

The Tractor Times

July 2024



Please Note: July meeting is on Saturday the 13th at 2pm.

Bring a dish or dessert to share for the Summer Picnic potluck, hot dogs, hamburgers, and fixins' provided by Club.

Please watch the Website and FaceBook for any new information.

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President's Letter

Hello fellow GLATC members!

Ok guys and gals, here we go!! July is upon us, and the Club schedule is a busy one!! Greg Hansmeier, our Club activities director, has had his nose to the grindstone putting together details for all the July events. It is a very large task, and I would like to thank Greg for all his hard work and his sense of humor! Be sure to check out the July schedule of events later in the newsletter. (Greg has included some road trips for those that may be interested.)

The first two major events coming up are the July 4th parades in Lake City and Fife Lake. The Lake City parade is at 10am with line up at 830am. It is a really large and fun parade to run in with thousands of spectators cheering us on! (I have again requested that our club be placed toward the beginning of the parade so our members can move on to the Fife Lake parade) The Fife Lake parade follows up in the afternoon at 2pm, with line up beginning at 1pm.

While not quite as large as Lake City, it is still a fairly big parade and equally as fun to participate in. Greg has all the pertinent information for you in his schedule of events article. Also, as is the custom for the 4th- decorate those tractors and show your patriotism with pride!!

Next we have our upcoming summer picnic/membership meeting on Saturday, July 13th at 2pm. We will kickoff the summer with the club furnishing hotdogs and hamburgers with all the fixings. Please bring a dish to pass and your own table service. Also, feel free to bring a tractor to set out on display for the picnic and meeting.

Just a reminder that the newsletters will now include an article containing a brief summary of the meetings. This was a good suggestion from a few members at the May meeting and I would like to thank them for the feedback and ideas. This article will be absent from the July newsletter since there was no meeting in June. Look for its return in the August newsletter!

The sign up for the bridge crossing continues. Our Club has about a dozen members signed up so far the last I knew, with at least 56 clubs and over 800 tractors already registered!! My advice to you would be to get registered as soon as possible if you plan to go this year! Another note to be aware of - the buddy rider registration ends on July 15th, so please be sure to register before then if you intend to be a buddy rider this year.

Please check out our club website www.greatlakesantiquetractorclub.org for the latest updates! There have been some new pictures added to the site and some new features! There are links to click on to download and print member applications and bridge crossing information. If you have any comments, questions, suggestions, or articles for the newsletter and or the website- please let us know!! Contact Sandy Boals or myself!

Finally, I hope you all stay safe during your holiday travels and I hope to see many of you at the Lake City parade and the picnic meeting on July 13th!! Remember that this meeting has a special start time at **2pm!!**
See you there!!

Mike Polega
President
Great Lakes Antique Tractor
Club





PICNIC

July 13th

will be our Kick-Off Summer Picnic followed by the membership meeting.



We'll gather at the Union Township Hall at **2pm** with hotdogs and hamburgers with all the fixins' furnished by the Club!

The Club will also furnish Lite Lemonade and Unsweetened Ice Tea.



Please bring your table service and a side dish or dessert to share. The Club always has extra table service if needed.



Don't Miss out! Get your 50-50/raffle tickets. Several drawings - you could be a WINNER!



Ask the Pro

Hello everyone!!

"Ask the Pro" is back!! This article is designed to bring informative and helpful tips to you about small engines and their care, repair, and maintenance. I have spent 34 years (20 of it professionally) turning a wrench as a small engine mechanic. I will share some of that knowledge with you here!

Oil changes on your lawn or garden tractor - is it really that important? The answer is YES it is!! Your lawn or garden tractor operates in some really nasty conditions. Most notably-dusty conditions while mowing and tilling the garden. This dust plugs up your air filter pretty quickly, which makes it imperative that you check and clean the filter regularly. These conditions also contaminate the oil, which is why it turns a jet black color over time.

Good rule of thumb is to change your engine oil once a year. If the conditions are severe and/or you mow commercially or just a lot in general, you will need to change the oil more frequently. Use a good quality small engine oil, making sure to use the correct weight according to your manufacturer's specifications. Most tractor engines use SAE 30 weight oil. There are some such as Honda, Kohler Pro, and Kawasaki that use a multi weight like 10w30. Tractors used during the winter months will often use a 5w30 oil.

Changing the oil filter is just as important. Your average homeowner that changes the oil once a year does not necessarily need to change the filter every year. This depends on the conditions you are mowing in. If you have a lot of sand and dust, then you should change the filter yearly. If you have a manicured lawn with irrigation, you can change the filter every other year. If your oil is black - you need to change the

filter. If the oil is clean at the end of the season, you can get away with not changing the filter. When changing the filter, it is best to use the filter recommended for that engine. DO NOT use automotive filters as they do not offer the same filtration as a small engine filter.

