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We have another successful show under our belts. We tightened up the gates and we did have less people getting through the gates without paying which helped us with the bottom line. We do have some things to work on for the show next year to help with safety. I would like to thank everyone that volunteered their time to help at the show. There are some people I would especially like to thank, Mel Lokema, who popped up and asked to volunteer and did for 2 days. The team putting up the fence dividing the fairgrounds. It went very smoothly thanks to Jim Burk, Dave Reese and kids, Jack Rogers, Danny Lamprecht, Tom Saberniak and everyone else that helped. I want to thank Roger Parker for organizing the indoor flea market, we hope that it will be bigger next year. Now we are on to Buckley Homestead Days, as a club we will be taking the rock crusher, buzz saw and baker fan. We invite any members to come and help demonstrate there on October 14 and 15 from 10 to 5pm. They helped us with interpreters this year for our people movers, so we want to return the favor by helping them with their show.

Overall, I feel that we had a successful show. We had great weather, great

attendance, and great volunteers. The food and flea market vendors were fabulous and we had a great showing of tractors and equipment.

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FIRST THINGS FIRST!

We are working on a new email process. It is going to be through Mail Chimp and when you sign up for it you will receive monthly updates about the club, work days, picnics and parties and any other important club information. We would like as many members as possible to sign up for it. You can sign up via our Facebook page and via our website at www.slcahs.org. Click on the link and you will be asked for your email address and zip code and you will receive an email back asking for verification. This is a free service for us and an easy way for you to get updates on the club. Our newsletter will also be sent this way.

ANNUAL MEETING

Don't forget our annual meeting will be held on September 11 at 7:00pm at the Crown Point Civic Center. This is for election of officers and any upcoming business. The board has been discussing the use of golf carts and some equipment that we need to purchase for the sawmill and other areas of the show. Don't forget the tractor drive is also on the docket for September 9. If you are interested in being in the tractor drive, you need a tractor that goes more than 10 mph, insurance coverage and get ahold of Dave Kleine for more information.

The club will also be participating in Buckley Homestead Days in Lowell again this year. If you are interested in helping there, please contact Perry McLemore for further information. We will be taking equipment there and demonstrating its use. We are looking for some club members to help. The rest of the newsletter will be devoted to the show that we just had.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

First, I want to say thank you to everyone that participated in the show, whether you were an exhibitor, vendor, volunteer, or spectator a very special thank you to everyone. One problem with doing this in the newsletter is I probably will forget someone and I apologize in advance. I try to remember everyone, but I'm not perfect! So, what did you see at the show? I hope it was everything you hoped it would be. Since it is my area, I'm starting with the pie booth. Thank you to everyone that donated pies this year, it's a big undertaking and we had about 175 pies to sell. Thank you to the volunteers that worked in the pie booth, you all did a great job! Thanks as well to everyone that supports the pie booth by buying pie, chili, biscuits and gravy and drinks, we couldn't do it without any of you. The pork chop dinner was very successful as well, thanks to Dave Monix and his crew cooking the chops and to Kevin Garling and the FFA for cooking and serving the rest of it. We went through 500 chops this year, 400 in dinners and 100 sold separately. Irene Doty and her crew of Brenda, Chris and Chuck and her helpers did a great job on selling memberships and shirts and hats as well as some new items. The information booth manned mostly by Ed and Sharon Doepping with some helpers also did a great job on selling raffle tickets and pork chop dinner tickets. The raffle for donated items went very well thanks to help from Patti Nichols. The Kiddie Korral did well with crafts and rope making thanks to Rachel Ziese and Andrew Wiater. The kiddie tractor pull did well thanks to Raymond Mattox, Lori

Nelson, Joanne Rosenthal, and Ira Kirby.

