

Latest News about Heritage Tractor Adventure 2008

Sorry this is so late in arriving...we have been waiting for the okay from several stops and it took a little longer than we anticipated. Anyway here we go...

Come with a full tank of gas.

First – registration fee. When I sent out the registration letter I put on there “registration fee is the same as last year, \$150.” Unfortunately, the fee was \$175. Most people realized my mistake, some people called and a few sent in the \$150. If you were one of the people who paid \$150, please add the \$25 to your meal/lodging check. **Sorry about the confusion.**

Next – registration days. Registration will take place at the Dollinger Family Farm in Channahon from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM on **Saturday, June 14**. Come early and stay late! We are planning a few surprises that day and evening. More to come.

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Registration will continue on **Sunday, June 15** from 7:00 AM to Noon. At 1:00 PM we will be leaving the Dollinger’s for our trip to Morris where the tractors will parade down Liberty Street, ending at the Grundy County Fairgrounds for a pork chop dinner and entertainment. The public will be encouraged to come out on this Father’s Day and bring their dads to view the tractors, eat, watch tractor games and more! New this year, the tractors will stay at the Fairgrounds overnight. We will have a long day on Monday but this will also allow us to stay later at the Fairgrounds. **If you are not planning on driving your tractor on Sunday in the Parade, you must drop off your tractor at the Fairgrounds before going to the Dollinger Family Farm to register.**

Monday, June 16 the tractors will leave the Fairgrounds and again this year the tractors will be divided into two groups – fast (15 mph and over) and slow (under 15 mph). The two groups will split off just north of Morris. The faster group will head to Silver Springs State Park in Yorkville and the slower tractors will travel to a park in Newark for lunch. Both groups will leave for Pitstick’s Pavillion for the evening stop in Ottawa.

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Tuesday, June 17 the tractors will leave Pitstick’s and travel to Marseilles National Guard Training Center where special permission was given for us to enter their facility for lunch. The National Guard will have displays on hand for you to examine. Be sure to carry some id with you as you might be checked at the gate. Anyone travelling with you needs to carry an id also. From Marseilles we will travel to Goose Lake Prairie Conservation Area where dinner will be provided by Fay’s Barbeque.

Wednesday, June 18 the tractors will drive back to the Dollinger's Family Farm for the annual award ceremony/closing lunch.

Lodging Forms are enclosed for your lodging choices. We are naming Morris as the host city this year as it is centrally located. The motorcoach will bus you to Morris each evening to your hotel. The Holiday Inn Express is a brand new facility. Camping is available at the Grundy County Fairgrounds. Please call 815.942.5958 for a reservation.

Meals A meal form is also included with this mailing. Please, if you are planning on eating with us, order a ticket **now**. This year we will not be selling any extra tickets. There will be a very limited number of tickets available at the door. We will also be giving the people at the door a list of names of people who have bought tickets. If you do not have a ticket and your name is not on the list you will not be served. Since the inception of the Heritage Tractor Adventure meal prices have remained the same. Unfortunately due to the rising costs of everything we have had to raise the price of tickets. Please see form.

Family Trips Intended for your entourage, trips are being planned to keep them entertained while you have all the fun driving your vintage tractor, down a bumpy road in the hot sun. Please see the enclosed form.

Gas Please come with a full tank of gas. Last year the invoice for gas was almost \$20,000 and with the rising costs in this last year it might be doubled. Therefore, if you are planning on using our gas from FS we will be charging a \$25 fee. **Sorry.**

Miscellaneous Items.

Please have a slow moving tractor sign on your vehicle. Please make sure that your tractor is in good working order, tires also. Come with a tow rope. **But above all come with a full tank of gas.**

If you would like to charge these fees, we will add a 5% handling fee to cover the cost of our credit card fees.

We hope this answers some of your questions. We will be seeing you in a few short weeks.

June and Mary Beth