



Northern Indiana Historical Power Assoc.
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Dear NIHPA Members,

07/24/10

Preparations are under way for the 34th Annual Harvest Festival and Antique Equipment Show on **September 24, 25 and 26**. Featured exhibits will include **Crawler type tractors, David Bradley equipment and Fairbanks engines**. We also look forward to the return of local antique car and truck clubs on each day of the show. We are excited to continue our annual **Education Day on Friday** of the show, where we host over 500 local 4th graders. If you're available, please come out and help run exhibits or be a guide. We still have flea market spots available, so if you know anyone who might be interested, contact Nancy Howton at 219-464-7777.

The success of our show and club depends on you, our members and friends. With your active participation and your exhibits, we live up to our goal of keeping the past alive for future generations. Everyone is encouraged to attend the upcoming membership meetings at Sunset Hill. We invite you to meet the Committee Chairs and volunteer to help with any portion of the show that might interest you. And if you miss a meeting, you might get assigned to garbage detail!

As a matter of **new business**, the board has recently learned that we are in ownership of two antique **Murray-Corliss stationary steam engines: a 100 HP and a 150 HP**. They were donated to the club approximately 30 years ago, and had to be disassembled to be moved to their current location on a member's property, where they remain in pieces. Notes and photos were taken by members at that time. It has become necessary to move the engines presently. The board has taken this project under careful consideration, and would like to open it for discussion with the general membership. Among the options being considered are:

- sell the parts (to a collector or for scrap)
- sell or donate the parts to another tractor club that would rebuild them
- move the parts to Sunset Hill Farm
 - re-assemble to create a static display
 - rebuild to a create running exhibit

It would take a considerable number of hours to complete this project, and could take a few months to a few years. This might become a nice opportunity for members to get involved in an ongoing project. It would be great to hear from any members who have first hand knowledge of the original project. The board is considering closing in the West end of the NIHPA shop to house these engines, as well as the Bessemer and Charles White engines currently owned and operated by the club. Again, we invite the general membership to give input on this project. Please attend the next Membership Meeting on **Wednesday, July 28th** or contact one of the board members (listed on the back) to express your opinions or concerns.

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. Membership forms are available at the show, club meetings and can be downloaded on our webpage at **www.nihpa.org**.

Deb Armstrong
NIHPA Membership Chair

Northern Indiana Historical Power Association

Officers and Directors for the 2010 calendar year:

President: Jerry Wise 219-405-5497

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Please contact the following committee chairs if you can help in these areas:

Event Chairman: Jerry Wise (Y)

Large Tractors: Drew Armstrong

Feature Tractors:

Crops: Jerry Wise

Flea Market: Nancy Howton

Saw Mill: Donn Kirk

Shingle Mill: Jack Rosenbach

Sorghum: Mike Howton

Corn Shelling: Mark Payne

Membership (NIHPA Booth): Deb Armstrong

NIHPA Booth: Julie Fritz

Raffles:

Pork Chip Dinner: Phyllis Wise

Entertainment: Fred Armstrong

Campground: Jack Kashak & Drew Armstrong

Stationary Engines: Sheldon Miller, Dave

Olsen

Parking / Gate:

Safety / Security / EMS: Mike Howton

Garbage:

Grounds Restoration: Matt Howton

Advertising: Jack Kashak

Food Vendors: Mike Howton

Education Day: Fred Armstrong

Important Upcoming Dates 2010:

34th Annual Fall Harvest Festival and Antique Equipment Show: September 24, 25 and 26, Crawler type tractors, David Bradley equipment and Fairbanks engines

Membership Meetings (all begin at 7:30pm):

July 28, August 25, Sept 29, and October 27 (VOTING FOR 2011)

Work Days

September 11, September 18, and September 28 (start of show)

Board Meetings (all begin at 7:30pm / **all Members welcome**):

August 11, Sept 8, and October 13

NIHPA Christmas Dinner

December 11, Sunset Hill Interpretive Center

Classified Ads

For Sale – 1952 Ford 8N w/ loader bucket, 2-bottom plow WD-45

Call Charles Maxey 219-462-7668