

CENTRAL NORTH DAKOTA STEAM THRESHERS ASSOCIATION

Annual Newsletter

May 2014

2014 SHOW DATES: The Board of Directors is busy planning the 56th annual Steam Thresher's Reunion September 19, 20, and 21 in New Rockford. Mark your calendars to attend all 3 days of activities. It is a great time to visit the past, renew old friendships, and make new friends.



CASE: This year's feature is "Case". In addition to the Case shown above, you will also have the opportunity to see a 30-60 Case steamer-one of only 4 still around along with other restored Case equipment. Mark Pedersen, CNDSTR Director, is in charge of gathering Case items for the show. If you have an item for display, you can reach Mark at 701-769-2427.

9th ANNUAL TRACTOR RIDE: The 2014 Tractor Ride will leave from the show grounds at 10 a.m. Thursday, September 18th. This year's ride will travel to Bremen where the group will have lunch. CNDSTR is dedicating this year's ride to John Scanson in honor of his many years of work before, during, and after the yearly shows. The Tractor Ride is open to anyone wishing to drive an antique tractor. For more information on this year's ride, call Fred Allmaras at 947-5631.

CAMPING: CNDSTR completed electrical work at the camp ground last summer. The updates enable the campers to enjoy the campground by having increased electrical capacity. Rates for camping are \$15/night and reservation can

be made by calling Ardyce Snyder at 701-947-2084.

UPDATES: The Board of Directors have continued its commitment to provide a quality show by improving the facilities. Current projects are the Blacksmith shop, the Cooper Building, and handicapped ramps for Pioneer Village.

BLACKSMITH SHOP: The board recently approved the building of a new Blacksmith Shop. Dean Lemer and Norris Kjos are leading this project. A 20 X 30 ft. building with 10 ft. sides will be constructed with some of the work being done this summer. In an effort to be fiscally responsible, the board will use the boards sawed from the 2013 show for siding. Additional siding boards will need to be sawed during this year's show. Those boards will help keep the costs reasonable. For information and work times, contact Norris Kjos at 701-652-5018 or Dean Lemer at 701-693-6265.

COOPER BUILDING: Another update is the renovation of the Cooper Building. Some of this work was completed last summer but there was not time to finish the project. This summer the Cooper Building will be completed with new window, insulation, wooden walls and ceiling, and a new door. Jim Fleming is heading up the work crew with Alice Boeckel and David and Eva Rohr contributing work time. This renovation will be completed in time for the 2014 show. For information on work times, contact Jim Fleming at 701-947-2212

HANDICAPPED RAMPS; Handicapped ramps for the buildings at Pioneer Village have been discussed for a long time. Money from a Round-Up Grant from Northern Plains Electric was used to upgrade the steps and landing at the church. Thank you to the New Rockford Lions Club for their \$500 donation to support

this project. Additional funds will be needed as the materials to complete this important project are around \$6000. Contributions are welcome and you can donate to the project by making out checks to CNDSTR and sending them to Ardyce Snyder at PO Box 375, New Rockford, ND, 58356. The Association appreciates any and all contributions to complete this project. CNDSTR is a 501(c)(3) organization so your contribution is tax deductible.

NEW TABLES: CNDSTR applied for and received a grant for \$2000 from First Lutheran Church in New Rockford. This money will be used to purchase additional new tables for the craft buildings. Interest in the craft show has increased due to the work of Marty Larson. She has done a super job organizing the craft show/sale and has networked with other crafters across the state. Her excitement for this portion of the show has increased the number of vendors the last 2 years. CNDSTR has been using a number of "old clunkers" for the vendors to use. Not only were these tables heavy and in poor condition, CNDSTR found itself short on numbers of tables. CNDSTR thanks First Lutheran for the grant to purchase new tables. In addition to using these tables for the annual steam show/craft sale, individuals and organizations have rented these tables for community events.

