



South Lake County Agricultural Historical Society
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AWAKE. The South Lake County Agricultural Historical Society. As the slumbering giant, we awake from our winter labors. I hope this letter finds you energetic for the upcoming 2017 Antique Tractor and Farm Show. As spring is upon us and we look forward to preparing our recent un-shown equipment, we know that you will be busy with your new endeavors, we hope that you will make time for the Club's new endeavors. We have had a great turn-out at our January and February workdays, and we have accomplished both cleaning up and rebuilding equipment. In March, we will be working on the Edger; the Sawmill and the Allis-Chalmers Roto-baler. So, come out to the building on the 3rd Saturday of the Month at 9am and join us. As many of you have heard we will be hosting the IHC Chapter 33 Collectors Summer meeting at our show. We would like to give them a hearty welcome to our show. If any of you are aware of any clubs that are looking for a hosting show, please contact a board member.

As we prepare for the show, you will soon realize that we will be rearranging our areas in the show, so bear with us as we look forward to improving the flow of the show. We are looking forward to hosting more tractors this year. I look forward to meeting you!
Perry McLemore

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BOARD CHATTER

The board has restarted their monthly meetings starting in January. We meet on the 4th Monday of the month at 7:00pm at the Crown Point Civic Center. All members are welcome, but the meetings are conducted in a round table format and non-board members are not allowed to vote or make motions. You can contribute to the meetings though. The board is currently dealing with advertising right now, but need some help with getting out there and getting some ads collected. If you are interested in helping us sell ads or go to potential places to see if they are interested in placing ads in our booklet, please contact a board member. We are also delving into the insurance that we carry. We have been asking questions to our insurance contact and are working on carrying insurance if one of our members is hurt at the show. Currently, our insurance covers spectators but doesn't cover our club members if they are hurt. We are also looking at if we have enough coverage for our exposure. We also are working on committees for the show. The show will be divided into parts, such as operations, simple exhibits, complex exhibits, fine arts building and show pavilion. Each board member will be responsible for a part, that means communication and making sure they are running smoothly. We are fine tuning that flow chart now and setting it all up. It will help us to better our communication between exhibits and have a 'go to person' for problems. If you oversee an exhibit, your team leader should be contacting you soon.

HAVE YOU HEARD???

We changed the feature tractor for 2017! Wait, before you panic, you need to hear the reason. We were selected by the IH Chapter 33 Collectors to hold their summer meeting at our show! They approached us and we met with their board and members and offered our show and show grounds for them to have their summer meeting during our show. They will bring in their members and tractors and will hold their business meeting in one of the buildings during the show on Saturday. We are excited to have them this year. So, our Feature tractor this year will be Case/IH. Get your Red Tractors out and get them shined up and ready to show. Don't have a red tractor? Bring what you have! We have room for every color of tractor and welcome them.

WAIT! Are you telling me you don't know when the show is this year? The 2017 Annual Antique Tractor and Farm show will be held on July 7, 8 and 9. That leaves you 5 whole months to get your tractor together and ready to show. Do you know you don't need to pre-register to bring your tractor or equipment? We love gas engines, other pieces of farm equipment that you may have, old cars and old trucks. It can be in any condition, cleaned up and looking like new or it can be in its work clothes and looking rusty. Some people don't know that the fabulous tractors that are in pristine condition are old. I've heard kids say, "I want to see that old tractor over there". Even though they were all the same age, the 'older' one was just not painted but rusty looking.

TRACTOR RIDE

Do you know that the club sponsors a tractor ride? A tractor ride is a sponsored event where you bring your tractor to a designated spot and as a group you go for a drive that is pre-designated. It usually is a ride through the country, and all the tractors go in a line. There are stops along the way and rides range in length from 10 miles to 35 miles plus.

This year will be the 3rd annual tractor ride. It will be held on September 9th and registration will be held at our club buildings at 7am. What are the requirements you ask? You must have a tractor that can go at least 10 miles per hour. You must have insurance on that tractor and bring that proof of insurance with you. There will also be an entrance fee to be determined. It is a fun day, in the past the ride has stopped at Buckley Homestead for snacks and drinks and a photo opportunity before heading back to the club buildings for a sponsored luncheon, usually sandwiches. You get to work your tractor, see some pretty scenery and chat with other tractor owners and spend time with them and check out their tractors. Please go to our website at www.slcahs.org for more information and the entry form.

THE SHOW GATES

Ira Kirby will oversee the gates this year and is looking for a few good people! We are tightening our gates and need volunteers to man our gates. We have been using the Lions club in the past but are going back to our own club members. Interested in volunteering? Call Ira Kirby for available times to work

2017 ANNUAL SHOW

The 2017 annual Antique Tractor and Farm show will be held on July 7,8 and 9 2017. It will once again be held at the Lake County Fairgrounds. Our feature tractor this year will be Case/IH. I know this is a repeat of the information in prior columns but I do have a reason. Are you a member? You wouldn't be getting this newsletter if you weren't a member, so, I'm assuming you are a member. What do you do for your membership? Do you have your membership JUST to get into the show for free? Do you participate in the show or volunteer a couple of hours at the show? NO? We would really like all our members to volunteer a couple of hours somewhere during the show. Now, I know that not everyone can volunteer, like Bela Roberts for instance lives in Florida (Hi Bela) and doesn't make it here for the show, but would volunteer if he was. I also know that not everyone is physically capable of volunteering for the show, but there are things that can be done from the comfort of your Lazy Boy! Like what? Like arranging porta potties, or contacting the boy scouts or girl scouts and other contacts that need to be done prior to the show. If you are physically capable, there are many places where 2 hours could go a long way, such as the gate, pie booth, salables, registration, quilt tickets. None of those require physical strength, but if you have strength we can use people on the sawmill, shredder, thresher, rock crusher, sheller, Letz mill and baling. Interested? Consider yourself asked. Please call an advisor or log onto Facebook or the website and volunteer.

