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July 28 & 29, 2023  
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- Bolens Garden Tractors
- Baker, Bates and Edmonds, and Briggs and Stratton Hit & Miss Engines



# Welcome to the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Old Iron Antique Tractor Show July 28<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> 2023

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# President's Welcome

Welcome to our 8th Annual Old Iron Antique Tractor Show. I would like to take some time and thank the Village of McBride, MI, for letting us host our tractor show at their park. I would also like to say Thank You to all our Booklet advertisers and show sponsors this year.

A little history about our club has been in our past booklets. Today, I'm very proud of what this tractor club has become. In 2015, our club was started by 9 farmers getting together in a local shop wanting to talk about tractors. Today, we meet once a month at the McBride Park, on the 3rd Wednesday, during the summer months. The club has become a big family. We still talk about tractors, but we love tractor drives, camping and pot-lucks, our pedal pull events, but most of all our Tractor Show.

We welcome tractors of all colors to our club and events. I would like to extend a welcome to other tractor clubs to come out and see our tractor show this year, and join in the tractor games and events. During the summer you might see us out on a tractor drive or doing a Pedal Pull event in a small town near you. Our community events are a big part of us giving back for their support of our show, and we thank them. The Pedal Pull events have been a big hit with the younger tractor drivers, and this year I hope to see you all again.

So, as you see us at different tractor shows in your community, we invite you to come out to our 8th Annual Old Iron Tractor Show on Friday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, and Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup>. Be our guest for two fun-filled days of looking at tractors from the past, to the ones being used today. Please join us seeing the hit and miss engines, old machinery, watching tractor games, BINGO, fun games for kids, great food, craft/toy tractor sales, a farmer's market, and much more.

-Mary Baker, President, 989-506-0705

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# 2023 Show

## Friday Activities – July 28

- 8am-3pm Registration
- 9am-4pm Sheridan Community Hospital Tent
- 9am-5pm Hit & Miss Display
- Antique Tractor Display
- Garden Tractor Display
- Craft – Farmer’s Market
- 9am-11am Joyce Linton Memorial Pie Contest -  
Followed by the Pie Auction
- 11:30am-1pm Bingo at the Pavilion
- 12pm-3pm Children’s Activities
- 1pm Shingle Mill Demo
- 1:30pm-3pm Tractor and Garden Tractor Games
- 3:45pm Crowning of Queen and King-under the tent
- 4pm-6pm McBride Fire Department Fundraising Meal
- 5pm-6pm Parade Line Up
- 6:45pm Parade (A short tractor ride will follow  
after the parade)

(Times and events are subject to change)



### BINGO!!!

**Bernitia Reynolds**  
**Old Iron Antique Tractor Queen 2022**

# 2023 Show

## Saturday Activities – July 29

9am-3pm	Registration
9am	Opening Ceremony
9:30am-4pm	Hit & Miss Display Antique Tractor Display Garden Tractor Display Craft – Farmer’s Market
10am-12pm	Tractor & Garden Tractor Games
11am-4pm	Children’s Activities Blacksmith Demo
1pm-2pm	Pedal Tractor Pulls Shingle Mill Demo
2pm-4pm	Tractor & Garden Tractor Games
4pm	Award Ceremony

(Times and events are subject to change)



# Featured Tractor

## Ford

Henry Ford spent his childhood on his dad's farm in Springwells township, south west of Detroit, MI. The first experimental Ford tractor was built in 1907. The "Automobile Plow" was the first tractor, and came with an engine and copper water jackets, and its rear wheels were taken from a binder. The first mass-produced tractor was called the Fordson. During 1916-1917, the tractor was built for export, and was introduced to American farmers in 1918. Fordson was the first lightweight mass-produced tractor on the market. During the 1920's, 75 percent of all tractors built in the United States were Fordson. In 1928, Fordson tractor production was halted in the US, only to be resurrected in 1939, as the Ford Model 9N. About that time, Ford started working with the Ferguson-Sherman company. As with many other tractor companies, the war changed the market of things. In 1955, the Ford Motor company introduced a new line of tractors with five new models in the 600 and 800 series. The last Ford tractor that Ford made was in 1991, when the company was sold out to Fiat. Today the Ford tractors are called New Holland. Throughout history, the Ford Motor company has made great farm tractors.





