

NATIONAL THRESHERS ASSOCIATION
Featuring the Minneapolis Steam Threshing line; Minneapolis-Moline,
Twin City, Silver King Tractors and Equipment
66th Reunion is June 24-27, 2010
Winter 2009/2010 Letter

The 65th reunion was outstanding! Not only did we gather the fine line up of Russell steam engines, tractors, water wagons and separator as well as a complete line up of John Deere equipment, we put on a fabulous show for exhibitors and visitors alike! New trends include plowing with Draft horses along side the steam engines and tractors. We continue to receive compliments on the show and its activity level. Whether you are an exhibitor, participant or visitor; **THANK YOU** for going the extra mile to exceed our expectations.

Vice President Steve Lashaway continues to head up our successful Equipment Features. Watch for a great line up of Minneapolis, Minneapolis-Moline, Twin City, and Silver King in 2010. If you have Minnie or Silver King equipment and/or know others that do, please make plans to attend! We have advertising postcards if you would like to help distribute them. Please contact Steve at 419-833-8101 or e-mail lashaway@wcnnet.org.

Plan now to participate in the upcoming features: Gaar Scott steam engines and Cockshutt & Co-Op tractors in 2011 and Frick steam engines and equipment along with Ferguson & Massey Ferguson equipment in 2012.

The Model exhibit area is growing, but there is always room for more! Might you or someone you know have some fine models to share? Air is available to all. The building is secured at night. Please contact Tom Ball at 419-693-6251 or via email STB440@aol.com.

Don't forget the expanding evening entertainment. We have the group Fiddler's Restring playing before the Fiddler's Contest on Friday night and Bluegrass music on Saturday night in addition to the nightly spark shows. The Lantern Walks on Friday and Saturday nights have placed a new spotlight on the gas engine area. Bring your lanterns and help light the night! Our gas engine area has really expanded along with the tractors on the North end of the fairgrounds. Please tell our announcer Rick Brewer about your special exhibit.

Don't miss the fine collection of NTA memorabilia including pictures, videos, articles and other items under the Grandstand. We really appreciate all of the private pieces and the old videos are wonderful! Please contact Todd or Amy Warncke at 419-335-6798 or via email at tawarncke@fulton-net.com if you have more items to share.

Promote our reunion by wearing your NTA shirt! We have listed the shirts on the website for sale. They make excellent Christmas & Birthday gifts as well as great everyday wear. You can choose from embroidered denim and polo shirts. The polo shirts are \$20 post paid and available in gray, light blue and royal blue. The denims are \$30 post paid. Sizes are limited. Please send your order and check made payable to **NATIONAL THRESHERS** to: Beth Vanarsdall, 9749 Head-O-Lake Rd, Ottawa Lake, MI 49267. If you have questions, please call 734-856-7172 or send an email to port24@verizon.net.

Help us expand the flea market with your favorite vendors! We are always looking for new vendors to enhance our flea market area. Please contact Sue Rupert at 269-962-2157 or via email at srupert@mei.net with the information.

Check out the evolving website www.NationalThreshers.com. The photo gallery has been expanded along with other new features. Printable flyers and other information are available for your use and distribution. Feel free to make copies of the flyer on the back of this letter also! Please submit your favorite pictures and restoration projects to webmaster, Shawn Zuver at szuver@yahoo.com

We have a few changes for 2010. The first is an increase in the annual membership cost from \$7 to \$10. We are also streamlining the gates this year. They will be taking entrance fees only, no membership or camping. You can always prepay your membership and/or camping by mailing it to the Secretary by June 1. If you chose to pay when you arrive, please bring your gate ticket (worth \$5) to the Secretary's Office to purchase your membership and camping.

In an effort to provide camping for all, no campsites can be roped off without prepayment & a posted notice from the Secretary's office. **Remember:** Your camping fee begins the day the camper arrives, not when you move in. Should you arrive before Monday; the Fulton County Fair will collect \$15/night from you. Also, please be aware only golf carts and other slow moving modes of transportation are allowed. No 3 or 4 wheeled ATV's are allowed on the show grounds.

With approximately 2500 members, NTA is a volunteer organization endeavoring to preserve our agricultural heritage. Just as in threshing time, many hands make work light. If you have some time during the show week, stop by the office or see one of the officers and volunteer. Set up officially begins on Monday, with tear down and cleanup on Sunday and Monday following the show. If you are interested in helping or have some new ideas, please contact one of the officers. We look forward to hearing from you!

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****WISHING YOU & YOURS, A MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!****