



South Lake County Agricultural Historical Society
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As the newly elected President of the club, I wanted to introduce myself to those members that don't know me. I am Perry McLemore, I have been a long time participant of the show and have organized the blacksmiths for many years, as a matter of fact, John Boe was responsible for bringing me in. I decided in the past couple of years to become more involved with the club and decided to run for president. I would like to thank everyone for supporting me in my run for president and would like to ask for your support in the future. I would like to say that I don't plan on changing how things are done, or don't plan on changing committees or committee heads. I would like though to help us work through bridging the gap between our young or new members and the older and long term members. We would like to take advantage of the knowledge of our more experienced members and hope they can teach our up and coming members, about the equipment and farm practices that have been used. We need to reorganize ourselves and tighten the bonds of our group. In this endeavor, I'm hoping we can help everyone be their very best and our show the very best. We need to work as a well-oiled machine!

Perry McLemore

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BOARD CHATTER

The board of advisors meets at the Crown Point Civic center on the 4th Monday of every month. The meetings are held at 7:00pm. All members are welcome to attend but only board members are allowed to vote and make motions during the meetings.

At this time of the year, after the show and before and just after our elections the board is busy with a couple of things.

The first order of business is to take care of any donations that we need to give out after the show. We give donations to some clubs that help us out such as the boy scouts, girls scouts, Lions Club and other clubs that provide us with a service. We also look at the show as a whole. What we did right for the show, and what needs to be improved for the 2017 show. There were some safety issues that will need to be addressed. We also need to look at the process that we use for exhibitors and getting them into the show grounds on a daily basis. We have some issues with our gates in that some people are getting into the show without paying their donation and since that is a major source of income for us then we need to look at how our gates are operated. We may need to go to a different system for exhibitors, it's too easy for ribbons to get lost or to be passed around after each day. They seem to be too easily procured and are being misused. We also have some issues with the south half of the fairgrounds. The gun show is at the Industrial building and many of the participants that go to the gun show are using those tickets to enter our show. It's an easy perception that both events are under one admission, which they aren't. We will be having a transition with the new officers and advisors as well in a month with the elections happening in September.

THE LAST WORD.....

As my final column, I would like to thank all the people that stood behind me and helped me thorough my time as President. You made my time as being a President more enjoyable.

The last year was very monumental not just for me but also the club, with the advent of putting up Farmer's Hall in the Fairgrounds. This was important to me because I was able to show our older members where our money and resources were going to benefit the club and also the community. We now have our name on one of the premier and desirable shelters at the fairgrounds. I would like to thank all the people that were able to make this building possible. Our club has donated regularly to the Fairgrounds with the painting of the old grandstands and the installation of the fountain. Your help in the club makes all this possible for us to give back to the community.

I plan to remain active in the club with a seat more in the background where I feel I can do the best job promoting the club. I chose to end my time as president to take advantage of my retirement time and to be able to travel more.

It's my wish that everyone gets behind the new president and continues to volunteer their time and support to the club. We can continue to have great shows and continue to improve and grow our show. As I go to other shows, I realize just how great our show is.

We are working on hosting the IH Chapter 33 annual summer gathering at our show next year, look for more information on this to follow. In the meantime, get your tractors and equipment ready to work on for the winter. I'll see you at the show.

Dave Fritz

SHOW MUSINGS

Throughout the show we have many stars that without them the show would not be the same. Of course, when I do this column, I take the risk of forgetting someone. If I forgot you I am truly sorry, I didn't mean it. Overall, our show went very smoothly and was successful. This is only due to the hard work of our members, each and every one of them. So a very big thanks goes out to all of you! Nettie Cilek and Helen Melcher did a great job with taking care of and selling tickets for the quilt raffle, this is a big fundraiser for us! Thank you to Dave Monix and Bob Bohling as well as Kevin Garling and the FFA for the delicious pork chop dinner. Irene Doty and her helpers, including Kim Peterson for taking care of selling our shirts and caps as well as memberships. Lori Nelson and Joanne Rosenthal with Ray Mattox for heading up the kiddie tractor pulls. Brittney Ashe and Chad Read for doing the great job with Kids Korral and Krafts. Jerry McGarr for heading up the treshing machine and corn sheller and shredder. Tim Kirby and Mike Rippe for doing such a good job with the kiddie railroad. The antique tractor pull crew did a great job with help from the Surveyors, Ira Biggs, Zach, Bob and Julie Ziese, Nicki and Ron Leighty, and their crew. Ed and Sharon Doepping for manning the information booth and selling pork chop dinner tickets. Sandy Monroe for chairing the flea market and taking care of all of their requests. John Ross, Mike and Michael Yudt for taking on the sawmill. They also had a big crew helping them carry off the boards and feeding the logs. Gloria Miller for being a great announcer, not only for

the show but the kiddie tractor pulls and the antique tractor pulls. Sheldon Miller for pulling together all the gas engine guys. Perry McLemore, Seth Nichols and Dave Reese for pulling together a great working blacksmith display. Nancy Kleine for registering all of our equipment that was shown. To all the people that worked in the pie booth, or made pies for the pie booth, or helped us to set it up, including Sam Nowakowski, Andi Nichols, Sarah, Daisy and Grace Dixon and Devin Mueller, it is greatly appreciated. Thank you also to the members that help with manning the gates. We also want to thank the Lions club for helping us out with the gates as well. Some people that are behind the scenes are Donna Kollak, as the treasurer has a never ending job of keeping everyone in change and collecting the money. Helping before the show, Ira Kirby, Jim Burk and the crew to help put up the fencing, Tom Saberniak, Chuck Kopas and the other guys. For putting out all the hot spots and disagreements, Dave Fritz. To the people that donated to the silent auctions, the Blacksmiths, Jeff Postma, Dave Fritz and Ralph Schneegas, they were all beautiful prizes.

