

LaGrange Engine Club Flea Market History

The Flea Market began at the Veterans Park in LaGrange, when our Annual Show was held there in the 1970's. It was Dorothy (Schworer) McGill, Bob Schworer's aunt, who with several friends started the Flea Market. When the Annual Show was moved to the larger LaGrange Lions Park the vendors moved also.

Members attending a monthly meeting in 1985 decided the Flea Market was to be included with the Secretary duties. During the Annual Show that year a list of names and addresses of the 11 vendors was made as none existed and there were no guidelines telling the vendors what to expect when they arrived.

In the summer of 1986 information about the Flea Market was sent to the 11 names we had. In return they let us know how many spaces they needed.

When the Annual Show was moved to the Lorain County Fairgrounds in 1992 there were 20 Flea Market vendors that followed us. Two of them from our years in LaGrange have stuck with us and will be at the 2012 show. Moving to the Fairgrounds gave room for more displays of anything farm related. The Flea Market grew also.

In 1996 Barb Baker accepted the position of Club Secretary and the Flea Market details remained with me.

Carol Schmitkons began helping in 2003 and took over the bookwork in 2004. In that year we sold 143 spaces. All areas of the Annual Show have grown since moving to the Fairgrounds.

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