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From the Lead Plow, Ben Cook, President MLICA

Hello Everyone!

I hope everyone's year has started off well. It seems as if summer has arrived with the record setting high Memorial Day temps that we have had the last few days.

Don't forget to register for the National LICA Summer Meeting in Grand Rapids; it's not too late. We really hope to get more members from our state chapter to come than are already registered. With it being located right in our state, as well as Mike Cook being National President, there isn't a better time to attend.

Saturday, July 14th, during National's Summer Meeting, AIS in Grand Rapids will be hosting our Annual MLICA Summer Picnic,

separate from the national convention. Check out the flyer on the next page for details. If you are unable to attend the rest of the weekly events of National's Summer Meeting, I hope to see you at AIS.

We are continuing to look into OSHA training sessions for our members in the near future. With the changes in the last few years this is something that is going to affect us all. Nothing is set yet, but keep an eye on our newsletters, as well as, email, Facebook and www.michiganlica.org for information in the future.



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Michigan LICA Members JOIN US

Saturday, July 14, 2018



COME ENJOY A MEAL, TAKE A
TOUR, TEST YOUR SKILLS, AND
JUST PLAIN DIG SOME DIRT!

**2018 Annual
Summer Picnic**



600 44th Street S.W.
Grand Rapids, MI 49548

Time: 11 AM - 4 PM

Lunch: 11:30 AM

Tour of AIS Facility: 12:15 PM - 1:15 PM

AIS Skills Competition: starting @ 1:30 PM



Coinciding with the final day of National LICA's Summer Meeting, National members are welcome to join us at AIS after lunch. MLICA Members are welcome to register with National LICA for the Whitecaps game following the picnic. Tickets are limited.



Please RSVP by July 6th to scook@michiganlica.org for meal count!

Diary of an Executive Director

Here we are less than 6 weeks away from National's Summer Meeting taking place in our own backyard! I've been looking forward to this event for the past 2 years and it's finally just around the corner!

While I realize National Meetings cost more than Michigan LICA Members are used to spending, I hope to see many of you there to represent our great state! Even if you miss the early bird registration deadline of June 9th, please still consider coming!

This year, with National's Summer Meeting being in Grand Rapids, our board members voted to schedule our Annual Summer Picnic at that same time. AIS is graciously hosting our picnic at their Grand Rapids facility. During our picnic AIS will provide MLICA members lunch and then take us on a tour of the facility. After we tour the facility, AIS will welcome National members, allowing us

to all test our skills in a competition, and just plain dig some dirt. Please RSVP to me by email at scook@michiganlica.org so I can give Allen Bonthuis a count for food.

Following our picnic, National LICA has arranged for registrants to attend the Whitecaps Minor League baseball game for a small fee. Tickets are limited, so make sure to get your registration sent in to National LICA if you plan to join us!

As Ben mentioned in his letter, we are looking into offering trainings to MLICA members in regards to OSHA compliance. We will likely offer these trainings as regional meetings, hopefully in the fall. Stay tuned to MLICA's Facebook page, as well as email, and www.michiganlica.org for details.

Once again, I look forward to seeing you in July!

UPCOMING EVENTS

National LICA Summer Meeting

July 10-14, 2018

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MLICA Annual Summer Picnic

Saturday, July 14, 2018

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The Hydra-Tandem was the first completely hydrostatically driven trencher. All other ditchers being built at that time were driven with gear boxes and exposed drive chains. Nathan used the machines he built through Port Industries to build a successful drainage contracting business in northeast Missouri and west central Illinois. He continued to build machines through the 70's and 80's, and if a machine wasn't sold, Nathan and the Port Industries employees would use it to install drain tile themselves until it did sell.

Port Industries introduced the Hydra-Tandem II in 1987.

This was the first rubber fired trencher capable of digging 7 feet deep. In 1991 the Hydramaxx 2400 became the first 4-wheel drive trencher offered by Port Industries. By 2002 Port Industries product line included the Hydramaxx 2600 (rubber tire wheel trencher), Hydramaxx 2500 (rubber tire chain trencher), and the Hydramaxx 3300 (self-contained plow). Because of this rapid expansion in 2000 Port Industries moved to its current location for increased production capabilities. In 2015 Port Industries added on again to include office space, and in 2016 added a new service building featuring three independent service bays.

