

NATIONAL THRESHERS ASSOCIATION

On behalf of the NTA Board of Directors we hope this finds all well.

Our 73rd Reunion was a great success. An unprecedented display of Advance steam engines and great weather made for a very memorable reunion. Many thanks to all the members that volunteer their time and participate with their displays. It is sincerely appreciated.

A most deserving congratulations to John Schrock on earning the 2017 John F. Limmer-David Schramm, Best Restored Engine Award for his 110 hp Case. An outstanding effort by John.

Special for 2018 - Featuring Prairie Tractors! Look for an awesome lineup of the big boys!

Our feature steam engine this year is Leader. Thanks to our good friend Leo Bard we will have the only running Leader steam engine known. This is a real special treat to have a "one of a kind" engine & engineer to honor for 2018. With Silver King Tractors & Lawson Gas Engines we have the makings for a very special feature this year.

2019 - 75th Anniversary: Featuring Port Huron engines, Caterpillar track tractors & Novo gas engines. We are planning a great anniversary with a nice commemorative catalog of all past shows. If you have any special pictures, please let us know.

Help us grow the models display, contact Tom Ball 419-693-6251 or STB440@aol.com

Help us grow the flea market, contact Linda Bogadain at 734-625-1961 , tkinacres@yahoo.com

Gates remain the same at \$5.00. Bring your ticket to the office to purchase your membership.

Camping remains the same. Your camping fee begins when your camper arrives, not when you move in. Fulton County Fair will charge \$20.00/night prior to Monday of the reunion.

Annual Meeting: The NTA Board of Directors has voted to move the Annual Membership Meeting and elections to the Fall Appreciation Dinner held in October. We will no longer have the Thursday night meeting during the show.

We will have a memorial service for members that have passed, Friday morning of the reunion during opening ceremonies. Please let us know of any members deceased since our last show so we can appropriately acknowledge them. We will also have a service at the Appreciation Dinner.

There are 3 significant changes we are reluctantly forced to deal with this year.

1. There will be zero tolerance for non-handicapped carts or operators in the flea market !!!

Golf carts, UTV's, riding mowers, off road type side by sides have become the single most "discussed" safety issue and distraction of the reunion. As a result, we have hired additional Fulton County Law Enforcement to address the problem. You must have a valid driver's license on your person to operate anywhere on the grounds. You must have handicap proof on your person to have a cart anywhere in the flea market midway area. ***If you are not handicapped and found in this area, we will impound the cart immediately.*** We also request that you restrict all cart traffic "to and from" your destination. Excessive speed, dust and any unsafe operation will not be tolerated. Please make a special note to know all golf cart & personal vehicle regulations.

The Sheriff will IMPOUND any cart, trailer or vehicle violating the rules.

2. All utility trailer parking will be outside the fence.

The trailer parking issue in the camping area has become a real problem, with prime camper space unnecessarily taken up with utility trailers. Also, we have changed the trailer parking area south of the horse barn to strictly camping. We really need these areas for camping. Trailers parked in any of the camping areas will be moved outside the fence.

3. No more than two cars/pickups at your camper, parked on your space only.

All vehicles must have a pass. Additional vehicles need to be parked outside the fence. No parking half on the street or in the spot next door. ***Please be a good camping neighbor.***

The reunion is thriving and growing. As we continue to grow, we need to acknowledge a few growing pains. Please understand and help us as we continue to look out for the safety of our guests and members.

Look for 2018 updates, site map, FAQ's and future features at NationalThreshers.com

Please mark your calendars for the Pre-Reunion potluck on Sunday, April 8th, 2018, in the Junior Fair Building at the Fulton County Fairgrounds. Posters, handbills, camping and memberships will be available.

Finally, as I head into my first year as President, I want to thank everyone forward for your support and help with the upcoming reunion. It is a sincere honor to serve this organization.

Best in steam & gas,

Dennis Rupert

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Proudly Hosting the Buckeye Oliver Collectors Summer Show !!

74th Annual Reunion, June 21-24, 2018

Fulton County Fairgrounds, Wauseon, Ohio

Featuring: Leader Steam Engines
Prairie Tractors and Silver King Tractors
Lawson Gas Engines



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Come spend the weekend with us! Great Camping-Great Entertainment & Great Fun!

Visit us on the web@ www.NationalThreshers.com

Location: Fulton County Fairgrounds, Wauseon, Ohio

On State Route 108 at Ohio Turnpike Exit 34

VISIT US ON THE WEB FOR MORE INFORMATION!

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