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## **46<sup>th</sup> Annual Southeast Old Threshers' Reunion To Be Held July 1-5**

### **Family-Friendly Farm Show to Include Threshing Demonstrations, Live Music, Train Rides, and a Tribute to Veterans**

**Denton, NC** –The 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Southeast Old Threshers' Reunion, the largest steam, gas-engine and antique farm show in the Southeastern U.S., will take place July 1-5 at Denton FarmPark. Hundreds of antique tractors, cars and engines will be on display daily. This year's theme is Farm Toy Frenzy, featuring the toy collection of Rick Murray.

The festival began as a celebration of threshing, the process of separating edible grain from the inedible chaff that surrounds it. Centuries ago, it was done by hand, a very laborious process referred to in the Bible. Several different horse-powered threshing methods followed until steam- and gas-powered machines – and finally, the automated combine – were invented. All methods will be demonstrated at various times throughout each day of the Reunion.

In recent years, the Reunion has expanded to include activities for the entire family, including live music and kids' activities. A ceremony honoring veterans, including a slide show, will take place on July 4 at 1 p.m. Denton FarmPark will accept photos of veterans to include in the slide show if they are e-mailed to [mariahmillerdfp@gmail.com](mailto:mariahmillerdfp@gmail.com)

Admission is \$15 per day for adults and \$6 for children ages 5 to 11, and includes most events and demonstrations. There is no charge for children 4 and under. Tickets can be purchased at the gate; multiple-day tickets are available for a discount. Food will be available for purchase.

Before the official Reunion begins, the Fifth Annual Tractor Ride will take place on June 30, from 9 a.m. to about 12:30 p.m. Those who wish to ride can register the morning of the event. Proceeds will benefit Hospice of Randolph County.

### **The following will take place every day, July 1-5:**

Park gates are open 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

9 a.m. each day except Sunday: Threshing with gas engine

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.: Threshing with horse power

10 a.m. and 1 p.m.: Border collie show

11 a.m. and 2 p.m.: Threshing with steam power

12:30, 1:30 and 3:30 p.m.: Threshing with horses and horses on treadmill

Throughout the day: Rides on helicopter, pony, train (including special cowboy show) and Brahma bull available for extra fees.

### **Day-specific special events:**

#### **Friday, July 1:**

12 p.m.: Opening ceremony

3 p.m.: Salt & Light The Moore Family Band

5 p.m.: Lawnmower pull

6 p.m.: Auction benefiting Hospice of Randolph County

6:30 p.m.: Talent show

7:30 p.m.: Threshers' Reunion Queen Pageant

#### **Saturday, July 2:**

All day: Pirate invasion. Pirates roam the site interacting with guests

9 a.m.: Antique consignment auction

10 a.m.: Children's pedal pull

11 a.m. Adults' pedal pull

5 p.m.: Horse pull

2 p.m. and 7 p.m.: Southern Express band

3 p.m. and 8 p.m.: Stephen Freeman: Echoes of a Legend (Elvis impersonator)

#### **Sunday, July 3:**

1 p.m. and 6 p.m.: The Cook Family

2 p.m. and 7 p.m.: The Dosses

3 p.m. and 8 p.m.: Mountain Faith

4:45 p.m.: Light stock tractor pull

#### **Monday, July 4:**

Military vehicles will be on site. Visitors with veteran or active military ID will receive \$2 off admission.

1 p.m.: Ceremony honoring veterans

2 p.m. and 7 p.m.: Megan Doss

3 p.m. and 8 p.m.: Michael Cosner

4:45 p.m.: Heavy stock and super pull

**Tuesday, July 5:**

1 p.m.: Larry Davis

3 p.m. and 8 p.m.: Daryle Singletary

5 p.m.: Tractor games

6 p.m.: Sweet Tea Trio

9 p.m.: Fireworks show