

Schedule of Events

Sunday, August 3

6:00 p.m. Community Worship Service, "The Gracemen"

Monday, August 4

5:15-5:50 p.m. Children's Pedal Pull Registration
 6:00 p.m. Midway Opens with Poor Jack Amusements.
 6:00 p.m. Art, Photography, & Tole Decorating Exhibits in the White Building
 6:00 p.m. Children's Pedal Pull
 7:00 p.m. Antique Tractor Pull (1958 & older)
 7:30 p.m. Talent Contest

Tuesday, August 5

8:00-11:30 a.m. Enter Home & Family Exhibits - White Bldg.
 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Enter Agricultural Exhibits - Antique Pav.
 6:00 p.m. Midway Opens with Poor Jack Amusements
 6:00 p.m. Art, Photography, Tole Decorating Home & Family Exhibits in White Bldg.
 6:00 p.m. Agricultural Exhibits in the Antique Pav.
 6:00 p.m. Antique Tractor Show behind the Antique Pav.
 7:00 p.m. Antique Tractor Pull & Out-of-Field Tractor Pull
 7:00 p.m. Entertainment - K&C's Country Kickers (behind Fair Board Food Building)
 7:30 p.m. Variety Show

Wednesday, August 6

8:30 a.m. Baby Contest Registration
 9:00 a.m. Baby Contest Judging
 Noon Midway Opens with Poor Jack Amusements
 Noon Children's Day Parade Registration
 1:00 p.m. Children's Day Parade
 1:00 p.m. Art, Photography, Tole Decorating, Home & Family Exhibits in White Building
 1:00 p.m. Agricultural Exhibits in the Antique Pav.
 1:30 p.m. Small Wonders Gymnastics
 6:00 p.m. Antique Tractor Show behind the Antique Pav.
 7:00 p.m. Horse Pull followed by Miniature Horse Pull

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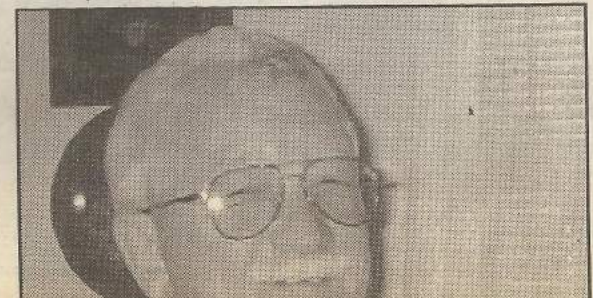
FREE FAIR, INC.

Aug. 4-9, 2003

George Gard

Wears many hats at Mooreland Fair, dedicated to town throughout year

What does George Gard do for the fair? Let's count the ways, or try to count them. George takes care of parking, makes sure trash is picked up, participates in monthly meetings, works in the community food building occasionally, works in the hot dog stand almost every day, announces the parade progress from the fire truck which leads the parade while his brothers Gene and Gary announce at the end of the route, and joins his family and friends in the entertainment on the midway — "just whatever



7:00 p.m. Ice Cream Crank-up in the Entertainment Pav.

Thursday, August 7

- 5:00 p.m. Pork Chop Dinner in the Fair Board Food Bldg.
6:00 p.m. Midway Opens with Poor Jack Amusements
6:00 p.m. Art, Photography, Toile Decorating, Home & Family Exhibits in White Bldg.
6:00 p.m. Agricultural Exhibits in the Antique Pav.
6:00 p.m. Antique Tractor Show behind the Antique Pav.
6:15 p.m. Magician Marcus Lehmann on Fairgrounds
7:00 p.m. Cornfield Cloggers
7:00 p.m. Magician Marcus Lehmann - Entertainment Pav.
7:00 p.m. 4-Wheel Drive Truck Pull
8:00 p.m. Small Wonders Gymnastics

Friday, August 8

- 5:00-8:00 p.m. Blood Drive in front of Merchants Building
6:00 p.m. Midway Opens with Poor Jack Amusements
6:00 p.m. Art, Photography, Toile Decorating, Home & Family Exhibits in White Bldg.
6:00 p.m. Agricultural Exhibits in the Antique Pav.
7:00 p.m. Super Antique Tractor Pull & 3 pulling classes of Out-of-Field Tractors
7:00 p.m. Cornfield Cloggers
7:15 p.m. Gospel Concert, "Common Ground"

