

The Cedar Valley Times

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Dates to Remember

April 14
Monthly Meeting 8:00 PM
At the Grounds

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May 12
Monthly Meeting 8:00 PM
At the Grounds

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June 9
Monthly Meeting 8:00 PM
At the Grounds

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June 11
Inaugural
CVEC Tractor Ride

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July 14
Monthly Meeting 8:00 PM
At the Grounds

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Words of Wisdom from our President

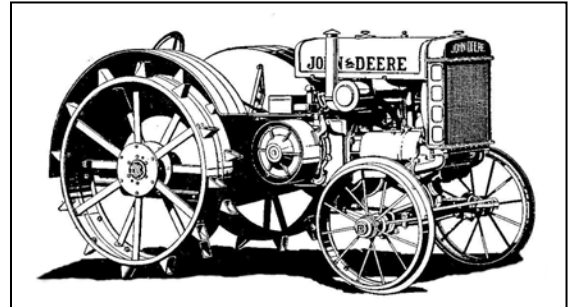
Fellow Members,

It is getting to be that time of the year to think about this year's upcoming show. The featured tractor this year will be John Deere; hopefully this will be an interest to all of our members.

On June 11th we are having our Inaugural Tractor Ride. If you would like to go on the ride please fill out the enclosed application and send it in along with a check for \$20 for each tractor you want to take on the ride. At this point we have 140 tractors signed up. We are looking for at least 150. We are accepting applications till May 31st.

The oats will be in soon or probably by the time you read this newsletter. We still have many unfinished projects and a few more to start this year. They include:

- Haymow new floor for more display area
- Light on the East End of the Food Stand
- Nordberg- Switch Panel
- Water Tank Structure
- P.A. System
- Shingle Mill Shelter
- Wind Mill
- Possible work on the Saw Mill Structure
- Fairbanks
- Paint the inside of the School House



Our main work night will still be Monday, but there has been some interest to have Saturday afternoon work sessions by some members. It is yet to be determined if we will add Saturday afternoons. If Saturday afternoons would be of interest to you, please call me, Steve Smolik at 641-732-3568 or Kelly Barnett at 641-435-4361.

We are slowly getting behind on our projects and unfortunately the future of our Shows and our Club's future depends on our active membership, so if possible we could sure use more participation by our members.

Other news "which involves more work" the Club has been given a chance to acquire a very Old Steam Power Unit, which was created and built by James Watt in 1799. This Steam Power Unit is one of three in the United States, the other two are in the Henry Ford Museum at Dearborn, Michigan. These engines are what started the Industrial Revolution in England that later trickled over to the United States and changed the way modern man lived and worked. The Club is very lucky to have this Unit donated to us, as of now we have no plans to have it running for this years show, but maybe next year? It will take a lot of work and please remember "This Club depends on YOU"!!

Thank You!

Steven Smolik

CVEC Web Page Update

It has come up in the past that we should have a web page to help with the changing times. Bob Neal and his son are working on such a project. The web domain name has been reserved. Now comes the interesting part. Compiling the information to have an interesting page for people all over the world to see. We are trying to compile a history of the club to give a background of the club as well as some information about different displays that we have at each year's shows. Schedule of events, directions, features, as well as pictures and topics pertaining to the club will be included. If you have information about club history or any pictures you would like to share please contact me at the address inside the cover of this newsletter. The web site is new territory for us and we hope it will spark some more interest in our wonderful club. We hope to have the site up and running before the next issue of this newsletter reaches you.

Charles City Theatre Ad Update

One new avenue we are trying this year for advertising is at the Charles Theater in Charles City. The 1/2-hour before each show is slotted to have digital ads placed on the big screen in front of the audience. We think this is a great chance to promote our show to a captive audience. I hate to say it that way. It makes it sound like the theater isn't a fun place to go to. But we do have a group of people in a room at our disposal. Why not place an ad in front of them to say "Here We Are, Come and See Us". We hope this will gain the interest of the local public, young and old to come out to our show and swap meet.

Historical Tidbits

As I was going through some old magazines I have from the early 1900's, I ran across some interesting items. I thought it would be neat to give a glimpse of the past, in one way or another, in our newsletter. One of the things that strike me interesting is how the farm was self-sufficient. The cars and roads to drive on were in the early stages. The days of the horse and wagon were strongly engrained in the farming community. Food was life in every sense of the operations on the farm. Weather it was the grain from the field or the livestock the farmers tended to. The recipes, at least to me, are very interesting. At least to compare them to what we consider normal now. Here is an example from a 1926 magazine:

Pickling Pork.

