

Preserving, promoting and developing Wellington North's unique cultural resources to build a vibrant community and a prosperous economy.

Our cultural moment this month celebrates the John Deere Tractor and the Upper Canada Two Cylinder Club Summer Show

On July 27, 28, and 29 the "Green" road leads to our neighbor to the east for the annual Upper Canada Two Cylinder Club John Deere summer show.

The Two Cylinder Club in this area was established in 1992 by a group of John Deere tractor collectors and enthusiasts to open their storage doors and polish up their treasures to come together as a group to show and mostly talk about their machines. Some come in their "working" state of restoration.

The annual summer show is a family event that takes place at the Grand Valley Community Centre. This year's event is celebrating 100 years of John Deere innovation. John Deere entered the farm tractor business in March 1918 through the acquisition of the Waterloo



Gasoline Engine Company and has been producing innovations in farm machinery ever since.

The Summer Show starts with an All Color Antique Tractor Pull beginning Friday night at 5:00 pm. (So, Mayor Andy, red can attend) There are a variety of vendors and craft people on the grounds all weekend and Saturday is filled with many working displays of antique machinery, children's activities and a pedal tractor pull as well as the John Deere tractor pull. Saturday night dinner is catered by Kelly's Katering from Grand Valley with a licensed dance following featuring the Grand River Band.

Sunday begins with a worship service in the arena with an afternoon music concert by the Allen Family Reunion. A very talented group from London area featuring John P Allen who played for many years with Prairie Oyster and continues to play with Sylvia Tyson and the Good Brothers.

For more information on the Summer Show please check out the Upper Canada Two Cylinder Club website or Facebook page.

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