The best method for changing the oil and filter on your lawn or garden tractor is to start by warming up the engine. This will get the oil hot and will ensure it all drains out with the impurities. Once the oil is drained, spin off the old oil filter. Clean up any spilled oil. I usually take the new oil filter and prefill the filter with oil. (This is an age old debate, and many people opt not to prefill the filter. I like to prefill because it ensures there is no "dry run" for however many seconds it takes for the filter to fill up with oil.)

Spin the new filter on and hand tighten only! Do not use a filter wrench to tighten as you could pinch the seal on the filter and cause it to leak. You will also have a harder time removing the filter at the next oil change. All you need to do is snug the filter by hand. Then - fill the crankcase with fresh small engine oil of the correct weight and amount for that engine.

Now you are ready to start your engine and let it run for a couple minutes. Shut the engine off and recheck your oil. Top off the oil as needed to bring the oil to full on the dipstick. Finally, some people like to put the date and or hours on the oil filter. This is a good practice to follow.

This is just a general summary of performing an oil change. There may be additional steps involved with different tractor models. Always refer to your owner's manual for specific instructions on performing engine oil changes and other maintenance.

I hope you found this information helpful. In the next issue, we will discuss flat tires - what a pain!! LOL!

Keep on wrenching!

Mike
"Ask the Pro"

JULY 2024 EVENTS

If you are looking for redundant, you are pretty much in the right place.

**LAKE CITY “GREATEST FOURTH IN THE NORTH” PARADE
THURSDAY, JULY 04, 2024
10:00 a.m.**

We have permission to use the vacant lot that used to be the elementary school. West from the M-66/M-55 intersection, proceed to Houghton Lake Street and turn right (south). It runs along the east side of Lake City High School. The next right turn (west) is Russell Street. Proceed to the vacant lot at the northwest corner of Russell Street and Pine Street. Once deployed, it may be easier to take the driveway north/northeast to the main parking lot and to M-55/Houghton Lake Road.

Mike filed, as is our practice, to request placement early in the parade to allow adequate time at the end of the parade to load up and head for Fife Lake. When they accommodate us, we typically line up on Broadway Street. So, to get there, turn left (west) on M-55 and proceed straight through the stop light.

It then becomes Park Street. Proceed to the curve which becomes Perry Street. Cross over Fisher Street to Broadway Street. From there it will be a right or left turn depending on our assignment. My stock recommendation each year, however, is '*follow Mike.*'

Line up begins at 8:30 AM and the parade begins at 10:00. It goes through downtown Lake City and several neighborhoods. It ends at/near Russell Street. Hypothetically, (how is that for a \$5 word when a \$1 one would do) parade units are deemed to have the right of way on Russell Street.

There are no detours or road construction in the immediate Lake City area.

Cautionary notes: This year they are only doing a 5K run. Part of these runs are done on Broadway Street. Also, as in past years, watch for ATVs in and around the park area.

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**FIFE LAKE FOURTH OF JULY PARADE
THURSDAY, JULY 04, 2024 2:00 PM**

When leaving for Fife Lake, pull out on northbound Houghton Street to M-55/Houghton Lake Road. Turn right (east) and go .2 mile to northbound Decker Road. There is a red barn on the property at the northeast corner. Take Decker Road .9 mile to Sanborn Road. There is a Blair Storage sign on the west side just before intersection.

Turn left (west) on Sanborn Road and go .4 mile to M-66/Morley Road. Turn right (north) on M-66/Morley Road and proceed 15.7 miles to Ingersoll Road. There is a loose gravel advisory sign on Ingersoll. Except for two short strips, the loose gravel has been pushed to the side by traffic.

Once on Ingersoll Road, proceed 7.8 miles to the stop sign at Coster SW. Turn right (northwest – up stream) and 1.0 mile into the downtown area. Carefully cross the Great Lakes Central Railroad tracks (Never trust a train. They have loco motives). After the tracks, bear left on State Street.

Continue to Fife Lake Road (museum corner). Turn right and proceed to the parking lot of FOREST AREA CREDIT UNION at the intersection of Fife Lake Road and U.S. 131. The street address is 638 Boyd Street, Fife Lake 49633. Please make sure the drive up area and night depository are not blocked.

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Please use wood under the ramps when deploying and loading. Proceed back to the downtown intersection. Turn right (west) and proceed to State Street and Pierce Road. Pierce runs along the side of the elementary school. The parade line up will be done on Pierce Road. LINE UP begins at 1:00. Once again, care and caution due to the use of golf carts and ATVs.

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Senior Day on Thursday asks for \$5.00 donation. There is an all you can eat buffet. The buffet cost will likely be between \$7.00 and \$9.00.

