

Will County Threshermen's Association Holds 53rd Annual Steam Show

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In the South, battle reenactments provide participants and observers with a pretty accurate example of what life was like back when the battles actually took place. In the Midwest, particularly in Will County, Illinois, the Will County Threshermen's Association similarly provides exhibitors and audiences a glimpse of life in the 1800s and early 1900s, when steam engines, tractors, and gas engines were an amazing part of agricultural life, and now of history.

In 1963, Ray Kestel originated a yearly threshing bee on the Ed Kestel Farm in Will County. Three years later, he proposed forming an organization to support the annual show that celebrated old-time agricultural methods. The 45 attendees approved the plan, and thus created the Will County Threshermen's Association (WCTA). The club's purpose is to honor and preserve America's agricultural legacy.

The 53rd Annual Steam Engine, Antique Tractor, and Gas Engine Show will take place from July 16 - 19, 2015. This year's show will be held at The Crawford Family Farm, U.S. Rt. 52 & Doyle Road in Manhattan, IL. Admission is \$5/adult and \$2/child (age 11 and under). A free shuttle is available to and from the parking lot, and around the show grounds.

Come and see real working Steam Engines; plowing, threshing, and wheat harvesting demonstrations; corn shelling; an operating Steam Powered Sawmill; and the Parade of Power, which begins at 1:30 each day. The Garden Tractor Pull is Saturday at 3:00 pm, and the Antique Tractor Pull is Sunday at 10:30 am and 3:00 pm.

On Saturday and Sunday, children will enjoy games and a magic show at 11:00 am, along with the Kids' Pedal Tractor Pull at 12:05 pm.

Other attractions include a flea market and craft sale, food and concessions, camping, and the Frankfort Brass Band, which will perform Saturday, July 18 at 3 pm. For more information, please visit:

[www.steamshow.org]