

TRI-STATE ANTIQUE ENGINE & THRESHERS ASSOCIATION



To our Members,

Can you believe we are less than two weeks from the 72nd Annual Thresher Show? We are so excited to welcome our friends from the National Rumely Collectors to Bird City.

A lot of exciting things are happening around the grounds in preparation for this year's show. We have been moving tractors out of the buildings, and Rumely equipment has begun arriving already. We have finished construction on the Koons-Webber building. It is filled with crawlers and tracked equipment. It also houses our hit-and-miss & small engine collection.

The construction on the Brent Family building is also complete. The Kimel Brent collection is starting to arrive, and it will be a huge addition to the showgrounds.

We are almost done with a major electrical infrastructure project throughout the grounds. This much needed update was made possible with grants from Bird City Century II Development Foundation & Cheyenne County Kansas Community Foundation. We are very thankful for both of these foundations and the support they have given us throughout the years.

We can't wait to see all of our friends from July 31st to Aug 2nd!! This is going to be one of our best shows ever!!

Sincerely,
The Tri-State Antique Engine & Threshers Association
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72nd Annual Show



Featuring the 33rd
Annual National
Rumely Collectors Expo

July 31st to August 2nd, 2025
in Bird City, KS.



19+ Operational Steam Engines
300+ Antique Farm Tractors
35+ Antique Cars and Trucks
150+ Pedal Tractors

45 Acres * 39+ buildings * Daily
Antique Parade * Steam Engine
Races * Tractor Pull



Daily Demonstrations:
Threshing * Plowing * Binding &
Harvesting * Corn Shelling

For more information,
visit our website
www.threshershow.org
or call 785-734-2291

Find us on 
Bird City Thresher Friends

Bringing a tractor to the show?

We are expecting a record number of exhibitors this year. Please register before the show at www.threshershow.org/exhibitor-registration-form/

Upon your arrival, we will have a packet prepared for you. This will help get you through the line quicker and save you time filling out paperwork. Upon arrival, please enter through Gate #1. This gate will be open Monday through Wednesday. If you are arriving after the show has begun, you will need to unload in the parking lot and have the ticket booth volunteers call someone to meet you at gate #1 to let you in.

Would you like to be a vendor at this year's show?

We still have a few inside and outside vendor spaces available. If you need a space to sell your items or food, you must register before the show at www.threshershow.org/vendor-registration-form/

Have questions about this year's show?

Visit our website at www.threshershow.org/72nd-annual-thresher-show-2/ or give us a call at 785-734-2291



Gerald Wright at the 1958 Thresher Show on his 1917 Rumely 16-30 Oil-Pull Model H



We need volunteers for many different tasks! We need helpers to set up and teardown shows. Help during the shows, running the ticket booth, selling merchandise, driving a people mover, directing traffic,

running the exhibitor entrance.

We need volunteers that have special talents such as marketing and web design.

If you are willing to help, please contact a board member, email BCThresher.treasurer@gmail.com or visit www.threshershow.com



Are you a volunteer who camps on the showgrounds during the show?

We need anyone who parks their camper on the showgrounds during the show to contact us immediately. With our new electrical upgrade that we have been working on, we need to relocate you to the new camping area. If you have made reservations through Mary Smith for a camping spot with hook-ups or for a dry camping spot with Howard Raymond, then this is not for you. This is for those who park their campers on the showgrounds behind the blacksmith shop, in the vendor area, or by the steam shop. If this is you, please contact Kris Oldsen at BCThresher.Treasurer@gmail.com or 785-772-5266

The 2025 Membership Buttons are now available



You can order online at
www.threshersshow.org/membership/



Did you know that we have a YouTube Channel?

We have a collection of past show footage that you will surely want to see! Make sure you subscribe to our channel at:

www.youtube.com/@thethreshersshow4325

If you have taken footage at past shows and you would like to share it with us, we will happily add it to the channel.



