



# GREENVILLE FARM POWER OF THE PAST

Darke County Fairgrounds in Greenville, Ohio



## Fall 2023 Newsletter

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### *From the President - - -*

Hello and thank you to everyone for participating in our annual reunion. As always, it takes the time and dedication of collectors and volunteers to bring our show together. As the late Buzz Nealeigh has said, "We can't throw a party just for ourselves."

There is also a quote from the late Duane Edwards that stuck with me this year. "When you play in Mother Nature's sandbox, you have to play by her rules." This was especially true on Saturday morning since the downpour of rain caused the unfortunate cancellation of the horse pull and the garden tractor pull. In spite of the weather, we still managed to have a good time.

I would also like to thank the Darke County Veterans for having their building on the Fairgrounds open during our show. Their donated collection of military items and memorabilia are well worth viewing and learning about the history of each item.

Next year will be our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Plans are beginning to move into full swing for next July.

We hope to see everyone again!

*Chet Linebaugh*      937-459-6424

### *News from Anissa Krueger - - -*

Another show is in the books, and it was another year of learning and growth! Mother Nature was not completely on our side this year, but we did have some great weather for Friday, and the rain eventually stopped Saturday to give us some time to enjoy the afternoon activities.

We've been blessed with some of the best vendors and concessionaires in the business and I couldn't be more grateful for all their kindness. With growth comes some growing pains and it makes it easy to work through them when there is patience and understanding. I've learned a lot over the last two years. I still have a lot to figure out, but it's been fun, and I can't wait for next year!

I'd really like to thank all those who attend and continue to spread the word about our show. We wouldn't be able to make this crazy and stressful, yet extremely enjoyable and rewarding week, happen without them.

I can't remember a summer when I haven't been at the show, and I'm privileged to be part of its continuing success. The 25<sup>th</sup> reunion will definitely be one to remember. I'm excited to see all the plans come together. Be sure to stay tuned!

*Anissa Krueger, Director of Concessions and Vendors*

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## Annual Election of Directors & Officers

**Sunday, October 15, 2023**

**2:00 PM**

**Steam Thresher Building on the  
Darke County Fairgrounds**

*(Alternate Location – Ohio Center)*

*Directors up for election are:*

*Addison Bashore*

*Anissa Krueger*

*Barb Young*

*Janice Howell*

*Roger Fox*

## Donors - - -

We have always appreciated the monetary donations made to us and this year is no exception. Thank you again for the private donations that help support the ladies' activities or the horse pull. Public donors this year included Family Health Services and Sidney Manufacturing Company. The Lockhart Family donation for the scavenger hunt "Kids' Kash" has been a great way to introduce kids to agricultural history as they search for the items on their hunt cards. Many vendors choose to honor the \$5.00 "Kids' Kash" coupons and we appreciate their interest in this event. Koenig Equipment sponsored the "Child's Homestead" activity and was a first-time donor to our show. Apple Farm Services again donated a pedal tractor for the raffle. We also had a record number of donated raffle prizes. **THANK YOU EVERYONE!**

## Current Officers & Directors

**Chet Linebaugh:** President 937-459-6424  
**Justin Rogers:** Vice-President 937-417-2485  
**Barbara Young:** Secretary 937-423-0673  
**Nancy Linebaugh:** Treasurer 937-459-6901

**Addison Bashore:** 937-417-2173

**Anissa Krueger:** 937-564-4307

**Bill Young:** 937-423-0728

**David Linebaugh:** 937-459-2067

**Don Marchal:** 937-658-4855

**Janice Howell:** 567-360-8361

**Jeff Arnett:** 937-423-3742

**Larry Parrett:** 937-654-1317

**Les Spencer, Sr.:** 937-472-8036

**Mike Monnier:** 937-603-3207

**Pastor Jim Meredith:** 937-286-9002

**Roger Fox:** 937-962-4255

**Tammy Baughn:** 937-564-4990



**THANK YOU!**

*to everyone who brought an exhibit or participated in the special events, flea market vendors, food concessionaires, and all of our visitors for making our show a success. It could not have happened without your support!*

