



Threshermen Times

ALBERT CITY THRESHERMEN & COLLECTORS

SPRING 2013

2013 Show plans well underway

This year the association will feature International Harvester while hosting the Iowa Chapter #5 International Harvester Collectors August 9-11. We are expecting a large turn-out of equipment and exhibits representing Farmall and the International Harvester line. The Iowa Chapter has 513 members who enjoy collecting and restoring IH-related items. They believe in preserving the history of the International Harvester Company and strive to support the IH Archives located at the University of Wisconsin.

New for this year

We will host the Army of the Southwest, an Iowa Civil War reenactment organization. They are expected to bring at least 14 tents with various displays and participants replicating the Civil War period.

The open classes of the Antique Tractor Pull will now be a sanctioned event of the ICAP. Stock classes will be non-sanctioned. All sanctioned pullers will run under the rules of ICAP and NATPA and pullers will be eligible to earn points. Those interested in learning more about the sanctioned pulls can check out the NATPA website at: www.natpa.com. Because of the sanctioned event, we are expecting to have a much larger turn-out of pullers on Saturday.

The board agreed to build a new trolley this year. The use of trollies to take people around the grounds and specifically to view the field activities continues to grow in popularity as the show attendance continues to grow.

Popular events return

Last year was the first year for the Kid's Potato Patch and was a very popular event for all ages. The event will again happen with a similar plan as last year. The location will move just west of last year's potato patch.

Returning for a third year will be the Antique Appraisal Fair. This event will be held Saturday morning from 9 a.m. to 12 noon with a break for the Feature Parade. Guests can bring up to three items to have appraised during this event. Or, just



come and watch as unique items are described and appraised. Paul Brenner of Spencer will be the appraiser.

The Talent Show last year was a popular event and is being planned for Saturday afternoon. Area talent of all ages are encouraged to register for this judged event which will include cash awards.

The Threshermen's tractor ride was also a popular new event last year, (we're not sure if it was the ride, or the homemade ice cream, The ride will be held again this year on Thursday afternoon. Tractors of all ages, makes and sizes are welcome to join the tractor ride. Watch for more details as the date nears.

It won't be long and spring field work will begin. The board is reviewing a list of maintenance and repairs that are needed at the show grounds. If you are interested in helping with spring field work or show site projects, please give the office a call or send us a message to let us know what you are willing to help with.

The 2013 show brochures are now available at the Threshermen office. They will be mailed out in June or can be downloaded anytime from the website.

Grants Received



Phil and Brenda Sundblad of Albert City were selected as a winner in America's Farmers Grow Communities®, sponsored by the Monsanto Fund. Grow Communities gives farmers the opportunity to win a \$2,500 donation to direct to their favorite local nonprofit organizations. To further support counties that have been declared disaster areas due to drought by the U.S.D.A., winning farmers in these counties were able to direct double the donation, a total of \$5,000 to further support the community. Buena Vista County was declared a disaster area by the USDA, giving Phil and Brenda Sundblad, the opportunity to place two \$2,500 donations. Phil and Brenda Sundblad selected Albert City Fire Department and Albert City Threshermen and Collectors Inc.

America's Farmers Grow Communities is sponsored by the Monsanto Fund to highlight the important contributions farmers make every day to our society and to help them positively impact their communities. This program is part of the Monsanto Fund's overall effort to support rural America. For a complete list of Grow Communities winners and more program information, please visit growcommunities.com.

The Association was also awarded a grant from Western Iowa Tourism Region in the amount of \$770 to apply toward advertising and promotions. This is the second year for an award from WTR.



Features line-up for upcoming shows

This year's show is just a few months away, but work continues to confirm special features for upcoming years. With the effort to host national groups during our show, the board must look ahead five to ten years in order to connect with the organizations and their schedule of activities.

2014: In 2014, the Association will feature John Deere and host the Northwest Iowa 2-Cylinder Club.

2015: We will host the national summer show for the Hart Parr Oliver Collectors. We will be working with the Iowa Cornbelt Chapter of the HPOC.

2016: undetermined

2017: For the 175th anniversary of CASE, we will host two national groups. This is the first time the groups have held a joint summer show. We will host the International J.I. Case Heritage Foundation and the J.I. Case Collectors. We previously hosted the J.I. Case Heritage Foundation in 2011. We are proud to have been selected by both organizations to host this special anniversary event.

Several board members attended the Iowa Cornbelt Chapter of the HPOC in February held at Maxwell. After the meeting two tours were held. Pictured at left are Mike Rebhuhn and Mike Sangwin checking out work by the ISU Antique Tractor Collectors. Below, Karl Lind visits with a fellow enthusiast.



This winter, members also attended two meetings of the Chapter 5, IH Collectors.



Mark your calendar

August 9-11, 2013—

Threshermen & Collectors Show

Saturday, Dec. 7—

Annual Meeting

Iowa Civil War Reenactment to be part of 2013 show

New for 2013 will be a Civil War reenactment group during our show. The Army of the Southwest is a group of Iowa Civil War Reenactors dedicated to educating people of all ages about the Civil War through reenactments, school programs and historical events. Over 40 of their members come from throughout Southwest Iowa. The unit consists of Confederate and Union infantry, artillery, and cavalry. They also have a strong group of period civilians.

Each year, the group appears in several major battles, at least five regimental appearances and many other parades and group events in and around the state. The group was founded in 1992. The common bond that all reenactors share is trying to bring to life the flavor of the Civil War era by live demonstration. They will show how the soldiers lived during that era.

The reenactment is a living history where members pitch tents, fight skirmishes and carry on camp life as it would have been done in the great conflict. Visitors can expect to see replicas of the tents, clothing and weaponry that were used by both the soldiers and civilians.

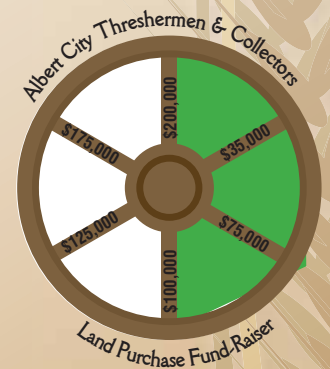


A reenactment of the Army of the Southwest from 2011.

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There may have still been snow on the ground, but the school house got window replacements in early March. All six windows were replaced with windows that include the cross grids which were part of the original windows. Other repair plans for the schoolhouse are in the works and the board is considering putting similar windows in the old farmhouse.

Flower Power

Help us spruce up the show site with your flower power! Pick up a 5-gallon bucket at Pocket of Posies in Albert City, then plant and care for it this summer at your house. Then, drop it off at the site so we can display them during the show.

There will be judging and prizes awarded and you will take back your bucket after the show. Watch for complete details!



Gary Sundblad presented service award plaques to Bob Loving, Kevin Olson and Connie Reinert during the annual meeting held in December. Bob has retired from the board; Kevin and Connie were reelected to the board along with new director Larry Erickson.

The current board includes: Mike Rebhuhn, president; Steve Christ, vice-president; Keith Moe, secretary; Mike Sangwin, treasurer; Gary Sundblad, Duane Madson, Kevin Olson, Connie Reinert, Larry Erickson and Karl Lind, honorary director. Karen Feeley serves as the executive board secretary.