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### GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hi John Deere Fans,

Well the busy summer is almost past and we are moving into a busy fall. As the fall show season starts, it's a good time to put "old what's her name" in the car and take her out for a day of tractors and good food.

As you will see in this newsletter, we finely got our Pig Roast scheduled. I hope the short notice will still allow you to work it out to attend. I am assured we will not run out of pork this year and I have the sweet corn ordered. We might even be able to talk Ed into providing a little music.

**Grand Detour**...if you didn't make it you missed a great show. It's always nice to have a show at the John Deere Historic Site. Just in case any of you remember the phrase that pays in the August newsletter greetings, I spent about \$50.00 on ice cream. I sure am glad, that my NEITCC expense account covers that kind of thing! The next stop was the **Northern Illinois Steam Power Show**, and as always they put on a top-notch show. While Old Agnes and I were there we had a chance to visit with several good friends. My 3<sup>rd</sup> show for the month was a big one, **The Half Century of Progress** in Rantoul, IL. This is a working show, so it gives you the opportunity to see to old machines being put to work. My friend Ken Reese and I spent the day observing the way farming was done 50 years ago. Watching the ear corn pickers working brought back memories of my childhood when combines were only used for small grain crops. Ken and I went over to the area where the soybeans were being harvested, and as we watched I thought about the farm machinery companies that are gone, but not forgotten...McCormick-Deering, Allis-Chalmers, Massey Harris, Oliver, Minneapolis Moline and many more. It made me glad to be part of a hobby that preserves so much history. As collectors we are preserving our past for the future.

**Plowing with Lanny** will be the next club event. Pat and Lanny are always good hosts, so come out and plow, watch, or take a ride on one of the Green Machines!

Those of us who have planted corn probably planted with a 4 row, or a 6 row, or maybe even a 12 row, but a "36 ROW", now that is big. My friend Farmer Phil just bought his 2<sup>nd</sup> "36 ROW" planter. I guess I won't be very busy next spring - we'll be finished planting in no time!

Keep one eye on the road and the other looking for treasures.

Bill

PS. Kay, Old Agnes says Hi!



**IT'S TIME FOR A  
FALL PLOW DAY**

**Saturday, September 10**  
Lanny Gray's field in Buffalo Grove

Arrive at 8:00 a.m. – start to plow at 8:30

**Call Bill ( 815-943-4321) or Lanny (847-537-2679)  
if you plan to attend.**

Just in case, the rain date will be October 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Grand Detour Show Report**

The premier site for a tractor show, and certainly for displaying John Deere tractors and implements, is, without a doubt Grand Detour. Brian Holst, one of Deere & Company's finest, is in charge of the historic site and he has it looking better than ever. As a result of the work of Brian, resident blacksmith Rick Trahan, and the hardworking staff at Grand Detour, the site is more beautiful than ever. They've taken down some fences in the interior of the site and it makes for a nice flow throughout the display area. The old house at the back of the site has been taken down but a small garage for storage remains. The iron deer that was displayed in the big open area to the south is gone! Bummer! No one seems to have any information regarding this "loss". There are exciting plans for future improvements to the site that will make it even more beautiful, but we won't share that info. at this time...you'll have to plan a trip to Grand Detour in the next year or so to see the changes for yourself. We're so pleased that Deere & Company embraces the importance of maintaining this historical treasure. If you missed this year's show, be sure to join us in 2013. You won't be disappointed.

As you know, twenty of our club members traveled to Grand Detour to display their JD treasures and they were visited by many, many tractor lovers at the site during the three-day show. Well, make that 19 members - unfortunately Phil Bouslog wasn't able to make the trip up from southern Illinois due to a health issue. Since Phil moved south he doesn't make the trip up this way very often, so he really enjoys his time at the Grand Detour show. You may remember that Phil really savors swapping tractor tales. We all hope you're feeling better, Phil. We had some rain during the show but luckily it came during night-time hours, so attendance numbers weren't affected. Thanks to Herb Nelson for sharing the following photos. Enjoy!

Shelby



Drew Holmes' 1953 R



Richard Jensen, Tim Collins, Wayne Jensen  
Just Chillin'



Tom Etherington's 730



John Hoffman's L



Paul Ziller's GP



Bill Cunningham's 1938 L



Tim Collins' 1943 H



Bruce Johnson's 1938 BNH



Bill Cunningham's 1958 730 Diesel



Ed Wesemann serenading visitors in the shade of his 1945 A



Let the parade begin!



Grand Detour Sat. Night Free Show

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**TOOLS NEEDED/TOOLS HAVE**

If you contact us we will post your request in the next newsletter. If someone has that tool and is willing to loan it or rent it they will contact you. This will require a little pre-planning on the borrower's part, since the newsletter is monthly. These loans will be made between the two parties needing and having the tool... the club is only the means of getting them together. Let's give it a try.