Around the arena, we had nice flea market booths thanks to Sandy Monroe for overseeing them. This year Roger Parker also had indoor flea market vendors in the 4-H building. Donna Kollak did a great job overseeing the food vendors and helping with the treasurer's duties with Kim Peterson. That's a big job! We had lots of very nice tractors on display and Nancy Kleine and Marcia Lamprecht did a great job in registration. This includes the great prairie tractors courtesy of George Schaaf. Gloria Miller did a great job announcing during the show, the parade of power and the kiddie tractor pulls. This is the appropriate place to thank Jim Burk and Jack Kashak and their helpers at setting up the sound system that we use. At night on Saturday and on Sunday morning the antique tractor pulls did a great job, thanks to Ira Biggs, Ron and Niki Leighty, Greg Kleine and the rest of their crew. We also would like to thank the Northwest Indiana Society of Professional Land Surveyors for measuring the distance pulled during the tractor pulls. We also had a nice display of garden tractors thanks to Ron Leighty. Our people movers were very active this year with an addition of interpreters on the wagons. Russ Jansma and Jerry Heick did a great job driving and Jan, Sandy and Megan from Buckley Homestead did a great job interpreting the displays. We want to thank the Winamac Old Auto Club, the truck club and the Highland Model A Restorers' club for the awesome display of antique cars and trucks. This also includes Jerry McGarr's hot rods as well. As far as equipment

goes, we can't forget the gas engines. Pete Fisher took over setting that up, but we sure all missed Sheldon Miller and his smiling face! I also hear they had some great ice cream! Raymond Mattox also had some nice horse-drawn equipment on display in the Fine Arts building. Also in that building overseen by Helen Melcher was the quilt that was raffled thanks to the hard work done by Nettie Cilek and Gayla Miller. We also had some nice displays by Pete Feikema and Ron Meyers as well as the NWI Beekeepers and Ed Rice. The Lowell Library Quilters did a nice demonstration of quilting and both wood carving groups had a lovely display and demonstration. Jeff Postma also did an outstanding job of chainsaw carving. The Lionel Modular Rail Road also did an outstanding job again this year of putting up their model rail road display. Next year, we are exploring adding a toy tractor display in that area as well. If you have kids that have a toy tractor/equipment display and would be interested in showing it off we will be looking for you in 2018. Tim Kirby and Mike Rippe did a great job with the kiddie RR ride, thank you also for fixing the stuff in the pie booth and taking down signs, it didn't go unnoticed. Devin Mueller had a nice Letz Mill display, he also helped with a lot of things around the grounds including night watch, gate duty and helping with the dyno. Also working on the dyno was Nick Misch and Jim Burk and his grandson David. NIHPA also brought their shingle mill to demonstrate. Thanks to Mike and Nathan Andrews, Rianna Priest, and Jack Kashak for demonstrating. Their show will be September 22, 23 and 24th at Sunset Hill

Farm in Valparaiso. They are featuring Minneapolis Moline and Twin City Tractors and Economy and Hercules Gas Engines. If you haven't ever been to the NIHPA Show, it is a very nice show with lots of tractors, garden tractors and gas engines. They have a nice flea market and mostly level grounds. Make it a point to come out and support their show.

We would like to thank the Chapter 33 IH Collectors for holding their summer meeting at our show. All the people that brought tractors of any denomination or color also need to be thanked. It takes a lot of effort, time, equipment, money, and gas to exhibit any type of equipment. This includes gas engine exhibitors, garden tractors or other equipment. It truly is a labor of love. The sawmill worked great this year thanks to John Ross, Mike Yudt and Michael Yudt as well as Bill Wiater, Clint Riggs and all the guys that work at the sawmill. There was lots of lumber sawn over the weekend. There was also a very nice set up down by the covered bridge showing the progression of working with corn. They had each piece of equipment showing the corn on the stalk, removing the cob, removing the kernels, shredding the stalk, and then shredding the cobs for bedding. This insured that people were made aware of how corn is processed once its harvested. This area also included the threshing machine, Jerry McGarr, Perry McLemore and Bill Wiater and their crew made sure that the threshing machine ran well and they threshed a couple of wagons of wheat. The rock crusher was also in this area, the Kester's made sure this was running and they used their stationary steamer on it. We want to

