

Cecil County Farm Museum Hosts Old-Time Farm Days

FAIR HILL, Md. — The Cecil County Fair and the Cecil County Farm Museum will host the seventh annual Old Time Farm Days at the fairground on Saturday and Sunday July 19-20. The fairground is located in northern Cecil County just east of the Fair Hill intersection of Maryland Routes 273 and 213.

The festivities begin Friday evening July 18 at 7:30 p.m. with the Classic Tractor Pull (for tractors built between 1960 and 1972). An added feature this year, will be a Garden Tractor Pull. It, too, will begin at 7:30 on

Friday evening.

Antique Tractor Pulls (for tractors built prior to 1960) will be conducted Saturday, July 19 at 11 a.m. and continuing throughout the day and evening.

All of the tractor pulls will be conducted in the main arena and will have two sleds running simultaneously. At 7 p.m. on Saturday, there will be a parade of antique farm tractors and equipment. Don't miss the steam engines and their spectacular show during the evening tractor pulls on Friday and Saturday. There will also be a fireworks display on

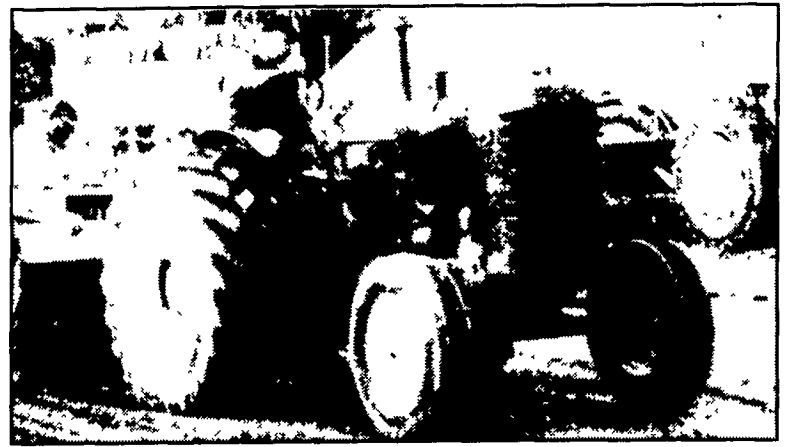
Saturday evening (weather permitting).

Featured, on both days will be antique tractors, cars and stationary engines as well as steam and horse-drawn equipment and demonstrations.

Sunday's activities will include slow tractor races, tractor barrel rolling and other events and demonstrations. Plenty of food will be available both days.

Massey Harris is the featured tractor and we welcome members of the Friends of Massey group at the fair events.

Contact Don Moore at (410) 620-0275 or Jerry England at (410) 658-3348 for additional information.



Tractor parades and equipment displays are featured at Cecil County Farm Museum Old-Time Farm Days.

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Press" on Sunday, July 13 from noon to 5 p.m. The day-long demonstrations of papermaking, printing, book binding, and calligraphy are included with admission to the historic site.

"Two hundred and fifty-five years ago Ephrata's members were in the midst of producing the largest book published in the American colonies, and everyone plays some role in the work," said Toni Collins, historic site administrator. The book, the "Martyrs Mirror," tells the stories of early Christian and Anabaptist martyrs, and was produced for the Mennonite congregations in Pennsylvania. The 1,500 page book employed 15 of the Brothers for three years in its production, some in the paper mill, others at the printing press.

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