

National Threshers Association Celebrates 75th Year At 2019 Reunion

Wauseon, OH – The National Threshers Association (NTA) will celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the group's annual reunion, June 27-30, at the Fulton County Fairgrounds north of Wauseon, OH. Featured at this year's event will be Port Huron steam engines, Caterpillar equipment and Novo gas engines.

The first gathering of what would later become the National Threshers Association took place on June 30, 1945 at the farm of the group's first president, LeRoy Blaker, outside the village of Alvordton, OH. Blaker's three Port Huron steam engines (predecessors to today's farm tractors) were in use at that initial event; as a tribute, Port Huron equipment is featured at this year's 75th reunion. The annual NTA reunion moved to Montpelier, OH in 1953 and then was relocated to its current location near Wauseon, OH in 1965.

Each year, the NTA show typically showcases about 50 steam engines, in addition to hundreds of tractors and gas engines. Daily demonstrations include threshing, sawmill, shingle mill, veneer mill, plowing and machinery parades with covered grandstand seating for spectators.

Other highlights include antique tractor and steam engine pulling displays, operator skills contests, evening spark shows, prony brake horsepower testing, Baker fans, a steam-driven dynamo and much more. Air-powered engines displays are also featured, along with photos and memorabilia displays dating back to the reunion's first show.

Official National Threshers Association shirts are available under the grandstand at the fairgrounds, as well as other commemorative items to celebrate the 75th Anniversary. An extensive flea market features tractor and steam engine parts, authentic and reproduction manuals, antique and new tools, collectibles, signs, decals and a wide variety of other items.

One-day admission is \$5, and a four-day membership is \$10. Children 12 and under are free with an adult admission.

For more information, including on-site camping details, visit <http://www.NationalThreshers.com>.

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The National Threshers Association celebrates the 75th anniversary of its annual reunion, June 27-30, at the Fulton County Fairgrounds in Wauseon, OH. [Shown here](#) is a photo from one of the early reunions, which took place at the LeRoy Blaker farm near Alvordton, OH.

If you'd like more information...

Editors and Communication Directors...If you'd like to attend this year's show, please contact Dennis Rupert, NTA President, by emailing to rupercull@comcast.net. Complimentary press passes can be arranged for you and a photographer, videographer or sound technician. Dennis can also offer contact names of potential interview subjects – before, during or after the show – including people in your specific coverage area, if available.