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## **VINTAGE TRACTOR RIDE PLANNED FOR AUGUST 23, 2014**

If you collect vintage tractors of any brand, mark your calendars. Tractor enthusiasts from all over are invited to bring their tractors and participate in the 2016 "Ride the River" Vintage Tractor Ride, scheduled for Saturday, August 27, 2016 along the Kankakee and Iroquois rivers.

The Central Illinois Green Club, "Ride the River" is a bi-annual event that takes participants on a 50-mile vintage tractor ride through some of the area's most beautiful scenery. Proceeds from the event provide funds for our local FFA Chapters.

Ride the River begins at the Kankakee County Fairgrounds with a 6:30 a.m. check-in, coffee and donuts. Participants are encouraged to bring their tractors to the Fairgrounds the night before, but may also arrive the morning of the event. For those wishing to come in the night before, overnight security and surveillance will be provided on-site. An estimated 150 tractors will leave the Kankakee Fairgrounds, following a route of approximately 50 miles.

"We are very excited to bring this unique and special event back again." notes Stan Dietz, President of the Central Illinois Green Club. "In 2014 we were able to raise \$7000.00 to give to local FFA chapters. We're looking forward to doing this again so we can help our local FFA students. This is especially important with the budget crisis that is going on in our state right now."

Former Central Illinois Green Club President John Evans says "An event like this is a fun way for enthusiasts to get together, show off their pride and joy vintage tractors, see the tractors brought by other collectors, and enjoy a beautiful, scenic ride for a great cause. Supporting the event will mean bolstering future generations of farmers throughout the region."

The entry fee for Ride the River is \$50. Cost includes coffee/donuts at registration, lunch, a commemorative hat and refreshment stops and a beautiful 50-mile stretch of touring, camaraderie, and fun. To register, participants can download a registration form by logging onto [www.centralillinoisgreenclub.com](http://www.centralillinoisgreenclub.com) and clicking on Ride the River 2016 or call Stan Dietz at 815-674-2306 for more information.