



# THE WHISTLE BLAST

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**Time flies!** The crops are coming up, and it's getting warmer so we all know that our show day is just around the corner. Hopefully, our members and exhibitors are considering what they plan to bring to the show. We understand that individual exhibitors may not want to make several trips for a one-day show. That's part of the thought behind the change in the show – to make it easier to get there, get set up and enjoy your display and the displays of others, and at the end of the day, to pack up and go home more easily.

**Golf carts:** Golf cart owners will be required to show proof of insurance at the gate. Golf cart owners without proof of insurance will not be allowed to operate the cart on the show grounds during the show.

**What's for dinner?** We all know that food is an important part of our show. This year, Advisor Perry Martin has volunteered his culinary skills and grill to prepare hamburgers and hot dogs. The club will provide the meat, buns, beverages, and chips for the meal (which will be served around noon). Participants should bring carry-in side dishes. Keep in mind that there is no refrigeration or electricity in the area of the show, so be cautious about the ingredients, or plan to bring a cooler to keep things cool until time to set out the meal. We will be collecting donations for the meal from members and visitors.

**What's for dessert and snacks?** In addition to carry-in desserts for dinner, the Rossville Lions Club is planning to have their well-known soft-serve frozen custard for sale.

**What other activities are going on?** In addition to the demonstrations, tractors, engines, cars and equipment, don't forget the tractor skills contests to be held at 9:00 a.m., the skillet toss contest at 11:30 and the kiddie tractor pull that will start at 12:30.

**What can I do to help?** Sign-up sheets will be available at the June 28 general meeting for gates, registration & shuttle volunteers for show day (Saturday, August 1) from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

- **Registration** - In addition to registering exhibitors, these volunteers are also responsible for collecting membership dues, selling hats, T-shirts, and buttons and for registering golf carts. Contact Vicky Mellady (765-543-5954) for information.
- **Gate:** Workers will be needed at the gate to direct exhibitors, give directions and information, register golf carts and to accept donations. Vicky Mellady (765-543-5954) is the contact.
- **Shuttle Drivers & Riders:** We will be operating one **shuttle** during the show. Drivers need to be licensed drivers over 18 years of age with your own tractor. You need to have a clean driving record. We'll also need **riders** on the shuttle wagon to make sure that guests get on and off safely. Kirk Young (765-589-7040) is coordinating drivers and riders.

In addition, to the above, we'll also need help with the following. Just show up & we'll put you to work.

- **Dinner set-up:** We'll need people to help arrange food and to help with the meal preparations. This will start about 11:00 a.m.
- **Set-up/Tear down** – Further details on set-up activities will be shared at the June 28 general meeting. Tear down will start at 5:00 p.m. on Aug. 1. We should be able to finish fairly quickly.

**Vendors:** We will have space for vendors again this year. Any interested vendors should contact Ronda Cassens at 574-870-5263.

**Memberships:** Dues for 2016 will be determined at the June 14 Directors & Advisors meeting and will be shared at the General meeting on June 28.  
**Please plan to pay your dues at the show.**

**What if it rains?** The Directors and Advisors are working to revise the current disaster plan to reflect the new show area. Basically, if the weather looks threatening, secure your display and go to your vehicle. We will have ways to get your attention to let you know what's going on. Depending on the timing of incoming weather, the show may be temporarily suspended, or it may be terminated. For example, if it's stormy at 9:30 a.m., we may suspend the show until it passes. If it's 3:30 and a storm is coming it, we'll probably end the show early.

**Upcoming events:**

- General Meeting – June 28, 2015 at Kerkhove Ag Repair at 2:00 p.m. Bring a dessert to share.
- 2015 Show set-up dates – Friday, July 31, Saturday, August 1, 2015 7:00 a.m.
- 2015 Show dates – August 1, 2015
- 2015 Show Clean-up – Saturday, August 1 – 5:00 p.m. (approximately)
- 2016 Show date – Saturday, July 30, 2016

**Seating:** Please plan to bring lawn chairs to the show. We'll have some of the sitting benches available as well.

**Antique tractor owners:** The Farm at Prophetstown is looking for antique tractors to pull their trolleys at The Farm at Prophetstown. The trolley takes visitors on a brief tour of the park. They do charge a small fee for people to ride the trolley, and would be willing to split that with the operator. If you are interested, and would like to do this on a regular basis, or on occasional weekends, etc, contact Leslie Martin Conwell, Executive Director of The Farm at Prophetstown at 765-567-4700 or 765-491-9547 (cell)

**Happy Father's Day:** For many of us, our interest in old iron has been inspired by or encouraged by our fathers. So, happy Father's Day to all the fathers who are members and to the fathers of members of our organization. And to our mothers – though Mother's Day is past, we certainly cannot understate appreciation for the roles they have in our hobby!

**Ice cream party, Election of Directors & Officers:**

The date for our ice cream party will be announced at the June 28 General Meeting. It will be held with the Annual meeting & Election of Directors & Officers. Directors whose terms expire this year are Fred Halsema, Steve Butram, and Randy Freshour. Please plan to attend this important meeting. Your input is critical as we make our plans for future shows and the future of the organization.

**Vice President's Comments:** I would like to start off with a huge THANK YOU to all Officers, Directors, Advisors and Members, past and present; volunteers, participants & exhibitors who have put forth so much time, effort, blood-sweat-and (sometimes) tears. Hours upon hours of planning, brainstorming, set-up, tear down, and endless support to make this the GREAT organization it is today. Without each and every single one of you, we could not be the success we are today!! **THANK YOU**

We are all so excited about the big changes to our 2015 show. As you have read above, we are hosting our first ever one-day show. There will be no admission fee - donations will be accepted. The show date will be here before you know it so please plan on attending the general meeting on June 28 and sign up to volunteer. We all know the show is run by volunteers and the more we have, the smoother and easier it will run. We encourage all members to sign up at the meeting or contact one of the Directors or Advisors and let them know when you are available and see where your help is needed.

With all of that said ... clean out your barn, dust off your exhibits, and get them fired up and running. I look forward to seeing you all at the show. Enjoy this beautiful weather, stay well and be safe.

Vicky

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