



GREENVILLE FARM POWER OF THE PAST

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Darke County Fairgrounds in Greenville, Ohio



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It is difficult to believe that it has been 25 years already since Greenville Farm Power of the Past had its first show in July of 2000.

As Greenville Farm Power of the Past is approaching its 25th annual reunion, it is important to remember those that have been with us along the way. There are many individuals who have been involved over the years and many different organizations have contributed to the annual reunion the last 25 years. When it comes to the directors and officers, there are only two that have been with us from the beginning - - Bill and Barb Young.

Bill and Barb are two of our founding members and have served as director and secretary, respectively, since their time with Greenville Farm Power of the Past. They are two of the pillars that Farm Power was built on and their contributions through the years have helped make Farm Power what it is today. When you see them at the show this summer, please thank them for all that they have done for our organization. Their hard work and determination, along with others, has made it possible for this show to progress and continue into the future.

On another note, this year we are also working around the construction of a new building on the fairgrounds. It is being built at the north end of our display area. We will adjust our plans as the construction progresses. We won't let it interfere with having a great show!

Thank you to the exhibitors, vendors, and visitors who have contributed to Greenville Farm Power of the Past over the last 25 years. We look forward to seeing familiar faces and welcoming new individuals and groups each year. It all plays a part in the continuation of Greenville Farm Power of the Past.

Here's to the next 25 years!

Chet Linebaugh, President 937-459-6901

Like every year it seems, spring has sprung upon us in a hurry and the excitement for our annual show grows with each passing day. The weather was definitely not in our favor last year, but it hasn't stopped our vendors from wanting to return for another year. Contracts began to arrive in January and many new vendors are calling to reserve their spaces as well. The Coliseum will be full again and though the show grounds will be a bit smaller with the new building going up, we will just grow in other directions.

As July approaches, be sure to look for our Facebook event "Flea Market and Craft Show at Greenville Farm Power of the Past." I will highlight all of the vendors and share just what they will have to offer and of course, I'll show all the delicious food that will be served up! New this year are our vendor demonstrations. From cooking and leather engraving to facials and assembling models, join in to see just how it is done by the best around.

I'm very grateful to be a part of this organization. A quarter of a century of memories and friendships have been made for so many. The strong foundation built by those who came in the beginning (and the ones we are still blessed to have be a part of it today), is a big reason it's continued over all these years. Here's to the 25th show being the best one yet and to the next 25 years being just as great as the last!

Thanks to everyone for the continued support! See you in July!

(And pray for lots of good weather!)

Anissa Krueger, Vendors 937-564-4307

Lesser-Known Classic Tractors & Visiting Groups

It is always interesting to see the variety of tractor makes and models at our show. Whether restored or in “work clothes,” each one has been preserved for a reason. Oh, the stories these tractors could tell. How many conversations among collectors started with “My grandpa or dad or family farmed with” and ended with “and now it is mine.” That tractor could have been manufactured in 1935 or 1979, but the stories seem to have a common thread.

Several collector groups have formed over the years to preserve the history of the lesser-known classics. This year we are hosting three of these national groups.

B.F. Avery Collectors - - *Brian Young, President 419-651-5657 www.bfavery.com*

We are looking forward to hosting their Summer Show again this year. Their membership reaches across several states and many members are planning to exhibit at our show.

Custom Collectors - - *Randy Baber, President 419-738-8638*

It has always been a pleasure to host the Summer Show of this group and it will be the same this year. There are local members, as well as members from other states.

Minneapolis-Moline Prairie Gold Rush - - *theprairiegoldrush@gmail.com*

This group was invited in 2020 when we featured MM but were booked for another location. We then invited them for 2024 and are excited to have the Prairie Gold Rush join us this year for the first time.

Don Marchal is in charge of the tractor area and can be reached at 937-658-4855.

Cast Iron Seat Collectors Association (CISCA)

Horses, mules, and riding implements changed the course of farming in the late 1800s as many blacksmith shops forged new implements that met the needs of farmers in their area.

CISCA has published several books about cast iron seats and the companies involved. Member collections may also include planter lids, wrenches, and other iron from that era.

CISCA is returning this year and holding their Summer Meet. We look forward to seeing them again!

Glen Steiner, President 314-306-8980

Ohio-Built Gas Engines

Over two hundred companies in Ohio built gas engines with some beginning as early as 1893 and others lasting into the early 1940s. They were built for many purposes ranging from oil fields to household and farm uses.

Darke County can be proud of early pioneers in the gas engine industry with contributions by the Wogoman Brothers of Greenville, H.A. Thomas of Versailles, and John Lambert of Union City.

There is always something going on in the gas engine area, so be sure to spend some time checking out the variety of engines on display.