This year Port Industries has introduced an Interchangeable V-Plow attachment, and the first self-contained full-size V-Plow manufactured in the USA, the Hydramaxx 3320 V-Plow. Hydramaxx equipment is used in a variety of markets including Ag, renewable energy, pipe line, and gas. The Hydramaxx brand can also be found from California down to Florida in the USA, and in Canada.

Today, 50 years after our first trencher, Port Industries is still growing and changing to keep up with technology, customer demand, and service. Port Industries now also, specializes in setting up machinery, from back-fillers to tractors, with Trimble products for machine control for steering and elevation control offering both laser and GPS.

On July 27, 2018 Port Industries will be hosting a field day to celebrate our 50th Anniversary and to showcase our newest models of trenchers and plows.

For more information contact Vicki St. Clair at vicki.stclair@portind.com





Port Industries

July 27, 2018

50th Anniversary & Field Day



RSVP by:

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Visit us at: www.Portindustries.com

Port Industries would like to invite you to join us on Friday, July 27, 2018 for our 50th Anniversary, Hydramaxx Ag Field Day and Open House in Palmyra, MO. We will have our new Tier IV trenchers and plows models for field demonstrations. Including the New Hydramaxx 2520 Chain Trencher, 2720 Wheel Trencher, 3320 Drainage Plow and 3320 V Plow. The Open House will include lunch, field demonstrations, and a tour of the plant. We have also invited Trimble to join us in celebrating their 50th Anniversary. We will have a collection of Trimble products on display showing their history for the past 50 years. Contact us for more information or to RSVP.

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2018 National LICA Summer Meeting Tentative Agenda

Tuesday, July 10

8:00 am - 5:00 pm	Mint, AgroLiquid & Dairy Tour
6:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Executive Committee

Wednesday, July 11

8:30 am - 5:00 pm	Dune Rides, Winery & Blueberry Farm
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Thursday, July 12

8:00 am - 8:45 am	National LICA Benefits
8:45 am - 2:30 pm	Fredrick Meijer Gardens
9:00 am - 12:00 pm	Executive Directors
10:00 am - 2:00 pm	Kids Tour: John Ball Zoo
9:00 am - 2:00 pm	Educational Seminars TBA
7:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Associates' Night

Friday, July 13

7:00 am - 7:30 am	Devotions
7:30 am - 8:00 am	Committee Chairs
8:00 am	Breakfast
9:15 am - 10:15 am	Education/Tech Legislative Water Table Mgmt.
10:00 am - 2:00 pm	Kids Tour: Children's Museum
10:30 am - 11:30 am	By-Laws Conservation, Exc. Ladies/Devotions

Friday, July 13 (Continued)

12:00 pm	Lunch
1:15 am - 2:15 pm	Convention Long-Term/Past Pres. On-Site Waste Safety/Insurance
2:30 pm - 3:30 pm	Associates Membership Policy
3:45 pm - 4:45 pm	Region Meetings
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Budget
Saturday, July 14	
7:30 am - 8:00 am	Devotions
8:00 am	Breakfast
9:00 am - 10:15 am	Board Meeting
12:00 pm	Lunch
6:00 pm	AAA Baseball Game West Michigan Whitecaps vs. Beloit Snappers

"A Salute to American History"
Thursday, July 12 ~ Associates' Night

Associates' Night is the official start of the Summer meeting and National Associates will be there exhibiting their products and services. While you enjoy the food and drink, celebrate America by dressing as an American historical figure.

2018 National Summer Meeting Tours

Tuesday, July 10th

Mint Producer, AgroLiquid & Steenblik Dairy



We will visit the Midwest's largest producer of spearmint, located in St. Johns, MI. This family owned operation got its start in 1948 with roughly 10 acres. Three generations in, the farm has grown to more than 2,000 acres.