We also have a TikTok account, you can follow us at:

www.tiktok.com/@threshersshow



Parking



Please remember that there is no parking of vehicles on the grounds during show hours. The gates will be closed. Please park in the main parking lot. If you need assistance getting from your vehicle to the grounds, please let a parking attendant know, and we will be happy to pick you up and take you to where you need to be. Have a golf cart or side a side-by-side? You are welcome to use it on the grounds, please remember that the driver must be 16 years old or older. If you need to bring something to your tractor that you are showing, please plan to do this before 9:00 am or after 6:00 pm during the show.

Planning to Boondock at the Show?



New this year, if you are planning to boondock/dry camp in the parking lot at the show you need to register ahead of time by calling Howard Raymond at 308-650-1527 or Nebraskacowman@gmail.com. It cost \$20.00 for a dry camping space.



WE ARE NOW OPEN 5 DAYS A WEEK

The Thresher Grounds are now open Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Come out and walk throughout the buildings, we even give tours!

Community Work Day

July 26th at 9:00 am

Let's clean up the Thresher Grounds and get ready for the 72nd Annual Show!



We will have a project for everyone. We need to move equipment, do some painting, pull some weeds and do some dusting in the buildings.

Bring your gloves and let's get this done together. If you have any questions, please call 785-734-2291.





72ND ANNUAL SHOW



JULY 31ST TO AUGUST 2ND, 2025

Featuring the 33rd Annual National Rumely Collectors Expo

Daily Schedule (Subject to Change)

WEDNESDAY - 6:00 pm -Community Potluck and Welcome to our out of town guests in the dining hall

THURSDAY

8:00 am Breakfast in the Country Kitchen (Free will Donation)

9:00 am Opening Whistle, Prayer & Flag Raising

9:30 am Corliss Engine Talk (Dining Hall)

10:00 am Corn Grinding & Shelling (Infield)
Wheat Binding (South Field)

10:30 am Rumely Talk (Grandstands)

11:00 am Sawmill Demonstration

11:30 am Steam Engine Races (Infield)

12:00 pm Lunch

1:00 pm National Anthem, Kids vs. Steam Engine Tug of War & Crowning of Thresher Queen & Princess (Grandstands)

1:30 pm Parade (Grandstands)

2:00 pm Field demonstration (South Field)
Kids' activities (School House)

2:30 pm Steam Engine Rides (Infield)
Player Piano Demonstration (Wright Building)

3:00 pm Prony Brake/Baker Fan (Bacon Building)
Sawmill Demonstration

Antique Tractor Plowing (South Field)

3:30 pm Steam Engine Plowing (South Field)
Windmill Talk (Windmill next to the creamery)

4:00 pm Wheat Threshing (West Side of Infield)
Free Bingo (Dining Hall)

6:00 pm Walking Tacos (Legion Hall-Free will Donation)

FRIDAY

9:00 am Opening Whistle, Prayer & Flag Raising

9:30 am Corliss Engine Talk (Dining Hall)

10:00 am Sawmill Demonstration
Corn Grinding & Shelling (Infield)

10:30 am Rumely Talk (Grandstands)
Tractor Plowing (South Field)
Blacksmith Demonstration (Blacksmith Shop)

11:00 am Wheat Binding (South Field)
Player Piano Demo (Wright Building)

11:30 am Tractor Rodeo (Grandstands)

12:00 pm Lunch

1:00 pm National Anthem
Kids vs. Steam Engine
Tug of War (Grandstands)
Steam Engine Races (Grandstands)

1:30 pm Parade (Grandstands)

2:00 pm Kids Activities (School House)

2:30 pm Steam Engine Rides (Infield)
Sawmill Demonstration

3:00 pm Prony Brake/Baker Fan (Bacon Building)
Antique Tractor Plowing (South Field)
Blacksmith Demonstration

3:30 pm Steam Engine Plowing (South Field)
Windmill Talk (Windmill next to the creamery)

