



Power Of The Past Antique Engine And Tractor Show At Ottawa This Weekend

"The 20th annual Power of the Past Antique Engine And Tractor Show is scheduled Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 12-13-14, at Forest park on north Locust Street in Ottawa," announced Bob Stevanus, official of the Power of the Past Antique Engine and Tractor Association.

"The group started as a gathering of a handful of antique engine and tractor buffs in 1995. With nine members, Lewis Reed was our first president. Through the years, we have grown to nearly 400 members," said Stevanus, adding that the Franklin County Convention and Visitor's Bureau is cosponsoring the show.



"Our organization's mission is to preserve the past, bring back the memories of days gone by, and create a learning experience for younger generations through demonstrations of equipment at various events throughout the year," Stevanus said.



Advertised on 580 WIBW and The BIG 94.5 Country, and promoted on www.WibwNewsNow.com and www.KansasAgNetwork.com, as well as 580-94.5 calendars and Facebook, the show this year will feature John Deere tractors and engines. "There will be a drawing for a restored John Deere (shown left) to be given away during the show. So, don't miss your chance to be a winner," Stevanus declared.

"Transportation is to be provided for those with problems walking, but there will be no RV hookups available, and no alcohol allowed in the park," Stevanus noted. Kickoff is breakfast Friday morning, Sept. 12, with the national anthem at 8 o'clock, also on the early schedule for all three days.

Likewise, daily attractions from 10 o'clock, to dusk, are live music, horse drawn rides, an antique planer, drag saw demonstrations, rock crushing, hay baling, feed grinding with horse teams, soap making, an operating saw mill, rope making, an operating cider press and homemade ice cream.

Highlight for many is the Parade of Power (top right) every day at 1 o'clock, with many of the display tractors and engines to be paraded around the show grounds. There'll be a free ham and bean supper Friday starting at 4 o'clock, until gone.

A kiddie tractor pull is Saturday morning at 9:30, and there will be a fund raising auction of donated merchandise beginning at 10:30. The garden tractor pull is at 2 o'clock, Saturday, when the Kiddie Corner is also to be open.

Always an attraction is the ladies skillet toss and shoe throw, Saturday, at 3:30. Live music by The Odds & Ends Band is scheduled from 5 to 7 o'clock, Saturday evening. Church begins at 8:30, Sunday morning, with wrap-up of the big three days being the Parade of Power at 1 o'clock, Sunday.

Details are available at www.powerofthepast.net.



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Padre says:

"Shoot for the moon. Even if you miss, you'll land among the stars."