



*Indiana Massey Collectors Association*

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## ***We Are Headed South!! IMCA Fall Gathering Chandler, IN - November 8***

The smells of harvest are in the air so it must be time to enjoy the bounty of the fall harvest season. What better way to do that than to gather once again with our Massey family and enjoy hearing about our projects, our latest finds and, of course, one of the best Massey Expositions of North America ever conducted!!

Plan to pack your bags (picnic baskets) and head South to Chandler, Indiana for an enjoyable relaxing day among friends.

Joe & Martha Herr have graciously invited IMCA to hold their Fall Gathering at their farm on November 8th, 2014 starting at 10:30 A.M.

Joe has a nice collection of Massey tractors and will be glad to share them with all who attend before lunch or after the meeting!

A meal of homemade soup and hot dogs will be served at 12 NOON. Of course, appetizers and desserts brought by you will complete a delicious lunch.

Table service and drinks will be provided. A short IMCA meeting will follow the meal.

Anyone who has questions or would like to contact Joe can reach him at 812 457-7448 or [joehherr@icloud.com](mailto:joehherr@icloud.com)

**DIRECTIONS:** Coming South on HWY 41 turn onto I-64 and go east to exit 29. This is I-69 and I-164, turn south and go about 19 miles to exit 9. This is Hwy. 62, go east towards Boonville about 4 miles to Gardner road and turn right. Cross the railroad tracks and immediately turn right on to Castle Garden Road, our place is 1/2 mile on the right, watch for the Herr Farms sign.

If you come south on Hwy 57 or I-69 you will come to I-64 at exit 29, just continue south on I-164 to exit 9. This is Hwy. 62, go east towards Boonville about 4 miles to Gardner road and turn right. Cross the railroad tracks and immediately turn right on to Castle Garden road, our place is 1/2 mile on the right, watch for the Herr Farms sign.

Our Address:  
1055 Castle Garden Rd.  
Chandler, IN. 47610

Hope to see all of our Massey friends then!

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***IMCA Fall Gathering  
November 8, 2014  
Chandler, Indiana***

# Notes From Our President

**John W. Bush—IMCA President**

## A message from the President

Well friends and fellow collectors, a couple of months have passed since we hosted the Massey Exposition of North America (MENA) in Rushville, IN the first weekend of August. Those of you who were there saw it first-hand. If you weren't able to attend, you missed a good one. There has been consistent feedback along the lines of "Best MENA Ever" and "One of the top two or three ever". So we should all be proud of the job we did.

We are very fortunate to have a couple of AGCO dealers in the immediate area who stepped forward in an unprecedented manner by providing the exhibitor meals on both Thursday and Friday nights. Link Fraley and Wilbur Laker really made an impression on all of the collectors who attended with their very generous and friendly hospitality. We should all remember that and support their businesses every chance we get. (Along those lines, I just received a 4 digit bill in the mail today from Fraley's, so I'm doing my part!?!)

Hopefully you all saw the article I submitted to the last Clipper about the MENA show. I don't need to repeat everything here. But, it is worth thanking once again all of you who pitched-in and helped before, during, and after the show. Several of you helped to manage the tables in the hospitality tent, baked cookies and other goodies for our guests to enjoy, and in general made everyone who attended feel welcome and appreciated. The latter is one of the most rewarding feedbacks from the show. I wish I could list each and every one of you here, but I'm quite certain that if I attempted that, I would miss somebody, and hurt some feelings. Don't want to do that. But I sure appreciate those of you who pitched-in and helped.

And, of course, as I stated in The Clipper article - High Kudos to the Show Committee and their wives. Without the planning, insight, and hard work of that crew, it just wouldn't have happened the way it did. Thank you all.



In case all of you aren't aware, we did something very unique for this MENA, which was the brain child of Gary & Ony Emsweller. He composed, and mailed a Thank You letter to each and every exhibitor who registered at the show. Once again, unprecedented. I know from several phone calls and emails I received that folks really appreciated this gesture.