4:00 pm Wheat Threshing (West Side of Infield)
Free Bingo - Dining Hall

5:30 pm Old Fashioned B-B-Q with Steam Engine
Cooked Corn on the Cob (Dining Hall - Free Will Donation)

6:30 pm Sanctioned Kiddie Pedal Tractor Pull

7:15 pm Antique Tractor Pull

8:30 pm Steam Engine Pull

SATURDAY

8:00 am Breakfast in the County Kitchen
9:00 am Opening Whistle, Prayer & Flag Raising
9:30 am Corliss Engine Talk (Dining Hall)
10:00 am Sawmill Demonstration
 Corn Grinding & Shelling (Infield)
10:30 am Rumely Talk (Grandstands)
 Tractor Plowing (South Field)
 Blacksmith Demonstration
11:00 am Wheat Binding (South Field)
 Player Piano Demo (Wright Building)
 Steam Engine Races (Grandstands)
12:00 pm Lunch
1:00 pm National Anthem, Kids' vs. Steam Engine Tug
 of War – Grandstands
 Big Ed's Horseshoe & Cornhole Tournament
 (Children & Adult Divisions - west side of the
 Eggers Building).

1:30 pm Parade (Grandstands)
2:00 pm Kids Activities (School House)
2:30 pm Steam Engine Rides (Infield)
 Corn Shelling & Grinding (Infield)
 Sawmill Demonstration
3:00 pm FREE Watermelon (Grandstands)
 Prony Brake/Baker Fan (Bacon Building)
 Antique Tractor Plowing (South Field)
 Blacksmith Demonstration
3:30 pm Pedal Tractor Races (Wilkins Building)
 Steam Engine Plowing (South Field)
 Sawmill Demonstration
 Windmill Talk (Windmill next to the creamery)
4:00 pm Wheat Threshing (West Side of Infield)
 Free Bingo - Dining Hall
6:00 pm Rumely Collectors Banquet at the American
 Legion Hall (Tickets required - purchase from
 Rumely Collectors)

SUNDAY - 9:00 am Non-Denominational Country
Church Service

Visit our buildings, There is something for everyone

Building 1: Dining Hall: Tables for breakfast, lunch, hot and cold drinks, snacks, and home of the large Stationary Corliss Steam Engine.

Building 2: Covered Grandstands: Seating for the main parade viewing area.

Show Office: Information and Souvenir Shop with Logo Apparel and Vendors. Stop by the Grow the Show donation booth.

Building 3: Anderson Building: Antique machinery.

Building 4: Repair Shop: Used for the restoration and repair of antique farm equipment.

Building 5: Vendors: Train depot, bank, barbed wire display, post office, and sheriff's office. Visit Twisted Moustache get a haircut & shave.

Building 6: Beougher-Busse Building: Antique tractors, implements.

Building 7: Thompson Building: Car and truck museum, antique signs, and license plate collection.

Building 8: Eggers Museum: Historical Artifacts, pioneer rooms, vintage clothing, beauty shop, BCRHS Memorabilia, Dr. Peck's buggy, and fossil collections.

Building 9: Blacksmith Shop: Blacksmith demonstrating metal fabrication, bending, and tempering steel.

Building 10: The Creamery: Antique milking machines, cream separators, and dairy-related items.

Building 11: Bacon Building: Steam engine shop, steam engines, Prony brake, baker fan, dynamometer.

Building 12A: Quilt Shop: Beautiful hand-sewn quilts by locals.

Building 12B: Print Shop - Linotype Press: Demonstration on how printing was done, and print your own souvenir postcard.

Building 14: Dorsch-Sawyer Building: Tractor museum, rare and unusual antique tractors, and implements.

Building 15: Brubaker Building: Storage, closed to the public.

Building 16: Wilkins Building: Trucks, pickups, fire trucks, tractors, crawlers, signs, & 100+ pedal toys.

