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Hello, I'd like to introduce myself. I am Dale Bieker your new President. For those of you who don't know me I'd like to give you a little background about myself. I was born and raised on a dairy farm in Crown Point, which my family and I still own today. That was one of the reasons I ran for president. The farming community is still near and dear to me. When I look at this equipment I see my dad and my grandfather working on the farm. I think we have a great foundation; there are many exhibits that are expected to be seen annually at our show. My hope is to increase our exhibits. I feel our growth potential is in the area of small engines, garden tractors and participation in the tractor pulls. With our easy access to major expressways, I feel we could attract a whole new group of people, with our same interest, by having vendors that sell old parts and equipment. I feel we are here to preserve the history of the farming lifestyle. It is important to preserve and maintain the club's equipment. Past and present club members have worked hard to acquire all the club's assets. I remember the first show I attended at the court house square. Prior work by them and their dedication to the club has brought us to where we are today. Their success was not done by one person alone. They accomplished this as a united club. We are just the keepers of this equipment for future generations. I would personally like to thank George Monix for his hard work and dedication. I have enjoyed working with him in the fields and at the show. He saw us through a tough economy! The club appreciates all of his efforts! I would also like to welcome the new advisory board and look forward to working closely with them. All club members please feel free to contact me with any questions or suggestions. This is our club. 219-680-7261 or email [dale40ih@yahoo.com](mailto:dale40ih@yahoo.com). I look forward to the challenge and the excitement of the next year

Dale Bieker

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**OFFICERS**

Dale Bieker  
Pete Monix  
Jack Wehner  
Irene Doty  
Sandy Monroe  
Judy Wehner  
Julie Fritz  
Herb Kleine  
Ira Kirby  
Don Barman

**ADVISORS**

Ken Homeier  
Jack Corson  
Jerry Crouch  
Bob Bohling  
Nettie Cilek  
Jim Burk  
Rob Doty  
Ron Leighty  
Joe Kubiak  
Fred Monix  
Herman Monix  
Ed Doepping  
Herman Gonlag  
Gloria Miller  
Jim Bohling  
George Monix

**PAST PRESIDENTS**

Bela Roberts  
Don Barman  
Alex Magiera  
Carl wagonblast  
Butch Bukovac  
Carl Sapper  
Dave Fritz  
Pete Monix  
Julie Fritz  
George Monix

## MORE THANK YOUS

It was brought to my attention that I forgot a few people when I was bragging about the people at the show. I do apologize about that, I try to think of everyone but it just isn't possible.

Our president George deserves thanks for putting out fires during the show. Any thing that couldn't be solved went to him.

I also want to give kudos to Ira and Sharon Kirby for providing our appreciation dinner. They provide and cook the hot dogs and make sure things run smoothly. They also provide our lunches for our set up day and take down day. They also are responsible for our upcoming Appreciation Dinner.

I also ran out of room when I was commending the pie booth. All of the volunteers that work in there are to be applauded! In the pie booth alone there are 30 some people that make it run as smoothly and efficiently as it does. Many women worked more than one shift and inhaled a lot of lemonade powder. Julie deserves credit for it but I won't give it to myself! Thank you to all who donated pies, can't do it without all of you!; worked, cut pies, served coffee and tea and to those that ate it all!

I also missed Dave Fritz. Apparently his job does not go unnoticed. He keeps the show running smoothly, makes sure that people have electricity and referees as well. So, Bob and Linda I heard you!

The club thanks everyone that helped out during the show!

## OFFICERS AND BOARD

In September, we elected new officers and board members. George Monix declined to run again for president. Dale Bieker was elected our new president and Pete Monix was elected our new vice president. The board members going off the board were, John Boe, Jerry Crouch, Dale Bieker, Sheldon Miller, Paul Gerst, Sharon Kirby, Lawrence Saberniak and Hershall Plants. We would like to thank all of them for their time and dedication. Our new board members are Ken Homeier, Nettie Cilek, Joe Kubiak, Ed Doepping, Herman Gonlag, Gloria Miller, Jim Bohling, Jerry Crouch and George Monix. Jerry Crouch was able to run again and George is added to the advisory board as a past president. The other members of the board are Jack Corson, Bob Bohling, Jim Burk, Rob Doty, Ron Leighty, Fred Monix and Herman Monix. Our board meetings are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month at 7:00pm at the Crown Point Civic Center.

## LOOKING TO NEXT YEAR!

Next year's show will be held on July 9, 10 and 11<sup>th</sup> 2010. We will be featuring Allis Chalmers and Rumely tractors, Allis Chalmers garden tractors and Galloway Gas Engines. Do you know anyone that has any of these tractors or engines? Encourage them to bring them to the show. We also should encourage vendors that sell parts and pieces of equipment to attend our show. Get your stuff polished and ready now!

## **Appreciation Dinner update!**

The Christmas party has been changed this year! We will be having an Appreciation Dinner for all club members. **The Octoberfest picnic and annual Christmas party in December will not be held this year!**

In honor of our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the club will provide a free family style dinner, open bar and entertainment for members of the club as of April 1 when your 2009 membership was due.

**THE CLUB APPRECIATION DINNER WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY NOVEMBER 14<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.**

**IT WILL BE AT ST. ELIJAH SERBIAN CHURCH HALL  
8700 TAFT ST  
MERRILLVILLE**

If you were not a member as of April 1, 2009 and would like to attend the dinner anyway, tickets will be available for \$25 each and must be purchased in advance.

**There will be no gift exchange this year! No Cookies! No Raffles!  
Entertainment by Wolfgang!**

If you were a member as of April 1, 2009 you should have received an invitation by now and should have called to RSVP as well.

**There were 2 envelopes returned with no addresses on them, If you didn't receive an invitation, please call Sharon.**

For more information or to RSVP please contact Ira or Sharon Kirby  
374-8101