

**NATIONAL THRESHERS ASSOCIATION
FALL 2008 NEWSLETTER**

Dear NTA Members & Supporters,

The 64th reunion did well with the dust control as delivered by Mother Nature. An outstanding array of Aultman Taylor, Allis Chalmers, and Empire equipment was present for all to enjoy. We are thankful for everyone who went the extra mile to exceed our expectations.

Long time NTA member and Secretary, Debbie Newberry fell ill prior to the show and passed away on Monday after the show. We appreciate her devotion to NTA. Our thoughts & prayers remain with the family. Special appreciation is due Linda Bogedain, Sue Rupert, Keith Grosshans, and crew who took over the Secretary's Office during the show. Sue Rupert has graciously agreed to complete Debbie's term as Secretary.

The 65th reunion is set for June 25-28, 2009. The features this year are: Russell & Co. steam engines, tractors and equipment as well as John Deere equipment. For information contact Steve Lashaway at 419-833-8101 or e-mail lashaway@wcnnet.org. Rex Roy is the John Deere contact at 419-293-3664.

Plan now for the 2010 and 2011 Features. NTA will be featuring Minneapolis Steam Engines and equipment and Minneapolis Moline tractors and equipment for 2010. Gaar Scott Steam Engines and Co-op tractors are the feature for 2011. Start contacting your friends to line up their equipment now!

The show and the fair grounds continue to expand to the North. This provides additional exhibit space for the growing Feature area, tractors and gas engines. The covered pavilion is a great place for special exhibits. If you have any special information on your exhibit, please be sure to check in with NTA's announcer Rick Brewer. He enjoys relaying the information to the visitors.

We are always looking to enhance our Model exhibits. 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 e-mail STB440@aol.com.

Check out the fine collection of NTA memorabilia including pictures, videos, articles and other items. They are housed under the Grandstand. We really appreciate all of the private pieces that have been shared. The old videos are wonderful! Please contact Todd or Amy Warncke at 419-335-6798 if you have any items of interest to share.

Please help promote our reunion by wearing your NTA shirt! We have posted 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 or one of the limited edition 64th annual t-shirts with the feature equipment. The t-shirts are \$10 post paid and available in natural and charcoal colors. 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 24port@accesstoledo.com.

Do you have a favorite flea market vendor that you would like to see at NTA? 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 new and improved 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. Please submit your favorite pictures and restoration projects to webmaster, Shawn Zuver at szuver@yahoo.com.

In an effort to provide camping for all, no campsites can be roped off without prepayment & a posted notice from the Secretary's office. **Note:** 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. If you are part of a large group, please contact Camping Director Sue LaFollette at 517-467-4215 or via e-mail lafollett@frontiernet.net. 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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