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P.O. BOX 651 CEDARBURG, WISCONSIN 53012

2025 WAPR Raffle Grand Prize Tractor - 1952 John Deere A

Charlie Kraft attended the January 2025 WAPR Membership Meeting and offered to donate a John Deere A that his father, Ervin Kraft, purchased in August 1989. The tractor is being donated through the Ervin & Kathleen Kraft Family Trust in memory of their grandson, Jeff Schmeckel, who passed away in 2022.



Jeffrey L. Schmeckel

August 31, 1984 - May 16, 2022

Jeff graduated from Union Grove High School in 2003. Jeff was a farmer from childhood on. He raised beef, corn, and soybeans. He loved exhibiting cattle and hogs at the Racine County Fair. He was involved with the Farm Bureau and enjoyed attending farm auctions. Jeff enjoyed antique tractors, farm toys, dogs, playing cards, and watching the Packers and Brewers.



Ervin W. Kraft

April 21, 1931 - March 10, 2021

Ervin served in the Army from February 1952 until January 1954 as a mechanic in Germany, Austria, and Korea. Upon returning home from military service, Ervin returned to work at J.I. Case and farming in Kenosha County until 1962, when Ervin and Kathleen bought a farm in the Town of Byron in Fond du Lac County. He was an avid collector of antique tractors and spent many hours restoring his antique equipment, as well as his 1947 Studebaker truck.

Have you ever wondered why we have club fundraising raffles every year?

Is it because we all love to sell tickets to our friends, family, neighbors, people on the street, and anyone we see at a show? **Absolutely!**

Is it because we use it as an opportunity to brag about our club and its members? **Absolutely!**

Is it because we love the thrill of hoping to hold the winning ticket when the drum rolls at the raffle drawing? **Absolutely!**

Is it because we value the next generation of students entering agriculture-related programs and want to support them with our annual scholarship? **Absolutely!**

Our club's purpose statement states, *"The purpose of the corporation/club is to promote the interest of the public **and educate the next generations** in the preservation and restoration of antique tractors and machinery, their accessories, lore, and literature."* Each year, we take nominations for our Wisconsin Antique Power Reunion scholarships from students in our club service area. We review the applications and select up to three deserving students for a \$2,000 scholarship each. Over the years, we have supported students in both undergraduate and graduate programs. Some of them have gone on to work in agricultural-related occupations, while others have returned to a family farm to work alongside their family, helping to feed our community.

The next time a discussion of a club raffle comes up, be the first to raise your hand to 1) **suggest** the type of raffle to be held, 2) **offer** to work with a team to plan for the raffle, 3) **SELL, SELL, SELL tickets**, and 4) **celebrate** the youth that continues to go into agricultural related programs in what is now a very fast-changing world of farming and agriculture.



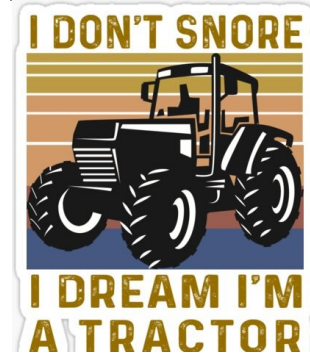
From Dave Morris—

Wish to thank everyone that participated in the tractor safety class and testing on March 15. There was 31 students that took the driving test at Farmer's Implement. Ken Albinger, Alex Bast, Ed Bast, Dan Benning, Gary Brushaber, Larry Brushaber, Bill Hinckley, John Skadahl, Rich Wagenknecht and David Morris. If



I forgot someone. Sorry. It was a busy day. But I hope everyone had fun. Thanks for helping out with the testing

An aging farmer was talking to his neighbor and the neighbor asked "Why do you farm with Oliver instead of John Deere?". The old farmer thought about it and replied, "Have you ever heard of anyone stealing an Oliver?"



CLASSIC GREEN REUNION

JUNE 12-14, WASHINGTON COUNTY FAIR PARK

Anything and everything John Deere or Deere related is welcome!!