Building 17: Clark Building: Tractor pulling exhibit, 1000 toy tractors, miniature farm, popcorn wagon

Building 18: Wright Building: Antique tractors, farm equipment, collectibles, player piano demonstrations.

Building 19: Fikan Building: Tractor Museum.

Building 20: Leach-Hendricks Barn: Travel Museum.

Building 21: Hays Family Building: Case Tractors and Cars, Rumely Tractors, Equipment, and Memorabilia

Building 22: Bruder-Gottl House/ Tool Museum: Blow Torch Collection, Pipe Wrenches, Monkey Wrenches

Building 23: Visitors Center: IHC Parts Store Museum, The 1831 & 1847 Reapers, The Raymond Library, Logo apparel, Scavenger Hunt starting point, & ADA Restrooms.

Building 24: Koken Observatory.

Building 25: Sawmill: Daily demonstrations of sawmill & cedar shingle machine.

Building 26: Country Kitchen: Lunch available each day

Building 27: Sod House: Built in 1985, see how the early homesteaders provided shelter for their families.

Building 28: School House: Highland School, activities for kids taking place every day during the show.

Building 29: Country Church: Neville Methodist Episcopal Church, an excellent example of a rural church.

Building 30: Cook Shack: Example of how the ladies fed the large groups of men required for threshing.

Building 31: Railroad Caboose: A great place for kids to have a fun time!

Building 33: Brent Building: Brent Family Collection & Wagner tractors

Building 34: Koons-Webber Building: Tracked Tractors, Work Trucks, Small & Hit n Miss Engines.

