



Well the time is here for everyone to pull out their exhibits for the show July 9, 10 and 11. Dust them off and make them look pretty. Don't forget this year we are having a chicken dinner; tickets are on sale at the meetings and at the show. We will have our own pull sled this year for the show. Many people put in long hours to fabricate it. So please participate or come down and watch the pull. We hope this will be a big event for years to come. Remember there will be team pulling, so pair up with a friend. For those of you that missed steam, they will be back this year and we're putting them to work. I think this makes a good addition to the show. Look for them at the sled pull! Our threshing machine has been repainted, pin striped and new decals for this year's show. Hopefully our audience will notice. As always the pie kitchen, registration, gates and all our committees could use some help. If you have some free time during the show, even 2 hours or so, that would be a huge help and so appreciated! Please keep in mind items for the auction are still needed. Clean your barn and garage and help the club at the same time. If you need help hauling the items get in contact with me at 219-680-7261 and I'll see what I can do to help you. It's a lot easier than a yard sale! This is a call out to all you small engines and garden tractor people. Let's have our biggest turn out yet! I started with one engine 3 years ago and if the long hours persist I should have 8 at the show this year. I think this could be a big feature at our show for years to come. It's a lot easier to store an engine than a tractor. My 8 engines take up half the space as my 3 tractors. Hope to see everyone at the annual picnic June 12 at 5:00pm at the club buildings. In closing I want to thank all the committees in advance for all your cooperation and hard work. I know this is going to be a great show. My cell phone is 219-680-7261 or email dale40ih@yahoo.com
Dale Bieker

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BOARD CHATTER

The board is as usual working on the show. If you are a chairman of a committee, please turn into Dale a listing of your responsibilities and what supplies you may need. Will you need tables and chairs or will you need to purchase items? Let Dale know. There also has been discussion regarding our show programs, they are being worked on as this goes out, and will be available to hand out or put in places for people to pick up to advertise our show. They will be the larger 11 x 17 inch paper that will be folded in half and then in threes for the program like last year. It's much less expensive than the booklets and less to be thrown away eventually.

Discussion has also been held regarding steam engines at the show. Hauling them is expensive but some people feel that it is an important part of the show. As of now, we will have 3 steam engines, a stationary one and 2 that are mobile. Look for the mobile ones to possibly pull the tractor pull sled. They would like to put the engines to work and show them working for a display. If you have a piece of equipment that would have been pulled by steam and you would like to see it working, bring it to the show and they are willing to provide power for this equipment. They would rather work them than just let them sit and steam. If you are interested in working at the show, see a board member or come to a meeting. We are always looking for people to help out before, during and after the show.

TRACTOR PULLING

A group of guys consisting of John Berens, Ira Biggs, Ron Leighty, Rob Doty, Dave Fritz and Ira Kirby have been building an antique tractor pulling sled during the winter. It is designed like the sled that was used last year but they improved upon it. They will still build a double hitch so that 2 tractors can pull at one time and they are having weights made out of cement currently. There will be antique tractor pulls held on Saturday night at 6:00pm and then again on Sunday morning at 10:00 am. If you are interested in pulling with your tractor in one of the weight classes bring it to the show and sign up to pull. Join in the fun!

IT'S AUCTION TIME

Do you have some stuff laying around the place that you really need to get rid of, but don't really know how to or just what to do with it? Bring it and put it in the auction. We will be holding the auction at 10:00 am in the arena. It will be after church services, but before the show gets going well.

We are in need of STUFF for the auction. Look around your garage and home and let's see what we can come up with. The more stuff that is at the auction, the more money that the club makes to help pay for things like insurance and any of the bills that we have. Look around, do you have some old equipment hanging around that you don't use any more, fill out an auction form and put it in. We'll be glad to get rid of it for you!



OLD CLUB RECORDS

Do you have any old club business at your house? Do you have minutes, or pictures or items that really belong to the club and they have been stored at your place for the past many years? We are looking to consolidate the records of the club. They will be stored in one place at the club buildings in the storage room so that they are accessible for all of the club members. So look around and lets get all the club stuff in one single place like it should be. If you do have records and the like, please contact one of the members or advisors or bring them to a meeting.