So, now we move forward. Joe and Martha Herr are hosting the IMCA fall get together at their home in Chandler, IN, on November 8<sup>th</sup>. It would be great to see a good turn-out. Next year's IMCA State Show will be held in conjunction with the White River Valley Antique

Association, in Elnora, IN, Sept. 10-13, 2015. At the fall meeting we should establish who will be the Show Committee Chair and key members of the committee for that show. Be thinking about what you can do to help with that show to make it a success for the IMCA, and be ready to sign-up.

Another topic for discussion during the fall meeting will be the timing and location for our IMCA Spring Meeting, as well as board member and officer positions which will be up for election at the Spring Meeting. If you would like to run for a Board or Officer position, let us know. Also, if you would like to host the 2015 IMCA Spring Meeting, don't be bashful. Let us know that as well!

To those of you still actively involved in farming, I wish you a very safe and prosperous harvest season. It is well underway here in my neck of the woods. While I still think of Spring as my favorite season, with the end of winter, and the smell of fresh dirt as crops are planted... I really do enjoy shelling corn!

Best wishes to all of you,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "John W. Bush". Below the signature, the name "John" is printed in a small, black, sans-serif font.



# **MENA 2014 - The Show That WAS**

The Massey Exposition of North America 2014 is going into the books as one of the best shows ever held! Compliments have come in from around the world on the great job our chapter did in hosting this event. Although the Planning Committee was a little nervous as we began our planning task, it was great to see all the IMCA Board of Directors and members get involved in numerous ways to make the show what it WAS. Of course, the hospitality tent was the focal point of the weekend with vendors, displays and lots of water, cookies and shade for visitors to relax and enjoy some fellowship. Whether it was helping with registration, selling belt buckets, manning the cookie trays or just being friendly hosts, everyone played an important part in making this show what it WAS!

A huge thank you is extended to Wilbur Laker and Linc Fraley, our two AGCO dealers in Rushville for sponsoring our Exhibitors Dinner both Thursday and Friday evening. Normally the show has had one meal for the exhibitors and we might have a hot dog or burger but these were TWO full buffets that all could enjoy. Linc and Wilbur definitely went out of their way to start the show off in grand fashion.

We concluded the weekend with another grand banquet and auction. Although we came up short on food at the beginning of the evening, our caterers made a great recovery by bringing more food for those who were shorted early. In fact there was chicken left over at the end of the evening so everyone must have gotten their fill!

The auction brought in more than any auction conducted at a MENA event. We received some great donations to auction and with a master auctioneer in J.R. Burton, top dollars came in with every item sold.

Naturally, the show would not be possible without exhibitors bringing in their items. Many said this was the largest showing of Massey Ferguson tractors ever assembled in one place. That could indicate a changing of the collecting market? It is also an indication of the great dealers in the Rushville area keeping those tractors running for the local farmers and collectors!! With nearly 300 items on display, this was the show that WAS.

We had 19 states and 7 different countries attending the show so it was a “world-class” event! Thanks to each of you for what you did to make it successful.

We will be posting show pictures provided by Shanneke Tague throughout the rest of the year in this newsletter, but this is a start of some of the scenes from the show that WAS!



**MASSEY EXPOSITION of NORTH AMERICA**  
*Rushville, Indiana*  
*July 31 - August 3, 2014*





Pictures from  
Rushville







Randy & Doris Schaefer check in items for the auction. (Or, maybe sampling the cookies!)



Debbie & Garry Dunn share some bonding time on a golf cart during the show. (I think??)

Barb Smith had a unique display of Massey dolls she was selling. Great Xmas presents!



We can't tell whether this was sausage or boloney being shared between Chet McNabb and Richard Kimball of Ohio!



Not sure what the topic was, but you can tell it was important. That's why we have a visiting area!



John Bush welcomes everyone to the show.



Jerry & Marion Albers, IL enjoying the Exhibitors Dinner.



This is a fun pic showing the scope of the show. In this picture are people from Missouri, Kentucky, Minnesota, Iowa, Kansas and Wisconsin!





Jamie Maxwell gives a "thumbs up" to the MF garden tractor display.



