



THE WHISTLE BLAST

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Spring has (finally) sprung – After a few false starts it looks like spring is really here. That means that farming is going full throttle, and also that our show is rapidly approaching. The Directors and Advisors used your input after last year’s show to help determine what worked and what areas needed some modifications. Read on to see what the latest plans are for this year’s show.

Tents: Instead of using several of our own tents for shade for the lunch tables, we’re going to rent a 40 x 60 tent (like we’ve had before for entertainment and features) for lunch, and also some of the crafters. This will require less work than setting up and taking down our tents, and also allows us to use our tents in other locations if needed.

Let’s eat: We have invited Hobo Kettle Corn to sell food at the show this year. Perry Martin & his crew will be cooking hamburgers and hot dogs as well. We’ll need salads, desserts and condiments from our members. The Rossville Lions Club has also been invited to return.

We need YOU: An ongoing concern for several years has been the diminishing number of member volunteers. We need people to work the gates and registration area, and to drive or ride the shuttles. Involvement of the membership in these activities during the show, as well as help with set-up and/or tear down, is absolutely critical to keep this show going. Here are summaries of the duties for those areas:

- **Gates:** Welcome exhibitors and guests, answer questions, direct people to the appropriate parking areas, register golf carts, solicit and accept donations.
- **Registration:** Register exhibitors, collect dues, selling hats, T-shirts, buttons, and register golf carts.
- **Shuttle Drivers & Riders:** We will be operating one shuttle during the show. Drivers need to be licensed drivers over 18 years of age, preferably with your own tractor. You need to have a clean driving record. Riders make sure that guests get on and off safely.

At the suggestion of one of our members, here’s a form you can fill out & return if you can’t be at the General Meeting. Please respond by **June 10**.

Name:		Phone Number during show:						
Check the box below the time to indicate when you can work during the show								
Area	Coordinator(s)	8-9	9-10	10-11	11-12	12-1	1-2	2-3
Gates	Vicky Mellady (765-543-5954)							
Registration								
Drive Shuttle	Kirk Young (765-589-7040) Marshall Martin (765-463-9359)							
Ride Shuttle								
No preference (you may be asked to work gates, registration or to ride the shuttle)								
Comments/questions – please provide number or email address if you need a response.								

Mail to PO Box 57, Battle Ground, IN 47920 or email your preferences to tsgpa@dcwi.com

Set-up/Tear down – We will set up the grounds on Friday, July 29, beginning at 9:00 a.m. There will be additional last minute pre-show set-up Saturday morning, starting at 7:00 a.m. Tear down will start at 4:00 p.m. on July 30. We should be able to finish fairly quickly. The more help we have for any of these, the faster it will get done.

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

Severe Weather Plan: 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 in, we'll probably end the show early.

Upcoming events:

- General Meeting – June 26, 2016 at Marshall Martin's at 2:00 p.m. Bring a dessert to share.
- 2016 Show set-up dates – Friday, July 29 9:00 a.m., Saturday, July 30, 2016 7:00 a.m.
- 2016 Show date – July 30, 2016
- 2016 Show Clean-up – July 30, 2016
- 2017 Show date – July 29, 2017

Ice cream party, Election of Directors and

Officers: The date for our ice cream party will be announced at the June 26 General Meeting. It will be held with the Annual meeting & Election of Directors & Officers. Directors whose terms expire this year are Peggy Bryant, Shane Kerkhove and Doug Miller. 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.

Memberships: Dues for 2017 will remain the same as previous years - \$10 per year. Lifetime membership for those 75 and older is free. Junior membership for children under age 16 is \$1.00.

Please plan to pay your dues at the show.

In memory: We send thoughts and prayers to the families and friends of Earl Yerck and Dan Altepeter, who passed away on March 2 and April 11 respectively.

New location for General Meetings: As noted in the last Whistle Blast, Marshall Martin has generously offered the use of his facilities for our general meetings. The location is 4840 Hawthorne Ridge Drive, West Lafayette. You can enter the Hawthorne Ridge subdivision from County Farm Road (50 West) – it's right across from St. Andrew United Methodist Church. Turn right after you enter the subdivision, and watch for a mailbox with a red tractor on your left side. The machine shed where we'll meet is down a gravel drive and you can park near the shed. You can also enter Hawthorne Ridge from the north side off of 500 North.

Invitation: Bob and Joan Sanbloom will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on May 14, 2016 in the Cardinal Room at Westminster Village from 2-4 p.m. Friends are invited to join them for this special celebration.

President's Comments: We're looking forward to a great show this year. We've made several changes to last year's arrangements and activities in order to improve the experience for exhibitors and visitors.

Membership involvement in the show, whether in the pre-show planning activities or in show day tasks, is very important. If you have questions, suggestions, comments or concerns, don't hesitate to bring those to the attention of the Directors listed below. You can also send an email to the organization's inbox.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at the June 26 General meeting, and at the show.

Thanks,
Shane

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