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120th Afton Fair: July 8 - 12, 2009

Admission for the 2009 Afton Fair

by Regina Birdsall

Come enjoy the 2009 Afton Fair with reduced admission prices! Admission for those age 12 and over will be \$3.00 and age 11 and under will be free. Discounted season passes are available for \$10.00 each. Once you have entered the fairgrounds all entertainment stage and grandstand events are free. We will no longer be selling additional exhibit passes in 2009. Those needing additional passes will need to purchase a season pass.

There will be pay one price ride deals during the fair. The price of the wristbands as well as days and times of the ride deals will be announced at a later date.

If you would like to purchase advance day passes or season

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Afton Fair Advertising Offer

by Regina Birdsall

Help the Afton Driving Park fill the fence line of the fairgrounds along Route 41 with the signs or banners of your business or organization. If you are seeking low cost advertising opportunities this is an option to consider. Your sign or banner will be displayed from July 1 through July 31 and will be visible to visitors of the Afton Fair from July 8 through 12, as well as Afton Motor Speedway racing fans.

In order to take part, please complete and submit the advertising form and payment of \$20 by mail or by stopping by the Afton Fairgrounds. The advertising form is available as an attachment to this newsletter and will also be available on our website at www.theaftonfair.com/fence-advertising.pdf.

Full details of this offer is available on the order form.

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Afton Motor Speedway Opening Night Delayed

by Regina Birdsall

Opening night for the Afton Motor Speedway, originally scheduled for Friday, May 1 has been delayed while work continues to get the facilities ready for race fans and drivers. Promoters Dave and Joanne Rocket are very hopeful that the opening will happen in May. Once open, admission will \$5 and food and beverages will be available.

For more information and updates on the new opening day, please visit their website at:

www.aftonmotorspeed.com.

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passes you can do so by filling out the order form attached to the back of this newsletter and following the payment instructions. Tickets can be picked up at the Fair Office starting on June 24th or we can mail them to you for a small handling fee.

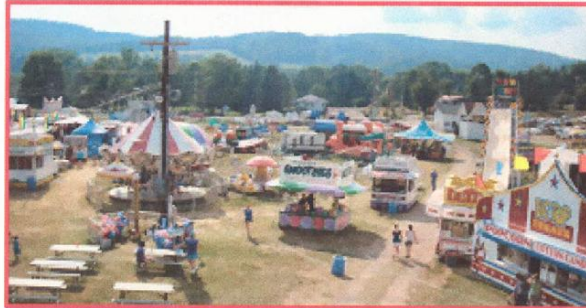
Main Events Amusements

by Regina Birdsall

Main Events Amusements will return as the Midway provider for the 2009 Afton Fair. Founded in 2002 in Solvay, NY, the owners of Main Events Amusements are members of the New York State Show Peoples Association and have more than 30 years of experience in mobile concessions. They travel throughout New York playing events ranging from one day festivals to six day fairs.

Although their midway is smaller than some, their rides are in top mechanical condition and the owners expect their concession, game and ride operators to be professional and respectful to the visitors of the Afton Fair. Their goal is to add additional rides each year.

2008 Afton Fair Midway by Main Events Amusements



Main Events Amusements also provides the Midway for the General Clinton Canoe Regatta and the Lumberjack Festival.

2009 Afton Fair Sponsors

by Regina Birdsall

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our generous 2009 Afton Fair sponsors:

- NBT Bank** - Southern Tier Offices
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- Huff Ice Cream** - Nineveh

If you are interested in sponsoring the 2009 Afton Fair, please visit our website at: www.theaftonfair.com/sponsorship.shtml.

Catskill Garden Tractor Pullers

by Regina Birdsall

Stop by the Afton Driving Park on June 14 for The Catskill Garden Tractor Pullers first pull at the fairgrounds in 2009. In 2008 they held three pulls at our facility and we are happy to see them return this year with three scheduled pulls. There will be food and beverages available at each event. Anyone interested in taking part in the Garden Tractor Pulls should visit their Yahoo Groups page (Yahoo ID is required) or visit their website at www.catskillgardentractorpullers.com.

In addition to the three pulls mentioned, The Catskill Garden Tractor Pullers will be at The Afton Fair on Sunday, July 12 at 9:00 AM. Be sure to stop by on one or more of the above dates and enjoy the show!

Demolition Derby Update

by Rhonda Barriger

The rules and regulations for the Afton Fair Demolition Derby are now available on the website in PDF form at:

www.theaftonfair.com/demo-derby.shtml.

Don't miss the drivers meeting on Sunday, May 3 at 2:00 PM at the Firemen's Building at the Afton Driving Park.

