

The antique tractors gearing up for show

The Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher show begins Thursday, July 30, at the thresher show grounds east of Bird City. The show will wind down Sunday with church service at 9 a.m. at the Neville Country Church on the grounds.

Through Saturday, visitors will find the antique steam engines in action, threshing, plowing, straw baling, and wood sawing.

In addition, there are many programs taking place each day. After the flag raising and introduction of personnel at 10 a.m., the pyramid stunt, steam engine and thresher talk will start at 11:15 a.m. The Steam Engine Races are at 11:45 a.m. and visitors can enjoy a great lunch with the doors opening to the cafeteria at noon.

The 2009 Thresher Queen's identity will be revealed and she will be crowned at 1 p.m. on Thursday. The 2008 Thresher Queen, Lucille Wright, will retire and her doll will be displayed with the other former queen dolls. The princess, Dale Northrup, will be on hand throughout the show to throw in the first bundle of wheat

to be threshed.

The parade of antique cars will be held at 1:30 p.m., following with the parade of antique tractors and steam engines to begin at 1:45 p.m. Friday will have a special recognition of Auto Club.

The old-fashioned literary will be held at 7 p.m. in the country schoolhouse. Everyone is encouraged to bring poems and stories to share.

On Friday, the Heart City Heart Warmers will be entertaining at 7 p.m. at the Bird City American Legion Hall. The McDonald Lions Club barbecue will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. on Saturday.

Activities

A new activity (this is the second year) will be kite flying. Following the parade of antique tractors and steam engines, everyone, young and old, is encouraged to bring their kite to the grounds. There should be some great kite flying.

There are numerous other activities for the kids and adults. The kid's favorite is the tug-o-war which starts at 1 p.m. Starting at 3:30 p.m., tiny tots through

second grade children are invited to participate in the pedal tractor and car parade. Registration is required for this event starting at 3 p.m. at the Wilken's Building.

People are welcome to visit the many buildings filled with articles used in the past. There will be demonstrations, new items to see and other activities. The swap meet will be held on the grounds. This is an attraction that draws collectors looking for certain items.

Visit the buildings

New this year is the Thresher Show special section which is inserted in the *Bird City Times* and *The St. Francis Herald* this week. It is being delivered to subscribers throughout the United States. Extra copies are available on the grounds.

The 2009 president of the Threshers Association is Lonnie Coon. He has been working with the many volunteers who make the Thresher show a success each year.

For more information, contact Mr. Coon at 785-890-3514; or Ken Beougher, 785-734-2555.



PHYLIS AND DEAN CLARK arrange memorabilia in the David Clark Toy Museum on the Bird City Thresher showgrounds. There will be an grand opening during the Thresher show.

Old time music planned

By Karen Krien

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The program on Friday at the Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Show, Bird City, has been set and it should provide good, old-time music for all the family.

Heart City Heartwarmers, headed by Paul Bader, will be performing at 7 p.m. at the Legion Hall. The entertainment will follow a supper which will be served from 5 to 7 p.m. The meal is provided by the Community Club.

Mr. Bader is joined by his daughter, Rhonda Klasus, who is coming from Canada; and Dallas Parker, who comes from Arizona.

Mr. Bader, comes from Valentine, Neb., and is the brother of Meta Dankenbring. He formed the band in May 1982.

After the band was formed, they were coming back from playing at the VA Hospital Hot Springs, he came up with the Heart City Heartwarmers because, he said, music warms the



PAUL BADER will be entertaining families with good old-time music at the Legion hall on Friday.

heart and they were from "Heart City" (Valentine).

The band plays old country favorites from WWI, music from the 40s and 50s and some music made popular in recent years. Some of the country music is

also western music. The play polkas, waltzes and some blues. The most popular WWI song they play is "Now Is The Hour."

People are urged to come to supper, then spend the evening enjoying the music.

Car club celebrates 46 years

By Karen Krien
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The Tri-State Antique Auto Club will be celebrating 46 years in September. Members will be represented at the Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Show on July 30, 31 and Aug. 1 when they announce the 2009 Auto Queen at 1 p.m. on Friday of the show.

Last year's queen was Judy Carol Brenner. This year's queen is, much like the Thresher Show Queen, a mystery. President of the club this year is Fred Magley.

The auto club members first met as a group on Sept. 5, 1962 in a vacant lot in McDonald. In an article that appeared in the Aug. 21, 2003, issue of The Saint Francis Herald, it said there were four antique vehicles, their motors purring not smoothly but they were preparing for an adventure. The first "auto tour" was organized by Mr. Magley and they rolled down U.S. 36 to Bird City from McDonald.

Those present were: Mr. Magley with a 1925 Model T Ford coupe, Don Hartman, a 1914 Model T Ford touring car, Charles Draper, a 1922 Model T Ford truck, and Orville Hartman, a 1925 Model T Ford fire truck. There were also several people accompanying the caravan in newer vehicles.

The second tour was held on Sept. 19, 1962, and there were the three antique vehicles and a fire truck but, this time, there were eight motorcycles escorting the caravan, along with some newer pickups. Those in the group were Mr. Magley, Orville and Don Hartman and Bill Fiedler.

