



## **Minutes of February 12, 2015 General Membership meeting**

- 1) Call to Order -Alan Heatherwick  
**President Alan Heatherwick called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.**
  
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance -Alan Heatherwick
  
- 3) Roll Call -Alan Heatherwick  
**9 directors present, 2 absent, with 20 members and guests in attendance. President Heatherwick noted the fine attendance and mentioned that it would be nice if this was an on-going trend.**
  
- 4) Secretary's Report -Joe Martin  
**Last month's mailed minutes had the date of the museum tour listed wrong. The actual date is March 28. See invitation accompanying the newsletter for more details. Three members mentioned that they were not receiving the newsletter. That should be corrected with this month's issue of the minutes. Motion to accept the minutes with the noted exceptions was offered by Charles Kestel, seconded by Ron Schubbe, and approved by all present.**
  
- 5) Treasure's Report -Fred Lestina  
**Expenses this month included the purchase of wagons for the pedal tractor raffle, printing raffle tickets and fliers, annual Illinois not for profit fee, payment for show sign, insurance, and postage. The WCTA had \$163 income from the sale of pedal tractor raffle tickets. Balance remaining in checking is \$5,488.47. Larry Marek forwarded the motion the accept the treasurer's report as presented, John Cronyn seconded the motion, and all present voted in favor of the motion.**
  
- 6) Old Business  

Auto museum update -Lane

**The tour of two local private collections will take place on March 28. All interested parties are to arrive at Mr. Fritz's museum at 9AM followed by lunch at Golden Corral in Joliet. After lunch, all participants will proceed to Jim Polly's building on Rt 6 in Lockport for a tour of his antique vehicles. (See enclosed flier for details.)**

Food Vendor update

- Carol Hossbach

**Spring Creek Barbeque will be replacing Bull's Barbeque at this year's show. All other food vendors from last year will be returning. Carol has heard back from only 2 of these vendors to date but will continue to reach out to them.**

Peotone toy show

-Brad Eike

**Show was very successful. 255 tickets were sold for the pedal tractor raffle. Red is in the lead. (Green supporters, if you are concerned about this turn of events – buy more tickets!)**

FFA show booths

-Ron Crawford

**No contact was made.**

## 7) New Business

Show planning update

-Alan Heatherwick

**Alan presented an updated proposed layout of the show and offered it to all to review and comment.**

Clover seeding for show

-Ron/Dennis

**Volunteers are needed to broadcast seed clover at the show grounds. Jim Baskerville and Ron Schubbe said that they would find a seeder and take care of this. Pro Harvest will donate some of the seed if a sign will be provided and posted at the show. The balance of the seed necessary will cost the club in the neighborhood of \$355 which Pro Harvest has agreed to withhold request for payment until September after the show. Connie Schuler proposed that we purchase the seed, Carol Hossbach seconded the motion. All present voted to proceed with the proposal.**

Advertising

Erin Gallagher

**Erin introduced herself as a 20 year professional in the advertising and marketing field and now engaged in journalism. She is local and familiar with local communications. She expressed the need for sponsors to offset show expenses. Her focus will be to develop avenues to gain publicity which is free publicity developed by creating news releases about the threshermen and the upcoming show. Paid advertising is expensive, unnecessary, and generally not as effective. This money is better spent on print, fliers, design, etc. Kraus Communications will include our fliers in their bills. WCCQ & WJOL have made tentative agreement to provide support. Erin has arranged to have Patch.com – an online newspaper – include Erin's press releases in their publication. Patch.com has coverage up to the Wisconsin border, in the entire Chicagoland region, Will County, and surrounding areas. Her proposal was to provide her expertise in these areas for the suggested \$3500 budget requested by the directors of the WCTA. Jim Baskerville will talk to Ann about providing access to our Facebook page so it can be maintained by Erin. The motion to retain Erin Gallagher to provide her expertise in advertising, publicity, and include promotional materials with a budget not to exceed \$3500 including her professional fee was presented by Larry Marek, seconded by Lane Heatherwick,**

**and approved by all present.**

**Pedal Pull – Young Farmers**

**The pedal tractor pull will be accomplished with the use of the Young Farmers equipment. We will supervise the pull on Saturday; Young Farmers will run the pull on Sunday.**

**Irish Fest Parade – March 7**

**Charles Kestel agreed to arrange the equipment. Anyone interested in participating by bringing a tractor or ride the float, please contact Charles Kestel or Alan Heatherwick.**

