

The fair turned 90 last year, and everyone involved put in a great deal of extra effort to ascertain it was done in style. Extraordinary exhibits and demonstrations took place in the gymnasium which was bustling with activity; and the items on display were truly incredible to see. We've been working hard to keep the fair exciting with fresh events that spark everyone's interest and participation. We'll continue to do so, and appreciate everyone's suggestions and enthusiasm on such matters.

It is with great enthusiasm to inform you that planning for the 2008 fair has already begun! Visit our website from time to time for breaking news on the upcoming fair at www.dvair.com. It's a great source of information about the fair, the events, and a way to get many of the fair's forms.

The 90th Annual Deerfield Valley Farmers' Day Fair was held August 23rd - 26th 2007.

96 Wilmington residents participated in brining in 1096 exhibits. 59% of the exhibitors at last year's fair were from Wilmington, however, their exhibits made up 63% of the total. This makes the Town of Wilmington the strongest exhibitor at the fair and also shows a great amount of pride in its work. Last year the fair paid over \$2,440 to exhibitors in premiums, and it's great fun for the kids! Let's see some more of that Wilmington pride at this year's fair!

The Fair's opening day was welcomed by comfortable temperatures under overcast skies, with the unveiling of a Truck Pull upon a greatly improved track. The truck pull attracted 61 participants and many more spectators. The Fair's Family Night continued to be a great success that allowed fairgoers a chance to ride all the rides between 6 and 10 pm with the purchase of a bracelet. The Talent Show/Contest offered competitive entertainment during the twilight hours.

The Fair continued on Friday with hotter weather. Friday was a lesser attended evening, allowing some Fairgoers to enjoy rides shorter lines on the midway, a checkers/cribbage tournament, an ox pull, and the Bluegrass Jam session.

On Saturday, we were blessed with unseasonably high temperatures in the mid 90's. Turnout was incredible despite the heat, and it was a difficult day for all to endure. Demonstrations of skills practiced 90 years before were offered in the gymnasium, a 90th Anniversary Scavenger Hunt, and tours to the Searsburg Windmill Facility were sponsored by GMP and PPM Energy. The Fair's traditional events and contests were also held which included the Sawing Competition, Farmer for A Day, a Pie Eating Contest, and a PeeWee Midway. Participants of all ages competed in the horse show, cattle show, horse pulling, games, demonstrations and exhibition premiums.

Sunday was a pleasant reprieve from the heat with a hot dry day under mostly overcast skies. Many were able to enjoy the midway while taking a break the roar of the engines at the demolition derby.

The Fair Association is grateful to all participants and volunteers whose hard work and participation contribute to the continued success of the fair. It takes thousands of hours and numerous people to put on the Fair each year. Many businesses and individuals donate prizes, materials and equipment. Few fairs remain within the State of Vermont, and this community as whole deserves a pat on the back for keeping this traditional fair a part of our local history. We also thank the Wilmington Town Office, School District, Police, Fire, and Highway Departments who help out, as well as both Whitingham and Deerfield Valley Rescue. Thank you to the Town of Wilmington, which has contributed financially in providing police coverage, and to those individuals who'd worked the shifts on the Wilmington Police Department.

We welcome your ideas and comments for events and improvements to the Fair or your volunteer time at the fair to setup, operate, and clean up after the fun is over. If you are interested, please contact any of the fair association trustees. Our regular monthly meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm, at the Wilmington Fire Station.

Steven E. Adams, President

Trustees: Sarah Shippee, Phil Bartlett, Stanley Cross, Cathy Flower, John Wheeler, Steven Adams, Diana Brown, Deborah Boyd, Donna Roemmelt, Barbara Cole, Melissa Powers.

See You At The 91st Deerfield Valley Farmers' Day Fair, August 21 – 24, 2008!