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Threshing Show to be held August 9 and 10



We hope you can make time in your busy schedule this summer to head on down to the 34th Annual Pioneer Power Threshing Show. It will be held August 9 and 10, 2008 at the museum grounds in Hanley Falls, MN.

This year, the show is hosting the Minnesota Chapter Ford/Fordson Collectors Association and will feature Ford and Fordson tractors and

equipment, as well as Ford cars and trucks. The show will also feature Galloway Gas Engines, though all makes and models of tractors and gas engines are welcome.

Special events will be held both Saturday and Sunday all day long! Again, there will be music and entertainment, a craft show, flea market, a quilt display and good food. The museum will also be open extended hours to allow you ample time to browse through the antiques and displays, and maybe even get out of the heat for just a little while.

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Minnesota's Machinery Museum Welcomes Tours

During the second week in July, we here at the museum were thrilled to welcome three different group tours over a period of two days.

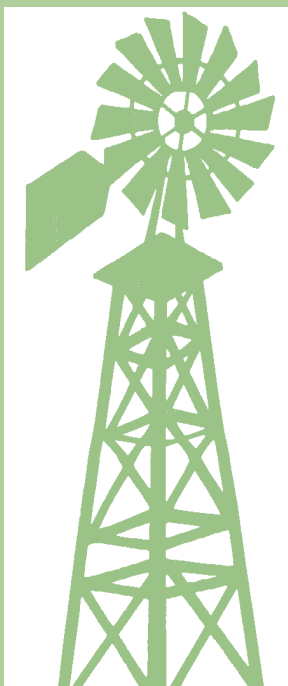
On Wednesday, July 9, the museum was visited by a group tour led by Myron Hagelstrom. The group was made up of campers

from the Alexandria area, who were camping at the county park. They visited the new elevator storage building in Hanley Falls as well as the museum.

On Thursday, July 10, Minnesota's Machinery Museum was part of a "mystery tour" that also included a stop at the Red Baron museum in

Marshall. These visitors were from the Glencoe area, and the tour included people of all ages, ranging from kids to a man who was 91 years young! The visitors commented that this area has a beautiful history, and the guest book was

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Threshing Show to feature Ford/Fordson tractors and equipment

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A parade of antique cars and tractors will be held both Saturday and Sunday at 1:30 in the afternoon. An antique tractor pull will also be held on Saturday at 4:30 p.m. for drivers 15 years and older. There will also be a barrel race on Sunday at 3:00 p.m. and a garden tractor pull at 4:00 p.m.

There are also plenty of activities for the kids, including a barrel train and a pedal tractor pull on Sunday at 10:00 a.m. for children ages 5 through 12. Registration is from 9:30 to 10:00 a.m. that morning.

We will also welcome several demonstrations held throughout the day, such as corn shelling, rope making, wood carving, rug weaving and, of course, threshing! There will also be a working blacksmith shop, a steam-powered saw mill, and homemade ice cream.

There is full hook-up camping on the museum grounds (first come, first serve), and again a food stand will be held by the Yellow Medicine Lutheran Church. Daily admission for the show is \$6.00, and free for those 12 and under! We hope that you will be able to come join us—it's going to be a great show!



Museum welcomes tours

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full of compliments for our efforts.

The museum also welcomed the Red Rose Blossom Red Hat Ladies from the Granite Falls area on Thursday morning, who came to the museum to see the beautiful quilts we have on loan from Bonnie Erickson.

Saturday, July 12 was also a busy day at the museum, as large groups from two different reunions came in and out all day, almost as if there really was a tour going on!

We also hope to welcome a few more large groups later in the summer, as the Bike Across

American tour will be coming through our area on Tuesday, August 26. The bike route leaves from Willmar and travels through Montevideo and Canby before finally passing through Hanley Falls on the way to Granite Falls. This has us very excited, and we're certainly looking forward to it!



BACK TO THE ABC'S IN SEPT.

September Event – As the students return to the ABC's this month, an ABC tour is being planned for Saturday, September 20 here. Meet at the museum for coffee and at 10 a.m. tour will depart to look at **Airplanes, Barn Quilts and Corn**. Noon lunch at the museum and finish up at 3 p.m. A small charge will cover expenses. Watch for more information in August. Individuals or groups welcome.

MISSING?

Please check for identification on what you brought home from the All-School Reunion. There are several items here and some have mentioned they didn't get theirs back. It has been some time ago and this should be cleared up before any more time passes. You may bring any reunion items back to the museum and we will return them to their owners.

MEMO FROM MAVIS

Plans continue to attract interesting events that can happen here. One opportunity is hosting a traveling exhibit from the Smithsonian Institution. Minnesota Humanities Commission is sponsoring exhibits each year and MMM is being considered for a showing of "Beyond Fences" in 2010.

Many museums apply to host these exhibits so after making site visits, the selection process begins.

Should their schedule be filled during the time frames that fit for us, we can always apply next time. Anyone remember "The Tall Grass Prairie" from 1980? That was the first time a Smithsonian exhibit came to Hanley Falls. It was the grand opening of the museum and the first threshing show in town. The years continue to roll on at an ever increasing speed.

Would like to say a huge thank

you to all who have helped with tours and events. Let me brag a little about the great board members we have. Not only do they attend meetings each month, they roll up their sleeves and take on whatever.

WANTED: 50's mementos, furniture that brings back memories of that era.

EXTENDING OUR THANKS....

THE PARADE DUO Les & Duane have driven the 1924 Model T truck in nearly every parade in the area. This is a huge commitment of time and its apparent they enjoy doing it. You can't help but smile and wave when you see their friendly faces. Thanks guys.

2008 BURGER FEED



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Top Left: Many people braved the rainy weather in order to get a taste of the museum's juicy burgers. Some even got ice cream!

Top Right: The brass and percussion play their hearts out.

Bottom Left: This year, the YME marching band is being led by high school band director Dave McCormick.

Bottom Right: Board member Brad Stensrud grills up some hamburgers for the hungry audience.

Save the Date!

July 26th—The Class of 1958 50th Class Reunion

August 9-10—Pioneer Power Threshing Show

August 26—Bike Across America

September 20— Back to the ABC's.

September 30— Museum closes for season

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