



South Lake County Agricultural Historical Society
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Are you ready? Once again, it's that time of the year. If you haven't already been asked to volunteer at the Farm Show, we are looking for some good volunteers. We will need people to help with our set up day the Thursday prior to the show, and on the cleanup day the Monday after the show. We will also need people to volunteer at the gate, in the pie booth, the salable table, information booth and quilt raffle. These are all important areas of the show. There are also places for teenagers to work allowing them to earn volunteer hours for their schools. If you have any ideas for demonstrations or craft or folk-art additions to the show please let us know. We are trying to add to the experience for women. If you have suggestions we would be glad to entertain them. This year we will be using wristbands for our exhibitors and vendors and members. The wristbands will be for anyone coming into the show all three days. Please bear with us as we work to tighten up our gates. We will be having work days at our club buildings each Saturday starting at 9am until the show. We'll be getting the sawmill out on June 10 and checked out and loose ends tied up. If you can help please show up. We will be putting in the fence at the fairgrounds on July 5 at 9am and need lots of help. I look forward to seeing all of you at the show!

Perry McLemore

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BOARD CHATTER

So, what has the board been working on? We have been working on the bylaws. Kelly Miller and his committee have been working together to review and revise the bylaws. Some things need to be changed, there have been some points that we have been tossing around to make our club better. They brought the document to the board, revised it and it was brought to the general membership and passed. So, what is changed? The first is what happens to our assets if we decide to dissolve. In that case, our assets will be sold and our debts paid off and anything that is left will go to a not for profit entity that is either historical or agricultural based. The other change is with life memberships. We will no longer sell life time memberships after the end of this year. We will continue to maintain our lifetime members as is, but going forward they will not be sold after the show this year. Our membership year will also change to August 1 to July 31. This will allow our members to purchase their next memberships at the show. The other issue that we have been working on is organization at the show. We divided the show into 9 parts, with a board member over each division. If you are a volunteer at the show and have a problem, you will go to your committee head, if that person can't solve it, they will go to the division head and if it still can't be solved then they will go to the show director. We are hoping that this chain of command will help with communication as well as problem solving. Contact should be made prior to the show by the division heads to make connections.

SHOW DIVISIONS

The show has been divided into 9 divisions. Ron Leighty will be over advertising. This includes sponsorships, print ads, senior relations, large signs and yard signs. Greg Kleine is over simple displays, this includes tractors, automobiles, garden tractors, gas engines and steamers. Bill Wiater is over complex displays like sawmill, letz mills, dyno testing, threshing, shelling, shredding, blacksmiths, and horseshoes. Dave Fritz will have operations including registration, gates, scouts, restrooms, announcing and people movers. Herman Monix will be over operations 2 including night watch, opening ceremonies, FFA, Golf carts, set up and tear down and electric. Jack McCleverty will be over miscellaneous like the Friday night dinner, lunch for set up and tear down, social media, thank you notes, petting zoo and the kiddie railroad. Helen Melcher will have the Fine Arts building with the hand tools, wood carvers, quilt raffle, Lionel railroad, bee keepers and church services. Russ Jansma will be over the show pavilion consisting of the pie booth, information, salable, kiddie korral, kiddie tractor pulls, pork chop dinner and ice. That leaves Ira Biggs with the Arena and grandstand area covering the parade of power, tractor pulls, draft horses, food vendors and flea market. Gloria Miller as Vice President will be the show chairman leaving Perry McLemore as President with the final say in problem solving. Hopefully this will increase communications between sections and make the show run smoother.

GATE ACCESS

This year we will be making sure our gates are more controlled this year. We feel that there are many people getting into the show without paying. This year the gate will be under the direction of the Kirby's. As an exhibitor, you will need to enter in at gate 6. This is the gate on the north-west corner of the fairgrounds, that is used for horse trailers during the fair. This will allow our customers to have better access to their gate and it will allow you to have better access to a gate without having to wait for other people to pay. This year we are starting to implement some changes with the gates, the first is to have wrist bands for people that will need access to the fairgrounds all three days. You will get your 2 wristbands at registration. You will need to be wearing this wristband to gain access to the fairgrounds without paying the gate fee. They will charge you a \$5 admission fee if you don't have it on. Wristbands will also be worn by both food and flea market vendors and members that are multi day people. If you don't have a piece of equipment to exhibit, you will need to have your membership card to gain entrance. We feel that you are issued a membership card and that will get you into the gate as well. If you are a member of another group such as the Winimac Old Auto club, beekeepers, wood carvers or the like, you will need that membership card to gain entry. At that time, you will be given a wristband if you are attending our show multiple days. There will be a limited number of passes for people that don't fit into any of those categories but still need access to the fairgrounds.

VOLUNTEERS

You know this is the newsletter that I ask for your volunteer time. I know that you became a member for a reason. Perhaps that reason is only to get into the show for free, but there should be some volunteer time attached to it. It takes a lot of hands to pull off a show like ours and there are a lot of volunteer hours to be had. If you have a child or grandchildren that need volunteer hours to graduate, this is the perfect opportunity. I have had students get all 40 hours required in one weekend, what a bonus.