# Interview with Bob and Joyce Linton

Back in May, 2021, I was lucky to sit down with Bob and Joyce Linton, to write a short story of their growing up and their tractors.

I got to hear about two different tractors: a 1949 Farmall H and a Ford 8N. Bob grew up with the Farmall, but Joyce's family farmed with Fords. Bob and Joyce grew up next to each other, and Bob still lives next to the family homesteads.

When they started to talk about the Ford tractor, that is when I heard the love story. They both knew that they always wanted to find a Ford, and one day Bob found that special one. Bob found the Ford 8N for sale along the road, but he did not buy it that day. He went home and told Joyce about it first, then went back and bought it the next day.

You see, Bob and Joyce were married in 1951, and the Ford 8N is a 1951. After 7 years, and a few times moving it around with the Farmall H, they started to restore it. The Ford 8N needed a new engine, paint job, and I am sure a few other parts. Today, they have a buddy seat that Joyce rode on during the many times they drove it across the Mighty Mac, and in a few tractor drives with the Old Iron Antique Tractor Club. Joyce has since passed away, but Bob continues to enjoy their Ford 8N and the many memories it contains.

-Mary Baker

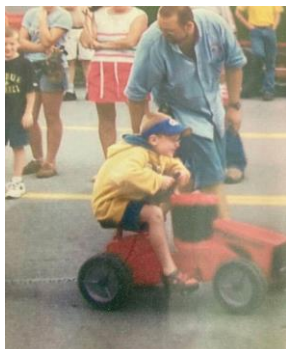


# Featured Garden Tractor Bolens

Bolens was founded in 1850. In 1919, they produced the first power-driven garden tractor. Immediately following World War II, Bolens was acquired by FMC Corporation, and continued production of outdoor yard equipment. In 1947, Bolens introduced the first compact tractor. The first Bolens Husky tractor made its appearance in 1961, and set a new standard for all compact tractors. Bolens, in 1963, introduced the Estate Keeper—a unique and years-ahead concept in compact tractors. Each product bearing the Bolens trademark is backed by this 116-year heritage (documented in 1966,) and by the extensive research and development facilities of FMC Corporation, and stands for proven dependability, advanced design, and the highest standard of quality.

## Interview with Wyatt Sackett

Wyatt Sackett, 23, lives in McBride and has been collecting garden tractors since he was 18, when he bought his first garden tractor-- a Simplicity 2010. Since then, he estimates that he has bought and sold between 60 and 70 garden tractors. His estimated present collection numbers between 25 to 30. His favorite models are Cub Cadets, especially his Cub Cadet 104 and Original Cub Cadet (Diesel). The oldest in his collection is a 1947 Bolens Ride Master (below) and his 1947 Big Case SC. Wyatt's hobby is collecting toy tractors and Cub Cadet garden tractors and apparel. He has traveled a bit to add to his collection, including North Carolina, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio. Wyatt enjoys participating in tractor games. Below is Wyatt when a child, beginning his love of tractors, and his 1947 Bolens Ride Master.



# Featured Hit & Miss Engines

**Baker, Bates and Edmonds, and Briggs and Stratton**

## Baker Manufacturing Company, Evansville, WI

A.S. Baker Co. was founded in 1872 as a machine shop and steam engine builder. By 1874, the steam engine was discontinued. With windmills and pumps becoming the principal products, the famous "Monitor" trademark was adopted in 1876. Monitor engines were first built about 1905. Years following an extensive line was offered, ranging in size from 1 ¼ Monitor pump engine to 15 hp horizontal style. Monitor Heavy Pattern engines in 10 & 15 hp came in 1912. Shortly after, 8, 11, & 15 hp series appeared for a few years. In 1918 the Monitor line included a series of horizontal engines in 3, 5, & 8 hp. The Little Baker vertical engine of 1905 was built in 2 & 3 hp sizes, and then came a series of vertical engines in 2, 4, & 7 hp. The ball-shaped water hopper was a distinctive feature. The engine production ended in 1944.