**Craft Exhibits**

**-Kim Schaefer**

**Kim suggested use of the address is 28844 S Cedar Rd, Manhattan as one which locates our show best. Requests were made by her crafters to find out whether there was going to be camping and if electricity was going to be available. It was decided that primitive camping would be available for \$40 for the entire weekend with no facilities. Electricity may be available for an additional fee to be determined. Steve Spiess has agreed to provide 4- 40k generators at no charge. Kim said that her agreement would remain unchanged from last year and would again request the use of a golf court for vendor courtesy use. A motion to accept the proposal offered by Kim Schaefer was voiced by Dennis Christiansen. Ron Schubbe seconded the proposal which was approved by all present.**

**Tractor Drive**

**-Jim Robbins**

**The tractor drive will start at our show site, proceed to Chicagoland Speedway or Mr. Fritz's home, have lunch, then return to the Threshermen's show. Approximately 50 tractors are expected to participate. This tractor drive is an activity not associated with the Will County Threshermen and is a fundraiser for an educational foundation and the FFA. Start time will be 10AM and back by 2PM.**

**PICNIC AND CHRISTMAS DATES**

**Since time was running short, discussion regarding the location and date for the picnic was tabled until next meeting. Tentative date for the Christmas party is January 17, 2016, 1PM, at the Wilton Center town hall. Brad motioned to table discussion on the picnic and to approve arrangements for the Christmas party. Pat Noonan seconded the motion with all present in favor.**

**Garden tractor sled rehab**

**Al Shewchuck, Al Heatherwick, & Ron Schubbe say that it is being evaluated. We will need a scale. Dennis Christiansen is looking into that?**

**Magnetic signs**

**-Brad Eike**

**Brad showed signs with separate compatible sign that can be changed each year with new location and dates. If you are interested in one, contact Brad.**

**Porta Potties**

**-Fred Lestina**

**Ajax, Drop Zone, & Service Sanitation were all contacted for pricing on providing 12 standard portapotties, 2 handicap portapotties, 2 washing stations, & 2**

sanitizing stations with cleaning for one week. At this time Drop Zone has the best proposal and Ajax has not responded.

8) Brad's Remark's

Harbor Freight has tents for sale for \$99. Bill Freis is donating one to the club. If you would like one, they are available at both Harbor Freight and Menards. We need to add new pictures to the website. No new pictures were added from the last few shows. Forward any pictures you would like to see displayed to Larry Marek.

We will need to provide a tent for the kids' games since there is no shade available onsite from trees.

Brad requested and got approval to use \$50 from the club to have advertising for our show published on a placemat.

9) Open forum

Tom Runty had asked Joe Martin to present a request to pick what we wanted to have shown on our buttons and plaques this year. It was determined that our show sponsor, Ron Crawford, should choose the button image and our parade grand marshal, John Cronyn, should decide on the display for the plaque. Ron expressed his desire to have his father's tractor, a John Deere 50, be on the button. John felt it would be nice to have either his Huber steam traction engine or thresher on the plaque. It was left up to each individual to provide the picture and forward it to Tom Runty. Dennis Christiansen motioned to approve the proposals of both Mr. Crawford and Mr. Cronyn. This was seconded by Brad Eike and carried by all present.

Ron Crawford suggested that we have a new combine exhibited next to a vintage combine for comparison of old vs new technologies. This idea was met with overwhelming approval and accepted to be a display at this year's show.

Lane Heatherwick says that he has found a possible source for a petting zoo.

Alan Heatherwick challenged the membership to be more active, attend more meetings, and volunteer for some of the activities that need to be accomplished for the show this year. The amount of membership support will determine the survival of our club and the show. The show for the next few years will be presenting challenges that we have never faced before. Each member's participation is more important now than ever before.

Alan Heatherwick informed the club that he had purchased a good usable storage trailer and asked to be reimbursed \$2317 for it. Larry Marek granted the motion as well as a motion to reimburse Mr. Christiansen for his tolls and a stipend to move the trailer, Pat Noonan seconded, and carried by majority vocal support from those in attendance.

10) Adjourn Meeting

Larry Marek offered a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Pat Noonan. All were in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 8:39PM

Postnotes:

Terry Andersen of Wilmington, a long time member of the WCTA passed away on Friday, February 13. Flowers were sent on behalf of the club to the wake at Baskerville Funeral Home on Monday, February 16.

Bob Schuler's mother passed away late February. I have no specific details. Bob Schuler is WCTA director, Connie Schuler's husband. A sympathy card was sent on behalf of the club.

May they both rest in peace.

