

Tri-State Antique Engine & Thresher Association

Our Annual Thresher Show always starts the last Thursday in July.

Information for your review:

After attending the J.I. Case 100-year Anniversary, Mr. Roy Kite, our local farm implement dealer, decided to buy a steam engine and have an event in Bird City.

He held his first Show in 1950 and due to the interest displayed by the crowds, several local farmers began to search for antique steam engines and tractors they could restore...and "ANTIQUE FEVER" became a part of our community.

We incorporated in 1953, moved to our current location on 45 acres of land in 1976. We now have 23 buildings, including: a working saw mill, machine shop, blacksmith shop, and printing shop, country kitchen, school house, country church, sod house, auto – truck – tractor - farm equipment museums, quilt shop, large dining hall, thresher cook shack and train cabooses, three restrooms, shower house and a large asphalt pad featuring horse drawn farm equipment.

We have over 300 antique tractors, 12 working steam engines, 100 pedal tractors and one of the largest barbed wire collections in the Midwest in permanent storage on the show grounds.

During our annual Show we have three buildings featuring early life on the high plains, hand-sewn quilts, player piano concerts and old-fashioned sing-alongs.

Games for the kids include a petting zoo, treasure hunt, corn dig, volleyball, playground area and tug of war: kids vs a small steam engine.

Everyone enjoys the working blacksmiths, printing press, saw mill, shingle making, corn shelling and grinding, wheat binding, threshing and harvesting, tractor and steam engine plowing demonstrations held throughout the show.

Other activities include a daily parade, free bingo, horseshoe tournament, tractor rodeo, antique tractor - steam engine and kids' tractor pulls, fun run, plus a large building and outside area for vendors.

Open to the public, we provide a free community pot luck dinner on Wednesday night, free will offering Taco Dinner and entertainment on Thursday and an old-fashioned Bar-B-Que with corn on the cob cooked by a steam engine Friday evening, Chuck Wagon Breakfast Saturday morning and our church ladies serve lunch at noon Thursday-Saturday, featuring their famous homemade pies.

Mark Your Calendar: Our 2018 Show is scheduled for July 26th, 27th and 28th.

Tri-State Draft Horse and Mule Show
Saturday, August 28, 2017



There will be continuous demonstrations going on all day featuring
Horse-Drawn Walking Plows – Surrey Plows – Two-way Plows
Single and Double Gang Moldboard and Disc Plows
Listers – Cultivators – Road Graders
Wagons being pulled by one-two-three-four Horse Hitches

SPECIAL EVENTS

11:00am – Parade of Power: Introducing Teams and Owners

11:30am and 2:00pm – Sawmill Demonstration

12:00 Noon and 2:30pm – Wheat Threshing Demonstration

12:30pm and 3:00pm – Corn Shelling and Grinding Demonstrations

1:00pm and 4:00pm – Straw Baling Demonstration

1:30pm and 4:30pm – Eight-Horse Power Units

** Located in Office Building #2 **

COWBOY STEW Served All Day – Free Coffee and Tea

**Cheylin Lady Cougars' Basketball Team will have a table set up
selling drinks and homemade desserts as a team fundraiser.**