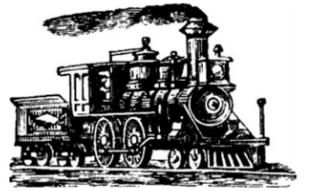


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THE THRESHERMAN'S TRACKER

Fall-Winter 2022-23 Edition



67th ANNUAL RRT REUNION SHOW SEPTEMBER 1-4, 2023



2023 Show Feature

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE ...

ROCK RIVER THRESHEREE ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2023

ANCHOR BAR & GRILL

718 WI-59

EDGERTON, WI 53534

12PM POTLUCK - BRING A DISH TO PASS

(RRT to provide main course)

2PM MEETING STARTS

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL THERE!!



2022 OFFICERS

President - Todd Ligman - 608-290-5720

Vice President - Charlie Hendrickson - 608-751-7852

Secretary - Mary Langer - 920-723-1555

Treasurer - Darcy Ligman - 608-921-3155

2022 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Jim Faith - 608-558-2336

Joel Faith - 608-558-5876

Terry Welch - 262-215-4310

Jon Austin - 608-751-2343

Darryl Garber - 608-751-9180

Jamie Stevenson - 262-893-1393

Peter Burno - 920-650-0021

Ron Taylor - 262-716-9372

Darcy Ligman - 608-291-3155

Dawn Hendrickson - 608-921-2737

Bill Werfal - 608-931-9373



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Members,

We had another fantastic Labor day weekend, with perfect weather. I want to personally thank everyone that came out and helped to put on the show. I heard nothing but positive feedback from vendors, spectators and exhibitors. Great job everyone! We do have one of the best shows in the country.

Another big announcement, Peter Burno has graciously donated the iconic pile driver that has been with us for many years. Thank you so much Peter, we are so grateful for your kindness. This piece is one of a kind, and is a huge attraction.

There are many good things in store for the RRT. We'd love to have you involved. Please consider donating some time. We will try to keep you more informed in the coming year.

I'd also like to say, THANK YOU to Mary Langer, our outgoing secretary. I appreciate everything you have done for our club. It has been an honor working with you!

Hope you all can make it to the annual meeting in January. We'd love to see you there. Happy Holidays to you all!

Respectfully yours,
Todd Ligman

Help Restore "Old Abe" the Eagle

The case eagle was an iconic figure in agricultural communities around the world in the early 1900's. Giant eagle statues were perched atop Case Company factories and branch houses. They were recognized not just as landmarks but as signs of agricultural progress as well. We have two partial eagles in need of repair. Dedicated collector Dan Jacobs has taken it up as his mission to see that these eagles are preserved. There are enough parts to make one complete eagle. This is one of less than six known surviving eagles. A repair shop has been lined up to complete the work. In order to return the eagle to its former glory, your help is needed. The cost of restoration of the 100-year-old tin eagle is \$25,000. A fund-raising campaign is under way. Once restored, the eagle will be showcased permanently at the RRT showgrounds in a prominent location with a protective shelter for all to enjoy. Please consider a tax-deductible donation to help bring this important piece of Case history back to its splendid grandeur.



2022-2023 RRT CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1/8/23 Annual Meeting 12 PM – Anchor Bar & Grill, Newville, WI

2/1/23 RRT Board Meeting 6 PM - Anchor Bar & Grill, Newville, WI

3/1/23 RRT Board Meeting 6 PM - Anchor Bar & Grill, Newville, WI

4/5/23 RRT Board Meeting 6 PM at the Park

5/3/23 RRT Board Meeting 6 PM at the Park

6/7/23 RRT Board Meeting 6 PM at the Park

7/5/23 RRT Board Meeting 6 PM at the Park

7/8/23 Tobacco Town Showdown Tractor Pull

8/2/23 RRT Board Meeting 6 PM at the Park

8/26-27/23 Pull Out Weekend

9/1-4/23 Annual Labor Day Show featuring Ford Tractors

9/9-10/23 Put Away Weekend

9/10/23 Board & Officer Nominations Meeting Following Potluck

10/4/23 RRT Board Meeting 6 PM at the Park

Make sure you go to our website www.threshere.com and check out our calendar of events there. We update it monthly so you can stay informed of when we have scheduled work days, club functions and park events.

ATTENTION! We want your email address. If you haven't been getting emails from the club, send your email address to: ttligman@gmail.com

2023 Director Nominees Continued



GARY OVEROCKER

Member 401

Retired Director of Operations for a large real estate development and management company. I have a broad base of experience that would be very helpful to the many varied aspects of our great club. Thank you for your consideration.



