

Will County Threshermen's Association

"Gleanings and Chaff"

WCTA January 13th, 2011 Minutes

The January 13th meeting of the Will County Threshermen's Association was called to order by President Pat Noonan at 8:02pm. There were 9 directors and 4 members present.

Fred Lestina read the Treasurer's report. Brad Eike moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Charles Kestel and carried by those present.

There was no meeting at the December 5th Christmas party. It was a great success with over 65 members and guests present! *THANKS to everyone for all the delicious food!* Even Santa had time to stop with a nice selection of coal!

Old Business

Pat Noonan reported that Merrit Cagwin would show some of his collection tractors at 2011 show. (Some rare IH and Case tractors about 5 total)

Al Heatherwick spoke with Don Artman to invite the Ford Club members to the 2011 show.

Brad Eike is in contact with a gentleman who has a team of horses and a people mover. Joe Martin has also been in contact with another gentleman interesting in bringing a team of horses.

The tractor pull sled that appears on Saturday has been sold. Dennis Christiansen and Al Heatherwick are trying to find a replacement pulling sled. So far everyone is booked.

We are planning for a Fire Department competition- (muster) after the 1:30 parade on Sunday at approximately 3pm. (there might even be a WCTA team in the muster!)

New Business

A detailed volunteer sign-up sheet will be posted in future newsletters, with strict 2 hour time slots. We desperately need everyone to participate come show time. Many clubs require a certain amount of volunteer time, please keep our club alive and volunteer!

Fred Lestina will reserve food vendors and portable toilets. Fred and Pat will transfer the WCTA safety deposit items from BANK X to a new safety deposit box at BANK Y to save on annual fee.

Brad Eike will be selling pedal tractor raffle tickets at; the Grundy Co. consignment sale Feb. 25th, the Seneca toy show March 28th, and they will be mailed out to the membership this year.

Fred Lestina would like to invite any type of small engine / stationary equipment to the show. Brad Eike would like to organize a small museum of equipment under a rented tent.

There being no further business, Al Heatherwick moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:08pm, seconded by Ron Drumm, all in favor and enjoyed ice cream and cookies.

We are saddened to share the following information regarding our long-time member Albert Cassani:

Albert B. "Bert" Cassani, Age 90 passed away Tuesday, December 21, 2010 at Salem Village. He was born November 3, 1920 in Joliet to the late August and Maria (nee Colombini) Cassani and was a lifetime resident. A U.S. [Army](#) Air Corp Veteran of [WWII](#), Albert, upon returning from the war, began working as a Chauffeur for the Joliet Arsenal, transporting Dignitaries. He retired after nearly 30 years of service. He was the beloved husband of 68 years to Ardis M. (nee Greene) Cassani; loving father of Marie (late Kenneth) Swearingian and Lawrence "Larry" Cassani. Dear grandfather of Jennifer (Kevin) Kantorski, Catherine (Jeff) Hoffman; Tony (Kelly) Cassani and Kate (Eric) Waldinger. Proud great grandfather of three. Also survived by Jayne Cassani and many nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by his parents and siblings, Louis (late Irma), Richard (late Virginia), Joseph (late Ethel) Cassani and Alvera (late Raymond) Plisich. Mr. Cassani was a lifetime parishioner of Sacred Heart Catholic Church. He was a Eucharistic Minister, usher, money counter and an always willing optimistic volunteer whenever called upon. Bert attended Sacred Heart grade school and graduated from Joliet Township High School. A member of the Will County Threshermen's Association, the Antique Auto Club and the American Legion. (From Herald News Joliet)

Upcoming Meetings:

February 10th 2011 – 8pm (Dollinger Farm)

March 10th 2011- 8pm (Dollinger Farm)

April 14th 2011- 8pm (Dollinger Farm)

****July 21-24th 2011 SHOW (always the 3rd weekend in July)****

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