## Bates and Edmonds Motor Co. Lansing, MI

Beginning about 1900, this company introduced a line of vertical and horizontal engines. By 1908, the company had already built and sold 10,000 engines. At this time, the line included sizes 1 ½ to 25 hp, named Bull Dog, Bull Pup, and Bates & Edmonds. The company also produced engines under other names. The Bates & Edmonds pumper was available in a 1 ½ hp having a capacity of 900 GPH (gallons per hour) and the 4 hp was capable of 2,000 GPH.

## Briggs and Stratton Milwaukee, WI

The Briggs and Stratton Company was formed in 1908, bearing the owners names. The company concentrated on various automotive components and other products until 1919, when the famous Motor Wheel was acquired. The Model PB engine in 1923, used the Motor Wheel design, and prompted development of Model F in 1925. Model FH was the most popular seller from 1926 to 1930. In 1931, Model Y came out and 1936 Model WM came on the market – this style was specially designed for washing machines. After WW II, production of Briggs & Stratton engine came to over half a million units per year. An aluminum alloy engine was introduced in 1953, followed by many other innovations in recent years. Briggs & Stratton produced their 100 millionth engine in 1976.

## Hit-And-Miss and Throttle Governed Engines

What were engines used for?

In the first part of the 20th century most farms in North America did not have electrical power or farm tractors. Heavy power was provided by horses and mules. Thousands upon thousands of small gasoline- and kerosene-fueled engines were made available to provide power for operating various farm equipment, machinery, and household items.

Some of the many usages were as follows:

- pumping water
- sawing wood
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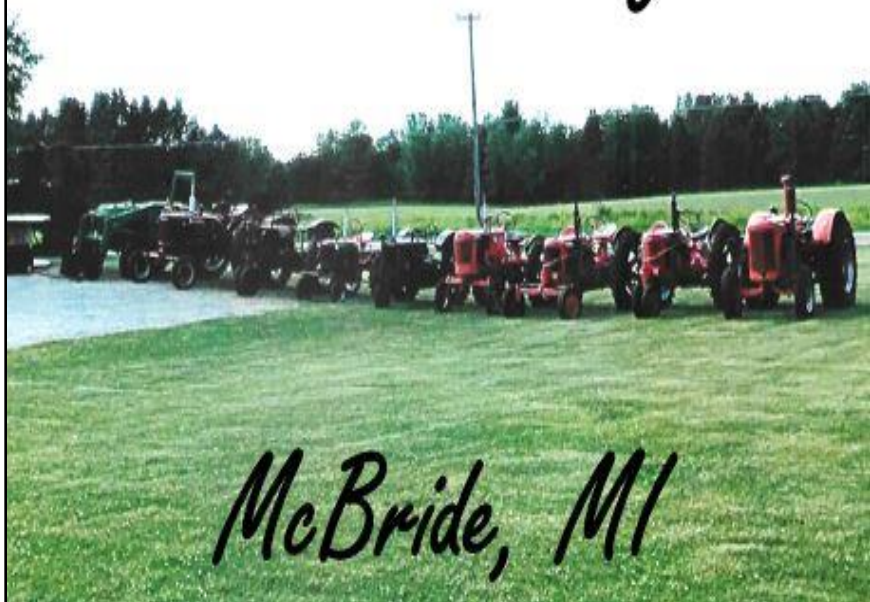
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- Information – Need help or have questions, look for someone with a Club or Show t-shirt on. They will be able to guide you and answer any questions you may have about our show.
- First Aid – A first aid kit and fire extinguishers are at the information tent. Ambulances are only a 911 call away. Report any medical emergency to the information/registration tent.
- Souvenirs – Also at the tent, you will find souvenir hats, t-shirts, and other items.
- Lost & Found items will be at the information tent.
- Sheridan Community Hospital will be giving FREE blood pressure tests, at the information tent.
- The McBride Fire Department will be holding a fundraising dinner on Friday, from 4 pm to 6 pm. The public is welcome to enjoy!

