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CELEBRATION OF ANTIQUE IRON AT CHARLTON PARK JULY 13-14

Now in its 47th year, the Charlton Park Gas & Steam Engine Club is presenting its annual Gas & Steam Engine Show on July 13-14 from 8 a.m. – dusk. Displays of tractors, stationary engines, steam engines, farm machinery, and other rare antiques are planned. Visitors will also get a glimpse of the famed 1884 Westinghouse Traction Engine in the Park's collection. Featured tractors for 2018 are Ford, Fordson, and Ferguson.

A garden tractor pull will take place on Friday at 6 pm and a Farm Tractor Pull is scheduled for Saturday beginning at 11:00 a.m. Trophies will be awarded to top finishers. Spectators should plan to bring lawn chairs and blankets for seating. A kid's pedal pull and penny scramble is planned for on Saturday beginning at 9:30 a.m. Food vendors will be serving festival favorites and a swap meet and flea market will take place daily near the Gas & Steam Barn. Registration and camping is still available for vendors and exhibitors. To become a member of the Charlton Park Gas & Steam Club, annual dues are \$20 (\$10/year thereafter) and include bonuses like networking with steam & gas enthusiasts, potluck dinners and a monthly newsletter.

Come early and enjoy a pancake breakfast which will be prepared and served by Club members and Barry County Commissioners on Saturday, July 9 from 7a.m.-9:00 a.m. Admission to the event is \$6 for ages 13+, \$4 for children 5-12. Ages 4 and under are free. Breakfast is \$5 per person for ages 13+ and \$3 for those 12 and under. All event proceeds support the Club and Park.

Charlton Park is located between Hastings and Nashville, North of M-79, at 2545 S. Charlton Park Road. For more information, call (269) 945-3775, visit www.charltonpark.org, or find us on Facebook. All times are approximate.