Area 36: Kids play area: Swing Set

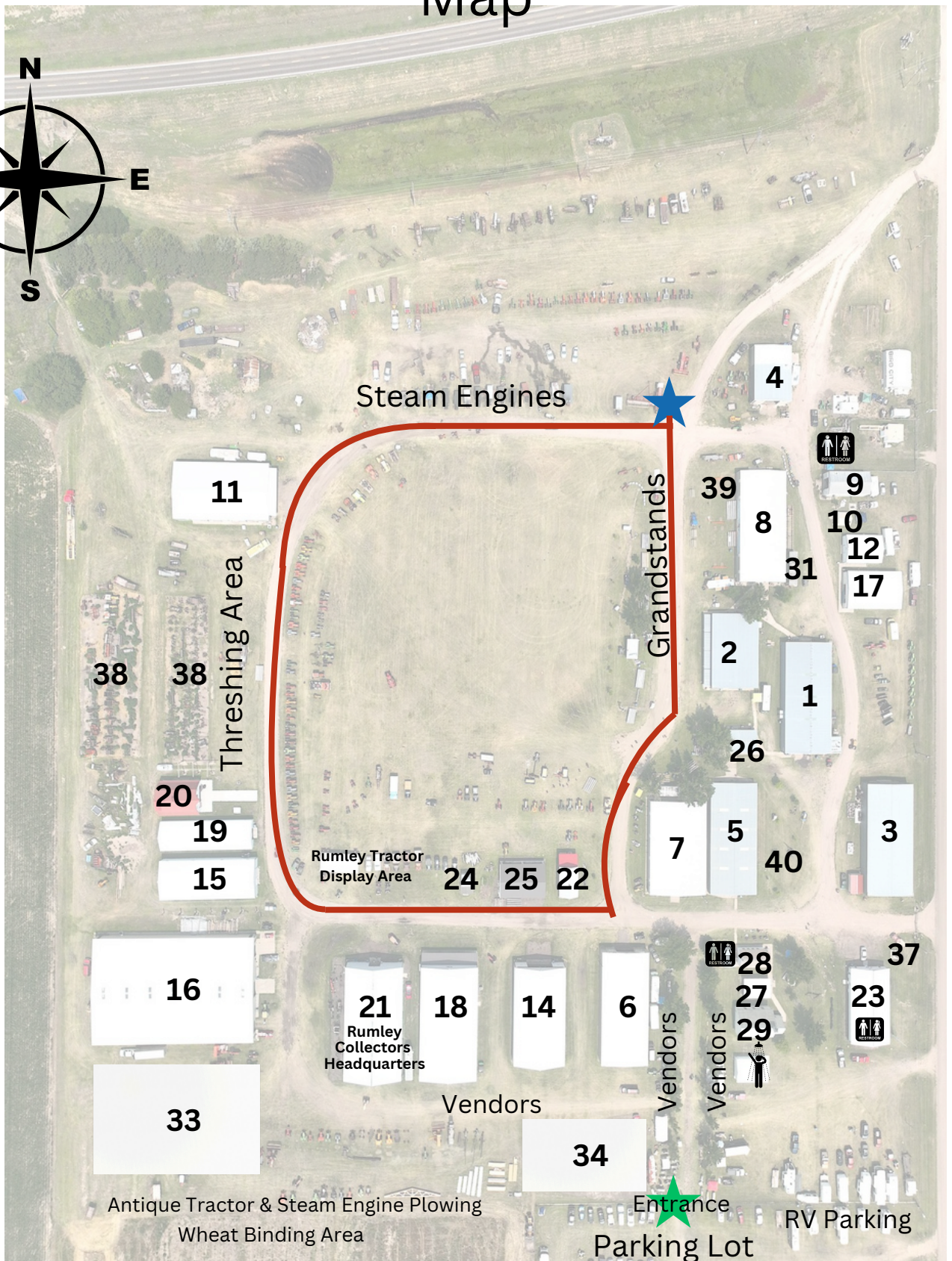
Area 37: Bell Tower

Area 38: Implement Display: Implements used in farming

Area 39: Horseshoe & Cornhole Area

Area 40: Hit-n-Miss Display

Map



— Parade Route

★ Parade Staging Area

Don't worry if you don't get to see everything!
We are now open Tuesday to Saturday 10 to 4



DONATION MATCH EVENT

Bird City Century II Development Foundation will be doing a donation match event during this year's show. They will match your donation dollar for dollar up to \$25,000. This is an opportunity for the association to raise \$50,000 to support the continued operation of this and future shows.

Please stop by building #2 and visit the donation booth, which is next to the merchandise booth, to drop off your donation. Not coming to the show this year? You can also mail a check to us at P.O. Box 9, Bird City, KS 67731.

Thank you for your continued support and for helping us

GROW THE SHOW!

WE NEED YOUR PICTURES!

We have been adding past show pictures to our history pages on the website and we need more pictures! If you have pictures you are willing to share from our past shows please email them to BCThresher.Treasurer@gmail.com Have pictures to share but they are not digital? Bring them with you to the show and we can scan them.



Join us at the Banquet



The Rumely Collectors Banquet will be on Saturday, Aug 2nd, starting at 6:30 pm for social hour and dinner at 7:00 pm at the American Legion Hall in Bird City. The Hall is one mile from the showgrounds. There will be a small membership meeting after dinner followed by the auction of donated products. All proceeds go back to the Rumely Products Collectors Group. Tickets will be available for \$20.00 per person. For more information and tickets please visit with Oddie at 989-992-5437.

Semi Annual Membership Meeting



**Attention members of the Tri-State Antique
Engine & Threshers Association**

**The semi-annual Membership Meeting will be
held on Saturday, November 1, 2025, at
10:00 am in the Visitor Center on the Thresher
grounds 1375 Rd 29, Bird City.**

**Please join the board of directors as we discuss
our plans for the future. We will also be making
plans for the upcoming shows as well. We
would appreciate your input!**

Join us for lunch after the meeting.

