



THE WHISTLE BLAST

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Show Highlights: After three years of shows with temperatures in the 90's, this year's weather was a welcome relief. We had a good show, and our attendance was up slightly from last year. Justin Paschal put on a great show for a small audience on Friday evening and the Soul Station Singers performed on Saturday. There were about 66 pullers for the IGTPA pull on Saturday afternoon.

One of the highlights of the show was the recognition of Gil Zimmerman's 1913 Case steam engine. This engine has been in Gil's family since it was new. Gil & Jan have been exhibitors at our show for many years, and we appreciate their efforts.

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 really appreciate those first-time volunteers at set-up/tear down, at the gate, on the shuttles, and at registration – thanks for getting involved.

Election of Officers: The Election of Directors and Officers was held at the September 22 General Meeting. As approved at the June 2013 General Meeting, the Board of Directors will be reduced from 15 to 9 Directors. This means that instead of electing five Directors every year, three will be elected. Directors Ernie Halsema, Ronda Cassens and Vicky Mellady were re-elected to three year terms. Shane Kerkhove was elected to fill an open one year term. The following Officers were elected: resident – Shane Kerkhove, Vice President – Vicky Mellady, Secretary – Doug Miller, Treasurer – Peggy Bryant.

2014 Feature: We will be featuring Co-op & Cockshutt tractors, and all makes of gas engines.

Christmas Party & Auction: Our annual Christmas Party & Auction will be held on Saturday, December 7 at 6:00 p.m. at the MCL Cafeteria & Bakery in West Lafayette. Participants should go through the cafeteria line & pay for their own meals. Bring items for the auction.

2013 Show Statistics: A comparison of the main display categories between from 2011 – 2013 follows. Displays such as implements, chain saws, etc. are not included in this table.

	2011	2012	2013
Tractors	177	185	115
Gas Engines	156	220	175
Garden Tractors	81	94	57
Antique Cars	22	27	26
Total Exhibitors	176	194	170
Total Gate	1804	1414	1567

There were 64 John Deere tractors displayed.

We had about 50 exhibitors who had not previously participated in our show. Most of these (27) were tractor exhibitors. There were 41 exhibitors that had been at our show in 2011 & 2012 that did not participate in the 2013 show. Exhibitors from Wisconsin & Michigan's Upper Peninsula traveled the furthest to participate in the show.

Games & Contests: In the Tractor Skills contests, five contestants showed their skills in several challenges.

There was stiff competition in the skillet toss, with 25 ladies competing for the trophies. Deb Clevenger won with a bull's eye! Approximately 36 youngsters participated in the Kiddie Tractor Pull.

Current Membership: As of 9/22/13, the Association has 104 adult members, 81 lifetime members and 4 junior members. Welcome to our 23 new members this year.

Check it out: Tippecanoe Steam & Gas Power Association is on Facebook!

Suggestions Please: As always, we need your input on how to improve the show and the association. Let us know what you think! Talk to one of your Directors about how you think we can do better.

TSGPA Website: Visit the TSGPA website at www.tsgpai.org for information about the association and the show. We'll try to get some of the pictures from this year's show out on the site soon.

Looking for a tractor: Rodney Pitstick is looking for information on a 1951 Oliver 77 RC that was purchased new by his father Lawrence Pitstick. It was sold in the mid to late 1970's from Goodland, Indiana to an unknown buyer somewhere in Indiana. Serial # 340768C77G. If you can help, please contact Rodney at 219-261-2953.

For sale: 1934 Case corn picker with side elevator. Made to pull wagons with horse tongues. Contact Don Billings at 574-967-3229.

In memory: Lifetime member Harold Williams passed away on September 4, 2013. Our thoughts & prayers are extended to his family & friends during this time.

Donors: Thanks to the following companies & organizations for their monetary donations:

- Monsanto
- Agrigold
- Clouser Crop Solutions
- Americus Quilt Club

Thanks, also, to several individuals for their donations to our association. We appreciate the generous support.

Upcoming events:

- Christmas Party & Auction – Saturday, December 7 @ 6:00 p.m. location at MCL Cafeteria & Bakery – West Lafayette
- Set-up for Show – Monday, July 28 – Wednesday July 30, 2014
- 34th Annual Show – Thursday, July 31 – Saturday, August 2, 2014

Looking ahead: As we have discussed over the past several years, we are seeing lower numbers for exhibitors, volunteers, and attendees at the show. Based on this ongoing trend, the recommendation of the Directors is to have a full 3-day show in 2014, with consideration to a scaled back show in future years. We are currently considering admission & vendor cost options for 2014.

We also need people who are interested in helping to organize & plan the show to serve as Advisors. Advisors are invited to the Director's meetings (3-4 per year) and have input on the Association's operations. Advisors do not have a vote at the Director's meetings. If you're interested in participating as an Advisor, please contact one of the officers listed below.

Editor's Comments: We're looking forward to a great show for 2014. We'll be featuring Co-op/Cockshutt tractors & all makes of gas engines. Your Directors and Advisors will be continuing to consider options for 2015 and beyond to find the best solution for dwindling local interest, lower membership numbers, fewer volunteers and less exhibitor participation. While we would all love to continue the show for years to come, we need to find ways to do that within those constraints. We appreciate comments & suggestions as we work through this process.

Thanks,
Peggy

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