

Southern Cove Pioneer Reunion Features Old-Time Farm Equipment

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NEW ENTERPRISE (Bedford Co.) — The thousands of steam engine enthusiasts who attended this year's Southern Cove reunion were pleased to find a new location that was both larger and more comfortable. Weather included blue skies, warm sun, and cooling breezes

Tom Link, president of the association, said the group purchased 47 acres of ground last fall including two acres of wooded ground. The woods provide shade for picnic tables and exhibitors.

"I can't begin to tell you how much volunteer effort has gone into the success of getting the ground ready for this year's event," Link said.

"The wooded ground was cleaned up, time, labor, and materials were donated in building a road to the reunion site, a 28x36-foot building was erected. The building will be used for serving food and Link adds that the women connected with the

organization worked ten-hour days preparing food.

"This year, for the first time, we roasted three pigs and made apple butter. We had more food stands and a larger variety of food and numerous flea markets."

A total of 226 antique tractors were a part of the event as well as both large and small steam run engines which could accomplish numerous tasks.

Oats, grown by the association, were threshed by a steam run engine and a steam run corn binder cut the corn grown on the property.

An auction held on Saturday, contributed to funds, which go to maintain the new property.

"Next spring, we will put the old tractors to work when we plow the ground," said Tom. That event is always held the same Saturday as fishing season begins.

"Our long term goal is to have a permanent museum," Tom emphasizes.



Photos above and below show that both tractors and old-time farm equipment enthusiasts were numerous at the 11th annual Southern Cover Power Reunion.



Steam power is used to cut these logs.



The ride may be a bit bumpy, but the novelty of riding in a cart hitched to an antique tractor appealed to many.



A permanent museum is desired to showcase antique tractors and steam engines.




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