RORY ESCH

Most of you know me as the parade announcer, my name is Rory Esch. Some of my earliest memories of the Threshere are attending the show with my grandparents. I can vividly remember sitting on the hill near the tracks and having lunch with my grandparents. My wife Marcia and I have two sons: Clayton and Connor. They have grown up around the Threshere and have been active at the show from the time they were old enough to collect tickets on the train. In 1995, we purchased our steam engine and brought it to the show and have exhibited it ever since. Some of our best family friends have been made through my involvement in the Threshere. In 2001, I officially

joined the club. I was the Vice President of the J.I. Case Heritage Foundation at the time. I was asked to be the liaison between the club and the Heritage Foundation as we were the host for the 2001 Case Expo. I was asked to announce the Case portion of the parade. I co-announced the parade with Don Lux for a few years before he decided to completely turn it over to me. Since then, I have been the parade announcer. I have also been on the long-range planning committee and the track crew for the tractor pull. I am seeking a position on the board to share my passion and leadership skills to continue to grow the Rock River Threshere.



GLEN PERRY SR.

I have been a member since 2012 and have been active all around the club. A couple of years I had taken over as grounds maintenance crew leader. I have been very active doing all kinds of projects, including mowing the grounds, helping out wherever help is needed and assisting with show production tasks during the show. I have worked out at the park all during the summer on all different projects along with my son and wife. Have been the camping crew leader for a couple years. My goal as a board member is to keep costs down and see more maintenance projects done in house. I feel very strongly there needs to be honesty and integrity in all the areas of the club and will work

to make sure that happens and that no one is taking advantage of the club. The club is very short on help and members volunteering their time to help the club. It is a goal of mine to work to help change that also.

DARRYL GARBER

I am running for the Board of Directors of the Rock River Threshere to serve as a unifying voice representing all members. As the result of my 24 years of service in various capacities, I have gained insights into organizational operations as well as knowledge of members' suggestions and opinions. To preserve and strengthen the well-being of our historic organization, these collective voices must be well-represented at Board meetings. If elected to the Board, I will be committed to making my voice that of the members. With your support, I welcome this opportunity to further my active involvement in the Threshere as your Board member.

September 11, 2022 RRT Board & Officer Nomination Meeting Minutes

Present: Mary Langer, Todd Ligman, Darcy Ligman, Jim Faith, Bill Werfal, Joel Faith, Jon Austin, Ron Taylor, Charlie Hendrickson, Jamie Stevenson

Absent: Darryl Garber, Dawn Hendrickson, Terry Welch, Pete Burno

The September 11, 2022 & Officer Nomination meeting was called to order by president Todd Ligman at 2 pm.

- * Debriefing from show: 13,972 people through the gate. Dave Wheeler supplied the pork Saturday and Sunday.
- * Positive reviews mostly 5 star reviews, only one 4-star review, bounce house big hit.
- * Thank you: from Todd Ligman to a list of members who did an outstanding job before, during and after the show, a big round of applause followed.
- * RRT Park updates: Architect hired: one more year left on the lease. Update on the upcoming changes using an ariel map. There is a bridge in Shopiere that the RRT might be able to get. Rock & Dirt will more visible and crops and threshing will have a dedicated area. A lot of good things going on and things that the club has been working toward for 30 years.
- * Sunshine: Pete Burno just got out of the hospital.
- * Guy Fay: Car show went well, one concern about the food vendors coming through the area.
- * Brad Haugland ran south gate, did a very good job. Thank you!
- * Donate money to the police and EMS as the RRT has done previously, they did an excellent job.
- * Lisa Blum: 168 Flea Market spaces paid for 2023. Thank you to Kaylin, Dawn and Rosie.
- * Parking discussion, tractor row and feature tractors.
- * Glen Perry Sr. Thanks for help with the mowing.
- * Brian Lux Thank you Todd for helping get food vendors set.
- * Train rides are cheap, could raise the price, should go up at least \$1.
- * Thank you to all board, officers and managers.
- * Nomination chair: Dannielle Cooper

Board members whose terms expire:

Jon Austin
Jim Faith
Darryl Garber
Ron Taylor
Bill Werfal

Board Nominations: up to 15

Ron Taylor
Nathan Hayden
June Kaplan (withdrew)
Bill Werfal
Mike Collins
Jon Austin
Rory Esch
Darryl Garber
Glen Perry, Sr
Gary Overocker
Ron Finster
Board Nominations closed

Officer Nominations

President: Todd Ligman
Vice President: Mary Langer, Bill Werfal
Secretary: Dannielle Cooper
Treasurer: Darcy Ligman
Officer Nominations closed

Joel Faith made a motion seconded by Jon Austin to adjourn, the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 2:50 pm.