We will be staffing our own gates again and will need a lot of volunteers for that, we will need at least 8 people per shift at the gates. It is a 4-hour shift, the club provides water. The shifts will start a little before 8am, noon and 4pm. You have your choice of the main gate, the walk-in gate by the 4-H building and gate 6 for exhibitors. It's a nice way to interact with our guests. We need people to help with selling quilt tickets at the show, as well as prior to the show. At the show, this is in the fine arts building and is a sit-down job. It is inside and out of the sun. We will need some help in the salable department. This will be in the show pavilion, again out of the sun and you would be selling shirts, and hats. The information booth can use some help so the same people aren't there the whole time throughout the show. We can also use help in the registration booth. It will be in the feature tractor building helping to register our exhibitors and helping with the parade. We also need help on July 5 at 9am to put up the fence dividing the fairgrounds. Any help is appreciated!

MORE OPPORTUNITIES

We also need help with the pork chop dinner. Even though the FFA does a great job there are some behind the scene things that need to be done, such as getting the cookers ready, and getting the food started such as the beans and the potatoes. We can use a little help with the kiddie tractor pulls. There are some people that have been doing well at this but they need a little help each year. Are you good with kids, how about helping in the kiddie korrall with some kid's crafts, rope making and sand box control. This is a busy little area and all the help they can get is welcomed. The pie booth always needs help, we are open from 6am to 6pm on Friday and until 8 on Saturday. The period is 2 hours for there, and here is the bonus, on the hot summer days, you get to have your hands in the ice chests. None of these places to volunteer are difficult to do. Some require you to handle money, some require some standing and moving around. Volunteering is fun as well as work.

We also need help with setting up our show and helping to tear down our show. Do you work the weekend, then Thursday and Monday is the day for you? On those days, lunch is provided. On those days, signs need to be put up or taken down, the pie booth needs to be unloaded, set up and stocked. Equipment needs to be moved and set up along with tarps. On Monday, the fairgrounds need to be picked up and straightened up and equipment needs to be put away. All these things need to be done, even though we are all tired and tired of each other. Any help is needed.

PIE BOOTH INFO

The pie booth is one of the larger income makers for the show, along with the gate, quilt raffle and salables. It is also the most work. We depend on our members to help make it work. We are always looking for people to help make pies for us to sell. They need to be fruit or nut pies, in disposable tins and we will cut them into 6 pieces to box and sell. We usually ask our bakers to bring 4 pies. Most of our pies are brought to the pie booth on Friday and Saturday. One thing about pies, there is always someone that likes them like that. Some are darker baked and the customers like that, then the light baked ones, people will say that that is how their grandmother made them. There is no wrong way to bake a pie, and it doesn't matter that they aren't "pretty". If you want to bake pies this year and have never done it before, please feel free to bring some either Friday or Saturday. Make sure they are shelf stable, meaning no cream pies please. If you have questions, I can be reached at 219-662-9204. I will also be calling people to help by working in the pie booth. There are 2-hour time frames to be worked. We also have early morning times as well as later afternoon times. If you are interested in helping at the show, this is a good place to start. I also like to have young people helping, there are little things that can be done for small children, and teenagers can get good practice in making change, simple math and help with social interactions. Just a reminder to the volunteers, you will need some type of hat or visor or head covering. Come and join us! Pie is always good, any time of the day!

WHAT WILL YOU FIND?

There will be a couple of new finds this year at the show. One will be the addition of woman's cut shirts and tank tops with a new fun tractor logo! It is very cool looking and I think will be a big hit. There won't be a lot of them to go around, so get them early if you want one.

In the Fine Arts building, we will see the addition of some demonstrators. There will be an additional wood carving club, the Northwest Indiana Woodworkers Association will join the Duneland Wood Carvers for a nice demonstration. There will also be quilting demonstrations as well as sewing and knitting. They will have some items for sale as well. We are also pursuing having some interpreters on the people movers to help describe what each piece of equipment is doing and what it is for. Be on the lookout again this year for some type of horse demonstration. That is still in the works but it looks likely.

SUMMER HIT PARADES

The club participates in some of the local parades in the summer. This year is no exception. If you are interested in participating in the Crown Point 4th of July parade, please contact Dave Fritz at 219-662-9204 as soon as possible. We need this information by June 15. The program is printed so you will appear in that with your name and type of tractor. Since this is right before the show, it is good advertising for the show. We will also participate in Lowell's Labor Day parade and we need to know if you are interested in that. Crete's Memorial Day parade will also be attended by some.

DON'T FORGET THIS!

The show will be July 7,8 and 9th! We are featuring International Harvester and Case. Please use Gate 6 at the fairgrounds if you are an exhibitor, it will help with traffic flow. You can bring any kind of tractor, garden tractor, gas engine or other equipment. We always need help at the show. If you don't know who to contact, call 219-662-9204. If you know someone that would like to be a flea market vendor please invite them to contact Sandy at 219-663-4254. For more information about the show, please go to our website for contracts both food and flea market. Rules on the use of Golf Carts during the show will also be found there. The website is www.slcahs.org. You can also find frequent updates and stuff about the club, work days, picnics and can ask questions on our Facebook page. Like us at South Lake County Antique Farm and Tractor Club. It is one of our forms of advertising, so if you are a friend, please share with your friends. Bake some pies. Find a place to volunteer at the show, it makes it much more rewarding and let's face it you can only look at tractors for so long. Get your equipment out and polish it up, or get it ready at least for the show. Come to a meeting and get the low down, the second and fourth Monday of the month at the Crown Point Civic Center. Buy a shirt. Learn to quilt. Get involved. Like our Facebook page. Send back your raffle tickets, sold or unsold. Embrace the wristband. Enter your tractor into the pulls. Eat a pork chop, elephant ear, beef sandwich, and a pierogi! Come out and enjoy yourself! Volunteer!

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