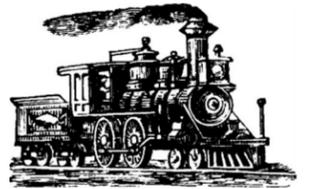


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THE THRESHERMAN'S TRACKER

Summer 2022 Edition



66th ANNUAL RRT REUNION SHOW SEPTEMBER 2-5, 2022



2022 Show Features

We're looking for our great members and volunteers to come out and help.

Pull out weekend is August 27-28, 2022. There will be a potluck at noon on Sunday with a pre show meeting after. Please bring a dish to pass if attending the potluck.

The annual reunion is September 2-5, 2022. We have a web page for members and volunteers to sign up for different areas of the show that need assistance. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4BA8AE2EA5FECF8-66th>

Put away weekend is Sept 10-11, 2022. There will be a potluck at noon with post show meeting after. Please bring a dish to pass if attending the potluck.

We're not asking for a lot just a couple hours of your time. The more hands that help make the work load lighter for all of us. All help is greatly appreciated!!

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings! I hope everyone is having a fantastic summer. As we enjoy the summer events and activities, we're also preparing for this year's show.

As a member, we ask you to volunteer with preparation and during our Annual Labor Day weekend show. Below is the list of area managers that could use help. Please reach out to them to get on the schedule for the show or to find out when projects will need to be worked on and completed by show time. All help is greatly appreciated!

Building on the success of our show last year, this year will be even better with our members help. There are great things coming! Our board has some innovative ideas to take us into the future successfully. We need your help to do this!

Thank you for your continued support.

Todd Ligman

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2022-2023 RRT CALENDAR OF EVENTS

8/27-28/22 Pull out weekend

8/28/22 Pre-show meeting following potluck

9/2-5/22 Annual show featuring Oliver Tractors & Monitor Gas Engines

9/10-11/22 Put away weekend

9/11/22 Board & Officer Nominations following potluck

10/5/22 RRT Board Meeting 6 PM at the Park

11/2/22 RRT Board Meeting 6 PM (Location TBD)

1/8/23 Annual Meeting – Anchor Inn, Newville, WI

3/1/23 RRT Board Meeting 6 PM (Location TBD)

4/5/23 RRT Board Meeting 6 PM (Location TBD)

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

6/7/23 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.

Secretary's announcement: The club is in need of a new secretary for 2023. I, Mary Langer will not be accepting a nomination for secretary for 2023. This is my 15th year as secretary, I have really enjoyed the position, but believe it is time for me to step down and let a new person learn this job. This has been a great position and I would like to work with the member who will be stepping up to be secretary in 2023. Please contact me by email: langer1555@gmail.com or phone: 920-723-1555. Thank you!

We do have other manager positions open: Club Functions, Show Production, South Gate and Newsletter Editor. Please contact Todd Ligman or Mary Langer if interested in any of these manager positions.

Here's what we have going on during The 66th Annual RRT Reunion this year!

- Steam Pile Driver -Steam Traction Engines
- Tractors & Implements - Gas, Steam & Model Engines
- Sawmill, Gristmill, Sorghum Mill & Shingle Mill in operation all weekend
- Blacksmithing - Wheelwrights - Woodcarvers
- Grain Threshing - Corn Shelling
- Antique Car & Truck Show
- Steam Engine Plowing Demonstrations
- Construction Equipment Display & Demonstrations
- Steam Calliope - Tool Displays - Military Displays & Encampment
- Loads of Food & Refreshments
- Large Flea Market & Craft show of 300+ Vendors
- Free Parking & Shuttle Rides to the Show and on the grounds
- Drive Your First Tractor (you can drive a real farm tractor)
- Parade of Power - Everyday @ 2 PM
- Visit the restored "Sears House" a classic early 50's Kit House
- Saturday live music in the pavilion featuring Paul Hieser 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
- Sunday live music in the pavilion featuring The Mad City Jug Band 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
- Monday live music in the pavilion featuring Shelly Cloute 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
- Museum of Industry
- Steam train rides aboard the Rock River Cannonball on a 1.5 mile route around the showgrounds. Cost is \$4 for adults, children 12 and under \$2
- Kids activities: Pedal tractor pulls & rides, Corn box, Barrel train, pony & camel rides, petting zoo, face painting AND, new this year there will be multiple inflatables by Fun Time Bounces!

