

APPRECIATION DINNER

Did you go to the appreciation dinner that we had in November? If you did you know that we had a great turn out for the dinner with wonderful entertainment from Wolfgang. Each person there was given a mug with the logo for the club on it. Sharon and Ira Kirby did a fabulous job on the dinner and should be thanked and commended for their attention to detail. I personally thought that having the dinner early like that in November took the pressure off of everyone with the Christmas party season. If you weren't able to come to the party, you still have a mug that you can get. There was one ordered for all club members. If you are interested in yours, please contact the Kirby's at 219-374-8101 to see about getting your mug. It's a nice commemoration of our 25 years in existence.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Don't forget that your 2010 membership due are due now. They are due for this year by April 1. Our yearly dues are a mere \$10. If you are interested in becoming a lifetime member, the dues are \$150 minus your age. Then you don't have to worry about the \$10 every year. See the back page of the newsletter for a membership form and address to send it to. Irene Doty is the membership chairman and she will see that you get your new cards. You must have your dues paid by April 1 to get free admission to the show!

PANORAMIC PICTURES

Remember the pictures that were taken at the show? There were 2 photos taken, one of just club members in the arena and one of the Farmall and International tractors taken in the arena. They were both panoramic pictures and they are available for sale. We also have frames available for them that are made from wood that was sawn at the show by our sawmill. Dawson Morgan, a member, has agreed to make the frames from our wood. They are very reasonably priced for the size of the frame and either have glass or not according to your preference. If you are interested in any of the pictures and or frames contact Irene Doty or one of the board members.

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Our membership meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of the month at 7pm at the Crown Point Civic Center. The board of advisor meetings are held on the 4th Monday of the month at 7pm at the Crown Point Civic Center.

Membership	Advisor
Feb 8	Feb 22
March 8	March 22
April 12	April 26
May 10	May 24
June 14	June 28
July 12	July 26
Aug 9	Aug 23
Sept 13	Sept 27
Oct 11	Oct 25
Nov 8	Nov 22

No meetings in December and Advisor meeting only in January.

PULLING SLED

The club has decided to go ahead with the building of an antique tractor pulling sled. If you were at the show last year, you know that at the last minute we added a tractor pull. It was very successful due to exhibitors that entered their tractors to pull and a group of men that believed in it and put it together. Some of that group has gotten together to build their own pulling sled. The one they used last year was borrowed from another club in Fulton County. Headed up by John Berens, Ira Biggs, Ron Leighty, Rob Doty, Jack McCleverty, Dave Fritz and Ira Kirby have been spending every Sunday since Thanksgiving working on the sled. It has required many hours of welding, fabricating and putting together this sled. It is almost done, needing warmer weather for further work on it. They still have the weights to work on yet, and unlike last year, there will be no people on the sled, just weights. It also will be more equitable for the smaller tractors and will still have the twin pulling capability, using 2 tractors to pull one sled. If you like tractor pulling, come to the show and see what's happening this summer in that area. They could also use the help along the way if you are so inclined. Get your tractor ready to pull and add to the competition!

JUST THE SHOW !

If you know someone interested in putting an ad in our show brochure, let a board member know and we can set it up with them. Our show this year will be on July 9, 10 and 11th. We will be setting up the fencing dividing the fairgrounds on Tuesday July 6 in the morning. They always can use extra help with that. Our big set up day will be July 8, setting up the fairgrounds is a lot of work that goes better with many people helping. If you know any school kids that need community service hours, this fits the bill, bring them along. We will be featuring Allis Chalmers and Rumely equipment. Don't forget that when we are all tired on Monday, we still need to work at the fairgrounds as well. Lunch is provided on both days! We will be looking for workers again, on the gate, with the dinner, in the pie booth and other areas as well. This year, we are switching our pork chop dinner to a Thresherman's dinner of Half a Chicken dinner with the trimmings, it will include a drink but dessert will be extra. There is always work to be done for the show, if you are interested, we are working on equipment and signs now, contact Dale for work day times. We all have something to contribute, it may not be at show time but perhaps in the arena before the show. Let's get working!