SOUND SYSTEM: A new sound system was purchased for the 2013 show. While the system came in shortly before the show, Mark Brown, former band instructor at NR-S School set up the system for the 2013 show. Some kinks had to be worked out just prior to the show but the system was an improvement over the old system. Prior to this year's show, the speakers will be permanently installed above the stage for optimal sound quality.

SIGNS: Janine Gisi has been hired to complete 2 new signs that will replace 2 well-worn out signs on Hwy 281 south of New Rockford. We appreciate Janine's expertise. She also

completed the sign at the south entrance of the show grounds. Great Job, Janine!

WORK DAYS: With all of the projects in progress, CNDSTR is asking our members to contribute time by helping out during our scheduled work days. Following is a list of work days.

June 16-21: Boiler Inspections

June 21st: Saturday work day- 9 a.m.

July 19th: Saturday work day-9 a.m.

August 16th: Saturday work day-9 a.m.

September 13th: Saturday work day-9 a.m.

ADMISSION POLICY: Consensus of the CNDSTR Board of Directors was to continue the admission policy that EVERYONE must pay to get in to the show. This policy, started for the 2013 show, led to an increase in admission dollars. These dollars are important to provide the renovations and updates to continue a quality show for the participants and visitors. The entrance fees will remain the same as in previous years: \$7 per day or \$15 for the weekend with students ages 13-17 at \$4 per day and \$6 for the weekend. Children 12 and under get in free. The Board understands that some individuals have heartburn over this policy changes, but it makes it easier for the gates workers, provides funding for show expenses, and enables the board to complete necessary projects for the future of the organization. Thanks, everyone, for understanding.

2015 SHOW FEATURE: The Board of Directors selected "International" for the 2015 show feature. Fred Allmaras will be in charge of this feature.

NEW MEMBERS: CNDSTR welcomed new members Koltan Nyhusmoen, Dylan Nyhusmoen, Daniel Nyhusmoen, Karen and Norman Olson, Arthur Lillevig, and Larry Munson in 2013. CNDSTR thanks you for your interest in this organization and we look

forward to having your support for future shows.

2014 RAFFLE: The Board of Directors made some minor adjustments to the 2014 raffle. There will be only 1 raffle ticket sold this year. A ticket will provide 1 opportunity to win a remote control replica steam engine, \$150 or \$100. Tickets will be sold for \$1 each and will be on sale soon.

CRAFT/COMMERCIAL BUILDING AND FLEA

MARKET: Ms. Marty Larson will again organize the craft building for the 2014 show. Marty's connections with vendors across the state have been valuable in increasing the number of vendors the last 2 years. New tables have been ordered to help make the work of set up/take down easier and provide better quality tables for our vendors. Marty will be taking reservations soon. You can contact her for information at 701-302-0910. Thanks, Marty, for all of your time and work for CNDSTR.

FLEA MARKET: Wayne Topp continues his many years of service on the board of directors in his position of Flea Market organization. Flea Market vendors do not need to reserve places and may arrive to set up late Thursday, Sept 18th, for the 2014 show. Wayne will be visiting with the vendors following set-up. Thanks, Wayne, for all of your work with the Flea Market.

MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT: Entertainment for the 2014 show has been scheduled. The Cathy Erickson Band has been scheduled for 2 shows Saturday afternoon in Potter Pavilion. Cathy and her friends are well known across North Dakota and Minnesota for their traditional old time music. Milo Hatzenbuhler has been contracted for 2 shows on Sunday. Milo provides an entertaining look at life in rural North Dakota by providing alternative lyrics to well-known songs.

Square dancing and old time dancing will be held at 7 p.m. Friday evening at Potter Pavilion.

And Saturday evening is the favorite Talent Show. If you have any talent you wish to offer for the show, contact Leroy and Pat Krueger at 701-947-5859.