Paul & Mary Wilkinson touring the grounds on their Massey #7 garden tractor.



Mike Kunz displays both the US and Massey flags showing his allegiance to both!







John & Tom Tague discuss the differences of their 44 Orchard with Dennis Brown, IA and his 44 Orchard Diesel



Tom & Cindy Jansen, IL displayed two MH engines and the newly restored and rare MH #2.



George Schaaf, IL exhibited his rare Sawyer Massey prairie tractor.



Joe Herr's 555 ready to do some work as it sits in front of a Keck Gonnerman threshing machine.



One of the few implements displayed at the show!





# **EVERYONE LOVES AN AUCTION!**

Thank you,  
donors, bidders  
and buyers!



John Bush and JR Burton admire  
a MF SkiWhiz snow marking stick



Debbie Arm-  
strong, MCA Sec-  
retary and Bob  
Wilkinson, IMCA  
Secretary serve  
as clerks during  
the auction.



Visitors from Ireland and Scotland  
spent some money at the auction!!



John Bush, Drew Emsweller and Tom Tague  
laugh in relief - the show is nearly over!

To be continued...



# IMCA Member Sue Allison Passes

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family of Sue Allison. Though she passed in May it is only appropriate we post her obituary and send our condolences to John and his family. She was a great person; always smiling and enjoying life. She and John were very active in IMCA and attended many of the IMCA functions. Her friendly personality will be missed.

Carolyn "Sue" Allison, 66, of Washington, went to be with the Lord at 10:15 a.m. Thursday, May 22, 2014 at University Hospital.

Born June 10, 1947, in Petersburg, she was the daughter of Leo E. and Pauline (Andrus) Arnold.

She was a 1965 Petersburg High School graduate, a 1966 Vincennes Beauty College graduate, and a 1984

graduate of Purdue University School of Cosmetology where she obtained a master's degree in cosmetology.

She was a member of Bethel (South) United Methodist Church, was a hairdresser and former president and member of Washington Hairdresser's Association Affiliate 21.

She is survived by her husband, John I. Allison; a son, John D. (Kimberly) Allison of Washington; five grandchildren, Matt, Ashley, Wesley, Destiny and Holly; one great-granddaughter, Olivia; one brother, Billy Joe "Bill" Arnold of Washington; and several cousins.

She is preceded in death by her parents.

## IMCA Board of Directors Nominations

Each Spring the Indiana Massey Collectors Association elects members to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors helps the organization run smoothly to make your participation a fun experience. They plan events, manage the finances and coordinate activities that you can enjoy.

The Directors usually meet about times a year to conduct the business of the organization.

This Spring the membership will be electing two individuals to serve in a Director's capacity. At least one of those individuals will be a new Director.

If you, or someone you know, would be interested in providing a little guidance and direction to the organization you might consider nominating yourself, or that other interested person, for this role. It is simple. It is fun. You will not only meet new people, but be part of a growing organization.

We will begin discussions about nominations at the Fall Gathering, so please consider the opportunity. Let any of the current Board of Directors know of your interest. We will be moving forward soon.

**Check out your IMCA newsletter and other information on the MCA web site:**

**[www.masseycollectors.com](http://www.masseycollectors.com)**

**Many pictures of the Rushville show can be found in the web site "Gallery."**



# Future IMCA State Show Sites

It is not too early to begin thinking about a good location for future Indiana Massey State Show locations. We plan to be at the White River Valley Antique Tractor Show in Elnora on September 10-13, 2015 but we have not made any future commitments past that date.

If you know a good show that would be interested in hosting the Massey family of tractors and implements please let one of your IMCA Board of Directors know.

It is important that we begin looking further down the road in our planning, since shows are also looking ahead as to what brand they might feature.

One consideration would be location. As you can see from our history of show locations, the Board of Directors has attempted to identify and select show locations around the state. With the 2014 show in the central part of the state and 2015 located in the southern part of the state, we should be looking again to a location further north in 2016.

Although, we would not rule out a show in the central or southern part of the state, it is important we make an effort to be considerate to all members and have the show in various parts of the state.