Brine for Pork.

For one hundred pounds trimmed meat use 8 pounds fine salt, 2 pounds brown sugar, 1 1/2 ounces black pepper, and 1 teaspoon pulverized saltpeter; mix together well. If hams and shoulders are large, run a butcher's steel through the thick parts in three to four places. Then rub the salt mixture in well and place on a shelf or table in a barrel for 20 to 25 days. Wash off in very warm water and hang up to dry 24 hours, then begin to smoke.

To Smoke the Pickled Pork.

The first two days, have a very little fire; use green alder or vine or hard maple, (the author of this uses apple tree branches etc., cut at time of pruning) and smoke for 10 to 12 days, and you will have a good article. If you want to keep your meat through the summer, pack it in corn or oats, layer by layer, and keep it well covered.

WOW, to me this just sounds like problems from the get go. This sounds interesting to see how it was actually done but not to eat. This is just one example to tease you into more interesting times from the early 1900's. Maybe I will have an old advertisement or some other items to take you back down memory lane.

Thanks 'til next time,

Kelly Barnett

Cedar Valley Engine Club

Inaugural Tractor Ride

Departing on Saturday, June 11th at 8:30 a.m. from the Cedar Valley Engine Club, 7 miles west of Charles City, Iowa on Hwy. 14

Sponsored by the Iowa Cornbelt Oliver Collectors

ROUTE:

We will start at the Cedar Valley Engine Club, 7 miles west of Charles City on Hwy. 14. The route will take us through the towns of Rockford, Nora Springs, Rock Falls, Rudd and back to the Cedar Valley Engine Club. We will stop along the way for a morning break, lunch, a picture, and an afternoon break.

Total trip 50 miles!

Tractor Ride is open to all brands of tractors. Tractor must be able to maintain at least 10 mph to go on ride.

Rules & Regulations:

Loading Dock and Truck & Trailer parking available at the Cedar Valley Engine Club. All tractors must have a slow moving vehicle sign visible during the ride and a side mirror. There will be four speed groups: **10- 12 mph, 13-15 mph, 16-20 mph, & 20+ mph.** There is a \$20.00 entry fee per tractor. **NO** alcoholic beverages allowed. Extra riders must have a buddy seat. Drivers must have a valid driver's license. The ride will be held rain or shine.

Questions? Contact Marc Sletten at (319) 988-4319 or via email sletten@kca.net

Registration Form Due Back By May 31, 2005

Ride limited to first 150 tractors entered.

DRIVER: _____ TRACTOR/ MAKE/MODEL: _____

ADDRESS: _____

Checklist:

- T-Shirt size (circle one): XXL XL L M S
- I will be driving in the **10-12 MPH** speed group.
- I will be driving in the **13-15 MPH** speed group.
- I will be driving in the **16-20 MPH** speed group.
- I will be driving in the **20+ MPH** speed group.
- My entry fee of \$20 is enclosed.
- Extra T-Shirt \$10 size (circle one): XXL XL L M S