### Special Notes:

- Pets – All dogs must be on a leash. Never leave a pet in a vehicle.
- Alcohol will not be allowed on the show grounds.
- Old Iron Antique Tractor Club is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

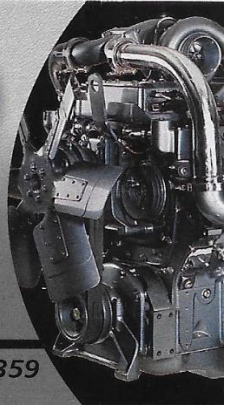


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Anyone driving a tractor, or any powered equipment must be on the equipment in a position as to be in full control of the vehicle.

Mower decks must be removed, or blade belts detached on all displays.

Parents are fully responsible for their children.

Speed Limit shall not exceed 5 miles per hour on grounds for all vehicles.

No alcohol allowed on Show Grounds.

No person intoxicated, or under the influence of drugs or alcohol, shall be allowed to operate any equipment, or be close to any equipment in operation.

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Bicycles, mopeds, go-carts, unauthorized people movers, unauthorized ATVs, UTVs, RTVs, and side by sides are not allowed on grounds or in the campground.

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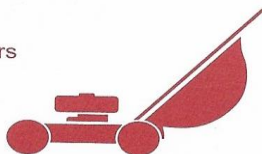
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| July 29      | Old Iron Antique Tractor Club Show                  |
| September 16 | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Annual Johnny McCarthy Tractor Show |
|              | Edmore Potato Festival                              |
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# All Tractors, Garden Tractors, and Hit & Miss Engines Welcome!

Do you have a tractor or garden tractor you would like to share with us? You do not have to be a member of Old Iron to join our show. Bring your tractor(s) garden tractor(s) and Hit & Miss engines on Thursday or Friday. Tractors of all makes and models are welcome. If you own one (or more) you are welcome to join the displays at our show. They can be all shiny and clean, or even in their field clothes! Registration will be at the Information Tent at the east part of the park, alongside the driveway, on Thursday and Friday. Parking and unloading areas for tractor trailers are available onsite. This year the featured tractor is the Ford. The featured garden tractor is the Bolens. The Hit & Miss featured engines are the Baker, Bates and Edmonds, and Briggs and Stratton.

We are looking forward to seeing the young and old here at the 8th annual Old Iron Antique Tractor Show.







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On Friday night, July 29<sup>th</sup>, we will be having a parade through the Village of McBride. We will begin to line up at 6:15pm (at the south end of the field of tractors) and the parade will start at 6:45 pm. Anyone can join us, so please get creative and decorate your tractor, bike, golf cart, or anything you can drive or ride on. If you want to give candy you will need to walk the route (no throwing candy from moving objects). For more information contact Mary Baker (989) 506-0705. There will be a short tractor ride after the parade.




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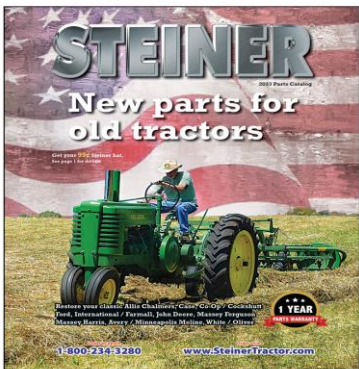


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## May

- 6 Park Clean up- McBride Park
- 13 Plow Day
- 17 Club Meeting
- 27 Sheridan Springfest - Tractor Show, Pedal Pull  
Pot Luck, camping @ Allen Hansen's

## June

- 3 Carson City Frontier Days - Tractor Show, Pedal Pull
- 17 Blanchard Days - Pedal Pull
- 17 Lakeview Summer Fest - Pedal Pull
- 21 Club Meeting