Areas of emphasis are Doodlebugs (Doodlebug Challenge) and home built tractors. The Parade of Power will be held each day at 2:00 PM.

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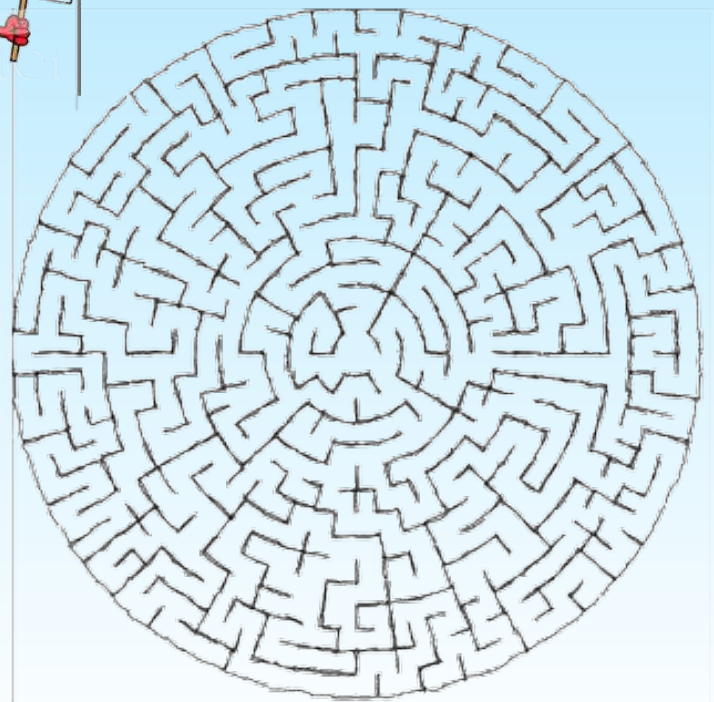
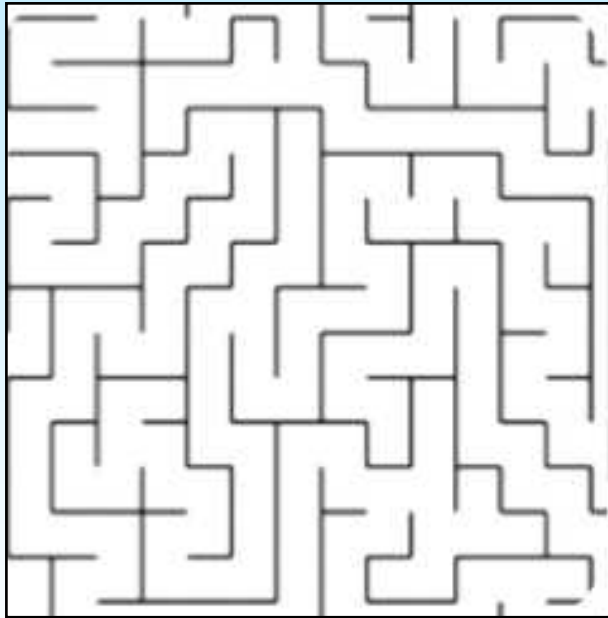
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In the last newsletter, I erroneously stated that the Bridge Crossing would be held on Friday, September 06, 2024. It should have dawned on me when they announced that transportation would be by school bus that either: a) there were going to be a LOT of happ students, or; b) the crossing will be on **Saturday, September 7th.**

~ Greg Hansmeier, Activities Director



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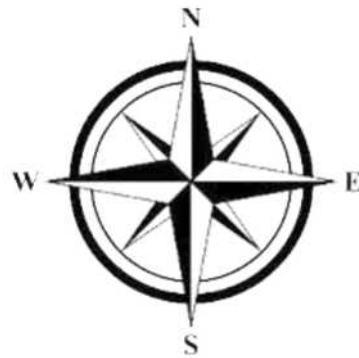
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No matter where you are reading this newsletter from, we'd like to know how we're doing. Ideas for articles welcome.

Constructive criticism gracefully accepted.

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Thanks!

