per year) and have input on the Association's operations. Advisors do not have a vote at the Director's meetings. If you're interested in participating as an Advisor, please contact one of the officers listed below.

Presidents Comments: Thanks again to everyone who contributed to making the 2014 show a success.

I know you're all hearing the rumors that this was our last show. We are scaling back the show to better fit the dwindling number of people that are willing to help, but the show is NOT ending. There will be more information about the plans for the 2015 show in upcoming newsletters. The Association will continue, so if you received a reminder to pay your dues, please send those in.

We're looking forward to the Christmas party and auction at MCL – reminder cards will be sent as we get closer.

Thanks,
Shane

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Officers:

President: Shane Kerkhove - 765-463-1635
Vice President: Vicky Mellady – 765-583-0992
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Tippecanoe Steam and Gas Power Association
Financial Report for the Period of September 1, 2013 – August 31, 2014

Income	
Sale of wheat	\$2,046.58
Memberships	\$883.00
Christmas party auction	\$810.00
Sale of hats and shirts	\$280.00
Registration Start-up	\$150.00
Sale of buttons/plaques	\$112.00
Sale of straw	\$60.00
Interest from CD cashed	\$48.64
Sale of lumber	\$40.00
Gate book ad	\$25.00
Sale of license plates	\$10.00
Total	\$4,465.22
Donations:	
Shuttle rental	\$3,100.00
Gates	\$2,994.76
Monsanto	\$2,000.00
Individual donations	\$279.00
Agrigold	\$200.00
Bean Supper	\$195.00
Shuttle donations	\$67.71
Total Donations	\$8,836.47
Total Income	\$13,301.69

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Total Expenses	\$14,920.51
Total profit	-\$1,618.82

Expenses	
Tippecanoe Twp. VFD donation (2013 and 2014)	\$3,000.00
Insurance	\$1,491.75
Rental of portable restrooms/sinks	\$1,490.35
Rental of tents	\$1,481.40
Wheat seed and fertilizer	\$1,133.06
Accounting service	\$755.00
Grounds Rental	\$750.00
Show plaques	\$618.65

Expenses, Continued	
Postage	\$608.92
Entertainment	\$500.00
Heritage UM Church donation (2013)	\$300.00
Hauling of steam engine	\$419.65
Gas	\$300.05
Night Security	\$300.00
Office supplies	\$245.02
Update signs (2013 and 2014)	\$210.00
Coal	\$208.65
Show buttons	\$169.25
Mailing expenses for Hoosier Co-op Jamboree	\$167.53
Printing of gate flyers	\$157.80
Registration start up money	\$150.00
Storage for show items	\$150.00
IN Garden Tractor Pullers Assoc	\$150.00
Kiddie Tractor Pull Trophy attachments	\$142.85
Tip for Christmas party	\$100.00
Oil for Dyno	\$57.76
Marking paint	\$57.74
License plate for separator trailer	\$48.75
Rental Post Office box	\$32.00
Food and supplies for meetings and bean supper	\$19.95
Subtotal	\$12,216.13
Advertising:	
Rensselaer Republican	\$650.00
Farm Collector Directory and Magazines	\$520.00
Lebanon Reporter	\$310.00
K105	\$250.01
Pulaski County Press	\$216.00
Flyers	\$186.38
Carroll County Comet	\$180.00
Journal Review	\$140.00
New Wolcott Enterprise	\$100.00
Farm World	\$63.24
Auto and RV Publications	\$48.75
Indiana Media Group	\$40.00
Total for Advertising	\$2,704.38
Total Expenses	\$14,920.51