



THE WHISTLE BLAST

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Get Ready! We've swum into spring, so it's less than 3 months until the 2017 show. The Directors and Advisors continue to work to find ways to improve the show experience. The active involvement and participation of our membership is critical. See details for how you can help, and for information on other changes you'll see at the show this year.

Set-up/Tear down – We will set up the grounds on Friday, July 28, 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 29. We should be able to finish fairly quickly. The more help we, the faster it goes.

Lunch set-up & serving: We can use helpers to arrange the carried in food items, condiments, etc. Assist with serving if needed. It helps to have someone fill water & lemonade cups. No sign-up needed, just be at the food tent around 11:00 a.m.

Vendors: We will have space for vendors again this year. Any interested vendors should contact Ronda Cassens.

We Need YOU: Here are summaries of the duties for the areas where we need volunteers:

- **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 merchandise, and register golf carts. We'll start setting up at 7:00 a.m., so early volunteers will be arranging displays and organizing items.
- **Shuttle Drivers & Riders:** 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, and provide directions and information.

Here's a form you can fill out & return if you can't be at the General meeting. Just mail your response to TSGPA, PO Box 57, Battle Ground, IN 47920. You may also email your preferences to tsqpa@dcwi.com. Respond by **June 1** so we can so we can see where there are gaps or overlaps before the June 11 General Meeting. Sign-up sheets will be available at the General Meeting.

Name:						Phone Number during show:				
Check the box below the time to indicate when you can work during the show										
Area	Coordinator(s)	7-8	8-9	9-10	10-11	11-12	12-1	1-2	2-3	3-4
Gates	Vicky Mellady (765-543-5954)	NA								
Registration	Peggy Bryant (219-984-5936)									
Drive Shuttle	Marshall Martin (765-463-9359)	NA	NA							
Ride Shuttle		NA	NA							
No preference (you may be asked to work gates, registration or to ride the shuttle)		NA								
Comments/questions – please provide number or email address if you need a response.										

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 TSGPA events:

- General Meeting – June 11, 2016 at Marshall Martin's at 2:00 p.m. Bring a dessert to share.
- 2017 Show set-up dates – Friday, July 28 9:00 a.m., Saturday, July 29, 2017 7:00 a.m.
- General Meeting – August 20, 2017 2:00 p.m. at Marshall Martin's. Bring dessert to share.
- 2018 Show date – July 28, 2018

Other Events: See the back of the previous page for a listing of upcoming events featuring antique farm equipment. If you go to any of those prior to our show, be sure to take some of our flyers along to share. If you need flyers, contact Doug Miller.

Opportunity for Community Involvement: We are considering the options of having young people, such as FFA chapters or church youth groups assist with various tasks during the show. If you know of such a group that would be interested, please contact one of the Directors. TSGPA will likely consider a donation to the organization.

Calling all callers: If you want to help our organization, but are not able to work at the show, here's an option – after the June 11 General Meeting, when we see where we have needs for more helpers at the show, if you would be willing to contact members who have not signed up to help to try to get them to commit to a time/area during the show, that would be a big help. If you're interested, please contact Peggy Bryant.

Let's eat: Perry Martin & his crew will be cooking hamburgers and hot dogs at the show. We'll need salads, desserts and condiments from our members. Hobo Kettle Corn will also be participating. The Buck Creek United Methodist church will be serving ice cream. We'll plan to have coffee available and maybe other breakfast items.

Election of Directors and Officers: The election of Directors and Officers will be held on Sunday, August 20 at 2:00 at Marshall Martin's. Please plan to attend this important meeting. Current directors whose terms expire this year are Peggy Bryant, Shane Kerkhove and Doug Miller. Your input is vital as we plan for 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 or general meetings.

President's Comments: July 29, 2017 will be here very soon! Please bring your tractors, gas engines, and other items to display at this year's Tippecanoe Steam and Gas Power Show. Also please volunteer to help with setup on Friday July 28, 2017 and/or during the show on July 29, 2017 including teardown. This is a great way to get to know each other better and enjoy our show. Please fill out the attached form and return it promptly. I also encourage you to promote our show to other antique farm equipment enthusiasts and invite them to attend our show. Better yet, ask them to bring their tractors and engines to our show. Let's do all we can to increase the participation in this year's show! You are invited to attend the General meeting at 2:00 pm on June 11, 2017 at my blueberry farm to discuss final plans for the show (4840 Hawthorne Ridge Drive, West Lafayette). Watch for your reminder card in the mail closer to the date. I look forward to working with all of you this summer.

Marshall Martin

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Partial listing of upcoming shows, fairs & events featuring antique farm equipment:

- Hedrick Tractor & Gas Engine Day – 2232 W 750 N, West Lafayette – June 17
- Adams Mill Antique Tractor Show – June 17
- Hoosier Flywheelers Show – Peru – June 22 - 24
- Parke Co. Tractor Drive – June 28 – 29
- Tip Wa Antique Tractor & Engine Show – Walton – July 1-2
- Northern Indiana Power From the Past – Winamac – July 13 – 15
- I & I Antique Tractor & Gas Engine Show – Penfield, IL – July 13 – 16
- Carroll County 4-H Fair & Antique Engine & Machinery Show - Flora – July 14 - 22
- Illiana Antique Power Association Show - Rainsville – July 21 – 23
- Covered Bridge Antique Power Tractor Show – Rockville – July 22 - 23
- White County 4-H Fair & Antique Power Show – Reynolds – July 21 - 27
- Indiana State Fair – Indianapolis – August 4- 20
- Wingate Antique Tractor, Gas Engine & Truck Show – August 5
- Blaine Brubaker Auction – Flora – August 12
- Gosma Show –8135 W. 500 N, West Lafayette – August 18 – 19
- Tri-State Gas Engine & Tractor Show – Portland – August 23 - 26
- Half Century of Progress – Rantoul, IL – August 24 - 27