THRESHERS DINNER

This year at the show, we are trying something different for our Saturday night dinner. Our Thresher man's dinner will now be a chicken dinner rather than pork chops. We have contracted with an outfit that will come and do all the cooking of the dinner, and we will need to serve it. As you know, with our pork chop dinners, we have had club members cook and prepare it and it takes most of the afternoon. We will be serving a half chicken dinner with sides for \$9.00. It will include a drink from the pie booth either iced tea or lemonade. And dessert will be extra just like in the past. We will need to sell 500 dinners for this year. Tickets will be available at the show and prior to the show if you would like. We will have them at the upcoming meetings for you to purchase. Let's get lots of people to come and eat chicken!

PIE BOOTH STUFF

Once again it is that time of the year that I will be calling for pies for the pie booth. The pie booth is one of the largest money makers for the club and it takes lots of volunteers and help to get it to run as well as it does.

I will be looking for 3 pies this year, or more if you would like. They will need to be fruit or nut pies, no cream pies please due to the heat, they just can't stand up to it and we have no real refrigeration.

I will also be looking for people to help out as well, we have over 150 volunteer hours last year in the pie booth. It is 2 hours shifts starting at 9am and going until 5 on Friday, 8 on Saturday and 3 on Sunday. It isn't hard work, pouring drinks and selling pies. Some people will cut and scoop pies as well if you would like. Each year I lose some of my workers due to health issues. Its also a good place for young people to work, if you have a teenager looking for volunteer hours, it's a good fit. We will fill out the forms for their school for them to fulfill their hours needed.

So dust off those recipes that you have been saving for the show, get that fruit ready and get creative and get baking. I will say though that the basic pies, apple, cherry, and blueberry are the most popular. But people ask for rhubarb, peach, raspberry and blackberry as well as sugar free pies. Don't feel that your pies don't turn out, some people like dark crusts and some like light crusts just like their mothers made at home!



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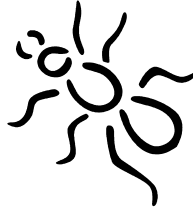
SATURDAY JUNE 12TH

5PM



**DID YOU NOTICE THAT IT IS ON A SATURDAY
AND IN THE EVENING SO ITS NOT SO HOT?**

BRING:



YOUR OWN TABLE SERVICE

A DISH TO SHARE WITH ALL OF US

SOMETHING TO GRILL IF YOU WOULD LIKE

CHAIRS IF YOU WOULD LIKE

**THIS IS ABOUT A MONTH BEFORE THE SHOW SO SOME PLANNING CAN TAKE
PLACE**



COME AND SHARE THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE CLUB WITH OTHER CLUB MEMBERS





SMALL GAS ENGINES

Have you acquired a gas engine over the winter? Do you have one sitting around the garage? The gas engine guys are always looking for new exhibitors. If you have never made your way over to them at the show they are well worth seeking out. There is a large and exciting display of small and large gas engines. Most of them are working while on display. We forget that prior to electricity they were a major source of power for farms and homes, running water pumps, mills, sifters and washing machines. Stop behind the Fine Arts building in the shade and sit for a while with the guys. Sheldon, Chris, Rob and Pete are just some of the guys that will welcome you there. One of the big secrets of the show is their homemade ice cream. You'll have to go there to find out when, but it sure is worth it. My favorite is Butter Pecan, hint hint!

FINE ARTS BUILDING

While you are around the gas engines, don't forget to check out the fine arts building. There are antique hand tools in there as well as a very large scale model train set.

Our members put together a nice display of hand tools once used around the farm. Check them out and if you have some to display, please contact Jim Bohling.

The Lionel Model Railroad club puts together a kicking display in the bottom of the Fine Arts Building. It's a collaborative effort that is fabulous to watch and is very mesmerizing.

QUILT RAFFLE

In the next couple of weeks we will be sending out a mailing with quilt tickets to purchase. You can sell them to someone else, or purchase them for yourself or return them. If you choose not to sell them, we would like them returned so that we can sell them at the show. The tickets will be a dollar a piece or 6 for \$5:00. Please make an effort to get the money and stubs or the tickets back to Nettie.

ADVERTISING

There will be programs available to hand out at the next meetings coming up. The meetings are at the Civic Center in Crown Point on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at 7:00pm. We also have posters that can be put up in businesses, and we need your help with that. We have some flyers as well to hand out, come to the meeting and get some word of mouth advertising.

4TH OF JULY PARADE

If you are interested in being in the 4th of July Parade in Crown Point we would love to have you. Please contact Dave Fritz at 662-9204 as soon as possible to get your name and tractor on the program. We like to have a good showing because this is the weekend prior to the show. It is great advertising for our show. We always get a lot of great comments from the parade watchers as we drive down Main Street in Crown Point. The parade starts at 2pm, we need to line up at noon on Sherman St.