



I would like to thank everyone that worked at the 2010 show! All your hard work made my first year as president a pleasure. There are so many people that work behind the scenes that make the show run smooth and successfully.

If you have been at the meetings you'll notice that we are working hard at trying to improve our next year's show. Jim Burk is working hard to improve the PA system. Jim Bohling, Bob Bohling and Dave Kleine are heading up a new program for "Best in Show" with the public voting and cash rewards. Jack Wehner and Ira Kirby are in charge of making new signs for the golf carts. The auction will be moved back to Saturday night after the dinner. The Kessler family will be running the threshing machine and it will now have steam running on it full time. We plan to enforce new rules with the golf carts at the show, making it safer for the public.

Fred and Tom are currently organizing the shop area at the buildings. We will soon have an area we can work on all the equipment. Hopefully the real hot weather is over with, therefore I would like to have a couple of Saturdays as work days out at the building.

I hope to see everyone at the Fall Dinner on October 17th at 3pm at the club buildings on Reeder Road and the Christmas Dinner on December 4th at the American Legion Hall in Crown Point.

In closing, please keep Bob Postma in your prayers for a speedy recovery.

Dale Bieker

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Irene doty
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Don barman

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BOARD CHATTER

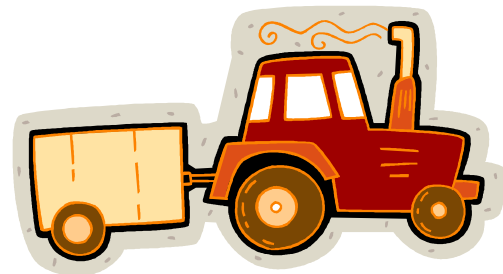
The board is working on the problems and the things that did go right with the show. We made our donations to the groups that needed them, these included Wolfgang; Lowell FFA; Boy scouts; Prompt Medical; Melter Petting Zoo, Lionel Modular Railroad; Jim Forsythe's band and the 4-H Junior Leaders. All of these organizations made our show better or easier for us. We also discussed the auction and when it should be held. It was decided to move it back to Saturday night after the dinner. We fielded questions and complaints about golf carts. It seems that golf carts are in amongst the crowd by the flea markets and the people and the golf carts don't mix well. We discussed the possibility of having areas that golf carts are not allowed. We also discussed the possibility of having a tractor or rather equipment competition. Each area, tractor, engine and garden tractor could enter for a \$5 fee, and let the public judge for the competition. We are still working on the details of it but be looking for it long about July next year. It may not be the prettiest as the only prize. We also are trying to figure out the best way to capture the gun show crowd. Unfortunately, the fencing is being taken down and there are people entering the show without coming through the gates. It's something that we need to look at for next year. We also will be running our own PA system next year, it was decided to purchase our own system instead of relying on someone else.

SHOW STATISTICS

There were 129 Small engines at the show. There were 176 registered tractors and 39 registered garden tractors.

There were 49 people that signed up at last years show to be a member but didn't return this year. But there were 50 new members that signed up at this years show.

We know that not everyone registers their equipment for a variety of reasons. Many members feel that they bring too many and don't bother with either all or some of them. Some feel that paying the membership fee to provide the insurance coverage is not what they want to do. Some don't realize that they should register. In any event, there are some that aren't registered at all. We would like to thank all of our exhibitors though. It takes lots of time and money to exhibit at a show. The amount of time that it takes to load, ferry to the fairgrounds, unload and park and then do it again is a great deal. The commitment is great and the money spent in fuel is also tremendous. We should never underestimate what it takes to get that amount of equipment to the show.



Thank you again exhibitors!



GAS ENGINES

The gas engines put on a good show this year. They had a very nice turnout for our show. They have a nice shaded area behind the fine arts building on the slope and they have expanded their area out as well. The displays are usually running and the guys and gals like to spend time there answering questions from the public. As usual they have a great party on Saturday night consisting of the best ice cream around, homemade of course. Hat's off to the gas engine crew of Sheldon, Chris, Rob, Lindy, Gene and Pete and all of them. They do such a nice job back there. Keep up the good work guys!

