



NORTHWEST MICHIGAN ENGINE AND THRESHER CLUB, INC.

DBA THE BUCKLEY OLD ENGINE CLUB

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THANK YOU FOR SHARING OUR MISSION OF KEEPING THE PAST IN MOTION SO THAT VISITORS OF ALL AGES CAN BECOME EDUCATED AND ENTERTAINED.

New Members Committee Chair - Lesa Rice, phone: 231-383-0311

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If you have any new member questions, email newmembers@buckleyoldengineshow.org

If you have any membership questions, email financialsecretary@buckleyoldengineshow.org

Visit our website at: www.buckleyoldengineshow.org

NEW MEMBER INFORMATION

We appreciate your interest in becoming a member of the Buckley Old Engine Club.

Your sponsor is responsible for you for the next 3 years. You should discuss your interests and skills with your sponsor to help find your working area during the Show.

To become a sponsor, Committee Chair, or run for a board position, you must be a member in good standing for at least the last 3 years.

Your dues for the following year can be paid starting each year at the Show. When you pick up your member's band each year at the Show, you will be given the next year's membership form. Come prepared to fill it out and pay your membership fee, then return it to the bucket at the Sound Booth. These forms are picked up each night, and your next year's membership card will be sent to you in September that year. A form must be completed for each paid member. Dues are due before January 1 each year. If your membership is not paid by the first meeting in June, you will be charged an additional fee. That fee increases each month that your dues are not paid.

Your children and grandchildren are Club members under your membership until they turn 16. Upon turning 16, they will need to apply for membership and will be required to pay annual membership dues. Before the age of 16, they should contact the Financial Secretary to request an application.

We are a working membership. Members are required to work a minimum of 20 hours during the show and 40 hours off-season each year for the Club.

Club meetings are held at 7:30 pm the first Friday of each month from April through November. If that Friday falls on a holiday weekend, then it will be the second Friday of the month. We have a potluck dinner at 6:30 pm before the May and October meetings.

We have three events each year:

- Spring Swap Meet in May
- Old Engine Show is always the third weekend in August (Thursday-Sunday)
- Education Days are on a Wednesday and Thursday in September

Visit www.buckleyoldengineshow.org for event dates.

You can access our members' website from our Club website. The link to login can be found at the bottom of the home page. If you have any issues, feel free to reach out to the Financial Secretary for assistance.

We are an education-based Club that promotes preservation and exhibition of the historical agricultural and industrial past.

We look forward to getting to know you as a member and hope you enjoy the many activities of the Club.

CLUB HISTORY

In 1967, a group of fellows in the northwestern part of the Lower Peninsula of Michigan stopped just talking about their old engines and antique equipment and decided to do something. They set a date, gathered up their old engines and equipment, and met at Joe Rebman's farm to run them. The word quickly got out, and many others gathered to watch. They all had such a good time that it was decided they should organize a non-profit club and make it an annual event.

The Club was named the Northwest Michigan Engine and Thresher Club, and over time, the annual event became known as the Buckley Old Engine Show. Some of the founding members included: Joe Rebman, William and Sam Zue, C. Bronson, C. Coff, Morris Hulett, Alexander, Ray and Leonard Clous, Keith Duff, and Basil Moored.

After a few years, the Club purchased 70 acres of land west of the town of Buckley and began a serious building program. Construction of permanent exhibits, such as the sawmill and veneer mill were started, and facilities to handle crowds of people. At show time, the population of the small town of Buckley changes from a few hundred to several thousand. Over the years, the club grounds have grown to more than 200 acres of land and a membership of more than 550 families.

In 1986, the Club purchased a 40-70 Flour City Tractor. It has rear wheels that are over 8 feet high. This tractor has become the Club logo.

The Club may have started as a bunch of men showing off their old engines, but it has become much more. Now, whole families participate in the activities of the Club. Not only do 'old men' run things, but so do young men, sons and daughters, brothers and sisters, mothers, and grandparents. Many hours are spent together constructing new exhibits, maintaining the club grounds, painting signs and buildings. During the show, not only are we running the exhibits, but we are directing traffic, operating the shuttles, manning the information booths, cleaning the restrooms, and emptying the trash cans.

This Club is not only dedicated to the preservation of antique mechanical equipment and entertaining people at our shows, but also to educating newer generations on how our great agricultural and industrial development came to be. When attending our show, if there is anything you do not understand about the exhibits, please ask a Club member; we will be happy to try to answer your questions.

BUCKLEY OLD ENGINE CLUB SHOW RULES AND REGULATIONS

Farm Tractors must be 1976 and older.

Lawn and Garden tractors must be 1970 and older – No mower decks.

Antique Cars and Trucks must be 1970 and older. NO hot rods.

Antique Motorcycles must be 1970 and older.

Antique Snowmobiles must be 1976 and older.

All worthy exhibits are welcome. However, we reserve the right to make the final determination.

All drivers must be 16 and hold a valid license or be able to present a Club waiver driver's license. All driving on the grounds must be slow and safe 24/7, or the vehicle and/or driver will be removed.

A \$25.00 fee is charged if selling any item on the showgrounds.

No personal golf carts or ATVs are allowed on any part of the showgrounds. No exceptions

No pets are allowed in the show area or to be left unattended in a vehicle on the showgrounds, including the parking lots. Pets are allowed at campsites only. They must be on a 6-foot leash or shorter and be kept quiet (within reason) at all times.

All exhibits must be displayed in designated show areas.

All personal property is to be removed from the showgrounds by no later than Tuesday morning following the last day of the show.

24-hour security and emergency services are available on the showgrounds during the show.

Curfew is at 10:00 pm for ages 17 years and younger.

All campfires in approved rings or containers

Camping in designated camping areas only.

Generator curfew is from 10:00 PM to 7:00 AM. Quiet generators with a maximum 68 dB noise level are allowed. If a generator is required during generator curfew hours, request a campsite in the generator camping area upon arrival.

Any vehicles operating after dark or before dawn must have headlights on and operating.

All club properties are considered "No open carry zones at all times".

No vehicles are allowed in the show area without special registration permits.

All vehicles on club grounds must be registered and have appropriate permits.

No alcohol or drugs allowed on the showgrounds.

No roving vendors are allowed on club property.

No bicycles are allowed on the showgrounds.

No unauthorized events.

No unauthorized drone use. All drone use must be pre-approved by the Club's board.

No loud parties or alcoholic bashes. Any loud activities that prevent other campers from resting or sleeping will not be allowed. Violators will be removed from the grounds.

The Club reserves the right to determine appropriate dress, language, and behavior.

This is a family-friendly show. No gross obscenities, indecent clothing, or inappropriate behavior at any time.

Any unsafe act or vandalism of any kind will become grounds for dismissal.

Lost and Found is located at the Sound Booth (Building #10).

Official exhibitor guidelines are available on our website at www.buckleyoldengineshow.org.

Contact Information for the Buckley Old Engine Club

Executive Board Members

President	Blain Tarrant	president@buckleyoldengineshow.org	(517) 204-9356
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The above positions could change every January based on the prior year's October election. Visit our website at www.buckleyoldengineshow.org for the most recent list.

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