At Bird City, they stopped for lunch and were joined by Royce Smith of Stratton, Neb., in his 1931 Model A roadster and Dr. J.H.A. Peck, St. Francis, driving a 1923 four-door Lincoln sedan.

Traveling 25 miles per hour, they arrived in St. Francis where they visited at Burr's Skelly Service Station. At the station were Charles Draper's

1922 Model T Ford truck, Jim Manson's 1926 Dodge coupe, and Fred Burr's 1930 Model A Ford coupe.

The last stop of the day was at Dr. Peck's barn where the doctor served refreshments. There was talk of organizing a club at that time but it was deemed advisable to wait until the following spring.

The next year, on July 21, 1963, the Tri-State Antique Auto Club was formally organized.

Through the years, many tours and activities have occurred. Members have taken trips, have participated in parades, rod runs and car shows.

The first queen, Mindy Kite, St. Francis, was crowned in 1976. Other queens and coil box boys include: 1977-1978: Gladys Beamgard. 1978-1979: Minnie Crawford. 1979-1980: Hazel Hartman. 1980-1981: Hattie Toth. 1981-1982: Bessie Persinger. 1982-1983: Marsha Magley. 1983-1984: Dee Fries. 1984-1985: Carol Brubaker.

1985-1986: Jane Burns. 1986-1987: Betty Golding. 1987-1988: Evelyn Harvey. 1988-1989: Vada Leach. 1989-1990: Carol Harvey. 1990-1991: Cindy Herdt. 1991-1992: Gina Herdt. 1992-1993: Janelle Bowers. 1993-1994: Rosemary Powell. 1994-1995: Kristin Burns. 1995-1996: Belinda Boyson. 1996-1997: Jane Herdt. 1997-1998: Myra Miller. 1998-1999: Ralph Crawford. 1999-2000: Fred Magley and Glenn Neitzel. 2000-2001: Terry and Jane Burns. 2001-2002: Wes and Cindy Herdt. 2002-2003: Tanya West. 2003-2004: Jane Brubaker. 2004-2005: Norma Butcher. 2005-2006: Mary Shahan. 2006-2007: Helene Landenberg-er. 2007-2008: Connie Squires.



Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Show

July 30 - Aug. 1

Saturday, Aug. 1, 2009 1:00 p.m. MT **PUBLIC AUCTION** Seller: Estate of Kenneth Michael Conrad

Sale Site: Wray, Colorado...From the intersection of 385 & West 7th, go 1 1/2 miles west - Signs will be posted.

<p>Vehicles</p> <p>9 - Lincolns '61 convertible 4-door '66 sedan, 4-door '66 2-door hardtop '70 2-door hardtop, Mark III '81 4-door sedan (driver) '85 4-door sedan (driver) '85 4-door sedan (driver) '89 4-door sedan (driver)</p> <p>11 - Cadillacs '50 2-door hardtop '53 4-door sedan '67 Eldorado '69 Eldorado '68 4-door hardtop '69 2-door hardtop '70 2-door hardtop '71 4-door sedan, Fleetwood '74 2-door '73 '84 4-door sedan</p> <p>5 - Chevys '42 4-door sedan, Winston, in family since new '49 4-door sedan '49 Town & Country convertible, "woody" B.C. '51 4-door sedan '53 Town & Country station wagon, no wood</p> <p>2 - Oldsmobiles 4-door sedan '73 4-door hardtop</p> <p>Plymouth Valiant 4-door sedan</p> <p>Buick '88 or '89 station wagon</p> <p>Ford '87 3/4T diesel pickup '96 3/4T gas pickup (driver)</p> <p>Chevies '73 Chevy pickup '98 Chevy pickup (driver)</p> <p>Mercedes '66 2-door hardtop, 300 SE '66 4-door sedan</p> <p>These are parts cars, harvesters or four Lincolns and two pickups are drivers. They are sold "as is". No warranties implied. Items must be removed within twenty (20) days after sold.</p> <p>There will be a large trailer full of miscellaneous.</p>	<p>Household & Related</p> <p>Area heaters Sun dial 2 - Ceiling fans Treadmill (works) Auditorium sound dampening panels Ceramic tile Automobile magazine collection (quarterly) Gas heater, various engine parts, 1-front seat, rear seat, (Volvo-swagen) New windshields for old cars Large Coffee table Long wood dining table Antique tables and chairs Antique 15th buffet Sev. vintage cabinets, tables, chairs & other furniture Sev. console entertainment centers (60's to 70's) 2 - large cabinets w/shelves Vinyl record cabinet Bar stools Queen water bed Sev. bed frames (metal, wood, some older) Decorative trunk 3 - Vintage chairs - chrome/red, very good shape Silver lipper tea service Silver flatware, tea pots, bowls, platters, table service items, etc. Misc. mugs, glasses, wine goblets, etc. Sev. Bread makers Sewing machines (very old to 70's era) Vintage gas & electric stoves, oven 50's style refrigerator w/pull out shelves Assorted pots, pans, kitchenware Corningware pots, pans, coffee-makers Large flower pots Cinder blocks Craftsman miter saw w/manuals Assorted tools Wood fence panels Old glass bottles Vintage briefcases & suitcases</p>
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