## July

- June 30-July 4 Camping at Eldridge's - Tractor Drive to Crystal Lake,  
Parade around Crystal Lake, Pot Luck
- 6-9 Camping at Withey's - Tractor Drive & Pot Luck
- 15 Farmer in the Dell Tractor Show, Pedal Pull -Vestaburg
- 19 Tractor Club Meeting

**28-29 Old Iron Antique Tractor Club Show, McBride Park**

## August

- 12 Stanton Old Fashion Days
- 16 Club Meeting

## September

- 16 3rd Annual Johnny McCarthy Tractor Show, Pedal Pull -  
Edmore Potato Festival
- 20 Club Meeting
- 23 Camping at McBride Park- Pot Luck, Poker Run Tractor  
Drive, Auction Sale

## October

- 18 Club Meeting

## December

- 3 Christmas Party



# Tractor Games

Have you ever watched a tractor or a garden tractor game? In our tractor games, drivers carry a golf ball on a spoon over an obstacle course, participate in a slow race, hoola hoop toss, or a corn hole toss from a tractor seat. We will have many tractor games for all to enjoy. Join us to watch, laugh, and cheer on the contestants under the Big Top on Friday and Saturday.





# Crafts-Toy Tractors- Farmers Market

We will be hosting a Crafts – Toy Tractor Booth – Farmer’s Market on Friday and Saturday. The market will feature produce as well as handmade items, crafts, and other farmer’s market items. To be a vendor, please contact Barb Sly, 989-894-8480 or Mary Baker, 989-506-0705. The market will be outside, and you will need to provide your own set up. Space is limited.







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# Children's Activities

There will be many **FREE** children's activities. Our tractor club is very family oriented. Friday and Saturday will have a full day of several fun games. Of course, there is the famous Kids' Pedal Tractor Pull, where kids will hop onto a mini-tractor. The McBride Park has a wonderful playground. Children are welcome to enjoy, but for safety, must be accompanied by adult supervision. We hope to see you there.



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# Joyce Linton Memorial Pie Contest

The Joyce Linton Memorial Pie Contest will be Friday, July 28 from 9 – 11, with the pie auction following the awarding of the winning pie. There were 14 pies judged last year, by three judges and a tie-breaker judge. The winning pie was a Snicker Caramel Chocolate Truffle pie baked by Monica Withey. Second place went to Joan Wing with her Pecan pie. Third Place was a Triple Berry pie baked by Linette Bellingar.

Last year the Old Iron Antique Tractor Club renamed the pie contest in Joyce Linton’s honor. Joyce joined our club in its early days, and made the best raspberry pies. Joyce was the first-place winner for her raspberry pie in the first Tractor Show Pie Contest. She loved going on our tractor drives, camping, and always joined in when needing something baked. Joyce will be missed, and with the annual Pie Contest, she will be remembered for the special person she was. The Linton family sponsors this event.



# Family Fun and Road Trips

The Old Iron Antique Tractor Club is very family oriented. All our activities include family members. During the year, adults, young adults, and children participate in the tractor shows, parades, tractor games, and pedal pulls. Our club also enjoys several camping and road trips during our year. We would love to include your family. Come to visit our tractor shows, and consider joining the Old Iron Antique Tractor Club for great family fun. See page 51 for information about joining, including a membership form.



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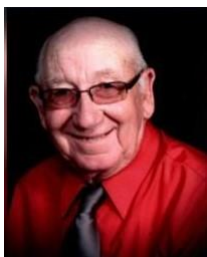
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# In Memory

## Jerry Buskirk



Jerry Buskirk was born September 20, 1940, on the front porch of a stone house across from the Hoisinga farms in Vestaburg. He joined the National Guard after high school, and started work at General Electric in Edmore, which later became Hitachi Magnetic Corps. He enjoyed the water and lived on a house boat off the Muskegon River for many years, while sharing time in Florida on Marathon Key during the winter. Jerry was an active member in the Big Rapids Tactor Club when it started, and later became president for many years. He joined the Old Iron Antique Tractor Club, and was an active member enjoying the many camping events and tractor activities. Jerry loved to build tractors, and was always out in the garage working on his latest invention. He passed away on July 26, 2022, with an aggressive bout of cancer. He will be missed.