Saturday, August 9

- 7:30-8:30 a.m. Run Registration
8:30 a.m. Mile Fun Run
9:00 a.m. 5K Run
9:30-11:00 a.m. Car Show Registration at Town Park
10:00 a.m. Run Awards
Noon Midway Opens with Poor Jack Amusements
1:00 p.m. Parade Line-up Begins
2:00 p.m. Car Show Awards at Town Park
3:00 p.m. Parade
4:00-5:30 p.m. Pickup Home & Family Exhibits
4:00-6:00 p.m. Pickup Art, Photography & Toile Decorating Exhibits
5:00-6:00 p.m. Pickup Agricultural Exhibits
7:00 p.m. Mini-Rods and Super & Hot Farm Tractor Pull
7:30 p.m. Queen & Princess Coronation
8:30 p.m. Merchandise Drawings & Parade Results

George worked at Chrysler in New Castle for 28 years, and 14 years at Warner Gear before that. Now, in his second year of retirement from Chrysler, George has found new jobs around Mooreland to fill up his hours. And he has continued in many of the volunteer duties he previously used to fill up most of his leisure time. (A week of vacation was, of course, always used for the fair.) Even before he started at Chrysler, George started working for the Mooreland Volunteer Fire Department — he has been with the department since he was in his twenties.

Like other volunteer firefighters, George Gard has great loyalty to the department and great respect for the dedication which it demands. He can tell you about the training the men go through to keep up with new advances in the field. One area commanding attention in recent years is the department's role as "first responder." When an emergency call is made, the local fire department will be the first agency to arrive. Having lived in Mooreland all his life, George is often able to have an advantage in gaining immediate communication with an ill or injured person. Now being one of the few volunteers who are available during the day, he feels even more reason to stay close to home.

George does stay close to home most of the time, with an occasional fishing trip, but doesn't spend much time sitting in an easy chair. He is very dedicated to his hometown and is serving his fourth year on the Mooreland Town Board. As a councilman, he helps make decisions for the town. He has worked on the Town Hall building, along with his fellow councilmen Don Davis and Raymond Perdue. He credits Davis with helping to buy chairs and Perdue with getting a street sweeper donated from Winchester for the town. The board members drive it and try to get the streets looking good for the fair.

One of the main things he feels proud of (although the word "proud" and George Gard



George Gard

just don't seem to go together) is the improvement in the Mooreland Park. Gard goes to the park, as he does to the fairground, when there are tree limbs down and other immediate cleanup needs. The town board is not exactly a volunteer job; councilmen make \$1,000 a year. But George's first three semi-annual checks went for park equipment.

On the fair board, George started when he "took over part of Dad's job when he passed away." "Dad" was longtime fair board member Kenneth "Shorty" Gard. The Gard parents, Kenneth and Cathlene, were active in Mooreland Friends Meeting for many years, and George has followed in their footsteps by attending there. When George's mother died, she was the oldest living member in the Meeting, and she was much admired for her singing and natural style of piano playing. George says he always wanted to learn to play the piano, but he couldn't. (Maybe she was just too tough an act to follow — even many trained musicians envied her special talents!)

George has four children, two girls and two boys, 11 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. Daughter, Cindy, has five children; Phillip has two; Carmen has three; and Dean has one, Isaac Lee, just born in June, and living next door to Grandpa George.

All of George's family members are interested in the fair, but Phillip especially is training for his dad's job, which George describes: "I know what I have to get done, and I go do it."

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In order to train for that job, you would have to follow George around for at least a week before the fair, all during the fair, and for a while afterwards. George starts about a week ahead roping off parking areas, then right after the fair taking the ropes down. Jim Radford gets the signs put up. According to George, more parking is needed. Although additional land for parking is now available in the back, the fair itself has expanded in that direction. Parking inside the front entrance is basically used up for handicapped and vendors. Some other parking has become unavailable, so the fair is pretty much back where it was — short of space.

George also feels that the fair needs more young participation. The older people who started the fair and made it grow in the early years are mostly gone now, and new enthusiastic people are needed to take their place. One change George especially appreciates is that the fair doesn't have to put up tents any more. He speaks admiringly of our still forward-thinking fair board president: "Nobody knows all that Astor does! (Except maybe Jodie.)"

Besides all of the duties George has at the fair, he enjoys playing with brother Gary and the band which entertains nightly on the midway. George usually plays tub and tambourine. Several members of the family, including George's sister, Carolyn Cooper, and her daughter, Cathy, participate when they can, so it is a reunion of sorts. It's a reunion for the audience also; many people say that family tradition like this is what makes the Mooreland Fair an annual homecoming event.

Miniature horses to pull for first time at Mooreland Fair

For the first time ever at the Mooreland Fair, this year there will be a Miniature Horse Pulling Contest. These teams weigh in at 600 to 800 pounds, pulling approximately 2,000 to 2,600 pounds.

The event will be held immediately following the Horse Pull which starts at 7 p.m. on Wednesday evening.



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