### **Upcoming activities:**

**March 12, 2015 – 7:00 PM Membership meeting**

**March 13-15, 2015 – Rumley Reunion, Laporte, IN**

**March 14-15, 2015 – Sublette Toy Show, Sublette, IL**

**March 28, 2015 – 9:00 AM Fritz & Polley museum tours (see enclosed flier)**

**April 9, 2015 – 7:00 PM Membership meeting**

**May 14, 2015 – 7:00 PM Membership meeting**

**June 6-7, 2015 – Pontiac Steam School (see enclosed flier)**

**June 11, 2015 – 7:00 PM Membership meeting**

**June 12-15, 2015 – Heritage Tractor Adventure**

**June 13-14, 2015 – Marshall/Putman show, Lacon, IL**

**June 27-28, 2015 – Sandwich Show, Sandwich, IL**

**July 9, 2015 – 7:00 PM Membership meeting**

**July 16-19 - Will County Threshermen's Association Annual Show**

**August 6, 2015 – 7:00 PM Membership meeting**

**Sept, 2015 – WCTA Picnic & Election of directors – date and location TBD**

**October 8, 2015 – 7:00 PM Membership meeting**

**November 12, 2015 – 7:00 PM Membership meeting**

**December 10, 2015 – 7:00 PM Membership meeting**

**January 17, 2016 – 1:00 PM Christmas party at Wilton Center town hall**

***Note: Christmas party will be scheduled for January 2016 to eliminate scheduling challenges for members and allow for greater attendance.***

**Membership meetings are held in the lower level of the First Bank of Manhattan, 55 W North St., Manhattan, IL. Please be prompt because the doors are tended until 7:15 and then locked per agreement with bank officials.**

## Tour of Local Personal Museums March 28

**The Will County Thresherman's Association is inviting you!!**

- Tour the Glenn Fritz Museum of Farm artifacts from 9 to 11am,
- Lunch at GoldenCorral from 11:30 to 1:00 pm,
- Tour the Jim Polley Museum of early trucks, cars, tractors, special things, etc.

We invite you to bring a guest or two and enjoy some local history in our back yard. Glenn & Jim will guide us with info, facts, and a great story or two.

Please call Lane Heatherwick at **708-372-1939** with number of people attending by 3/24 as I need to reserve seating for Lunch... The cost about \$11.00....

We will meet at each location via your own car...

The addresses of each location are as follows:

- Glenn Fritz Farm, 23058 Us Hwy 52.. Manhattan IL  
Farm Buildings on East side of 52.....  
<http://www.mapquest.com/#fec5a6d747ec0e9d02422f05>
- Golden Corral, 2100 Jefferson St, Joliet IL  
<http://www.mapquest.com/#ee5378f595369d8c918db45e>
- Jim Polley Museum, 1655 S. Larkin Ave, Rockdale IL  
Large Building on Hill just off Mound Rd....  
<http://www.mapquest.com/#f91cf7f6884f8ee470cb99cb>

Further questions call me.. Thank You, Lane

Please come.

# 2015 Central States Threshermen's Reunion

## Steam School

June 6 & 7, 2015  
Pontiac, Illinois

\$50 registration fee includes camping space, coffee and donuts, lunch both days and classroom materials ~ \$40 for additional family members.

Steam school is designed for beginning and intermediate engineers.  
The emphasis is on safe engine operation.

Morning schedule is classroom Power Point presentations include:  
Properties of steam, Boiler Basics, Running the Engine, Lubrication, Injector Operation, Boiler Maintenance, Boiler Restoration, Belting Up, Piping-Valves- Pumps, Miscellaneous Topics, Real Life Scenarios, and Emergency Procedures.

Afternoon sessions are hands on firing and running of engines.



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15<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL C. S.T. R. STEAM SCHOOL  
Saturday, June 6 & Sunday, June 7, 2015

C.S.T.R. PARK ~ PONTIAC, IL  
TWO MILES NORTH OF I-55 ON RT. 23

Classes begin at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday mornings  
Registration fee \$50.00. Includes camping, coffee and donuts, and lunch both days  
(2<sup>nd</sup> person in the family ~ wife, son or daughter \$40.00)

Registration is open to **first fifty entries**  
Proper attire is essential for firing-up the engines.  
Please bring work clothes, Hard shoes, gloves.....etc

Send registration form and fee no later than **MAY 15, 2015**

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I will be attending the 15<sup>th</sup> annual CSTR STEAM SCHOOL on June 6 & 7, 2015

I will be bringing a camper

Number of people attending

Total entry fee enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Experience with Steam Engines:

None

Some

Extensive