



THE WHISTLE BLAST

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Show Highlights: We had another successful show this year – the weather was excellent, and that probably contributed to more visitors and exhibitors.

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!

Election of Officers: The Election of Directors and Officers was held at the August 20 General Meeting. Directors Peggy Bryant, Shane Kerkhove and Doug Miller were re-elected to three year terms. Perry Marshall Martin and David Burton were re-elected as President and Vice President respectively. Doug Miller will serve as Secretary and Peggy Bryant will be the Treasurer.

2018: As determined last year, our show will be held on the last Saturday of July – that's July 28, 2018!

Website Update: We have a few photos from the show, and will add those to our website (tsgpai@dcwi.org). If you have photos from the 2017 show to share, please email them to tsgpa@dcwi.org.

Christmas Party and Auction: Our annual Christmas Party and Auction will be held on Saturday, December 2 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. Don't plan on bargains – this is a fun fundraiser, and also time to spend with friends in the organization – something we may not have had a chance to do during the show.

Show Activities: As always, the skillet toss is a popular attraction for the ladies attending the show. This year, over 20 women participated! The kiddie tractor pull is also a draw for families, with over 30 children participating this year. These are great ways to include all the members of families in the show.

2017 Show Statistics:

	2015	2016	2017
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Tractors	51	52	60
Gas Engines	18	27	36
Garden Tractors	4	24	20
Antique Cars	15	7	7
Registered Exhibitors	56	56	64

Current Membership: As of 9/1/17 the Association has 48 adult members and 74 lifetime members. Welcome to our 10 new members this year. There are 14 members who have not paid their dues yet this year. Cards have been sent to those who have not paid. If you didn't get one, you're paid up.

What's next? We'd love to see many more visitors and exhibitors, but unless we have enough volunteers to help handle a larger show, that will be very difficult. While we all enjoy participating in the show, the efforts of preparing for and managing the show are being handling by a dwindling number of people.

The Directors of the Association are faced with a difficult decision. We are committed to having a show in 2018, but will need to make a decision as to the future of the show and the organization after 2018. We need your input - if you have thoughts, ideas, suggestions or comments about the future, please share those with one of your directors (see list below). The directors will meet after the beginning of the year to develop a plan for the future.

2017 Financial Report: The Association's 9/1/16 - 8/31/17 financial report is attached to the newsletter for your review.

Member Survey: Please complete the enclosed survey card and return it by January 1, 2018. The Association directors and advisors will meet in the winter to make a plan for the future. Your response is anonymous. There is space on the card for homes with 2 members. If you prefer to talk to someone about your ideas, contact one of the directors (see bottom of next page). Please note that this is a survey, NOT a vote. Thank you!

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 items, you will remain on our membership list, but will not be on the mailing list.

Volunteers: Attempts were made by Debbie Clevenger, Vicky Mellady and Peggy Bryant to contact each member to elicit help for the show. We appreciate those who responded to our calls. We also found that for many of you (especially lifetimers), we don't have current contact information. If you've gotten rid of your landline, drop an email to tsgpa@dcwi.com to let us know your number.

President Marshall Martin made numerous calls to various local groups to try to enlist help for various activities before, during and after. Unfortunately, all the groups contacted declined to participate.

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

In Memory: Maryann Martin passed away on July 11. A member since 2015, she helped her husband, Perry with cooking and serving lunch at the show. Our thoughts and prayers are extended to the Martin family.

Upcoming events:

- Christmas Party and Auction – Saturday, December 2 @ 6:00 p.m. at MCL Cafeteria and Bakery – West Lafayette
- 38th Annual Show – Saturday, July 28, 2018

Presidents Comments: A very sincere thank-you to everyone who was an exhibitor at the July 29, 2017 37th Tippecanoe Steam and Gas Power Show, helped with set-up and tear-down, assisted with the noon lunch, participated in the plowing event, or helped in other ways. All of us working together makes for a great show and much camaraderie. The 38th Tippecanoe Steam and Gas Power Show is scheduled for Saturday, July 28, 2018 at the Tippecanoe Amphitheater.

Due to the change to a one-day show and the loss of a place to store some items used to operate our show, a few items that are no longer required for a one-day show have been reallocated including one of the people-mover shuttles to the I&I Tractor Club in Penfield, Illinois, the stage wagon to the Iliana Club, and some tents and benches to the Tippecanoe Parks and Recreation Department.

A special thanks to all of you who attended the general meeting on Sunday, August 20, 2017 at my farm. We had a lively discussion and great ice cream and deserts!

Concern has been expressed by many about our ability to continue the show in 2019 and beyond. It is becoming more challenging to attract exhibitors and people to help with the show set-up and tear-down. The elected officers and Directors will meet in early 2018 to discuss and make a decision on the future of the Tippecanoe Steam and Gas Power Show. You may contact any officer or Director with your suggestions.

I look forward to seeing you at the Tippecanoe Steam and Gas Power Association Holiday meal and auction at the MCL Cafeteria at 6:00 pm on Saturday, December 2, 2017. Please bring several items with you for the auction and be prepared for lively bidding. This is a great opportunity as a fund raiser and for some fellowship among Association members.

Marshall Martin, President

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