Garden tractor

The garden tractor area is starting to grow and is housed in the Grange building at the fairgrounds. They have a good showing of garden tractors and are growing each year. Ron Leighty and Russ Jansma do a good job of organizing and helping out with the display of them. The guys that bring the garden tractors usually each bring a bunch and they are so nice looking. Thanks for putting on a good show and showing off your antique garden tractors.



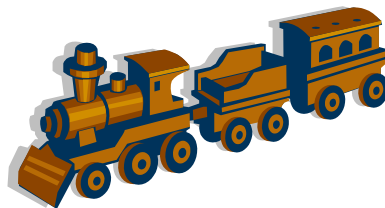
quilt raffle

The quilt raffle was a success again this year. The winner of the afghan is Marge Doty. The winner of the quilt is Robert Forker. He has been coming the show for years and usually has a raffle tractor for a Michigan show at our show. Congratulations to both of them, I'm sure they will be warm this winter.

Fine arts building

We had an outstanding display in the Fine Arts building. Jim Bohling and Harold Busse do a great job keeping track of that building. They have a nice display in there of hand tools, and small tool information books. If you never have ventured into there, you really should go.

Also in the fine arts building, there is the Lionel Modular Railroad Society that sets up a fabulous model train display. The whole bottom floor of the building is taken up in a collaborative effort by this group. You can sit for hours and watch it and I'm told that many people do that very thing. The train bug bites hard for some people and it seems that youngsters can watch it for hours.





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OUR ANNUAL FALL HARVEST PICNIC IS COMING UP!

SUNDAY OCTOBER 17TH

**PLEASE NOTE THE DIFFERENT DATE AND TIME!
3PM**

**THE CLUB WILL PROVIDE DRINKS AND WE WILL
HAVE HOMEMADE CHICKEN AND NOODLES**

**BRING A DISH TO PASS, SUCH AS BREAD, SALAD OR
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CHRISTMAS PARTY INFORMATION

THE DATE: DECEMBER 4

THE COST: \$10 PER PERSON

THE VENUE; THE AMERICAN LEGION HALL

THERE WILL BE A 50/50 AND A RAFFLE BUT NO
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BRING A DOZEN COOKIES

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SAWMILL & STUFF

The sawmill crew did well this year cutting lumber for some people that brought in logs. The same guys, Fred, Dale, Paul and their crew also ran the threshing machine and sheller and shredder. They were busy but put on a good show.

Our people mover drivers also put in a lot of hours carrying people to the different parts of the show for them to see. They do a great job going round and round.

Our food vendors did a great job feeding everyone there at the show. There is always good food to be had. The flea market vendors are great as well. With such a variety of things there you shouldn't have gone home empty handed. Our auction went well, it was held on Sunday morning and will revert back to Saturday evening again next year. Hope to see you there.

OUR SERVICE END

The face of the club is first seen by our customers at the front gate. Paul Carlson has a great crew at the gates collecting money and directing people. It's a thankless job, one that's often overlooked but thank you to everyone that spends time there. Marsha also does a great job with her help to register all of our exhibitors, tractors, garden tractors and engines. She has a big job and sees that it's done well. Our salable items are also another area that does well, not only does Irene Doty and her helpers sell our shirts but she sells memberships and the photos from previous years. The Kiddie tractor pull and the kiddie ride

sure were hits this year. Don Barman with his helpers did a great job with the pulls. There were plenty of kids there trying to get the trophy! The ride for the kids is also a big hit. Tim and his crew do a great job, getting everyone into the carts and giving them a good ride. The toy show does well too on end of the show pavilion. There sure were people carrying bags of toys out of there. Our entertainment this year consisted of Wolfgang, wonderful as usual and the band that was put together by Jim Forsythe. I loved them and they were so easy to listen to in the morning. They were located by the information booth that answered questions with the best of them. Gloria Miller as well does a fabulous job of announcing. She also announced the tractor pulls. If you didn't get a chance the guys did a great job with the sled that they made. Some modifications need to be made, but it will be ready again for next year, so get your tractors ready to PULL!

I also wanted to thank everyone that bought tickets and ate the chicken dinner, it was good even though not as many dinners were sold as we thought. Look for the chicken at the picnic. The pie booth was also a big success, making a lot of money for the show. This is in thanks to the great pie bakers, the pie eaters and the pie servers. It takes it all to make a show. Let's hope next year is as great as this year. All the parts make a whole pie and a whole show. Thank you to everyone that helped out in their own way!



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