

Ohio State Fair

Hundreds of thousands of fairgoers attend the Ohio State Fair each year to participate in the numerous competitions, watch the athletes from around Ohio giving it their all, listen to the talent of the All-Ohio State Fair Band and Youth Choir, see the best of the best at the Sale of Champions, visit the Gilligan Complex to glance at exhibitors prized livestock, ride the SkyGlider, and even grab a bite of the latest and greatest Fair food. Only one group of experienced Fair people can remember a time when none of these existed and can relate with that of 50 years ago compared to current day happenings.

FIFTY YEAR CLUB

The 50 Year Club is an organization that is open to all fairgoers who have attended an Ohio State Fair 50 or more years ago. The notable club holds an annual meeting each year to reminisce and celebrate the traditions of the Fair.

The 68th annual meeting of the 50 Year Club will be held Monday, August 6, 2007 in the Rhodes Center Auditorium. Registration and a social gathering will begin at 8:45am and The All-Ohio State Fair Band & Youth Choir will kick off the program with performances at 9:30 am.

The objective of the club is to support, improve and promote the Fair and to develop a fellowship among its members.

“There is a positive connection that these people have had with the Fair over the years,” said Mark List, president of the 50 Year Club. “Supporting and improving the Fair, as well as renewing acquaintances, are two major aspects that keep members coming back year after year.”

If you have attended one Ohio State Fair before 1957, you are eligible to become a member of the organization. Many current members have attended the Fair for several years and come back to enjoy the social time to renew friendships, meet others who enjoy the Fair and volunteer to help improve the grounds.

There are no membership dues, but contributions for special projects have been solicited for various tasks. One important project was raising funds for trees and plantings to beautify the grounds.

What you can expect:

- A club membership without dues
- Participation and input that makes a difference
- Club Fair projects
- Short concerts by the All-Ohio State Fair Youth Choir and All-Ohio State Fair Band
- Prizes
- Presentation of the Giant Step Award
- Coffee with new and old friends – Come join us

To participate, simply attend the meeting on August 6, 2007. If you have questions, call 614/644-4052.