

# **First Blue Water Bridge Antique Tractor Crossing**

**Sponsored by Black River Area Antique Power Club**

**Saturday, August 1, 2009**

## **REQUIREMENTS FOR ANTIQUE TRACTOR BRIDGE CROSSING**

Registration form must be filled out for each individual with a tractor intending to participate in the Blue Water Bridge tractor crossing (registration forms available on-line or by request). Date of birth for participant required by Blue Water Bridge Authority/Customs. Those clubs (or individuals) participating in the tractor parade must have in their possession prior to the event proof of Current Liability Insurance for Events and/or Parade Involvement and a disclaimer/hold harmless form. Individuals must also have in their possessions one of four forms of identification required to cross international borders: 1. Passport 2. Passcard 3. Enhanced driver's license 4. Nexus.

Club Registration Form Definition: The club registration form on-line at: [www.blackrivertractor.org](http://www.blackrivertractor.org) will be your official registration form for your club to participate in the Blue Water Bridge Antique Tractor Parade and Crossing. As president or official representative of your club you agree to the rules and regulations set forth for this event and agree to adhere to these rules and regulations. You will also agree to a hold harmless contract to relieve Black River Area Antique Power Club, Blue Water Bridge Authority, Michigan Department of Transportation, cities of Port Huron, Michigan and Sarnia, Ontario and any involved townships of any liability that may occur during the event. A hold harmless form will be sent to each participating club and must be signed and in possession of Black River Area Antique Power Club prior to the event.

Proof of Liability Insurance: A copy of your policy is required before the date of the event and must list your legal club's name, physical address, city, state (or province) and zip code. Issuing insurance company name and complete address showing required liability amount of \$1,000,000.00 must be present on the policy. Your policy number, policy effective date, and policy expiration date are required and your policy must cover your club in events and/or parades it participates in. All of your insurance information will be kept confidential and never used for any other purpose except as proof your club has insurance to cover this event. By joining the event and signing the club registration form, you give Black River Area Antique Power Club permission to show your information to any entities requiring aforesaid proof or insurance.

Disclaimer: All clubs in the event will be required to sign and present before the event a disclaimer/hold harmless form. This form will be sent to each participating club. It must be signed by your club president or club board members who have authority to represent your club and sign legal documents or forms.

By agreeing to the rules and regulations set forth for the event, you as club representative and/or official representative of your club, are allowing Black River Area Antique Power Club to use your club name and/or your club website on our website as a participating club of the parade/bridge crossing event. If you do not want your club listed on our website but still wish to participate in the event, please email [bridgecrossing@blackrivertractor.org](mailto:bridgecrossing@blackrivertractor.org) prior to sending in your registration.

By officially signing the club registration form further agrees that Black River Area Antique Power Club and/or Blue Water Bridge Authority and/or MDOT reserve the right to inspect all and any of your club's tractors, trucks, trailers, or any other equipment that is participating in this event for mechanical or safety issues that may arise. Black River Area Antique Power Club and/or the Blue Water Bridge Authority and/or MDOT reserve the right to refuse certain vehicles from participating in the parade or crossing the bridge due to mechanical and/or safety issues and/or rules violations.

Contact person:

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# RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. No alcohol! Absolutely ZERO TOLERANCE before, during or after the bridge crossing.
2. Model year: all tractors over 25 years old (no compact tractors).
3. Age limit: No one under 16 years old will be allowed to drive a tractor across the bridge (must have a driver's license and one of four previously mentioned pieces of I.D.)
4. Tractors with pneumatic tires only. No steel wheels or spades, spikes, grouser pads, or crawler tracks.
5. Trucks and pickup trucks hauling trailers with equipment can be in the parade if you wish to display your tractor instead of driving it.
6. Slow moving vehicle signs not required while in parade.
7. Weather issues: parade will be held rain or shine unless severe storms (thunder and lightning) or high winds. Hopefully, all will be well but we must consider safety first and the event may have to be cancelled due to inclement weather.
8. Flags are O.K. but must not obstruct the view of the road ahead of you and others behind you.
9. People movers O.K. – must have benches or attached seats. Safety chains required.
10. Extra rider: one rider allowed only if extra seat bolted to tractor.
11. Speed: at least 10 MPH – each club will enforce this rule. Tractors can be towed if broken down during the parade.
12. Tractors must have serial number/tag.
13. Tractors and tires must be clean – no dirt on tractor or tires (bridge rules).

Fire extinguishers: Each club will be required to have at least one or two dry type fire extinguishers. Your club is not limited to the number of fire extinguishers in their group of tractors. Make sure your fire extinguisher is strapped securely to your tractor but is easily accessible in case it is needed.

Tow straps: All tractors are recommended to carry a suitable tow strap or tow chain in case of breakdown. Each club will be responsible for its members regarding breakdown, towing, etc.

As official sponsor of this event Black River Area Antique Power Club reserves the right to change and/or amend any of these rules and regulations as necessary to make this event safe for all those participating. Tractor clubs must be registered with either the state of Michigan (or their respective state), or province of Ontario and have a legal DBA (doing business as) or Not-for-Profit Antique Tractor Club or Tractor association status respectively.

Mail registrations and copies of insurance to contact person listed in previous page.

# GENERAL INFORMATION

The parade on Saturday, August 1, 2009 will start promptly at 9:00am - must be in line and ready to go at 8:30am.

Tractors will be gathering in Wadhams, Michigan at a parking area at the corner of Wadhams Road and North River Road (map included). There will be primitive camping available (no water or electricity) on site and local campgrounds and hotels also available (information available upon request).

There will be someone available on site to assist you with parking, etc., on Friday, July 31 if you wish to arrive early.