## 2023 Show by the Numbers

Feature John Deere Tractors	165
Other Tractors	179
Total Tractors	344
Total John Deere Lawn & Garden Tractors	54
Other Lawn & Garden Tractors	137
Total Lawn & Garden Tractors	191
Feature John Deere Engines	12
Other Engines	108
Oilfield Engines	9
Hot Air Engines	3
Scale Model Engines	16
Total Engines	148
States Represented	13

We hosted the Ohio Two-Cylinder Club State Show for the first time. We hope they enjoyed our show and plan to return in 2030 when we will again feature John Deere!

### **Swap Meet - - -**

There were more vendors in the swap meet area this year and this is an area that has room for growth.

Director Les Spencer, Sr. has volunteered to be in charge of the swap meet at the 2024 show. He can be reached at 937-472-8036.

### **Memories - - - and a Tradition**

We honored the memory of Buzz Nealeigh and Duane Edwards during the final threshing demonstration on Saturday. Our traditional toss of the straw hat into the thresher was done by a member of each man's family. All other activity on the grounds came to a halt at that time.

### **Two Very Rare Tractors Were Displayed in July - - -**

Dan Thomas is a local collector who displayed his 1917 "Waterloo Boy" again this year. In 1992, a construction crew dug up the main case and assorted pieces near the Cedar River in Waterloo, Iowa. John Deere experts determined that the pieces were part of an experimental tractor that the Waterloo Gasoline Engine Company had developed before the company was bought by John Deere in 1918. This was the first of many prototypes that led to the production of the John Deere Model D in 1923. No photos and very little written information were only part of the challenges that Dan faced as he and friends worked to build the Bathtub D.

### **One-of-a-Kind "Bathtub D"**



### **Very Rare John Deere "C"**



Whitney Stith of Union, Kentucky displayed this 1928 John Deere Model "C," which is one of only 92 produced. It is the 2<sup>nd</sup> oldest Model "C" known to exist and is one of only 16 thought to have survived. With the 1923 introduction of the Farmall "F" series, and its popularity with farmers, Deere began working on its own version of a row crop tractor. The "C," produced in 1927 and 1928, was the building platform for all future John Deere row crop tractors. After design changes, the "C" designation was dropped and the 1929 model was introduced as the "GP."

### **Gas Engine Report by Mike Monnier - -**

2023 brought another great display of gas engines to our show with 108 examples exhibited. We had a dozen of the featured John Deere gas engine line not including a couple of large power units displayed in the tractor area. The Oil Field Engine Society (OFES) brought several large engines to anchor the north end of the display area near the hospital gate. Some of our members banded together to create an informal "feature" display of engines, dynamos, toy trains, and even a search light produced by Carlisle Finch company of Cincinnati, OH. We appreciate everyone who brought their treasures out to display and look forward to seeing those Ohio-built engines next year for our big 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary show.

### **2024 Show Rates -**

*Daily Admission*  
\$5.00 per person

*Membership/Gate Pass*  
\$10.00 per person

Kids 12 and under are admitted FREE

*Golf Cart & Gator*  
Registration \$10.00

*Camping for Exhibitors*  
\$40.00 for the week

*Camping for Non-Exhibitors* \$40.00 per night

### **In the Spring - - -**

Members will receive a Spring Newsletter in late April that will include updates for the 2024 show. We are making plans for a really great event and want to provide the latest news.

Would you like to receive the spring newsletter via email? If so, please email your address to us by March 31, 2024.

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Our website will be updated later this fall and again in the spring.

## And on to 2024 - - - Celebrating 25 Years!

Directors, Officers, Feature Tractors and Engines may have all changed over the years, but the constant thread throughout each show has been to “preserve and educate others about the historical, educational, and mechanical aspects of farming and/or agricultural activities as conducted in earlier times; utilizing machinery, implements and equipment propelled or powered by animals, steam, and internal combustion engines.” This was part of the mission statement of the founding members of Greenville Farm Power of the Past.