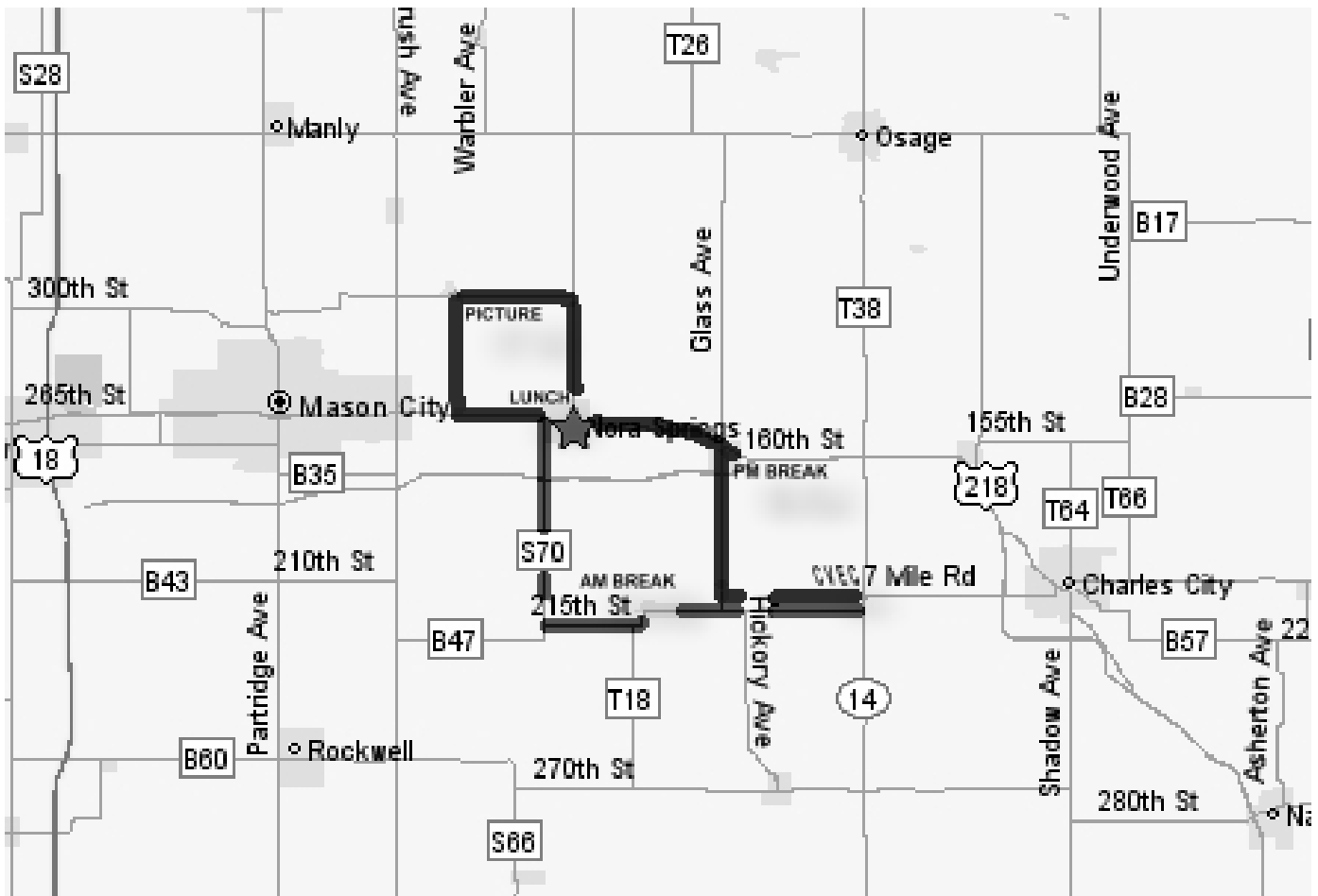
Please make check payable to:
Cedar Valley Engine Club
Mail completed registration form and entry fee to:
Cedar Valley Engine Club
Marc Sletten
17537 Grundy Rd.
Cedar Falls, Iowa 50613-8271
Questions? Call (319) 988-4319

Owners, drivers and passengers accept full liability for any injury or loss to themselves or property while participating in the Cedar Valley Engine Club Tractor Ride. The manager and landlord are expressly released from any and all claims of loss, liability and injury.

Signature

Date

1st Biennial Cedar Valley Engine Club Tractor Ride Map



ROUTE

Start:

Cedar Valley Engine Club → west on B45 to Rockford	= 6.5 miles
Rockford → west on B47 to Fossil Park (Morning Break)	= 2.5 miles
Fossil Park → west on B47 to S70	= 2 miles
Right on S70 → to Nora Springs (Lunch Break)	= 7 miles
Morning	= 18 miles
Nora Springs → west on B30 to S62	= 3 miles
Right on S62 → to Rock Falls	= 4 miles
Go over Covered Bridge (Picture) and back to Rock Falls	= 2 miles
Right on B20 → to S70	= 4 miles
S70 → to Nora Springs	= 4 miles
Left on B30 → to Rudd (Afternoon Break)	= 5 miles
Left on T26 → to B45	= 5 miles
Left on B45 → to Cedar Valley Engine Club	= 5 miles
Afternoon	= 32 miles

Total Trip = 50 miles