SCHOOL TOURS: Maxine Seibold returned as the head of the school tours. Maxine contacts area schools, organizes presenters, and ensures the buildings at Pioneer Village are ready for school students' educational opportunities. Last year around 200 students attended as cool, windy weather, found them engaging in a variety of demonstrations, potato picking, and rope making, along with informational presentations about life years ago. Thanks, Maxine, for your work with the student and staff in this important activity.

VOLUNTEERS: CNDSTR wants to thank all of the volunteers who help make this show possible. It is noted, that following a change in policy, these volunteers are not only give of their time, they also pay to attend the shows. As a non-profit organization, CNDSTR runs everything on a volunteer basis. But the importance of these volunteers across the many activities cannot be understated. From church services, threshing, saw mill, Parade of Engines, steam and horse plowing, spark show, and the talent show to name a few, volunteers are the lifeline of CNDSTR. CNDSTR thanks you for your time and talents.

ROMMEGROT/LEFSE: CNDSTR was pleased to have Patsy Hendrickson return to make rommegrot for the 2013 show. And we were happy to have Judy Cudworth return to make lefse. Both delicacies were requested and Patsy and Judy did an excellent job with their specialties. We are hoping for their return for the 2014 show.

NEW DEMONSTRATIONS: Alice Boeckel and Eleanor Messner were instrumental in securing individuals to demonstrate crafts from days long gone. Mr. Dahl and Mr. Aul returned to make rope-this is a favorite activity. Dr. Ken Throlson headed up the wood carvers to

demonstrate this unique craft. Doris Griffin provided demonstrations on weaving looms.

NORTHERN PULLERS: CNDSTR has contracted with Northern Pullers for the Saturday afternoon tractor pull. This increasingly popular event draws entries from across the region. You will find the pullers just north of the campgrounds.

PARADE OF ENGINES: The daily parade of engines takes place at 2 p.m. Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. This popular event showcases the steamers and this year's feature, Case, in addition to many other antique pieces of farming equipment and vehicles.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: CNDSTR thanks Milton Omoth, Doris Griffin, and Erv Sahr for their years of service on the Board of Directors. They chose to not seek re-election. Elected to three year terms to take their places were Larry Nohrenberg of Jamestown, Dean Lemer of Martin, and Marty Larson of New Rockford. Returning directors elected to 3 year terms were Verle Marsaa and Alice Boeckel.

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MEMORIAL SERVICE: A Memorial Service remembering members who passed away since last year's show was held during the Sunday morning church service at the Brinsmade Church in Pioneer Village. Words of remembrance were read and candles lite in memory of Jerry Fleming, Clayton Donohue, Daryl Snyder, Ray Lies, and Wayne Rothwell.

SAVE THE DATE: The Annual Meeting of Central North Dakota Steam Threshers Association will be held Saturday, November 1st at the Eagles Club in New Rockford. Supper will be served at 6:30 followed by the annual meeting.

PEDAL PULL: Don't forget to bring your family to the Saturday morning pedal pull. This activity places children in age categories to pedal a toy tractor pulling a weight. Prizes are awarded along with participation awards. Last year Alan Allmaras added a category for adults with a model tractor as a prize. So adults, you can vie for a top prize too. Registration starts at 9 a.m. with the pull starting at 10 a.m. by the parade bleachers.

FULL SLATE OF ACTIVITIES: CNDSTR is working on bringing a full slate of activities to the 2014 show. Check out the stationary engines, diesel engine, threshing show, steam and horse plowing, daily parade of engines, Prony brake, saw mill, tractor pull, loom weaving, wood carving, rope making, needlecraft, music, food, crafts, flea market, talent show, spark show, church service, school tours, newly renovated Cooper Building, Roger's Cook Car, Pioneer Village, 4-H dinner, rommegrot and lefse, raffle drawings, food vendors, kids and adult pedal pull, and the threshers breakfast in the cook car.

2015 SHOW: Show dates for the 2015 show are September 18th, 19th and 20th with the tractor ride September 17th.