We are proud to announce that we are hosting 4 collector groups that have members nationwide. The B. F. Avery Collectors, Custom Collectors, and Cast Iron Seat Collectors will again make our show their summer show events. We will welcome the Minneapolis-Moline Prairie Gold Rush for their first visit with us.

Be sure to check out the Ohio-built gas engines – and the Ohio-built tractors, too!

[bfavery.com](http://bfavery.com)

[prairiegoldrush.com](http://prairiegoldrush.com)

Cast Iron Seat Collectors Association is on Facebook

### Camping in 2024 - - -

As in prior years, we get possession of the Darke County Fairgrounds the Monday before the show. This is a reminder that any camper placed before Monday morning, July 8, is under the jurisdiction of the Darke County Fairboard and is subject to their rates and camping rules. Please note that if you plan to have an extended stay on the Fairgrounds, you will be paying Greenville Farm Power of the Past for the nights July 8 through July 14 and the Fairboard for any other nights.

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

### Upcoming Meetings - - -

**October 15, 2023 @ 2:00 PM**  
**Steam Thresher Building**  
*(Alternate Location – Ohio Center)*  
**Meetings held in Steam Thresher Building**

November 20, 2023 @ 7:00 PM  
December - No regular meeting  
January 22, 2024 @ 7:00 PM  
February 19, 2024 @ 7:00 PM  
March 18, 2024 @ 7:00 PM  
April 22, 2024 @ 7:00 PM  
May 20, 2024 @ 7:00 PM  
June 17, 2024 @ 7:00 PM  
July 11-14, 2024 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Reunion  
August – No regular meeting  
September 16, 2024 @ 7:00 PM

All meetings are open to the public



Photos are courtesy of Jenny Schneider, Mike Monnier, Chet Linebaugh, & more can be seen on the [mycountylink.com](http://mycountylink.com) Facebook page.



# Greenville Farm Power of the Past

## July 11-14, 2024

Darke County Fairgrounds Greenville, Ohio

*Featuring Lesser-Known Classic Tractors  
& Ohio-Built Gas Engines*



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*Hosting B.F. Avery Collectors Summer Show,  
Custom Collectors Summer Show,  
Minneapolis-Moline Prairie Gold Rush,  
Cast Iron Seat Collectors Summer Meet*

### **Daily Admission**

\$5.00 per person

Ages 12 and under admitted FREE

### **Membership/Gate Pass**

\$10.00 per person

### **Golf Carts and Gators**

\$10.00 Registration Fee

Must be driven by a licensed driver

### **Camping**

\$40.00 for the week for Exhibitors

\$40.00 per night for

Non-Exhibitors

*Displays, Demonstrations, Tractor Pulls,  
Horse Pull, Ladies' Events, Kids' Events,  
Square Dancing, Camping, Lots of Good  
Food, Shaded Display Area, Paved  
Driveways, Car Show, & More!*

### **Handicap Parking without trailer**

800 Sweitzer St. (St. Rt. 49)

### **Handicap Parking with trailer**

422 Eidson Rd.

(Eidson Rd. connects St. Rt. 49 & St. Rt. 121)

### **Exhibitor, Visitor, & Camper Parking**

1125 Ft. Jefferson Ave. (St. Rt. 121)

& 422 Eidson Rd.

(Shuttle Service From Parking Areas To Display Areas)

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### **Swap Meet**

Les Spencer, Sr. 937-472-8036

### **Camping Supervisor**

Larry Parrett

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### **Local Accommodations**

Holiday inn Express 937-548-1328

Quality Inn 937-316-5252

Baymont by Wyndham 937-548-3613

### **Darke County Visitors Bureau**

Bed & Breakfasts and local camping

937-548-5158 or 800-504-2995

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