



**Northern Indiana Historical Power Assoc.
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Dear NIHPA Members,

As the new year begins, your club directors are setting into motion plans and ideas for the coming year. With the very successful show in 2007, we are all anxious to build on the energy created by the fun we had. At the October Membership Meeting, the following Officers and Directors were voted in:

President: Fred Armstrong Vice President: Jerry Y Wise Secretary: Clint Rigg Treasurer: Ray Hodge
2008-2009 Directors: Drew Armstrong, Jerry O Wise, Jack Kashak, Jack Rosenbach, Charlie Hardesty
2007-2008 Directors: Nick Misch, Adam Floyd, Miriam Kreps, Louie Norfleet, Nancy Howton

During a strong summer storm last year, one of NIHPA's and Sunset Hill Farm County Park's landmark symbols was unfortunately destroyed, the Aermotor Windmill. At the January Director Meeting, it was agreed to replace this motor with a brand new U.S. made Aermotor model A-802 8' windmill. Miller's Windmill Service out of Middlebury, Indiana will install this new motor on our existing steel tower early this year. A dedication for the new motor will be held during our show and donations are being sought to help offset the cost of this landmark. To participate, send check to NIHPA with "windmill" noted in memo line of check.

Our 32nd Annual Fall Harvest Festival and Antique Equipment Show is scheduled for this coming September 26, 27 and 28. Featured exhibits will include Cockshutt and Co-op tractors and oil field engines. We also look forward to the return of the Highland Model A Club, The American Truck Historical Society, and Winamac Old Auto Club. Nancy Howton has once again agreed to head up the flea market for our show this year and is looking for additional vendors. If you know of a vendor or would like to help Nancy, contact her at 219-464-7777.

Preparations are under way for a new NIHPA event, our 1st Annual Tractor Pull and Swap Meet which will be held on Saturday, June 7. This event will be sanctioned by North Central Indiana Antique Tractor Pullers Association and will offer a farm stock division and modified tractor division. Participation is open to everyone; for rules and regulations see our web page at www.nihpa.org or contact NCIATPA President Red Thompson at 219-785-2168. NIHPA members are needed to help during this event with gate, parking, swap area, set-up, and clean-up.

Jerry Wise will be in charge of crops this year. If you would like to help, give Jerry a call at 405-1732. A few projects NIHPA is planning to undertake this year include painting the granary roof and chicken coop building, constructing ADA picnic tables with Park Staff, and installing informational signage on pieces of NIHPA equipment and buildings for enjoyment of the viewing public. Much of this work will happen during our work weekends of April 26(8:00am), April 27(12:00pm), June 14(8:00am), June 15(12:00pm) and all members are encouraged to come out and have some fun! Mark your calendars for the following 2008 membership meetings (all begin at 7:30pm): March 26, April 30, May 28, June 25, July 30, August 27, September 24 and October 29. A pitch-in dinner will be held before the April, June and August meetings at 6:45pm.

In an effort to keep expenses down, the newsletter format of the past has been retired. Members will continue to receive periodic letters such as this to keep them informed of club information. As always, your best source of information is to attend the membership meetings.

Membership cost remains at \$12.00 and you are encouraged to send in your dues now so that you will remain on our mailing list and continue to receive future information on the happenings and events with NIHPA. If you are a life member, your membership is free, but we need to know if you want to stay on the mailing list. A membership form can be found on the back of this letter. Find more club information on the world wide web at www.nihpa.org or contact me at valpofred@yahoo.com or 219-462-0986.

Fred Armstrong