



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

- 1) Call to Order -Alan Heatherwick  
**President Alan Heatherwick called the meeting to order at 7:01PM.**
  
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance -Alan Heatherwick
  
- 3) Roll Call -Alan Heatherwick  
**All 11 directors present with 19 members and guests in attendance.**
  
- 4) Secretary's Report -Joe Martin  
**Joe Martin noted that 3 emails still come back as not deliverable: Ray Jordan, Joe Rybinski, and 'puffsuncle@comcast.org'. Ray Jordan was present and said he would get with Joe at the end of the meeting. The other 2 emails are not resolved. Any information would be appreciated.**  
**No exceptions to the minutes as published were noted. John Cronyn motioned to accept the minutes as presented. Lane Heatherwick seconded the motion which was carried by all present.**
  
- 5) Treasure's Report -Fred Lestina  
**Some of the income items in the past month were \$20 for membership dues, \$25 for magnets, \$1090.97 for the wheat crop that was finally dry enough to sell, and \$36 for a show directory. Expenses included \$95.43 postage and office supplies paid to Joe Martin, \$2,317 paid to Al Heatherwick for the storage trailer he purchased on behalf of the club, \$144 moving costs for the trailer, and \$300 deposit to the Schaefer's for flea market startup costs. These are the highlights. Other income and expenses were mentioned in addition to these leaving #3,571.24 balance in the bank account.**  
  
**Russ Hossbach moved to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Seconded by John Kestel and approved by all present.**
  
- 6) Show business -Erin Gallagher  
Advertising update  
**This topic was presented out of sequence at the request of Erin Gallagher and granted by Al Heatherwick. Erin show a proposed preliminary press release and asked for comments and discussion As a result, information was added for flea market contact. John Walencik was added as flea market contact and Kim**

Schaefer for crafts. John & Kim will work together to build 2 separate facets of the WCTA open air market place. The club phone number was also added as a general contact for any concerns related to the July show. Erin requested a copy of our flier to be used in mailings and got permission from the club to begin sending out information. Grant Heatherwick offered a proposal for Erin's input which involved publishing place mats that would be placed on serving trays at all 9 Kankakee Macdonald's plus the ones in Beecher, Peotone, and Manteno. The proposal is to have 11,000 of these printed in conjunction with Thee Olde Tyme Farm Show to be used throughout the month of June and into July until they are all gone. The \$1,160 expense would be split 50/50 with Thee Olde Tyme Farm Show. Erin suggested that we redesign our half to include a coupon for one free child admission. Grant is putting Erin in contact with the appropriate decision makers from Thee Olde Tyme Farm Show and the printer to work out the details.

The motion to accept this proposal was offered by Dennis Christiansen, seconded by John Kestel, and everyone present voted their verbal consent to approve the motion.

Erin is going to approach large sponsors such as Citgo and requested a copy of our FEIN number and 501c3 letter to present to the possible donors. These were given to her and also noted that the 501c3 letter is published on our website. Erin has contacted potential media sponsors and although has received positive feedback, she has not received formal sponsorship at this time.

A sponsorship program was proposed by Erin to bring in lower level sponsorships to make it possible for anyone to support our show. These would be for anywhere from \$1 to \$1000 and intended to be the kind of gift that all members could ask places of business that they frequent to make a small donation as well as friends and family. All donors, large and small, need to be recognized. It was suggested that larger donors be given individual banners and donors under \$200 be included on a group banner to be presented at the show entrance.

## 7) Old Business

Auto museum update

-Lane

Fliers went out with the February newsletter. Since there is no admission cost, no one will be turned away. Bring everyone who is interested in antique vehicles. This is not just for members but for all of our friends, family, and casual contacts. Everyone is invited. Mr. Fritz's collection is first. You should arrive at 9AM. This collection is memento's from the horse drawn era. After the Fritz collection, everyone is invited to go to the Golden Corral for lunch. Special pricing of approximately \$11 per person has been arranged for our group and payable by each individual. Lunch break will be from about 11:45 to 1:00. At 1PM, we will meet at Mr. Polly's museum. This is at his huge green building on the west side of Larkin just off of Mound Rd in Rockdale. Mr. Polly's collection is comprised of trucks, WW I, WW II, Model A's, and other early 1900 vehicles. (See attached flier for more information)

Christmas party update

- Connie Schuler

**Connie will report on this next month.**

## 7) New Business

Serena toy show update - Mar 1 -Brad Eike

**The Serena toy show was a huge success. 93 red tickets were sold. 53 green. The running total is 223 red to 178 green. Red is still in the lead. We did not make a presence at the Grundy County Consignment sale because of the extreme cold weather.**

Sublette Toy Show – Mar 14-15 -Brad Eike

**Brad asked for volunteers for the Sublette Toy show. Our table is right in the heart of the main building and is usually a good show for us to make our presence known and sell pedal tractor raffle tickets.**