## Carl Smith

Carl George Smith, age 92, of Entrican passed away at his home on Sunday, May 15, 2022. He was born on May 13, 1930, in Stanton, the son of Grover and Gladys (Gordon) Smith. Carl was raised in the Stanton area where he attended school. He served honorably in the United States Marine Corps from 1951-1953. Carl and his wife, Sandra, were married on July 10, 1954, in Stanton and spent 66 years together before her passing in 2020. He was employed by Crooks Farm Power in Edmore as a mechanic for over 22 years, retiring in 1995. Carl was a member of the Entrican Bible Church and enjoyed working on tractors in his spare time. Carl was a member of the Old Iron Antique Tractor Club, and enjoyed all the club activities.



# Glenn Walcott

## Memorial Poker Run

On September 24, 2022, our club hosted its first ever poker run. What is a poker run you ask? It is where a group of people travel around to five different locations, and pick a card in hopes of having the best poker hand for a prize at the final destination. We had 23 members participate--19 tractors, a side by side, and some riders. We drove all over Montcalm County roads for about 20 miles. We started at McBride Park, where we drew our first card. These cards were marked on a score sheet, which the participant needed to carry with them. We made stops along that ride to draw more cards. We even made a stop at Anderson and Girls Orchard for a rest. Our final stop for the final card was back at McBride Park. There we drew our final card and turned in the score card. Through a donation to the club, prizes were given out through 6<sup>th</sup> place. Our first-place winner was Glenn Walcott. He had a Jack high. When he went to pull his final card, he said, "No way in heck I will get a queen." Well, he did. That gave him a straight 8-Queen. That gave him first place, and our first ever winner. Sadly, that was the last event Glenn was able to be a part of, and in honor of Glenn, our Poker Run is now the Glenn Walcott Memorial Poker Run.



Glenn Raymond Walcott died on January 5, 2023. The firstborn of 5 children, Glenn and his siblings grew together on the land where they played and nurtured their lifelong values of joy and hard work. In 1965, Glenn married Cherie Barnes. He was a proud member of the Pipeline Operators Union, Local 325. Glenn was also a true farmer who loved tractors, particularly antiques, and would regale anyone who came by his favorite haunt, the Crystal Fountain, with tractor tales. He had a knack for fixing most anything, passing on his skills to his beloved grandchildren. He enjoyed the solitude and community that comes with hunting and farming, relishing in his involvement with the Union and the Old Iron Antique Tractor Club. He took great pride in his farming and taking care of his fields. Neighbors, friends, and acquaintances always commented on how much they admired the beauty of his fields. His absence will be felt by all who knew him.

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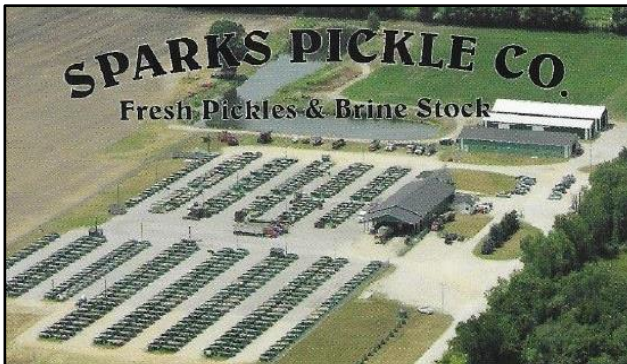
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## Old Iron Antique Tractor Club 2023 Membership Form

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If you are interested in joining our club, you can mail this form and \$25 membership fee to Old Iron Antique Tractor Club, PO Box 142 McBride, MI 48852.

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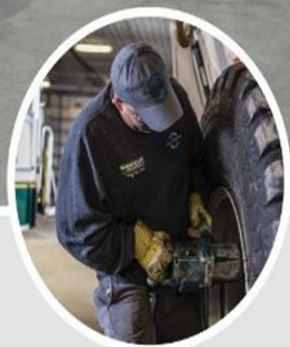
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