



THE WHISTLE BLAST

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Show Highlights: The 2016 show is over, and it was a success – we had more displays, specifically in the gas engine area. The addition of the large tent was a positive – it increased visibility even more (too bad River Road was closed), and it also helped when the rain came down in the afternoon. The heavy morning fog, afternoon rain and area road construction possibly reduced the number of guests and exhibitors. Unfortunately, Hobo Kettle Corn had to cancel a few days before the show, but we had plenty of hamburgers & hot dogs to feed the crowd.

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'd like to also thank those volunteers who had not previously worked at the show – we need more of you! We do want to specifically mention Perry, Mary Ann, and Bob Martin and Dan and Betty Korty, who did the cooking and serving of dinner.

Election of Officers: The Election of Directors and Officers was held at the August 28 General Meeting. Directors Ernie Halsema and Ronda Cassens were re-elected to three year terms. Perry Martin was also elected as Director. Marshall Martin was elected as President and David Burton was elected as Vice President. The following were re-elected: Secretary – Ronda Cassens, Treasurer – Doug Miller. Thanks to out-going Director Vicky Mellady for her work.

Future shows: One of the reasons cited for more exhibitors was that the show this year did not conflict with the Wingate show, which is on the first Saturday of August. At the General Meeting, a vote to continue our show on the last Saturday of July passed without objection. The 2017 show will be on July 29, as previously planned. The date for the 2018 show will be July 28. Another advantage of this change is that we can tell people that the show is the last Saturday of July, without having to consult our calendars!

Website Update: We were able to obtain photos taken by one of our guests, and have added some of those to our website (tsgpai@dcwi.org). If you have photos from the 2016 show to share, please email those to tsgpa@dcwi.org.

Christmas Party and Auction: Our annual Christmas Party and Auction will be held on Saturday, December 3 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.

2016 Show Statistics:

	2015	2016
Tractors	51	52
Gas Engines	18	27
Garden Tractors	4	24
Antique Cars	15	7
Implements	18	19
Registered Exhibitors	56	56

Current Membership: As of 9/24/16 the Association has 51 adult members and 75 lifetime members. Welcome to our 8 new members this year. There are 12 members who have not paid their dues yet this year.

Keep those suggestions coming: We appreciate the suggestions and feedback from last year's show. In addition to adding the big tent, we also moved Registration to a new location, moved the restroom facilities for easier access. We also had members on the grounds overnight on Friday, so exhibitors could be more comfortable bringing displays in on Friday.

Suggestions for next year's show include having coffee and breakfast food items available. We'll work on implementing that suggestion.

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.

2016 Financial Report: The Association's 9/1/15 - 8/31/16 financial report is attached to the newsletter for your review. On the report, you'll see that Gordon Foods overcharged us by \$616.51. That was refunded to us, so shows as income on the report, as does the sale of the surplus hamburgers.

Upcoming events:

- Christmas Party and Auction – Saturday, December 3 @ 6:00 p.m. at MCL Cafeteria and Bakery – West Lafayette
- 37th Annual Show – Saturday, July 29, 2017

Show Activities: As always, the skillet toss is a popular attraction for the ladies attending the show. This year, over 30 women participated! The kiddie tractor pull is also a draw for families, with over 25 children participating this year. These are great ways to include all the members of families in the show.

Volunteer Opportunities: As always, we desperately 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. Keep in mind that one of the reasons that we went to a one day show was the dwindling pool of people who are willing and able to work on the show. Whether or not the show continues for much longer depends on the members and their willingness to help with the show.

Possible sources of help for set-up, tear down, and during the show were discussed at the General meeting. One suggestion was local young people – whether 4H, FFA, or church groups. If we could get several energetic teenagers who were willing to work with us, they might be able to help with several tasks during set-up & take down. On show day, they could work gates or registration with close supervision of adult member volunteers, or ride shuttles with appropriate orientation to the show so they could engage with visitors and answer questions. They could potentially help with tasks such as serving food and checking water coolers.

If you know an organization that might be interested in this task, please let one of your directors know.