Irish Fest parade – March 7 = Charles Kestel

**We had a float in the parade. It had to be pulled with a pickup truck this year because of some last minute tractor problems. Huge crowds were in attendance.**

Picnic date and place

**After several minutes of discussion about scheduling conflicts with other shows, the member decided that we will not be able to accommodate everyone's ideal date. So the date was established as Sunday, September 20 at 1PM in Dellwood Park, Lockport. This park was applauded as being a very nice location and met with everyone's approval. More detailed information will be forthcoming regarding the Pavilion location inside the park as we get closer to the date.**

## 8) Show Business

Show Permit -Alan Heatherwick

**Alan Heatherwick paid for our show permit but needs to provide the county with additional information from the Crawford's and a consensus from the neighboring property owners prior to actual issuance of certificate. This should be accomplished by next meeting**

Food Vendor update -Carol Hossbach

**Carol has received verification that all our food vendors have confirmed that they will be serving our show. The only exception is the Kettle Corn vendor who was only able to make one day. Because of this they opted out this year. We need a new kettle corn vendor. Suggestions were offered and will be pursued prior to next meeting.**

FFA update -Ron Crawford

**Ron was not available for the meeting this month but Lane Heatherwick said that the FFA will attend the show this year and have a booth set up.**

Garden tractor sled rehab

**The sled has been pulled out of the weeds and work has begun on evaluating the**

## **sled reconstruction.**

Parking lot assistance/ Boy Scouts

-Lane Heatherwick

**Since the FFA will not be able to handle the petting zoo, the Boy Scouts will be working the petting zoo. Lane was reminded that we needed to contact the Manhattan area Boy Scouts to help with the parking lot. He said that he would contact them.**

T-shirts

-Connie Schuler

**Connie asked if we wanted to get t-shirts for sale this year since we are completely out of the stock from past years. The club authorized moving forward with the production of new T-shirts. Connie with get this done.**

Porta Potties

-Fred Lestina

**From July 12 through July 20, 12 standard portapotties, 2 handicap portapotties, 2 washing stations, & 4 sanitizing stations with cleaning Friday, Saturday, & Sunday were being offered by Drop Zone for the best bid. Lane Heatherwick provided the motion to move forward with Drop Zone as our sanitation supplier, Pat Noonan seconded the proposal and all present adopted the proposal.**

Miscellaneous

**Brad requested that we contract Joliet Tent to provide a 40x60 tent for the food area, 2- 30x60 tents for Connie's shop and the kids' activities, and 2 10x10 tents. A motion to authorize Brad to move forward with the tent proposal and lock in a contract with Joliet Tent by paying a deposit was offered by Connie Schuler, seconded by Larry Marek, and carried by all present. Brad also noted that Thee Olde Tyme Farm Show offered to lend us 2- 20x40 tents. Lane Heatherwick will talk to Spiess about the generators and breakout boxes. We will be getting one large generator and 2 light plants. Fred Lestina mentioned that the Frankfort Brass Band will be returning for a reprise performance this year. The magician has been contacted and will be coming. Images for the buttons and plaques are in the works to be sent to Tom Runty.**

## 9) Brad's Remark's

**Magnets are now available for \$25. Place your orders now.**

**Steiner Tractor Parts, one of our major supporters, has sent a large number of catalogs for us to distribute.**

**Banners sales should be in full swing right now. They will again be \$150 for new banners and \$100 for renewal.**

**At John Cronyn's request, Brad will get with the horse people again to make sure that they will be at the show again this year. We have tentative support from the donor that made this possible last year again this year. Thank you!!!**

**A few dates to remember: Thee Olde Tyme Farm Show July 3-5, I&I Swap meet the 13<sup>th</sup> &14<sup>th</sup> of March, Tristate show May 13 through 16, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa swap meet May 22-23, and Sandwich show June 27-28.**

**There will be no Heritage Tractor ride this year because of illnesses within the organizational staff. Maybe next year.**

## 9) Open forum

**Alan Heatherwick mentioned that we will be cleaning up the office trailer to be**

refit for us to use as our Registration trailer..

10) Adjourn Meeting

Eric Reibenstein offered a motion to adjourn which was seconded by John Kestel. All were in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 8:20PM

Upcoming activities:

**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

May 13-16, 2015 – Tristate Swap meet, Portland, IN

May 22-23, 2015 – Mt. Pleasant Swap Meet, Mt. Pleasant, IA

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

June 11, 2015 – 7:00 PM Membership meeting

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

July 3-5, 2015 – Thee Olde Tyme Farm Show, Kankakee, 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

**September 20, 2015 – 1PM WCTA Picnic & Election– Dellwood Park, Lockport**

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**

CENTRAL STATES THRESHERMEN'S REUNION

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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 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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

Experience with Steam Engines:

None

Some

Extensive