



**Northern Indiana Historical Power Assoc.
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Dear NIHPA Members,

Summer has come and gone and preparations are under way for the 32nd Annual Harvest Festival and Antique Equipment Show on September 26, 27 and 28. Featured exhibits will include Cockshutt and Co-op tractors and oil field engines. We also look forward to the return of the Highland Model A Club, The American Truck Historical Society, and Winamac Old Auto Club. Due to a rain-out on June 7, the tractor pull has been rescheduled for Saturday during our show.

The success of our show and club depends on you, our members and friends. Without your active participation, the possibility of exhibits and attractions not being set up or in operation exist. Everyone is encouraged to attend the Membership Meeting on Wednesday, September 24 at 7:30pm at Sunset Hill and meet the Committee Chairs and volunteer to work for a portion of the show.

Once again, Tony will be on hand to cook up the best pork chops in Porter County on Saturday evening beginning at 4:30. Tickets are limited to 300 and will be available at the NIHPA booth. We need donations of pie, cake, and cookie desserts that don't need to be refrigerated to sell at this dinner. Your desserts can be brought to the NIHPA building at 1:00pm.

Our show depends on exhibitors, they make-up the greater portion of our show. We have yet to not find room for a worthy exhibit. Exhibits are expected to be old engines or tractors, or old engine powered equipment of about 35 years old or older. The exhibit does not have to be fully restored and looking 'show-room' new, but must be a worthy exhibit. No advance notice or registration is required. Items not fitting the theme of our show or in general bad taste will not be allowed on the grounds. Registration is required of all exhibits and must take place as soon as your equipment/exhibit is placed. Register at the NIHPA booth located in the west barn. Each exhibitor will be allowed two passes for use during the show. Other passes can be purchased for \$3.00 each. Gate fee is \$5.00 per person over the age of 12 if you do not have a pass. Children under the age of 12 are free. Exhibitors will be placed by show committee chairpersons. NIHPA Directors will have the final say if a problem or question comes up. Show hours are Friday 9:00am - 5:00pm, Saturday 9:00am - 5:00pm, and Sunday 9:00am - 4:00pm. Exhibitors are required to park their vehicles in spaces indicated. All semi parking is located at the south entrance near the new tractor pulling track. All other trailers will be routed and parked in the lot north of the campground.

Mark your calendars for October 29, the last membership meeting of 2008 where Officer and Director elections will take place at 7:30pm. Tickets to the Holiday Dinner will also be available at that time and is scheduled for Friday, December 5.

Remember to keep your Membership up to date so that you will remain on our mailing list and continue to receive future information on the happenings and events with NIHPA. If you are a life member, your membership is free, but we need to know if you want to stay on the mailing list. Membership forms are available at the show, club meetings and can be downloaded on our webpage at www.nihpa.org. See you at the show!

Fred Armstrong
NIHPA President