

## Rough and Tumble Banquet Committee

I would like to express my thanks and amazement at the wonderful day my wife, grandson, and I had at the membership picnic. We rode the Shay and Little Toot multiple times, visited the open shop areas, tractor barns, gift shop, and corn toy box. My grandson loved playing with the tractors in the corn box, it really helped during the dinner delay. I really appreciated the opportunity to visit Rough and Tumble (R&T) with the cancelation of the spring summer and fall shows and I felt this was an excellent way to enjoy some semblance of R&T and meet the volunteers who make it all happen. Therefore, please extend our thanks to all of the volunteers for their extra efforts that made the day a success. I look forward to next year's picnic with more time to meet the volunteers, learn more about their passions, what they do at R&T. Hopefully with COVID will be under control and there can be shows in 2021 and the membership picnic will have more family activities such as, hay rides, kids tractor pull, R&T made ice cream (last year we had the best R&T raspberry ice cream ever) entertainment, pumpkin painting and maybe a spark show, etc.



Moreover, my wife and I would like to extend our special thanks to the kitchen staff for the wonderful dinner. I especially loved the fresh corn steamed to perfection (what a treat for later September) chicken, meatball sandwich and desserts. The evening entertainment was very enjoyable and hopefully they will return next year. My wife (the raspberry ice cream volunteer) has 30 years of volunteer management experience was amazed to to see the R&T successfully take on the challenge of prepare food for 250 people with one hours' notice. It felt like one of those TV reality shows, or a COVID loaves and fishes story, with only corn and frozen chicken at hand. We were impressed and can see how R&T has been such a success, the volunteers just "Get it Done".

As a side note, I have been attending the Threshermen's Reunion show with my son for over 25 years and in 2019 he attended with his son. It's been a wonderful place for the mechanical minded to see how we built our country with steam traction engines and steel wheel tractors to grow our food, steam trains to move it to market, and stationary engines to power our industry. My son and I always enjoyed starting the day with an early R&T breakfast, walking the flea market, and visiting each of the activities. Some highlights were seeing "Mary Anne" the antique steam Shovel and more recently the steam powered lawn mower actually working, the noon whistle, dinner and then an evening at the antique tractor pull or traction engine games. After the last tractor pull or spark show we would walk by the stationary engine barn and listen to the sounds and smells of the past. It was a great way to end the day as we headed to our tent at Roamer's Retreat campground or walking back to the parking lot as we stayed too late for a ride.



As a member who is not quite retired and looking for future opportunities to be involved, the picnic was a great way to meet some of the behind the scene's staff and and send my appreciation for all you to make R&T a great place to visit, spend time with the family, smell coal smoke and get dirty.

Thanks for a great day.  
Steve Drumm