**If you can not attend in person but would like to
attend via Zoom, please email
BCThresher.Treasurer@gmail.com to request a link.**



Kansas Governor Laura Kelly
has Proclaimed August 22nd

Antique Tractor Preservation Day

Join Tri-State Antique Engine & Threshers
Association at the Threshers Museum
August 22, 2025 from 10 am to 4 pm

We will have Coffee & Donuts in the morning and
Cookies in the afternoon. Come tour the building and talk
about our love for Antique Tractors

US Highway 36



TREASURE



HUNT

SEPTEMBER
18TH, 19TH &
20TH, 2025

Tri-State Antique Engine &
Threshers Association is
offering outside space to
sell your Treasures.

Opportunity to sell
your treasures on
US Highway 36



For more information and
to register, visit:

www.threshershow.org

Or Call: 785-772-5266



We said goodbye to our Queen!

Phyllis Wright, who passed away on April 14, 2025, served as the administrator and selected the Thresher Queens for about 35 years. The first queen, Adda Koken, was chosen in 1973 by the first administrator,

Hope Bressler. Phyllis was asked to assist with the task prior to Hope's passing in 2010. Being no simple job, Phyllis prepared months in advance with the chosen queen. The queen's family was notified of the honor, her story was written and attire selected, all in secrecy, protecting the queen's identity until her announcement the first day of the annual Tri-State Antique Engine and Threshers Association show.

Thank you to Phyllis, for all she did! She not only made sure we had a queen, she was always doing something during the show. She ran the merchandise booth for many years, and she was always making calls to make sure every shift was filled. We will always love you and will miss you! The show will never be the same without our Queen Phyllis!

You might not recognize these steam engine operators without their coal dust! But they sure cleaned up nicely to say their final goodbyes to Phyllis.

Back row: Lynn Osborn, Bailey Paden, Randy Paden, Riley Neff, Royce Chambers, Randal Neff, Mike Levin
Front row: Don Wright, Gerald Wright, Norm Hays, Will Clark, Ralph Brent, Mariell Neff, Marcy Neff



Changes coming to the 9th Annual Tri-State Mule & Draft Horse Show

We are excited to announce that on October 10th & 11th, we will be changing the Tri-State Mule & Draft Horse show to the Tri-State Fall Harvest Festival! How will it be different? On Friday, we will be demonstrating harvesting techniques using antique farming equipment. Saturday, we will be demonstrating harvesting techniques using mules & draft horses. Each day, there will be family fun activities, including axe throwing, cider making, and much more.

The gates will open at 10:00 am each day. Admission is \$10.00 for adults & \$5.00 for children 12 & under. As always, members get in free with their 2025 membership button. Lunch will be available both days. Friday will be Ham & Beans, and Saturday we will serve our Famous Cowboy Stew. You won't want to miss this show!!



July 4th, 2026

Come celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence in Bird City. We are planning our largest Fireworks Show ever! We will have a full day of celebration!

**July 30th-Aug 1st,
2026**

Join us for the 73rd Annual Thresher Show. We will be celebrating the Farm Equipment & Tractors that were Made in America!
Join us for this Red, White & Blue Event

Tri-State

FALL HARVEST *Festival*

October 11th &
12th, 2025
Gates open at
10:00 am



TWO DAYS - TWO HARVEST METHODS

Day 1 – See harvest demonstrations using antique tractors and equipment.

Day 2 – See harvest demonstrations using mules & draft horses.

Each day there will be fun activities for the whole family. Tour the buildings & Museums to see harvest equipment from years past.

Lunch is available.

Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children 12 & under

2025 Members get in free

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Join us at our 72nd Annual Show July 31-Aug 2, 2025

Dues

Yearly Membership: \$50.00

Includes: Admission to all events & shows, large souvenir button, quarterly email and annual newsletter and voting rights at the semi-annual meetings.

Three Day Pass: \$25.00

Includes: Small Souvenir Show Button

Daily Admission: \$10.00

Children (12 & under): \$5.00 - Children (5 & under): Free