Please call us at 607-639-1525 or email us at adp@theaftonfair.com to become a newsletter sponsor.

Health Requirements for bringing Animals to Fairs in New York State

by Regina Birdsall

In order to bring an animal or animals onto any fairgrounds in New York State, the animals must meet health guidelines determined by the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets. These guidelines are updated yearly and are available on the Afton Fair Website in PDF format at: www.theaftonfair.com/fariregs.pdf and as web pages. You can browse the guidelines by starting at: www.theaftonfair.com/animal-health.shtml. If you plan on bringing animals to exhibit or compete at the Afton Fair please make sure that you have reviewed the guidelines and that your animals meet the requirements. Animals that do not meet the guideline requirements will not be allowed to stay on the Fairgrounds.

If you have any questions about these guidelines, please contact your veterinarian or call us 607-639-1525 and we will be happy to help in any way we can.

2009 Afton Fair Harness Racing

by Georgia Baker

The tradition of harness racing continues at The Afton Fair this year on Thursday, July 9. We will have a full program including county fair races with two and three year old trotters and pacers, a race with older trotters and pacers and, for a return engagement, The Billings Amateur Trot.

During the races we will again have our "Pick The Winner" game where one lucky person can win \$5.00 during each race just by choosing the lucky winner. The winner is drawn from all correct answers. Our audience has enjoyed this immensely in past years.

We will also feature an exhibit from The Hall of Fame of The Trotter in Goshen, New York which showcases harness racing from its start. This is a beautiful set of large posters that will be on display for the entire week of the fair. We hope to encourage all to learn more about harness racing and hopefully become a racing fan.

Look for many other promotions during the fair which will focus on the sport of harness racing. Come and enjoy the races and our country fair.

Rabbit Show, Poultry Show and Animal Exhibits

by Lia Tingley

Come join us Wednesday, July 8 for The Afton Fair's 3rd Annual Fun Show for Poultry and Rabbits. Children and adults alike are invited to show their poultry and rabbits for ribbons, education and bragging rights. Trophies will be presented for best in show and best reserve. The rabbit show starts at 10:00AM with poultry show to follow. Classes are for purebreds and pets alike. We encourage you to keep your animals at the fair for the week so fair goers can enjoy them. Cages and care can be provided if needed. Please contact Lia Tingley at 343-5913 if interested

The Afton Fair would also welcome any type of farm animal for display the during the fair. Care can be provided if desired. Some animals are required to meet specific health requirements in order to be brought onto the fairgrounds. If you are interested, please contact Lia Tingley at 343-5913 for more information and to ensure your animals meet the health requirements. Transportation of the animals is available if needed.

2008 Afton Fair Harness Racing



2009 Afton Fair Open Horse Shows

by Peg Squire

Horse show days at the 2009 Afton Fair are Saturday and Sunday, July 11 and 12. On Saturday the English and Western shows pointed by the Tri-Valley Horseman's Association will be held. Last year's show was the largest since horse shows returned to the Afton Fair in 2004. The leadline class and walk/trot adult classes were great. Several of our walk/trot riders were in their first show.

New in 2008 was the Sunday show that included three shows in one! We had a great turn out for our first Miniature Show, Driving Show and Equestrian Senior Games (Driving). The mini's were flying over the jumps and fearless at the obstacles. The whips showed off their skills in the Reinsmanship classes and were guiding their horses through the obstacle course. The newest part of the Afton Fair Horse Show was the Equestrian Senior Games Division (Driving) co-sponsored by the Broome County Office for Aging. This was the first Equestrian Senior Games in NYS and the first show for 72 year old Sam Hayslip.

The new arena with bleachers for spectators under the pavilion has been a great success. Thanks to a donation from Warren's Gravel Pit and work by Henry Schoelier, the footing in the ring is getting better each year. The new PA system, purchased by the Afton Fair Board, made it possible for riders to hear announcements anywhere in the show ring and parking area.

The class line up in 2009 for the English and Western Shows has remained the same as in 2008. Changes in the class line up for the Miniature, Driving and Senior Games include the addition of classes for miniature multi-color mares, geldings & stallions, miniature solid-colored mares, geldings and stallions and championship mares, geldings and stallions. The Senior Games classes have been split by age categories: 55 - 64, 65 - 74, and 75 and older.

For full details on the classes for the Open Horse Shows please visit: www.theaftonfair.com/horseshow.shtml where you can review the show rules and regulations and

download entry forms and class lists as needed. A PDF of the 2008 English and Western Shows winners for each class, some pictures from the 2008 show as well as a list of our generous sponsors is also available.

2008 Open Horse Show



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