



Will County Threshermen's Association June 2009 Newsletter



“Gleanings and Chaff”

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WCTA June 11, 2009 Minutes

The June meeting of the Will County Threshermen's Association was called to order by President Pat Noonan at 8:00pm. There were 11 directors and 33 members and guests were present. Ron Schubbe moved to accept the minutes of the May meeting as published in the newsletter, seconded by Fred Wilhelmi and carried by those present. Fred Lestina gave the Treasurer's Report. Brad Eike moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Jim Huston and carried by those present.

Pat Noonan asked all members to please fill out and mail the show pre-registration form that is in the newsletter. Terry Welshans reported that more than 20 members have already sent their form in.

John Dollinger said that he had a number of Farmall weights for sale.

After a short discussion, Larry Marek moved to give Larry Lorenz a banner this year as payment for his services as the tractor pull announcer. Seconded by Grant Heatherwick and carried by those present.

Al Heatherwick said that we are invited to display tractors at an Olympia Fields event on June 23. Ray Mattox said he would be there.

Pat Noonan said that he has spoken with Jean Tyrell and was briefed on her activities.

Pat Noonan asked each committee chairman for a report:

Dennis Christiansen said that we are splitting a load of coal this year with the Sycamore club. He said he needs a small dump truck to help get the coal bin ready.

Larry Marek reported that the steam shovel will not be ready in time to bring it to the show this year. He added that if it does get finished, we will get it.

John Evans said that the Green Club will supervise our gas tractor games.

John Dollinger said that he will check into the IDOT signs for I-80. Larry

Marek said that he has received several checks for camping and added that the campers who paid the 5 year advance payment now have to pay the regular camping rate as the 5 years have passed. Additionally he said that campers should register as soon as possible to keep their same space as spaces will be on a first come basis.

Grant Heatherwick said that he has been in contact with Marty Szudarski who reported to him that the speaker situation is being handled, and a new setup will be used in the threshing/shelling area this year.

Joe Martin reported that he is working on one of the threshing machines.

John Dollinger said that he has dumped a load of dirt on the campground road.

Fred Wilhelmi asked members who have antique or classic cars to please bring them to the show.

Ray Mattox said that he would bring some horse drawn equipment to the show.

Larry Eipers said that the pulling track needs a couple of loads of clay to fill the low spots where we get standing water when it rains.

Terry Welshans said that he has been in contact with Tom Runty about the buttons, plaques

and ribbons. We will have the supplies to fill the pre-registration envelopes one week early this year. He added that more than 30 tractors are pre-registered already.

Fred Wilhelmi announced that he recently celebrated his 87th birthday.

David Boo said that he was spoken with Merritt Cagwin, who gives his regards to the club.

John Cronin commented that he was at a show recently that had an old-time wash basin on display.

Larry Marek asked about the July 9 club picnic. He suggested that we make it a pot-luck picnic this year instead of the club buying the food. After a brief discussion he moved to have a pot-luck picnic this year. Seconded by Eric Reibenstein and carried 14 to 8 by those present. The club will provide drinks and table service. Members are to bring a dish to pass, and the Secretary will place the food list in the newsletter. The picnic will be at 6:00pm at the Dollinger farm.

Next meeting (after the club picnic and show in July) will be August 6, one week early due to the conflict with the Sycamore show.

There being no further business, Don Lyon moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:40pm. Seconded by Dennis Christiansen. Motion carried by those present.

Coming Events:

July 4 & 5: Work weekend at the show grounds

July 9: 6:00 pm Club Picnic at the Dollinger Farm

Members are to bring a dish to pass:

A-E Potato dish

F-L Vegetable dish

M-S Salad

T-Z Dessert

July 11 & 12: Work weekend at the show grounds

Be sure and place this on your calendar!

July 16 - 19: Our 47th Annual Threshing Reunion Antique Tractor Gas Engine and Car Show Featuring Avery Tractors

August 6: 8:00 pm at the Dollinger Farm

Attention Campers:

All pre-paid camping spots are now pay as you go, as the 5 years paid in advance plan has now expired. Pre-registration and payment will keep you in your spot. Please fill out and mail your camping/dues/registration form (next page) to the Secretary. This is new this year - and it will help speed up the registration process.

Camping Registration Form

Camping spaces with 10/30/50 Amp power and available water are \$40.00 for the show, including up to a week before and after the show. Tent campsites without power are free.

Yes, I will be camping at the show this year.

I would like a spot (with power and water) or (for a tent). [please circle one]

Dues for 2010

Our dues remain unchanged for 2010. Regular membership is \$20.00, email or no newsletter is \$15.00 for the year (September 1, 2009 to August 31, 2010.)

Yes, please renew my dues for 2010.

I want a (regular), (email) or (no newsletter) membership. [please circle one]

Note: email memberships must include email address here:_____.

Tractor Registration:

Yes, I will bring the following equipment for display at the show:

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Please complete the sections that apply, then remove this page from the Newsletter, check the accuracy of the information on the address label, and send it along with your check for dues and camping to the secretary at the return address on the cover.

We hope that pre-registration will save you time registering and paying your dues at the show.

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