Please check with shows in your area and we will continue the discussions at our Fall Gathering.

We would like to plan at least three years out so we would be looking for shows in 2016 and 2017 yet this winter.

You know better than we as to where the good shows are. Please let the board know your ideas and we can all work together to make great shows happen!!

Listed below are all the IMCA State Shows we have conducted, their locations and the respective dates of those shows.

## IMCA State Show

2001	Greensburg	August 16-19 (1st IMCA Show)
2002	LaGrange	August 8-11
2003	Rushville	August 1-3
2004	Brookville	September 23-26
2005	Danville	June 3-5
2006	Tipton	August 10-13
2007	Bluffton	August 10-12
2008	Rochester	June 20-22
2009	Rockville	September 4-7
2010	Portland	August 25-29
2011	Greensburg	August 18-21
2012	Wabash	July 19-21
2013	Tipton	August 9-11
2014	Rushville	July 31- Aug 3
2015	Elnora	September 10-13
2016	???	???
2017	???	???

## MCA Plow Day—October 25

MCA is hosting a fun Plow Day in Varna, IL on October 25, 2014. This will be a day to enjoy your tractor, smell the freshly turned soil and visit with your Massey neighbors and friends. Bring a tractor, bring a plow or just bring yourself! Whatever your pleasure you will be welcome. Someone might even put you on a tractor if you want to make a round or two!!

See the flyer on the next page for all the details. What a great time to bring the work horses out to play!

You might also recognize the smiling face on the flyer. We won't say the picture was taken at the "MCA Great Planting" in 2001!



# MCA Massey Plow Day



1, 2, or 3  
Bottom Plows Only!  
Any make or Model

Extra Plows  
Will Be  
Available

**Saturday, October 25, 2014 - Varna, IL**  
**3 Miles North of Varna on IL St. Rt. 89 and Roberts Rd.**

***Bring Your 1983 or Older  
Wallis, Massey Harris, Massey Ferguson &  
Ferguson and turn some dirt!***

*For more information contact any one of the committee.*

**Gary Sager—309-463-2330 or 309-238-8698 cell**

**Bill Parrish—816-626-3770**

**Charlie Gerson—618-576-2824**

**Wes Armstrong—309-275-6262**

*Registration fee is \$25.00 per tractor and includes an evening meal.*

*Spouse's meal is \$15.00*

*Catered meal will be served in Magnolia, details available at registration.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Tractor Year, Make, Model \_\_\_\_\_

Registration fee \$25.00 (includes dinner for one). Extra dinners \$15.00 ea.

Number for dinner \_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to Gary Sager \* 2334 Roberts Rd. \* Magnolia, IL 61336  
*Registrations must be received by October 20*

## **AREA MOTEL INFORMATION**

**Super 8—Wenona, IL**  
8 Cavalry Drive  
Off Exit 35 on I-39  
**815-853-4371**

**Motel 6—Minonk, IL**  
1312 N Carolyn Dr.  
Off Exit 27 on I-39  
**309-432-3663**



# Massey Calendar of Events

*(Indiana Shows, MCA Chapter Events and State Shows)*

Oct 25, 2014	<b>MCA</b> Plow Day	Varna, IL
Nov 8, 2014	<b>IMCA FALL GATHERING</b>	<b>Chandler, IN</b>
Mar 13-14, 2015	<b>MCA</b> Spring Meeting	Illinois
Jun 11-13, 2015	<b>Massey</b> Days Reunion	Baraboo, WI
July 16-19, 2015	<b>MHFCO</b> State Show	Plain City, OH
Jul 31-Aug 2, 2015	<b>MFCW</b> State Show	Burnett Corners, WI
August 2015	<b>Iowa MCA</b> State Show	Cedar Falls, IA
Aug 7-9, 2015	<b>MASSEY EXPOSITION OF NORTH AMERICA</b>	Chambersburg, PA
Sept 10-13, 2015	<b>IMCA STATE SHOW</b>	<b>Elnora, IN</b>

“ Old Masseys collect the  
nicest people! ”



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