Sandy Boals, Newsletter Editor

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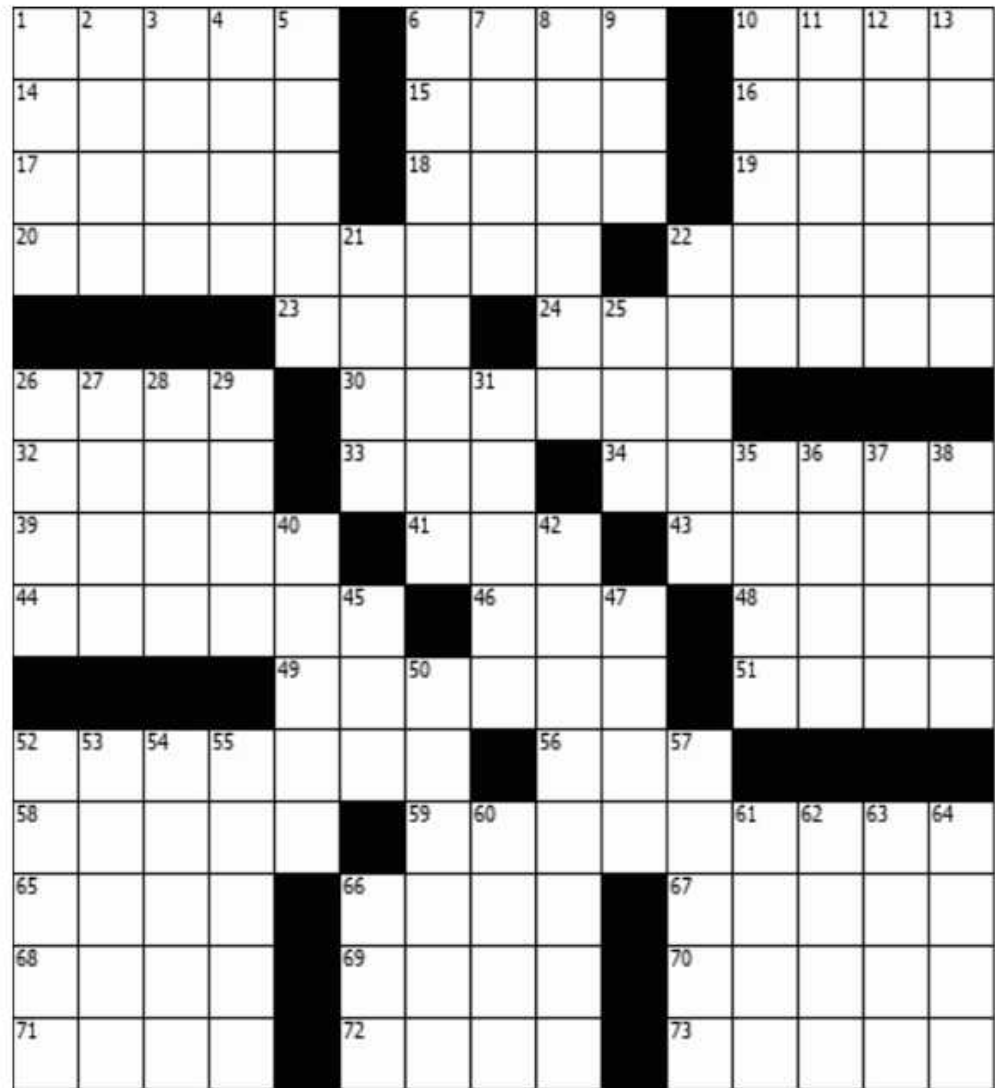
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20. Motherhood
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33. Grant's enemy
34. Decipher
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43. Settle a debt
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46. Mr.'s mate
48. Roof overhang
49. Small hound
51. Luge

- 52.** Horse rider's foot support
56. Pouch
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59. Grew larger
65. Prayer response
66. Forest plant
67. In flames
68. Resorts
69. Make money
70. Glossy fabric
71. Opening
72. Many (2 wds.)
73. Build

**Down**

- 1.** Swindle
2. She, in Barcelona
3. Cool!
4. Lady's title
5. Scornful sound
6. Gave out, as a task
7. Spades or clubs
8. Fabric pattern
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10. Mails
11. Arctic shelter
12. Exact copy
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21. Metal spike
22. Fall bloom
25. Moreover
26. Do the backstroke
27. Mexican money
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29. Small rip
31. Judges
35. Average grades
36. Semiprecious stone
37. Humorist ____ Barry
38. Watched
40. Venomous snake
42. ____ moon
45. Water (Fr.)
47. Night twinkler
50. Type of staircase
52. Break
53. Musical speed
54. Flawless
55. Remove soap
57. Desist
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61. Not nearby
62. Locale
63. Clapton or Idle
64. Fender-bender result
66. Brewed drink

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MACKINAW BRIDGE CROSSING

See pertinent dates!

- July 1 - Apparel Pre-Orders closes
- July 15 - New Buddy Rider registration closes
- August 8 - Apparel pre-order shipping
- August 15 - New buddy rider adjustments due (if needed)
- **August 15 - Participant Registration Closes**
- August 24 - Final participant charts sent to reps
- August 31 - Last minute reminder email to reps
- September 7 - The 16th Annual Crossing
March 1 - Participant Registration Opens (We will send a separate email with info on this)

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