Feature Models for 2025:

- John Deere Model B
- Waterloo Boy gas engines
- Industrial wheeled tractors
- Van Brunt equipment
- 00 series Lawn and Garden tractors (100, 200, 300 and 400)

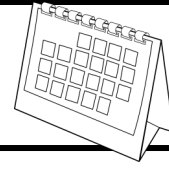
The following event registrations open up January 2025:

- Exhibitor registration
- Banquet registration
- Trivia Night registration
- Camping registration
- Golf Cart rentals
- Vendor registration
- Registration for Tours
- Volunteer registration

You can register online at:
www.classicgreen.org

Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart —Elizabeth Andrews, American Author

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER 2025



Tuesday, April 22-7 pm -General Meeting at Circle B, Cedarburg

Thursday, April 24-Tom Thill tour and dinner-Doug Kolbach

Tuesday, May 27- 7 pm-General Meeting at Circle B, Cedarburg

Sunday, June 1-Newburg Parade- Lee Carter

June 12-14- Classic Green Reunion, Washington County Fair Park (see details in this newsletter)

June 14-Washington County Breakfast on the Farm @Washington County Fair Park and Maple Woods Dairy Farm LLC

June 26-28-Tomah Tractor Pull

June 27-28- Cheese Curd Festival, Antique Tractor Show- Ellsworth, WI

June 28-Slinger Historical Society- Antique Tractor Show

Friday, July 4-Cedarburg parade- Line up starts at 8:30 am at Fireman's Park, Parade starts at 10 am

July 19- West Bend Elevator Show

Tuesday, July 22-3rd Annual Potluck and Social Event-Details coming soon.

****Champion needed to coordinate*****

July 22-27-Washington County Fair-People Mover help needed, Larry Brushaber

July 29-Wayne's Drive In Scholarship Fundraiser (tentative), Ed Bast

July 30-August 3-Ozaukee County Fair-Ed Bast

July 31- WAPR Tractor Pull

August 3-Car and Tractor Show

September 14-Kewaskum Early Farm Days

September 20-21- Richfield Historical Society Thresheree & Harvest Festival-Herb Lofy

September 27-28-Cedarburg Creek Pumpkin Farm Show- Ed Bast

October 11-Autumn at the Village- Ken Albinger

October 25-26-Cedarburg Creek Pumpkin Farm Plow Days-Ed Bast

Do you have an event that we can participate in, sell raffle tickets at, or support with club owned equipment?

Contact any officer or director for details.

W A P R C L A S S I F I E D S

Mitch Ziesemer is looking to
buy an Allis-Chalmers
WD-45 Wide Front.

Please email him at
mkziesemer@gmail.com

Ken or Paul Kleckner, Port Washington
are looking for a 10 ft manure pump.
Call 262-285-3584

Peter Feider is looking for an
older model manure spreader .
Contact Peter at 262-689-3635

Pair of 1937 Allis WC 24 " rims. One is
rusty through and has some very
rusty spokes. The other is good. The
center hubs are in great condition.
\$50 or make an offer
Tom Steinbach 262-302-1466

Do you remember before the
Patz barn cleaners were installed
and there was a manure cart on a
rail??? I am looking for the rail
and chains. Contact Kluever's at
262-353-2222.

Pair of Oliver fenders. Modified
to fit a John Deere . Painted JD
Green. Will need wires ran to the
lights. \$200 or Best offer

Pail of 18.4-38 Tires and 16 x38
Double Bevel Rims. One tire has
a bulge out the side. Rims in
good shape. Would be good for
duals or pulling. \$500 or best
offer

Call or Text Alex Bast
262-229-7159

Do you have a building that is
falling down??? I am looking for
weathered barnboards to cover a 10
x 10 ft area. Prefer longer piec-
es. Contact Chris Gordon at 414-
828-5973

Kathy Lubner, Waubeka, is
looking to sell a Simplicity Hit
or Miss engine. It belonged to
her father, Al Lubner, and ran
before he passed away.
Contact Kathy at
rz350ypvs@yahoo.com



Thank you from the Wade Muth family for supporting the fundraiser and tractor ride. Watch for more events.

Did you know your tractor can do magic???
You drive it down the road, and it turns into a field.

A poem for the farmers:

*He Dig, She Dig.
They Dig,
I Dig, You Dig. We Dig.*

Yes, it's
corny,
but it's
deep

**Volunteers don't
get paid, not be-
cause they are
worthless, but be-
cause they are
priceless. —
Sherry Anderson**

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Wisconsin Antique Power Reunion Inc. has been in existence for over 25 years. Many changes have occurred in that time frame. We have been keeping membership records that entire span of time and want to take time to make sure that our records are up to date. Some of you may have moved or changed phone numbers, or even hopped on the technology train and use email.

Please review what we have on record for you and if there are any corrections, please mark up and return to Lila Bast at the next meeting or mail to WAPR, PO Box 651, Cedarburg, WI 53012

Name _____

Address _____

Phone number _____

☐ Home ☐ Mobile

Email address _____

If you are not getting club emails, and would like to be put on our distribution list, please fill in your email above.. We do not give out any personal information for club members, including phone numbers and email addresses

Thank you for taking the time to make sure we are able to contact you with schedule changes or other matters that may come up between monthly meetings.

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Thank you to everyone that helped or attended the toy show. It was a great time. See you next year.

