



Threshermen Times

ALBERT CITY THRESHERMEN & COLLECTORS

FALL 2023

Let's Go Back to the 60s!



The Threshermen invite you to GO BACK TO THE 60s! It's the 53rd annual show featuring John Deere and highlighting the New Generation tractors which were introduced in the 1960s.

Dates for next year's show are August 9-11, 2024.

The John Deere New Generation tractors were introduced in 1960. Many traditionalists couldn't believe the company would leave behind the two-cylinder that had always been their trademark. Farmers were asking for more power and the first New Generation tractor to hit the market was a 4010. Its power came from an inline six-cylinder engine with gasoline, LPG and diesel versions offered with up to 75 horsepower.

An ad for the New Generation John Deere engines claimed to have bigger, heavier rotating parts that would move through tough jobs without hesitation.

The John Deere 3020 was manufactured from 1964 to 1972 with gas, liquid propane and diesel engines. A 3020 FWD model was built for gas and diesel in 1971-72. Manufacturer's suggested retail price of a gas 3020 was \$6,780.

The John Deere 4020 was manufactured from 1964 to 1972

with 2-wheel drive and front-wheel drive. The gas engine model had a MSRP listed at \$11,635.

Next year's show is being organized by the Northwest Iowa Tractor Collectors. This group was started as the Northwest Iowa Two-Cylinder Club in 1991. It last organized the John Deere feature in 2014 with 350 registered exhibits. In 2008, the John Deere feature brought over 200 registered exhibits.

For more information about next year's feature or about the Northwest Iowa Tractor Collectors, contact President Bob Nepl at 712-221-9211.



The John Deere feature display for the 2014 show.

A Blanket of Orange for 2023 Show



Panoramic photo by Connie Reinert, available as a print. Email conniereinert@gmail.com for details.

Over 352 Allis-Chalmers exhibits hit the show grounds for the 2023 show. Organizers of the Gathering of the Orange were Charlie and Mavis Widlund and their family who planned for about four years for the special event.

Highlighted tractors were the WD-45 for its 50th anniversary that brought in over 92 exhibits. Also highlighted was the 7000-Series tractor celebrating its 50th anniversary.

There were 899 total exhibits registered. This included 45 garden tractors, 69 implements, 91 antique autos, 11 antique trucks, 17 horses, 8 large gas/kerosene tractors, 35 stationary engines, 21 military exhibits, 20 crafters, plus a wide variety of toy and doll show displays, and many vendors selling toys and farm related items.

Registered at the campground this year were 79 camping units.

Grandma's House had vintage and antique displays with a feature of old-time family games and toys. Grandpa's Barn had seven different breeds of animals.

There were many activities to attend over the weekend including the tractor pull, greased pig contest, field activities, tractor games, kid games, and so much more!

Winners of the cinnamon roll contest were Sabrina Booth (1st), Linda Patterson (2nd), and Lisa Schomaker (3rd). Winners of the pie contest were Karen Hartje (1st), Sharon Hansen (2nd), and Erin Broich (3rd).

The winner of the tractor raffle was David Specker from Emmetsburg. The winner of the raffle for the toy tractor was



Jeff Myers of Spencer.

The winner of the quilt was Marcella Kressin of Clear Lake. The winners of the table runners were Jerry Greif of Vinton and Dorothy Schulz of Le Mars.

Nominations open for Board of Directors

Election for the Board of Directors will be held at the annual meeting in December. The board would like to hear from members who are interested in applying for a Director's position.

Board members with terms that expire this year include Norm Hansen, Mike Rebhuhn and Branden Otto.

Other board members are: Ben Pullen, Brice Wenell and Gary Sundblad (all 2024) and Angie Smith, Randy Koenig and Don Jackson (all 2025).

Board of Director application forms can be found on the website or requested from the Threshermen Office by emailing info@albertcitythreshermen.com. After completing the one-page application, please return to the office by November 1 (no late applications will be accepted). Only applications submitted by paid members of the Association will be considered.

Over 25 trees purchased by you!

The Board of Directors wishes to thank all who decided to purchase a new tree for the show grounds.

With your help, over 25 trees will be planted this fall. This huge effort will help to replace those trees that have been taken down in recent years. A variety of trees are being planted. Markers will be used to note if the tree was a memorial.

If you missed this opportunity, we will gladly keep you on the list for future plantings. This will help us provide shade for many years to come.

Improved communication plan for members

Over the past couple of months, we have been thinking about how we can improve on our communication with our members in addition to the spring/fall newsletters and Facebook. Throughout the year we have updates that we feel you might like to be more informed on like improvements to the showgrounds, activities happening at the site to prepare for the show, etc. We would love to communicate with you through email and text alerts. This will be a nice addition to be able to send out information and quick updates, especially for those things that we do not post on Facebook or for those that do not use Facebook.

If you would like to participate in this communication, please send an email to acthreshermen@gmail.com so we can make sure we have an updated email address for you and get you added to the email list. If you would like to sign up to receive text alerts from us, we will be using the Remind app for sending those text messages out. All you need to do to sign up to receive these messages is send a text message saying @acthresh to the number 81010. Please know these new communication options are completely voluntary, and we will not be overwhelming you with messages. We see the emails as more of an every other month update, but they will likely increase some as we approach show time when we are needing help out at the site. We look forward to communicating with you through these services soon!

Whether you sign up for this or not, remember, we always want to hear from you regardless of the communication method you choose. Feel free to reach out to a board member or the office at any time.



Submit your Membership Registration

Your last paid membership year is shown on your mailing label.

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

(Optional) Home Phone: _____ (Optional) Cell Phone: _____

E-mail address: _____

Individual Membership (\$25 each): _____

Couples Membership (\$35 each): _____

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Widlunds Recognized



Charlie and Mavis Widlund were recognized at the Opening Ceremonies in appreciation for their work in organizing the 40th annual Gathering of the Orange.

Upcoming Show Features

2024: Northwest Iowa Tractor Collectors/John Deere

2025: International J.I. Case Collectors and
The J.I. Case Heritage Foundation

Quilts of Valor Presented



The 7th annual Quilts of Valor Presentation was held during the 2023 Show. Pictured are Bradford (Brad) Raveling who was inducted in the U.S. Army in 1963; Robert Messeck who was drafted into the U.S. military in 1952; and Marvin Peterson who joined the U.S. Army in 1960; and QOV Volunteer Sandra Otto.

Mark your calendar _____

Saturday, Dec. 2—Annual Meeting

August 9-11—53rd Threshermen & Collectors Show