**Shermerfest – Sunday, September 18 – Downtown Northbrook, IL - Noon to 4:00**

Members Ed and Mitzi Smith, residents of Northbrook who have participated in the annual Shermerfest for many years, give this fall festival rave reviews. The 33<sup>rd</sup> annual Shermerfest, presented by the Northbrook Historical society, includes a showing of collectible and antique cars, trucks and tractors, music in the gazebo, an afternoon of children's activities on the Village Green, and lots of great food. Sounds like fun – give it a try! sr

## 2011 COMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	CONTACT	LOCATION
Aug. 31-Sept. 5	Walworth County Fair	262-723-3228	Elkhorn, WI
Sept. 7-11	Sandwich Fair	www.sandwichfair.com	Sandwich, IL
Sept. 11	Burlington Parade	Wayne Jensen - 630-837-8671	Burlington, IL
Sept- 16-18	The 50TH Annual Antique Engine Tractor Association, Inc. Working Farm Show	563-370-1757 <a href="http://www.ae-ta.com/">http://www.ae-ta.com/</a>	Geneseo, IL
Sept. 17-18	Tractors for Charity	Darick Franzen - 847-514-7082	McHenry, IL
Sept. 18	Shermerfest Noon to 4:00	Ed Smith – 847-272-4111 mitzsmi@comcast.net	Northbrook, IL
Sept. 18	16th Annual Woodstock HarvestFest 10 AM to 5PM (Tractors there by 9:30 AM)	Dennis Dunlap dunlap013@att.net	Woodstock Square Woodstock IL
Sept. 24 & 25	Lake County Farm Heritage Fall Festival	847-968-3400	Wauconda, IL
Oct. 2	Cider Fest	815-923-2267	Union, IL
Oct. 3 & 4	Autumn on Parade Farm Toy & Tractor Show	autumnonparade.com	Oregon, IL
Oct. 8	Marengo Settlers Days	815-923-2267	Marengo, IL
Nov. 4-6	Nat'l. Farm Toy Museum – Fall Show	1-800-533-8293 <a href="http://toyfarmer.com/events/index.html">http://toyfarmer.com/events/index.html</a>	Dyersville, IA

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Hi All,

Wow! I can't believe the remaining Coming Events only takes up half a page. This summer has simply flown by...at least that's the case for the Reeses. We enjoyed every event we attended, but I must admit there were times I would have just liked to stay home and pull weeds. But, as they say, time flies when you're having fun and that was surely the case for us.

As Bill said, we hope you'll be able to add the Pig Roast to your busy September schedule. He had problems identifying a date...either John Mathis wasn't available to roast the pig, or the folks at the Sycamore Steam Show grounds had scheduled another activity...so September 24 is our only option. As you know, the pig roast is one of the nicest events of the year...time to visit with friends, time to take a tractor ride (or not), time to enjoy a beautiful site, and finally and most importantly, time to "pig out" on some really great food. John and his wife Kris have made roasting a pig a fine art...I've never tasted better pork. We would appreciate receiving your response ASAP so we know how much bug/bee spray to bring!

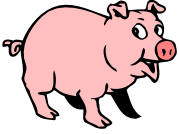
If you receive the newsletter by mail, I've included a response envelope. However, that doesn't work so well for those who receive the newsletter via e-mail.

**So, FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO RECEIVE THE NEWSLETTER VIA E-MAIL, PLEASE CALL ME (815-578-8635) OR SEND ME AN E-MAIL WITH YOUR RESPONSE.** Now that I think about it, there's no reason the "snail mail" folks can't call me as well with your response...whatever works best for you.

"Gathering of the Green" is taking precedence these days...March, 2012 will be here before we know it and there's much to be done. Ken is working on the restoration of his 1939 B but he's finding fewer and fewer opportunities to do so. The GOG registration materials will go out in early November, and we're in the process of creating the mailing list that will include something over 2000 folks. Who knew that a simple little get-together for John Deere enthusiasts in 2000 at the Moline Holiday Inn would turn into an event of the current size. Sure hope you're planning to join us next spring. You won't be disappointed.

Shelby

Why in the world is this little pig smiling!!!



# **NEITCC FALL PIG ROAST AND TRACTOR RIDE** **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24**

Sycamore Steam Show Grounds (Taylor Marshall Farm)  
(1½ miles north of Rt. 64 on Route 23; then 4 miles. east on Plank Rd.)

**BRING A TRACTOR:** For the tractor ride, for display, and/or use in tractor games.

**TRACTOR RIDE:** 12:00 Noon - Time drivers should arrive at the Steam Show Grounds for the 16-mile ride  
2:00 - Time drivers will return to the Show Grounds

**Please call Bill Cunningham if you plan to join the ride.**  
**deerebill@live.com 815-943-4321**

**PIG ROAST/ GAMES** 2:00 p.m. - Arrive in time to watch John Mathis roast the pig and to take part in some fun tractor games and/or family games.

4:00 - Dinner will be served

**MENU:**

Roast Pig      Baked Beans      Corn on the Cob      Soft Drinks      Bottled Water      Ice

**NEITCC WILL PROVIDE:**

Buns      Butter      Barbeque Sauce      Plastic utensils      Table cloths  
Paper plates      Cups      Napkins      Salt & Pepper      Bee Spray

***IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP US ROUND OUT THE MENU BY BRINGING A DISH TO PASS, PLEASE INDICATE THAT ON THE RESPONSE FORM BELOW. However if it's not convenient to do so, please come anyway. We'll make sure there's plenty of food.***

**DON'T FORGET:**      Lawn chairs and family games you and others would enjoy.

***PLEASE CLIP, COMPLETE, AND RETURN THE FORM BELOW IN THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE NO LATER THAN SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17.***



**YES!! WE'RE COMING TO THE NEITCC FALL PIG ROAST ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24**

Our group will include \_\_\_\_\_ adults @ \$8.00 and \_\_\_\_\_ children ages 6-12 @ \$4.00

My check, payable to NEITCC in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_, is enclosed.

**IF YOU CHOOSE TO BRING A DISH TO PASS, PLEASE CHECK THE ITEM BELOW THAT YOU'LL PROVIDE:**

\_\_\_\_\_ salad or side dish      \_\_\_\_\_ dessert