

South Bruce Vintage Tractor Tour Celebrates 25 Years

For the past 25 years, for many, it has been a trip down memory lane on Father's Day as community members far and wide reminisce about "the good ol' days" while admiring the vintage tractors.

The tour concept came to life through the eyes of the late South Bruce Councillor Clare Willard with the intention of bringing Mildmay-Carrick and Teeswater-Culross together as one following the municipal amalgamation now known as South Bruce. This idea was inspired by Willard's hometown in England, where many tractor tours have been held. The vintage tractor tour was the first project of the South Bruce Tourism Committee.

As it began 25 years ago, the vintage tractor tour started the day with a breakfast at various restaurants in the area and this tradition has carried on today, with a Father's Day breakfast now hosted by the Formosa Lions Club in the Community Hall. The very first show hosted 14 sites with a brochure indicating the location and today, even though the equipment and sites change, in 2025 we have 13 sites and still create a printed and electronic version of the brochure.

Keeping true to the roots of the intent of this event, it has expanded to include other vintage pieces other than tractors to include farm implements, automobiles, snowmobiles, toys etc. to hold the interest of many participants who return year after year. Throughout the years, many have travelled great lengths to enjoy this piece of history.

The South Bruce Tourism Committee invites you to take a trip down memory lane as you share your stories and reminisce while helping us celebrate our 25th anniversary of the vintage tractor tour on Sunday, June 15th from 9am to 5pm. Don't forget to start your day with the Formosa Lion's Father's Day breakfast hosted at the Community Centre in Formosa from 8:30am to 12:00pm or you also have the option of lunch or dinner at the Formosa Brewery from 10:00am until 8:00pm.

Maps of the 13 locations will be available at the South Bruce Municipal Office, various retail locations throughout South Bruce, at the Father's Day Breakfast and at each location. You can also view and print from South Bruce Tourism's website www.visitsouthbruce.ca/events .

Thank you for the past 25 years to the host sites and to the participants for attending and sharing your stories with us! We can't wait to see you on the 15th of June!