Mary Langer
Secretary

LOOK FOR YOUR ELECTION BALLOTS IN THE MAIL SOON.

PLEASE MAIL YOUR BALLOTS IN A TIMELY MANNER TO MAKE SURE YOUR VOTE COUNTS!

2023 Officer Nominees



Todd Ligman, President



Danielle Cooper, Secretary



Darcy Ligman, Treasurer



MARY LANGER

I am very excited to be running for Vice President, as my 15-year run as Secretary comes to a close, Danielle Cooper has accepted the nomination for Secretary and will be a fantastic addition to the board as an officer bringing new ideas and talents to the position. Along with the various responsibilities of secretary I have also served as a board member, worked with show production, club functions, show book, safety rules, newsletter and flea market. I enjoy working with the board and the membership to keep this organization moving forward and going strong. I look forward to working on projects for the club including establishing a database for membership and other

records. I look forward to continuing working with and for the club and thank you for your consideration.



BILL WERFAL

I am honored to not only be running for Vice President but also as a director. I have been a member for 24 years. I have served as President and Vice President in the past as well as a director for 6 years. The committees I have served past and present are advertising for 8 yrs., show production for 2 yrs., club functions for 6 yrs., camping for 1 yr. and equipment for 8 yrs.. I live in Janesville, WI and am a mechanical designer. I feel the contributions I can make to this club are good judgement, critical thinking and working on park projects. I think my experience, knowledge and ideas can help the club to continue to be a leader. The accomplishments I am most proud of is getting the

bathrooms approved and built and moving the Townhall to the grounds. I do exhibit my equipment and participate during the show. I take care of things that need to be done. The majority of my work is done prior to the show getting things ready. If I could change one thing it would be more participation by members. Thank you for your consideration as Vice President as well as a director.

2023 Director Nominees



RON TAYLOR JR.

Hello Everyone! I have been coming to the show since I was only one year old. My family has been involved my entire life. I am third generation director, preceded by my grandfather Elmer, and father Ron Sr. I served on the board from January 2010 until January 2018, and again from January 2019 until the present. I am very involved in steam and other related areas at the show. My heart is in doing what is best for this club, so it can continue on for future generations to enjoy. Thank You For Your Consideration!

2023 Director Nominees Continued



NATHAN HAYDEN

I am excited to be running for the board. I have only been a member for a few years but have been going for most of my life. I am from Huntley, IL and work as a carpenter. I feel the contributions I can make to the board is give a younger person's perspective, newer ideas, am an easy going person and I am willing to help with anything. The reason I would like to be on the board is I see the need for the next generation to step up and give more ideas and haven't seen a lot of us partake in running the organization. I am proud of the tremendous improvements of public relations and with the direction that the club is heading and would like to be a part of this change. If I could change one thing at the Thresheree I would like to see the younger generation more involved and contribute more of their ideas. Thank you for your consideration to be a board member.



MIKE COLLINS

As a RRT member for over 20 years, I have seen many changes happen. The addition of the tractor pulls both during the summer and at the Labor Day Show have had a positive impact on the park in both publicity and financially. That said, we need to be diligent in our spending to make sure we provide a place of longevity for future generations. I look forward to representing you and your concerns. Have a Happy Holiday season - see you at the Annual meeting. Thanks, Mike



JON AUSTIN

My name is Jon Austin. I have had a pleasure serving this club the last two years as a director. It has been great working with many different people and hearing what others would love to see at the park and doing what I can to help make those thing happen. I have enjoyed a new role as a parade Marshall for the last two years as well. It is a blast interacting with people as they bring their equipment through the parade. Some of the things I have been involved with is the tractor pull, grounds maintenance, parking, and the town hall project. I enjoy the "busyness" before, during, and after the show. I always try to help wherever an extra hand is needed. I would be honored to be able to serve this club again for another term as a director.



RON FINSTER

Hello everyone. My Name is Ron Finster. If you don't know me, you have probably seen me around the park as I've been a very active member for 30 years or so. I've served several terms as a director and have been involved in some very important decisions and projects over the years. I started on the Railroad and am still one of the key people with it's operation and maintenance along with anything else steam related with the show. During the show I display steam, gas engines, tractors and implements. I feel honored to be nominated as a director again as I have taken 8 or 10 years off to concentrate on other parts of the club. We have some important decisions coming up and I see things moving forward in a very positive way. Please consider my experience when voting. I can bring a lot to the table as a director for the people of the club. I look forward to another year of working with all the people that make the club tick. In closing, we all need to work side by side and put petty differences aside. Please talk to any of us with your questions or concerns. Thank you for your help and consideration for the board. Hope to see you all at the annual meeting in January.