Make sure to tell your friends and family about our annual show and encourage them to stop out for a day or two and enjoy all the displays, demonstrations, food and fun activities we have to offer for the whole family!!

**TOBACCO+TOWN
Showdown**
Edgerton, WI



The 2nd Annual Tractor Pull held on July 10th was a great success. We had an absolute beautiful day with plenty of sunshine and a nice breeze. There were just under 2,000 people in attendance and from what we could see everyone was having a wonderful time. We co-hosted the event with The Badger State Tractor Pullers. The classes pulling were: Prostock Tractor, 466 Hot Farm, Light Limited Super Stock, 640 Profarm, Prostock Diesel Truck and Super Farm. The pullers loved the track as well as the grounds and are super excited to come back next year. With this only being our 2nd pull held since building the track in 2020, we made a nice profit of much needed revenue to keep the club going strong. If you didn't make the tractor pull this, year you need mark your calendars to make sure you attend next year. You don't want to miss this event!!



We have some exciting news... Peter Burno has officially donated the Steam Pile Driver to the Club. Peter brought this pile driver to the club in 1960 and it's been a show favorite ever since. As far as we know this is the only operating Steam Pile Driver in existence! Spectators and members alike love to watch this magnificent machine in motion and now we know it will always be part of our show!!

In the last year, Peter has also donated the following: D7 Caterpillar Tractor, D8 Caterpillar Tractor, Caterpillar Tractor Disc, Electrically driven rotary pig roaster, Fairbanks Morse 4 cylinder diesel engine and generator with switch board, Fairbanks Morse 6 cylinder diesel engine and generator with switch board, Vulcan single acting steam hammer, Antique metal planer in working condition, Steam driven air compressor and tank now in museum building, 2-½ ton Yale and Town chain hoist together with 16'8" I beam with trolley and A frame legs, Two simplex boiler feed water pumps, Four duplex boiler feed water pumps and 27 E Ransom 1 yard self propelled cement mixer.

Please make sure when you see Peter you thank him for his generous donations. Peter and other members of this club are why we have one of the best shows in the Midwest!!

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

The Townhall has been receiving some much needed repairs and maintenance this summer. Take a look and see what's been going on at the Townhall. Many thanks to Bill Werfal, John Sisulak, Todd Ligman, Joel Faith, Shane Rothermich, Jon Austin, Robin Powers, Marlin Smith, Lon Townsend and anyone else not mentioned for all their hard work. If you want to see what it looks like when it's all done, you'll need to stop out during the show! Keeping history preserved at it's finest! Plus we'll have all sorts of new Rock River Threshere and Tobacco Town Showdown merchandise for sale inside. It's never too early to think about holiday presents for your RRT enthusiast friends and family or for yourself!! 😊



The Future of the RRT

It's been some time since our last communication, so I wanted to share with you the direction of our club. Here are some highlights.

- A) At the end of 2023, we will own our parking land free and clear. This is something that I have worked on for over 30 years with the Lietz family and it was a tough decision for them to part with it. The money has been escrowed away already for this. This will allow us to park all vehicles and trailers on our own adjacent property. No more renting land! With that comes a reshaping and semi-permanent parking areas that can be used year-round. To tie the parking area to the main area, we're planning to build a pedestrian bridge over the train tracks. This will bring people through a permanent entrance gate with a "welcome" building. This brings several advantages such as less shuttle traffic, more display areas and same traffic flows each year to name a few.
- B) We have always been a family-based show. Going forward, there needs to be a strong emphasis on things for the kids to do. After all the future of our club depends on it.
- C) To help us see the big picture, we have contracted with a professional architect to do a "master plan" for the entire park. Some future improvements will include a structured camping layout with hookups, future building locations and improved traffic flow. That's it for now. More exciting things are coming! I ask you to get involved and be part of the successful future of your club!

See you at the show!

Todd Ligman and the Board of Directors

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 fundraising 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. Send donations to RRT address.