thank them as well as the Shively's for bringing their steam engines to use on equipment. Steamers are always a draw for the show. Zach and Bob Ziese also need to be thanked for hauling the steam engines to the show. A very big thank you goes to Chuck and Dave for keeping our garbage dumped and keeping the bathrooms clean. They are my unsung heroes! The other unsung heroes are our daytime security from the Lake County Sheriff's department. Scott Musgrave and Brian Perez both did an outstanding job. They interacted with the spectators and worked hard to keep us safe and updated. We also need to thank Ron Kubiak and Devin Mueller for doing our night watch, it's hard to stay up all night and go during the day. Our Friday night dinner for exhibitors went well thanks to Kelly Miller and his crew including Gloria Miller. There were lots of people fed in a very quick amount of time. The FFA is also responsible for the bounce house and they saw lots of kids bouncing around over the weekend. We also would like to thank the organizations that helped with our flag raising each day. The American Legion and the Boy Scouts helped us on Saturday and some of the scouts stayed and helped us with parking. The Girl Scouts handled Friday and Sunday, on Friday they had on antique uniforms and on both days said the pledge of allegiance prior to the show. The scouts also helped us the setting up the show and tearing down the show. The Girl Scouts did the biggest job of picking up the garbage throughout the show grounds. I want to thank all the people that helped with the setting up of the show and tearing down of the show, this is a lot of hard work and on Monday

everyone is tired and hot, so a big thanks to everyone that helps on Monday! We also would like to thank Plum Grove music for providing the piano for the church services on Sunday. Perry McLemore did an excellent ceremony and there was beautiful music being made. We also need to thank Seth Nichols and his group of blacksmiths for putting on a fine show. Finally, I want to thank Sharon and Ira Kirby for taking over the responsibility of the gates. This was a big undertaking this year. We went to using wrist bands for the people that were at the show for multiple days and we worked hard at tightening up the gate. We feel that we have people that are getting into the show without paying especially from the gun show and we feel that we need to correct this issue. Sharon and Ira worked hard to man the gate and had help from many club members, however, next year we need more helpers for the gate and the pie booth. If you are interested in helping in any capacity, please contact one of the board members. The more people that we have helping at the show the smoother it goes and it's not as tiring for the people that are working. Often, it's a simple of just volunteering for a couple of hours, some of the jobs are sitting jobs, like the information booth or selling shirts or raffle tickets, some are mildly physical like the pie booth or the gate. We have 400 members in the club and we have about 40 that work at the show. It makes the show that much more interesting if you volunteer! Consider getting more involved. Our meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of the month at the Crown Point Civic Center at 7:00pm.

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 9 7:30AM TRACTOR DRIVE

This will originate at the Fairgrounds and will wind through southern lake county. Please see the website for more information. There will be a \$30 charge for this event. Bring your tractor and join the ride.

SEPTEMBER 16 9AM CLUB WORKDAY

Meet at the club buildings. We meet on the 3rd Saturday of the month to repair, clean and work on equipment and signs. Everyone is welcome.

OCTOBER 21 12PM OCTOBERFEST

Meet at the 4H Annex building for food, fun, fellowship and bingo. Please bring a dish to pass, the club will provide the main dish. It's free to all club members.

DECEMBER 2 6PM CHRISTMAS PARTY

This will be held in the 4H building at the Lake County Fairgrounds. It is a catered dinner. The cost for club members is \$10 and tickets need to be purchased in advance, usually prior to Thanksgiving. Please see our website for more information at www.slcahs.org.

We meet on the 3rd Saturday of the month at the club buildings for a work day. As a club member, you are invited to all the above events. Come and participate in your club and your club activities.

More information can be found on our website at www.slcahs.org.

Don't forget, you don't need a tractor, or engine or garden tractor to participate. All we need are people that are passionate about antique power and everything that goes along with it!

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