CALENDARS

It's still the beginning of the year, do you have a calendar yet? Did you know that YOUR club has a very nice calendar for sale? It is only \$10 and helps to support your club. Your picture may be in it from last year's show. It also has on there when the meetings are held and when our workdays are and when our picnics are. How can you get one? We have them for sale at each meeting, or contact a board member for more information. We don't have a lot left but we do have some left. Get them while you can still use most of them.

LET'S GO BACK

Let's go back to where we need help at the show! I know that I harp on this but it's so important. Are you good at microphones and announcing equipment? We need someone to help with setting up speakers and the announcing equipment, making sure the microphones work and have batteries and things like that.

Another place that we really need help is with our set up for the show and to tear down the show. What does that mean? Early in the week before the show, we need to put up some snow fencing to divide the fairgrounds into the north half and south half. This is a big job, but we have the cable on a spool and it has gotten easier. They usually start early in the day, due to the heat and get done hopefully by noon, but more hands help it to make lighter work.

MORE OPPORTUNITY

We also need to get equipment from our buildings and haul it to the fairgrounds. That means we need people to help stage the equipment and set it up at the fairgrounds, we need people to move the equipment from the buildings, and we need someone to stage at the buildings, making sure the equipment that needs to go, does go. We also need help at the fairgrounds with setting up the pie booth, all the counters, coolers, cookers, and pots are loaded in a trailer, that all needs to be taken out and set up, not to mention all the supplies that need to be unloaded. Once the show is done and we are all tired, we also need to come back on Monday to help clean up the fairgrounds. Do you know that we need to pick up all the corn, sawdust, wheat, and straw from the fairgrounds? We also need to return the equipment that we brought from the buildings. Each of the buildings that we utilize during the show need to be blown clean. We also need to pick up the snow fencing and put the pie booth back into the enclosed trailer. Now, the good thing is that the noon meal is provided, YEA! The bad news is that there is half the amount of people cleaning up than there is setting up, not to mention that we are all tired and done with the show. So, if you don't know where you can help, there are some suggestions. If you have teenage grandchildren, or children, it really helps to have them come and help and lend their strength. It also promotes volunteerism and can be used for school if they need volunteer hours.

CLUB AND SHOW INFO

Are you interested in some of the other activities that the club participates in? Do you have a tractor and you don't have anywhere to use it? The club participates in 3 parades in the year. It's a good way to get our name out in the community and a good way to run your tractor. The first parade is the Lansing Good Neighbor Parade on the first Saturday in May. This year it will be on May 6. This is a very well attended parade by our neighbors to the north. The second parade is the Crown Point 4th of July parade. This also is a very well attended parade and right before our show, so it is very good advertising for us. We also participate in the Lowell Labor Day Parade, happening on Labor Day each year. You are welcome to participate as a club member and go with the tractors but you need to let us know you want to participate. Please call Dave Fritz at 219-662-9204 if interested at least a month prior to each parade.

A couple of reminders for the show. If you are an exhibitor or vendor during the show, please use Gate 6 in the Fairgrounds to enter and everyone uses Gate 6 to exit. This is the horse trailer gate during the fair on west Greenwood. If you are an exhibitor of moving equipment like tractors, and you have your own insurance on them, please bring proof of your insurance. This will include golf carts, cars, and tractors. Each piece of equipment needs to be registered. This will get you a button, plaque, and ribbon.

but it also helps the club keep track of equipment that is shown. If you are an owner of any moving equipment, please make sure all operators are over 16 years old. Even though your children and grandchildren can operate them at your place, when you add the show going public, it can create a dangerous situation.

Have you seen our "Farmer's Hall" at the Fairgrounds? It replaced the Grange building at the Fairgrounds, and your club was responsible for getting it put up and paid for. We are very proud of that accomplishment. It is a great building with a nice porch looking over the arena. It is available for rent from the fairgrounds for events.

SPRING FLING

The club will hold their annual spring fling spring picnic. All club members are welcome to attend. It will be held at the fairgrounds, in the 4-H annex building. The club will provide the meat and beverages. Everyone attending is asked to bring a dish to pass. This is a good time to introduce yourself to the board members and find out where we still need help. During this picnic, we usually scope out the fairgrounds and make some decisions about where exhibits will be located. Consider attending if you haven't before, there is some great food to be had there! It's also nice because not everything with the club is WORK. It's about the fellowship of friends that have a common bond. Without all of you and our common bond, we wouldn't have a club or a show. Consider getting involved in a more active role, and you don't have to have a tractor to join! Right Johan?

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