

The Show Must Steam On!!!

Since State and County Covid-19 restrictions prevent our fans from coming to us, Roots of Motive Power is bringing the 38th annual Steam Festival to our fans. Like a lot of events in these unprecedented times, our Steam Festival will look different this year. Yes, that's right, this group of old-school people will be trying their hand at a virtual event. We plan on steaming up on Saturday, September 12th. Our State and County COVID-19 restrictions prevent us from having large gatherings at this time, so we will be doing live streams on our "Roots of Motive Power" Facebook and Instagram pages. We also have a new YouTube Channel "The New Roots of Motive Power", that we will be uploading videos for you to watch at any time. There will be links to all these platforms on our web page www.rootsofmotivepower.com

This year we plan to present a steam triple-header, with the Port of Olympia #2 (1910 Baldwin Steam Locomotive 2-6-2T), the Bluestone Mining and Smelting #1 (1916 Heisler Steam Locomotive) and the Weyerhaeuser Company Ohio Locomotive Crane #3786. The Ohio crane will be loading logs onto the Milwaukee Road log car, part of a logging consist pulled by the Bluestone Heisler. The POOH 2 will be pulling a unique mixed freight consist. We hope to have the TD-24 (1952 International Harvester Tractor) running so we can do a demo with it and the Palco off-highway truck and lowbed. And that's not all... back in the pit we will be running the 2 shovels, Bucyrus-Erie 50-B (1932 steam) and the 22B (1950 diesel), moving dirt. No steam up would be complete with our 2 beautifully restored road rollers, yes, we will be running both the 1916 Kelly Springfield and the 1924 Buffalo Springfield road rollers. As always, antique equipment is unpredictable and subject to break downs, but these are our plans for now.

Unfortunately, with public attendance not allowed this year due to COVID-19 restrictions, neither our world-famous BBQ and Auction, nor the Early Day Gas Engine exhibition will be allowed in the City Park. Normally this is our only fundraiser of the year. For anyone interested in donating, we will have something set up online, on our website or you can always mail it to us. Roots is dedicated to preserving the history of these old machines and the stories that went along with them. We have a small group of local volunteers that have been working hard on restorations during the shutdown of the pandemic. The Climax Geared 1922 Holmes Eureka # 4 steam locomotive and the Daniel Best #185 1903 steam tractor have both been started since the shutdowns. Our hope is to be back better than ever for next year's 39th Annual Steam up!!

Warmest Regards.... Alexis England