Mike Monnier is in charge of the gas engine area and can be reached at 937-603-3207.

THE FAIRGROUNDS - - -

Construction has started on the 11,900 sq. ft. Community Center Building that will affect part of our display area near the gas engines. We are hopeful that the exterior part of the building is completed by our show and disruptions are kept to a minimum.

Directors are keeping abreast of the situation and will make final adjustments to display areas before the show. Updates will be posted as needed on our Facebook page and the home page of our website closer to the show. *We will work around everything this year and we will have a place for everyone to exhibit.*

MOVING IN & SETTING UP

As in prior years, we take possession of the fairgrounds on Monday before the show. ***Please use Gate 5 (West Gate) or Gate 6 (South Gate) to enter and unload.*** There is always someone available to shuttle exhibitors from the display area to the parking area.

The gates on Sweitzer St./St. Rt. 49 may need to be avoided because of the construction. Updates will be posted on Facebook or our website home page prior to the show.

GATE 5 (West Gate)
1125 Ft. Jefferson Ave./St. Rt. 121
Exhibitor, vendor, camper, & visitor parking
Designated trailer parking
Across from Flory Landscaping

GATE 6 (South Gate)
422 Eidson Road
Handicap parking
Exhibitor, vendor, camper, & visitor Parking
Easy access to horse arena
Across from several businesses

Shuttle Service is available at Gates 5 & 6 during the show

CAMPING ON THE DARKE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS July 8-13

Just a reminder - - - -

- * Exhibitors may camp for a flat rate of \$40.00 for the week.
- * Non-exhibitors are charged \$40.00 per night.
- * Please enter at Gate 5 (West Gate) or Gate 6 (South Gate) because of construction.
- * You will be given a camper registration card to be filled out and returned to the office.
- * Advance reservations are not needed.
- * According to regulations by the Darke County Health Department, dogs in the campground area need to be registered in the show office. There is no fee to register and the info that you provide is similar to that required for a dog license.
- * If you choose to camp on the fairgrounds before the show, any campers moving in before Monday are under the jurisdiction of the Darke County Fairboard and subject to their camping rules and rates.
- * You are personally responsible for any damage you do to Fairboard property. Please report any damage you see before you set up.
- * Per Fairboard policy, any campfire needs to be in a fire ring off the ground and contained. We reserve the right to ban campfires if ground conditions pose a safety hazard. If so, announcements would be made, and signs would be posted at the show office.
- * One vehicle is permitted per camping spot and the vehicle must fit within the campsite.
- * All campers will be spotted.
- * We are following Darke County Fairgrounds camping regulations.
- * Tractors must be parked in the display area.
- * Utility trailers must be parked in the designated trailer parking area.

Larry Parrett is in charge of camping and can be reached at 937-654-1317

KIDS' EVENTS - - -

The Scavenger Hunt is sponsored by the Lockhart Family.

The Kiddie Tractor Pull, Story Time, and the Coin Scramble are sponsored by Koenig Equipment and Flory Landscaping.

THANK YOU!!

2024 PRICES - - -

Daily Admission \$5.00 per person
Kids 12 & under admitted Free
Membership/Gate Pass

\$10.00 per person

Golf Cart/Gator \$10.00

Registration Fee NO ATVs

Exhibitor Camping \$40.00/Week

Non-Exhibitor Camping

\$40.00 per night

SHOW OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Wednesday
9:00 AM to 7:00 PM

Thursday to Saturday
9:30 AM to 7:00 PM

Sunday
9:30 AM to 1:00 PM

CLUB MEETINGS

Meetings are held in the Steam Thresher Building on the Darke County Fairgrounds and are open to the public.

May 20 @ 7:00 PM

June 17 @ 7:00 PM

LADIES' EVENTS - - -

Audrey Hathaway, Melanie Nealeigh, Tammy Baughn, & Jana Bruggeman will return with ideas and make & take sessions. New this year will be quilting sessions with Kelsi Hirschy and Becky Newberry. **Days, times, and locations are listed in the trifold pamphlet.**

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SHOW FAVORITES - - -

Darke County Tractor Pullers
July Classic

Western Ohio Garden Tractor
Pullers Garden Tractor Pull

Heavyweight Horse Pull

Swap Meet

Square Dancing

Darke County Farm Bureau
Tractor Cruise

Raffle

Sunday Church Service

Car Show

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Greenville Farm Power of the Past was organized in 1999 to preserve and educate others about the historical, educational, and mechanical aspects of farming and/or agricultural activities as conducted in earlier times. Many have served over the years as officers and directors to continue the purpose of the club. Countless people have also volunteered their time and talent to make the annual reunion the success it has been.

Thank you to all of the exhibitors, vendors, and visitors who have made this show possible every year. It wouldn't happen without your support!