



THE WHISTLE BLAST

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Show Highlights: Going into our new one day show this year, we really didn't know what to expect. In general, we were pleasantly surprised by the turnout of visitors for the show. We would have liked to see more exhibitors, but for the first year in the new format, things went well. The visibility from 43 helped boost the attendance. Also, the weather was perfect – that makes a huge difference in the attendance.

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.

Special thanks also to Perry, Mary Ann & Bob Martin and Sarah Synasael, who handled the cooking and serving of dinner.

Election of Officers: The Election of Directors and Officers was held at the August 16 General Meeting. Director Fred Halsema was re-elected to a three year term. In addition, David Burton and Marshall Martin were also elected as Directors. The following Officers were re-elected: President – Shane Kerkhove, Vice President – Vicky Mellady, Secretary – Ronda Cassens, and Treasurer – Doug Miller. Thanks to outgoing Directors Steve Butram and Randy Freshour for their work over their years. Steve and Randy will continue as Advisors.

The show WILL go on: There will be a show in 2016! We heard lots of rumors this year that we would not have a show, so we want to be sure that it's understood from the start that the show will go on! The date will be Saturday, July 30, 2016.

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

- Monsanto
- Americus Quilting Club

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

Show Photos: If you have photos from the 2015 show to share, please email those to tsgpa@dcwi.org. We would like to post some pictures on our website.

Christmas Party and Auction: Our annual Christmas Party and Auction will be held on Saturday, December 7 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. This is an important fund raiser, so don't forget to bring items for the auction! Dave Hobbs will be auctioning again this year. This is an opportunity to spend fun time together with friends in the organization – something we may not have had a chance to do during the show.

2015 Show Statistics:

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Tractors	48
Gas Engines	18
Garden Tractors	4
Antique Cars	15
Implements	18
Registered Exhibitors	56

Current Membership: As of 9/10/15 the Association has 50 adult members and 82 lifetime members. Welcome to our 4 new members this year.

Suggestions Please: Since this was our first show in the new setting, we had lots of ideas on how to improve next year. A few of those include:

- Rearrange the registration area for easier access,
- Relocate restroom facilities
- Add a tractor drive around the grounds,
- Publicize some specific attractions – Rossville Lions Club and blacksmith demonstrations.

If you have suggestions, please contact one of the directors, or email tsgpa@dcwi.com. We appreciate your input and feedback as we work on plans for 2016.

2015 Financial Report: The Association's 9/1/14 - 8/31/15 financial report is attached to the newsletter for your review.

New meeting location: Business is booming at Kerkhove Ag Repair, making extra work for Shane to host general meetings. Director Marshall Martin has generously offered to host general meetings next year at his property at 108 Crimson Court, West Lafayette. Directions will be included on meeting reminders.

Upcoming events:

- October 17 & 18 – Indiana State & National Hand Corn Husking Contest – 8:00 a.m. - 12, The Farm at Prophetstown
- Christmas Party and Auction – Saturday, December 5 @ 6:00 p.m. at MCL Cafeteria and Bakery – West Lafayette
- Heritage Day – May 7, 2016 – Battle Ground (see item in this newsletter)
- 36th Annual Show – Saturday, July 30, 2016

Volunteer Opportunities: Please be thinking about how you can help with the 2016 show. We'll need people at registration, gates, shuttle riders and drivers. We'll also need help with set-up on Friday, and tear down after the show closes at 4 p.m. on Saturday. Watch future newsletters for details.

Help celebrate the Indiana Bicentennial: The Tippecanoe County Historical Association will host "Heritage Day: 200 years of Work and Play in Indiana" on May 7, 2016 at the Tippecanoe Battlefield Park in Battle Ground. They have invited us to bring and demonstrate some equipment. This function will include historical activities or demonstrations for children and families, so be thinking about activities that might be fun and interesting for youngsters. The event will be free and open to the public. Watch the newsletter for more info.

Congratulations! We want to extend our congratulations to some of our members who recently achieved milestones

- Malcolm and Vivian Miller recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. Malcolm has been a member for several years, exhibiting his antique auto or tractors. This year, you could find him manning the Rossville Lions Club ice cream stand at the show.
- Secretary Ronda Cassens was awarded her PhD in Education from Purdue University in August. She will continue her career at Purdue.

Seeking information: We received an email from Dan Phenicie asking if any of our members have a Service Motor Truck (built in Wabash). If you can help him out, his address is 8144 W 300 South, Tipton, IN 46072, and his email is dphenicie@gmail.com.

Trick or Treat: The Battle Ground Lions Club is planning a hayride for October 31. They are looking for someone (or more) with tractor/wagon who could help them out. Call Carl Black (567-4248) or Bob Williams (404-4631) for details. This is a great opportunity for our organization to have some community visibility in addition to the show.

Cleaning house? Do you have a pedal tractor that you're not using? The association would like to acquire two pedal tractors so we have our own for the Kiddie Tractor Pulls. We need a small one for the younger kids and a bigger one for the older groups. If you have one, please contact one of the Directors. We appreciate Spurlock's Farm Toys loaning us tractors every year - having our own would make things easier when preparing for the show.

Dues Reminder: If you have not paid your dues yet there's a notice on the front of this newsletter. Dues are \$10.00 and can be mailed to PO Box 57, Battle Ground, 47929. If you're over 75, you qualify for lifetime membership. Just email us at tsgpa@dcwi.com or call Peggy Bryant to let us know and we'll send a Lifetime card. If you choose not to renew, this will be your last newsletter. You will have one more chance to renew at the Christmas party, and after that, you'll be removed from the mailing list.

Presidents Comments: Thanks again to everyone who contributed to making the 2015 show a success. We are looking forward to our 2016 show, and have already developed a list of changes that will improve both the exhibitor and visitor experiences while keeping set-up, show day functions, and tear down as efficient as possible. It was great this year to have everything torn down, packed up, and to have our own displays home before dark at the end of show day.

Thanks,
Shane

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