

HARRISON COAL AND RECLAMATION HISTORICAL PARK INC.
18TH ANNUAL DINNER / AUCTION

The Harrison Coal and Reclamation Historical Park Inc. will hold its 18th annual dinner / auction Saturday, May 12, 2012, at the VFD Social Hall, Hopedale, Ohio. Again the meal will be an “all you can eat” buffet style, including beef, fried chicken. Mashed potatoes, noodles, green beans, salad and desert. A variety of drinks will also be available.

This is one of our main events to raise funds to cover expenses such as park insurance, machinery upkeep etc. Our auctions are conducted by local auctioneers and everyone has brought to the evening something unique in the way of presentation. This year’s auctioneer is Ryan Keeseey. He has done this for us before and we have invited him back again to help out.

Our program this year is a repeat from several years ago and was so good we have invited him back. It’s being presented by Dave Adair of the Byesville Scenic Railway. Dave gives a riveting glimpse in the life of a coal miner from the early 1900’s, rising before sun-up and coming home after dark, never seeing the sun until his one day off a week - Sunday. The work was dangerous , dirty and underpaid. The mines complete with rats as valued companions whose squeal in anticipation of a collapsing ceiling or wall might make the difference between life and death. Come see this exceptional portrayal and an evening of fun and good food.

An interesting framed picture of president Theodore Roosevelt, standing on a 95 ton Bucyrus Erie steam shovel in 1908 during a construction inspection of work on the Panama Canal will go up for auction. This is not an actual photograph, but a depiction of a scene. There are 3 other similar pictures of different events.

Other items that have been collected to date are coal mining patches and decals, scale models of equipment, one from Columbus Equipment., several jars of ballast from the “Silver Spade“. A miner made from coal, and a pewter miner that will go on a tick board, hopefully Pirates Baseball tickets, some t-shirts, jackets, from Wampan Hardware Co.. This was the company that brought down the boom and gantry of The Silver Spade on Feb. 7, 2007 and a variety of framed photos of shovels, from Dale Davis, a large 20 x 24 framed color photo of the Silver Spade donated by Carl Streley This photo was taken in the February of 2006 as the Spade worked alongside St. Rt. 519 west of New Athens, Ohio. The Spade broke down 2 months later. Several Hanna coal news magazines from the 1950’s will also go on the block.

A patriotic framed print has been donated by Carolina Collectibles, from the Harry Gorbys. Marilyn Monzula has donated a Mining and Manufacturing Festival mug showing the A and B shovels crossing in the pit in 1947.

Doors will open at 5:30 pm with dinner at 6:30 pm. Our program will begin around 7:30 pm followed by the auction. Tickets are \$15.00 per person, may be purchased from any member, or by calling the Cadiz Visitor Center at 740-942-1102, or by sending check or money order to the HCRHP at PO Box 403, Cadiz, Ohio 43907. You may also make reservations by calling Claren Blackburn at 740-937-2460. Please come out and join us. You'll have a great time.

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