

News from Genoa Main Street



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Tractor ‘Games’ Added

Genoa’s Back Roads Tractor Run Returns, Third Year Promises to be Bigger and Better

Plans are underway for the 3rd annual Back Roads Tractor Run scheduled for Saturday, September 25, in downtown Genoa. The run has become a favorite early fall event for both the drivers and area residents. To add more fun to the run, tractor drivers will be invited to test their skills in a variety of contests and games.

“We have a great new route planned for this year’s run, said David Glaum, one of the organizers. “It’s longer than in past years and we are planning an earlier morning start. Plus, to keep the tractor run moving, all tractors will have to be able to maintain a minimum speed of 10 mph. Our goal is to be on the road by 10 o’clock so we can be back in downtown Genoa for a noon-time parade down Main Street followed by a lunch together.”

“Owners with slower tractors who want to be part of the day’s activities, can exhibit their tractors along Main Street in downtown Genoa,” said Glaum.

“The Back Roads Tractor run has been part of Genoa’s Harvest Moon Festival since 2008,” said Mim Evans, executive director of Genoa Main Street, Inc. which sponsors both events.

“David and long-time Main Street volunteer Roger Watson came up with the idea as another way to showcase Genoa’s agricultural heritage. Since then it has become one of the highlights of day-long festival.

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“Many of the owners are happy to have children climb up on their tractors and see what it might be like to drive one. For many youngsters who have only seen tractors at work in the fields or on the road pulling equipment, it is a real treat.”

“Genoa’s Back Roads Tractor Run is the only run in DeKalb County,” said Glaum. “It’s a great opportunity for tractor enthusiasts to get together and get their tractors moving!”

Deadline for registration for the Back Roads Tractor Run is September 17. Drivers can register by going to the Genoa Main Street Web site at www.genoamainstreet.org or they can call the office at 815 784-6961 or e-mail genoamainstreet@atcyber.net. Registration is \$25 and includes lunch, a commemorative cap and an event button. “Early registration is important so we can order the hats and buttons,” said Evans. Late registrations will be accepted if there is space available, she said.

“The Back Roads Tractor Run also is a great way for agricultural –related businesses to reach their customers in DeKalb and surrounding counties through sponsorship of the event,” said Evans. Sponsors will have their name posted on a vehicle that will accompany the drivers, on event posters and on signs at the event. Sponsorship information can be obtained by calling or e-mailing the Main Street office as listed above.

Genoa Main Street, Inc. Is a volunteer organization dedicated to preserving Genoa’s historical heritage and small town wholesomeness while promoting economic development and downtown improvements.

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Planning for the third annual Genoa Back Roads Tractor Run is well underway. Organizers David Glaum (left) and Roger Watson Glaum discuss this year's longer route, along with ideas to add games of skill for the drivers to the event. Registration deadline for the tractor run which is part of Genoa's Harvest Moon Festival event on September 25 is September 17. Both events are organized by Genoa Main Street, Inc. For more information or registration or sponsorships, visit the Genoa Main Street Web site at www.genoamainstreet.org, call the office at 815 784-6961 or e-mail genoamainstreet@atcyber.net.