We also had a lot of help from other people, not necessarily club members that help us with our show and make it better. The Boy Scouts, Troop 45 and 48 for helping with parking, flag raising and fairgrounds cleanup. Louie and Charlotte Meltzer for putting together a great petting zoo. The Lionel Modular Railroad for putting up a great model railroad setup. The Lowell FFA that helped up with the bounce house, the pork chop dinner and anything else that we needed.

The American Heritage Girls and the Girl Scouts for helping with flag raising. The Duneland Woodcarvers for the great display and Jeff Postma for doing his chain saw carving demonstration. Crown Brick for donating the sand for the kid's sandbox. Bruce Septic for helping us out with porta potties. The Lake County Surveyors that do the measuring for the antique tractor pulls and the kiddie tractor pulls. Chris Proctor for putting together the show programs and for taking our panoramic picture. Kalvaitis Seed for donating the seed for our corn, wheat and soybeans. We also want to thank all of our food vendors for providing us with great fair food as well as our flea market vendors. It all goes to a successful show. Our exhibitors are also very important! The Winimac Old Auto Club for bringing their beautiful old cars, the Antique Truck club for bringing their beautiful old trucks for display and the Highland Area Model A Restorer club for their wonderful cars as well. They all put on a great display. Everyone that brought a tractor, engine, steam engine, garden tractor or any other piece of equipment they are all appreciated. This includes the Ford Collectors Club for bringing all the amazing Fords that we featured. We thank DeJung Equipment for bringing some new Ford equipment.

We would also like to thank our neighboring club, NIHPA for bringing and showing their shingle mill. Thanks go out to the Crown Point Lions club for helping us out with our gate. The help is invaluable. We want to thank the Fairgrounds, Commissioners and the Fair board for the great grounds that we hold our show on and for the help and equipment needed for it. We also thank Chuck and Dave from the fairgrounds

for the awesome job they do with the bathrooms and garbage pickup! We also had some awesome displays by George Moore for bringing his draft horses and Shirley Wiley for bringing her wagon with pedal tractors on it. Gary Bales and Bales Equipment needs to be thanked for donating the use of the tractor that we use for the kiddie train ride. For hauling some of the steam engines we want to thank Zach and Bob Ziese. Kudos also go to Kelly Miller for doing such a great job on our social media. Check us out on Facebook or on our website at www.slcahs.org.

Suffice it to say, there are lots of hands that go into putting on the show. Remember that the show is a sum of its parts. Everyone that comes to the show comes for different reasons, it may be the steam engines, the tractors, the gas engines, the garden tractors, the flea market, the sawmill or even for the pork chop dinner or the pies, but we all are important. If you had some part in the show, volunteering in some way, large or small we thank you for your service.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Don't forget our upcoming Fall Festival Picnic on October 15, 2016. It will be at noon in the 4-H Annex building. Please bring a dish to pass! We will be playing bingo so bring your dish, your luck and your appetite! Have some fun with the people that show together and work together!

CHRISTMAS PARTY!

We will once again have a Christmas party for all the members. It will be at the 4-H building at the Fairgrounds. The tickets will be available at the meetings coming soon. The date will be Saturday December 3. The start time will be 6pm. The tickets will be \$10 each. You will need to reserve and pay for your tickets prior to Friday Nov 18. If you would like to bring something for our raffle it would be appreciated. It will be a buffet dinner and drinks are provided. It's lots of fun, Santa Claus will be there and everyone is welcome! Put it on your calendar now! Call Donna at 374-6873. Our dinner will be roast beef, chicken and Italian sausage with peppers. Please bring a dozen cookies for dessert.

WORK DAYS WORK DAYS

Work days are on the 3rd Saturday of the month. Anyone that is interested in helping out can just show up at 9am on that Saturday. There are many things to be done, grass cutting, trimming, signs, harvesting soon and equipment repair. More hands mean lighter work!

BUCKELY HOMESTEAD DAYS

We have been asked to help out with a display at Buckley Homestead Days. It will be on October 8 and 9 from 10am to 5pm. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Perry McLemore or Dave Fritz for more information. The club will be taking some equipment and some tractors over there for a working display.

NEW BOARD AND OFFICERS

In September, we elect new officers and board members. This was done on September 12. If you are a new member, our meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of the month and the board meetings are held on the 4th Monday of the month at the Crown Point Civic Center. All members are welcome to attend.

We would like to thank the outgoing board members. Keith Dawson, Tony Kollak, Sheldon Miller, Jerry McGarr and Rob Ash all have served on the advisory board and your time is greatly appreciated. The advisory board takes up a lot of time and energy.

We would also like to welcome our new board members and advisors. The new advisors are Jack McCleverty, Ira Biggs, Bill Waiter and our outgoing President Dave Fritz. This past year, the board voted to return to only 9 advisors like we started with.

We would like to thank our outgoing officers, Dave Fritz as President, Donna Kollak as Treasurer, Ira Biggs as Registrar, and Ira Kirby as Assistant Treasurer. This also takes a lot of time and energy.

We welcome our new officers! Perry McLemore as President, Kim Peterson as treasurer and Donna Kollak as Assistant Treasurer and Jerry McGarr as Registrar. We wish them all the luck and we are behind you 100%. Come out to the meetings and support your new officers and board. They are the policy makers of the club.

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