



THE WHISTLE BLAST

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HAPPY NEW YEAR 2018! The year got off to a frigid start, but just think – in 6 months, we'll probably be wishing for cooler weather.

Looking past 2018: The directors met to develop a plan for the show and the organization after the 2018 show. After review of the membership survey and much deliberation, the decision was made, that in view of the continued dwindling number of members helping with show and organizational activities, the 2018 show will be the last.

What does that decision mean for our exhibitors, guests and members? The 2018 show will go on as planned. However, since we have funds on hand to cover the costs of the show, there's no real need to accumulate additional funds, so we will not need to elicit donations at the gates, registration, lunch line or shuttles.

Christmas Party: The Annual Christmas party was attended by about 40 people, and the auction brought in just over \$1,000 for the Association. There was a wide selection of items donated for the auction, including jewelry, homemade baked goods, vintage and collectible toys, tools, books, and quilts, and a unique wooden tractor. In addition to the income from the auction, several donations were received. Thanks to all who contributed auction items, purchased items, and/or made donations. Special thanks also to Auctioneer Bill Synesael & to Dave Hobbs for clerking and to MCL Cafeteria & Bakery for set-up for the party, and for donating meal cards for the auction.

Looking for vendors: If you know of merchandise vendors interested in participating in the show, please refer them to Ronda Cassens. We'd be glad to have vendors with collectible vintage items, craft items or other specialty items.

2018 Show flyer: A flyer for this year's show is included with this newsletter. If you need more to distribute at other shows or to friends & family, contact Doug Miller.

Asset Disbursal Process: The Association has donated some assets including one of the people movers, the stage wagon and some of the tents to various non-profit groups. As we move forward, we will be seeking to disburse other remaining supplies. Our bylaws require that upon dissolution, assets will be transferred to a 501c3 (non-profit), community benefit or religious association. A list of available items is attached. We will consider donation to agencies as defined by the bylaws. If individuals or for-profit entities wish to acquire any of the items, we'll request a donation to our organization. This will be first come, first serve process. Most items will be available for pick-up at the end of the show on July 28. If you're interested in specific items, send an email to the club email (bottom of next page), or contact one of the officers. Non-profit organizations will be required to provide proof of status to receive donations. Monetary funds will be disbursed later. Asset list will be updated periodically.

2018 Show Volunteer Opportunities: The main set-up work will be done on Friday, July 27. There will be work for anyone who can spend some time that day. Tear down will start about 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, and will be complete in a couple of hours. Again, the more help we have, the quicker we'll get done. More info on volunteer opportunities will be provided in the next newsletter.

Membership: TSGPA currently has 53 adult members and 73 lifetime members.

Volunteering: As in previous years, we'll plan to include a form in the next newsletter so you can fill out and return to indicate what times and areas you would be willing to work on show day. That newsletter will probably be mailed out in May, so we can get responses back in time for the pre-show General Meeting. That way, we can work to get any open slots filled before the show.

In Memory benches: There are approximately 13 benches with names of deceased members on one of the boards. These will be made available to families of the named members on each.

Plaques and buttons from prior year's shows: If you want plaques and/or buttons from 2000 – 2017 shows, get them at the show this year. They will be available at registration. Please note, buttons and plaques may not be available for each year.

In memory: Lifetime member John Gochenour passed away on January 2, 2018. Our thoughts and prayers are extended to his family.

Upcoming events:

- General Meeting – June or early July – Date to be determined.
- Show set-up – Friday, July 27, 2018 start at 8:00 a.m.
- 2018 Show date – Saturday, July 28, 2018 - 8:00 a.m. – 4 p.m. EST
- Show clean-up – Saturday, July 28, 2018 – 4:00 p.m.

President's Comments: In life, we all face many decisions: shop for a house, search for a job, purchase a tractor, or select a restaurant for dinner. However, some decisions are more difficult than others. Your Board of Directors made a very difficult decision on January 25, 2018. Based on input from members, discussion at previous member meetings, and the results of a member survey, the Board of Directors, by paper ballot, decided that the Tippecanoe Steam and Gas Power Association Show scheduled for July 28, 2018 will be our last show. Over the next several weeks, the Board of Directors will determine how to disperse of our assets and legally terminate the operation of the Tippecanoe Steam and Gas Power Association. While financially the Association is relatively solvent, in recent years it has become increasingly challenging to attract sufficient members for show set-up and tear-down and to conduct the business of the Association. Be assured that even after much due diligence to make this difficult decision, some of us became rather nostalgic as we remembered all the great shows over the past 37 years at Battle Ground and the Tippecanoe Amphitheater. We have wonderful memories of the people we got to know and work with through our Association. We did discuss the possibility of continuing our Holiday meal for annual fellowship at MCL or perhaps have a public plow day in late summer. The Board of Directors will meet April 5, 2018 to discuss the details for the last show on July 27, 2018 and the next steps to dissolve the Association. Several not-for-profit organizations have been approached and have expressed interest in our people-mover, tables, chairs, signs, etc. Also the I&I Club in Penfield, Illinois has promised to bring Max Armstrong and Orion Samuelson's tractors to the July 28, 2018 show. We plan to have a full member meeting in June to finalize plans for our last show this summer. Watch for the postcard.

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Tippecanoe Steam & Gas Power Association, Inc. Asset Disbursement

Donation of assets to 501c3 (non-profit), community benefit or religious associations will be available. Proof of 501c3 status will be required to obtain a donation. If individuals or for-profit entities wish to acquire any of the items, a monetary donation to TSGPA is required. Items are available on a first-come, first serve basis. Quantities shown below are as of 1/28/18, and do not reflect any items claimed by other individuals or groups after that date. Additional items may be available at a future date. Items will remain on the list until the defined requirements are met.

Item	Quantity
Folding Tables, 6'	2
Folding Table, 8'	26
10 x 10 pop-up Tents	4
10 x 20 Tents	5
Metal folding chairs	114
Semi box	1
Storage Drawer units	4
Plastic totes (various sizes)	7
Misc office supplies (scissors, staplers)	
Rubber stamp (for shingles)	1
Electrical Panels	2
TSGPA Christmas Float banners	2
Exhibitor Registration banners	2
2' x 4' Registration Banner	1
18 x 24" Exhibitor Parking sign	1
Handicap parking signs	2
Gate signs	3
1 unauthorized vehicle sign	1
18 x 24" double sided Power Show signs	1
18 x 24" Admission sign	2
Shuttle Stop signs	2
Fold Out signs	2
4 x 6 road sign	2
Lion's Club show sign	1
18 x 24" Registration sign	1
Wireless microphone	1
PA system, speakers	1
Speakers	1
Corded microphone	1
Wooden Easel	1
10-gallon Igloo water coolers	5

Item	Quantity
Shop broom	1
Cash boxes	3
Sitting benches	31
Bulletin Boards	2
Wooden clock board	1
Line Painter	2
Extension Cords	9
Drum Fan	1
Hose reels	2
Wooden boxes (donations/suggestions)	3
Garden hoses, 130'	2
Safe (17"x17"x16")	1
Cash Counter	1
Mini refrigerator (31"x19"x20")	1
Food grade hoses	4
Entry mats (Brown)	1
Trash bags (boxes)	5
Spectracide insect spray (cans)	6
Works toilet bowl cleaner	3

Most items will be available for pick-up at the end of the show on July 28, 2018.

Items are in as-is condition, no guarantees or warranties.

Failure to claim items from show site by 5:00 p.m. on 7/28/18 will result in items being available for next individual or organization.

For information or to request items, email tsgpa@dcwi.com.