In Memory: Kenny Brovont passed away on September 5. Kenny was a dedicated member and advisor. He was also a former director. He was someone we could always count on to pitch in to get ready for the show. That dedication even extended to making arrangements for portable restrooms from his hospital bed. We extend our thoughts and prayers to Gerri and the extended family.

Dues Reminder: Reminder cards have been sent to those members who have not paid their dues. 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.

Lifetime Members: We appreciate your support of TSGPA over the years. Some of you continue to be very active and involved in our activities, and we appreciate that greatly. For others, we know life situations and personal interests can change. If you are a lifetime member and no longer wish to receive the newsletters or meeting notices, please let us know by either emailing tsgpa@dcwi.com, by calling Peggy Bryant at 219-984-5936, or by sending a note with the request to TSGPA, PO Box 57, Battle Ground, IN 47920. If you opt not to receive these communications, you will remain on our membership list, but will not be on the mailing list.

Congratulations to Ed & Pat Muller on their 50th anniversary and to Gene & Beverly Gangwer on their upcoming 65th wedding anniversary.

Presidents Comments: I look forward to serving as your President this coming year. I first began attending the Tippecanoe Steam and Gas Power Show many years ago when it was held in Battleground. Since I began collecting antique tractors, I have brought my Farmall tractors to the last four shows. I also have been involved in several other tractor shows and rides in recent years including the Half Century of Progress Show (twice), Winamac Show, Parke County Tractor Ride (twice), the Geneseo Illinois Antique Tractor Show, and the Heritage Tractor Adventure Ride near Streator Illinois. Over the past Labor Day weekend I attended for the first time the Mt. Pleasant Iowa Threshermen's Reunion and was overwhelmed with the number of exhibits and attendance. During the year ahead I would like to visit with as many TSGPA members as possible to gather your ideas on how we can increase exhibitor participation in our show, increase the involvement of younger members, and enhance the effectiveness of our advertising and promotion. Please feel free to call or email me.

Marshall Martin

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Financial Report for the Period of September 1, 2015 – August 31, 2016

Income	
Sale of wheat	\$1,792.54
Christmas party auction	\$1,306.50
Re-imburement overcharge - Gordon Foods	\$616.51
Memberships	\$530.00
Sale of straw	\$200.00
Registration Start-up	\$160.00
Sale of hats and shirts	\$120.00
Sale of extra meat from lunch	\$120.00
Sale of buttons/plaques	\$44.00
Sale of license plates	\$20.00
Total	\$4,909.55
Donations:	
Shuttle rental	\$3,000.00
Gate	\$885.82
Lunch	\$1,285.00
Individual donations	\$136.00
Shuttle wagon	\$36.01
Americus Quilt Club	\$50.00
Total Donations	\$5,392.83
Total Income	\$10,302.38
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Total Expenses	\$10,726.92
Total profit	-\$424.54

Expenses	
Insurance	\$1,264.38
Food for lunch at show	\$1,213.20
Accounting service	\$850.00
Rental of 40' x 60' tent	\$799.55
Tippecanoe Twp Fire Dept	\$750.00
Rental of portable restrooms/sinks	\$742.91
Show plaques	\$511.38
Office supplies	\$505.33
Food service supplies	\$321.60
Grounds rental	\$300.00
Printing of gate flyers	\$166.72
Registration start up money	\$160.00
Storage for show items	\$150.00
A-frame sign updates	\$128.91
Director shirts	\$114.49
Show buttons	\$110.00
Postage	\$68.00
Tip for Christmas party	\$60.00
LP Gas	\$40.00
Post Office box rental	\$38.00
Subtotal	\$8,294.47
Advertisement:	
Lafayette Journal and Courier	\$1,079.54
Monticello Journal	\$225.00
Pulaski County Press	\$216.00
Lebanon Reporter	\$190.00
Carroll County Comet	\$180.00
Crawfordsville Journal Review	\$150.00
Farm Show directory and Gas Engine Mag	\$120.00
New Wolcott Enterprise	\$100.00
Flyers	\$90.16
Auto & RV Publications	\$81.75
Total for Advertisement	\$2,432.45
Total Expenses	\$10,726.92