

## TIFFIN FLEA MARKET

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Dear Flea Marketers;  
2009

The TIFFIN FLEA MARKET sponsored by the Seneca County Jr. Fair Foundation will begin its 31st year of operation in 2009 at the Seneca County Fairgrounds, Tiffin, Ohio. The Tiffin Flea Market, established in 1978, has gained the recognition and reputation as being the largest show in Northwestern Ohio. Dealers attend regularly from Michigan, Indiana and all parts of Ohio. People come from far and near to visit this very successful flea market.

The Tiffin Flea Market is planning for another busy year. The management of the flea market will have Don Ziegler as general manager of the shows with his wife June assisting him. The assistant manager will be Joan Zimmerman. The excellent tradition of the Tiffin Flea Market will be carried on with interest priorities pledged to both our vendors and the public.

The Jr. Fair Foundation will kick off the flea market season with a "Collectibles & Toy Show/Antique Farm Machinery Swap Meet and Tractor Show" on Saturday and Sunday, April 25-26, 2009 on the fairgrounds from 9 AM to 4 PM, both days. The "Collectible-Toy Show" will have a wide variety of merchandise featuring: sports and other collectible cards, sports team apparel, collectibles, coins, electronics, memorabilia, model cars – racing, antique, new, kits, NASCAR, Die casts, Hot Wheels, Dolls, Farm Toys, Toys – new and old, glass, comic books, post cards and paper, trains and accessories, other various collectibles and related items. The show will feature more collectibles on display this year. This show will attract out-of-state vendors as well as many area vendors. Fees will be two days- \$25 for a 10' x 10' space, one day - \$15.00. Tables, if needed, are available to rent for \$6.00 per table or bring your own tables. Bring your own chair. There will be no admission fee. There will be a variety of food concessionaires present.

An "Antique Farm Machinery Swap Meet and Tractor Show" has been added to the show hoping to create more interest and public attendance. This show will feature memorabilia of the past and present times. Parts related will be on exhibit and for sale. There will be other interest exhibits "only" on the grounds. Dealers selling parts will be \$5 per space. Exhibit only – No fee.

More information is available by contacting: Show Mgr – 419-447-9613 "Toy Show", Steve Smith -419-618-0017 "Swap Meet" or contact our web site: [www.tiffinfleamarket.com](http://www.tiffinfleamarket.com) and select "Special Shows" .

Flea market inside space for 2009 will not have any one day set ups available as the demand for two day set ups will take all usable space. The Tiffin Flea Market believes in advertising and will promote their show over various area radio stations, numerous newspapers, trade magazines, and cablevision and TV stations. Camping is available to vendors as well as the public at \$15.00 per night including: electric / water where available and warm showers.

Please refer to our refuse and trash policy in the rules and regulations. This policy continues to be violated by many of the dealers. You as a dealer can avoid an increase in fees by not dumping refuse and remind your neighbor dealer not to dump. At present time, the flea market is working with a recycling program for cardboard boxes only. You must break these empty boxes down flat with no items left in the box and place them by a barrel to be in compliance. **NO BOXES IN BARRELS.**

NO sale of guns or ammunition will be allowed on the fairgrounds.

The demand for inside and outside spaces continues to increase significantly each year. Inside space should be reserved early for each show. Outside space will continue to include set up areas along back drive behind buildings and along driveway towards the front and back of the fairgrounds. Parking in these areas will be very limited and dealers are asked to park trailers and vehicles along back fence. The management is going to reserve more areas of outside space for the year in 2009. Refer to rules and regulations for more info on outside reserving. Weather will determine the parking. Parking along the racetrack will be limited and vehicles will have to park further down the drive. Parking is not guaranteed to be available behind your set up.

**SPACE RESERVATIONS WILL BE RETURNED, IF FULL PAYMENT IS NOT RECEIVED OR PAID BY 10 DAYS BEFORE SHOW.**

Traffic congestion on Hopewell Avenue (Front of Fairgrounds) continues to be a problem for the flea market with growth. The entrance and exit traffic flow is a concern for the flea market management. In the interest of the many people visiting the shows, we want them not to contend with this problem as much as possible. The main gate #1 entrance and exit depends on a traffic break on the main road. Gate #2 on Hopewell offers a three way stop on the main roads giving opportunity for faster entrance and exit. Gate # 5 entrance is along the north side of the fairgrounds taking you to the back of the fairgrounds towards an entrance gate. This is also becoming a full area of outside vendors.

The advisement to dealers in the rules and regulations pertaining to a vendor's license is for your knowledge. Please note change in vendor license type and one time fee as of 9/29/2000. The responsibility and decision for complying with this state law is with the vendor and not of the TIFFIN FLEA MARKET. Space collectors may ask for a vendor's license number for flea market records. Vendors selling garage sale items (No new items) are exempt from obtaining a license for 3 shows.

The flea market provides showers in the Youth Center for use by paid campers. Other showers in restrooms are available. A few individuals are abusing our new restrooms by writing graffiti on the walls. The lack of respect shown to people trying to run a good show for you is disheartening to the management of volunteers. Showers will be open from 4:00 PM Fri – 6:00 PM Sun. – morning and evening. Showers and restrooms will be available in the Youth Center after 6 PM Sunday. The volunteers of the Jr. Fair Foundation serve a breakfast in the Youth Center dining area from 7 AM to 10 AM. Your respect of these facilities while using them is appreciated.

Other activities planned with the flea market include barbecues and dinners served in the Safety Building by organizations on Sundays starting at 11 AM. There are a few Sunday dates available. If you should know of an organization interested in serving a Sunday dinner or barbecue, have them contact the show manager. The management has decided to discontinue the pancake and sausage breakfast. Cost of advertising and promoting the shows continue to rise and by not having the breakfast will avoid prices increases for the present time. We certainly do thank our many dealers who support and promote the Tiffin Flea Market.

Enclosed you will find 2009 flea market schedules, rules and regulations and a reservation form for INSIDE space and OUTSIDE RESERVED space. PLEASE NOTE: Dealers that attended 6 of 8 shows in 2008 will have their regular inside space held for them to reserve until **April 1, 2009 for the first show.** The reservation form with full payment for space and tables must be received by this date to hold these spaces. Inside spaces after April 1, 2009 will be reserved to anyone who has sent their reservation with payment in advance.

The Jr. Fair Foundation is an all-volunteer non-profit tax-exempt organization. Its purpose is to improve the welfare of the Seneca County Fair. The organization is dedicated to providing an opportunity for youth of Seneca County to learn and develop leadership skills thru participation in Jr. Fair activities and programs. Proceeds from this fund raising activity helps to fund a variety of improvements on the fairgrounds and projects that benefits Jr. Fair youth.

Your help in letting others know about our shows is appreciated. See you at the Tiffin Flea Market

Sincerely,

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