

Gratz Antique Machinery Show Set

GRATZ (Dauphin Co.)—The third annual Gratz Area Antique Machinery Association, Inc. Show will contain a little something new and a whole lot of something old.

This year's show will include a parade up Main Street in Gratz, which will begin on Saturday morning at 10 a.m. Another addition this year will be live entertainment on Saturday evening, beginning at 6:30 p.m., provided by the Wolfe family. Weather permitting, they will perform on the outdoor stage. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy the music!

As in prior years, setup for exhibitors will begin on Friday, July 14. PA sire harness racing has been scheduled on Friday afternoon at 4 p.m.

The 'Something Old' will include antique tractors, gas engines, steam engines and many pieces of antique farm machinery and equipment, plus antique trucks and cars. Last year, more than 230 tractors were on display.

This year the feature tractor will be "Case" and the feature gas engine will be "Fairbanks-Morse." Plaques will be given to exhibitors.

If you are interested in exhibiting any type of antique farm machinery or equipment, your display will be welcomed. Other displays and demonstrations are also planned. They will include broom making, sawmill, shingle mill, dynamometer and baker fan operation and toy displays.

Farm toys as well as various flea market and craft items will be on sale. Food and non-alcoholic drinks will be available at the Gratz area Fire Co. No. 1 building on the fairgrounds.

Other activities planned for the weekend include a tractor parade on the racetrack in front of the grandstand, tractor games such as barrel rolling and wagon backing, pedal tractor pulls, threshing, and stationary baling. Antique tractor pulls are scheduled to begin on Saturday at 4 p.m. and a church



This 1949 Fordson Major owned by Clarence Welker is connected to a power belt drive attached to an Avery threshing machine. The Avery is owned by Rick Welker. Both owners live near Gratz.

service has been scheduled on Sunday at 9 a.m.

The show will be held on the fairgrounds, east of Gratz, along

Route 25. The price of admission is \$1 and parking is free.

Thoroughbred Industry Cultivates Japanese Connection

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — While conflicting opinions between state-of-the-art automobile manufacturers in the United States and Japan made headline news during early May, a small group of thoroughbred boosters from

Maryland and Japan prepared to follow American humorist Mark Twain's century-old philosophy that "a difference of opinion is what makes horse races."

To that end, Yutaka Yoshioka, chairman of the Japan Association

of International Horse Racing, spent a day recently visiting segments of Maryland's thoroughbred industry. Yoshioka's stops in the Old Line State included Pimlico Race Course in Baltimore, home of the famed Preakness Stakes; Northview Stallion Station at Chesapeake City, home of the first and second leading sires in the Mid-Atlantic region, and the Dark Hollow horse farm near Upperco, breeder of the Eclipse Award winner, Safely Kept.

Arrangements for Yoshioka's Maryland tour were coordinated by Malcolm J. Commer Jr., livestock economist for the Cooperative Extension Service, University of Maryland at College Park. Commer is stationed at the Extension Service's Agricultural Marketing Center, located near Queenstown, Md.

Commer had met Yoshioka during a two-week trip to Japan last December in an effort to enhance prospects for exports of

U.S. thoroughbred horses. Commer is the coordinator for a marketing project, originally funded by the USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service and the Southern United States Trade Association through the Maryland Department of Agriculture under an agreement with the University of Maryland.

Also accompanying the Japanese thoroughbred representative on the Maryland tour were Dr. Henry A. Virts, deputy secretary, Maryland Department of Agriculture; Paul W. Scheidt, executive director of the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation; Dr. Sheldon S. Steinberg,

executive vice president, International Bridge, Inc.; and Richard W. Wilcke, executive vice president of the Maryland Horse Breeders Association.

Already, Commer is exploring funding sources to support a possible series of educational seminars, starting in 1996, that would deal with common issues affecting the U.S. and Japanese thoroughbred industries. The first seminar is scheduled to be held in Japan in June 1996.

Funding to support the seminars is expected to come from a combination of industry and government sources in both Japan and the United States.



Maryland hosts pose with Yutaka Yoshioka, center, chairman of the Japan Association of International Racing, during Yoshioka's one-day tour of the Maryland thoroughbred industry. Shown are Dr. Malcolm J. Commer Jr., livestock economist for the Cooperative Extension Service, University of Maryland at College Park; Paul W. Scheidt, executive director of the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation; and Dr. Henry A. Virts, deputy secretary, Maryland Department of Agriculture. Behind them is Private Terms, one of the leading sires at Northview Stallion Station near Chesapeake City, Md.



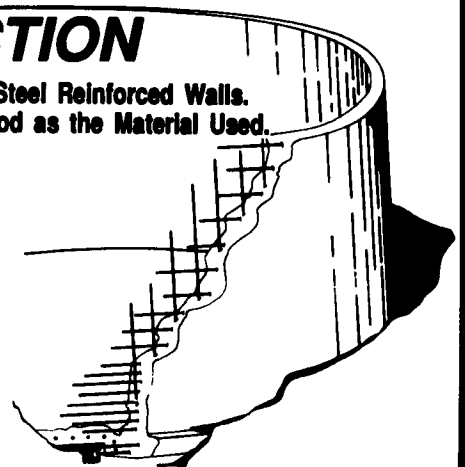
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