Enjoy lunch at AgroLiquid, which remains a family business and boasts a cutting edge facility. There is also a 750 tillable acre research farm where products go through extensive testing.

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Wednesday, July 11th

Dune Rides, Winery, & Blueberry Farm



Start your day on a 7 mile ride on the shifting sand dunes, viewing Silver Lake and the lovely beach along Lake Michigan. Accessible to the mobility impaired, all ages can enjoy the exciting, scenic rides.

Next, dine with us, as we enjoy The Fox Barn. Here, you'll be able to taste wines, shop for wine themed items, along with fresh produce and a variety of special foods. The Foxes are proud to

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Finally we will stop at the Jawor Brothers Blueberry Farm & Country Store. Over 800 acres of blueberries are cultivated and harvested every year, with some as big as quarters. The Country Store showcases a variety of baked goods derived from Jawor family recipes which are made in the store's kitchen on a daily basis.

Thursday, July 12th

Fredrick Meijer Gardens



Enjoy the beautiful scenery of these gardens from the comfort of tram. While aboard, your docent will tell you all about the beautiful horticultural displays. After the tram tour visit the cafe for lunch on your own in this truly beautiful setting. There will be time after lunch for a little exploration by foot.

Saturday, July 14th

AAA Whitecaps Baseball Game



Here's a perfect way to end the Summer Meeting: a baseball game! The West Michigan Whitecaps are taking on the Beloit Snappers. About an hour into the game enjoy a BBQ, complete with hot dogs, burgers and brats. After the game is over we will get a fireworks display.

2018 National LICA Summer Meeting Registration Form

Company _____
City _____ State _____
Phone _____
Email _____
Names of Attendees (for Badges)

Name _____
Name _____
Name _____
Name _____

Early Bird Registration Postmarked by June 9, 2018

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Number Attending _____	Total \$ _____

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Members, Spouses, Associates	\$299
Number Attending _____	Total \$ _____
Youth: 13 Years & under (Under 3 Free)	\$99
Number Attending _____	Total \$ _____

Registration Includes: Associates' Night, Friday Breakfast & Lunch, Saturday Breakfast & Lunch.

Optional Tours

Tues. July 10
Mint & Dairy
Cost \$ 50 per person
No. Attending _____
Total \$ _____

Weds. July 11
Dunes & Blueberry Farm
Cost \$ 60 per person
No. Attending _____
Total \$ _____

Thurs., July 12
Meijer Gardens
Cost \$ 35 per person
No. Attending _____
Total \$ _____

Sat., July 14
Whitecaps Baseball
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Tour Total \$ _____

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Refund Policy: For cancellations received prior to June 29, 2018 a \$30.00 charge will be deducted from the original amount paid. No registration payment will be refunded after June 29, 2018 unless there has been an emergency.

2018 National LICA Summer Meeting Children's Tours Form



Thursday, July 12th

John Ball Zoo: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Have your kids have a day filled with animals of all kinds at the John Ball Zoo. They can visit the fish of the deep sea, the mighty lions of the Africa, and the monkeys of the rainforest all in one day!

Friday, July 13th

Children's Museum: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

The Grand Rapids Children's Museum is a mix of fun and learning for your child. Exhibits range from the imagination playground to "Little Grand Rapids" where your child can grocery shop, go the bank and more in the little version of Grand Rapids!



Parent's Name _____
City _____ State _____
Cell Phone _____
Email _____

Children Attending

Name _____ Age _____
Name _____ Age _____
Name _____ Age _____
Name _____ Age _____

Children's Tours

Thurs., July 12
John Ball Zoo
Cost \$ 25 per child
No. Attending _____
Total \$ _____

Fri., July 13
Children's Museum
Cost \$ 25 per child
No. Attending _____
Total \$ _____

Sat., July 14
Whitecaps Baseball
Cost \$ 30 per child
No. Attending _____
Total \$ _____

Children's Tour Total \$ _____

All parents must sign the "Liability Waiver & Release Form" for their children to attend these tours.

Any child without a signed form will not be allowed to attend the Children's Tours.

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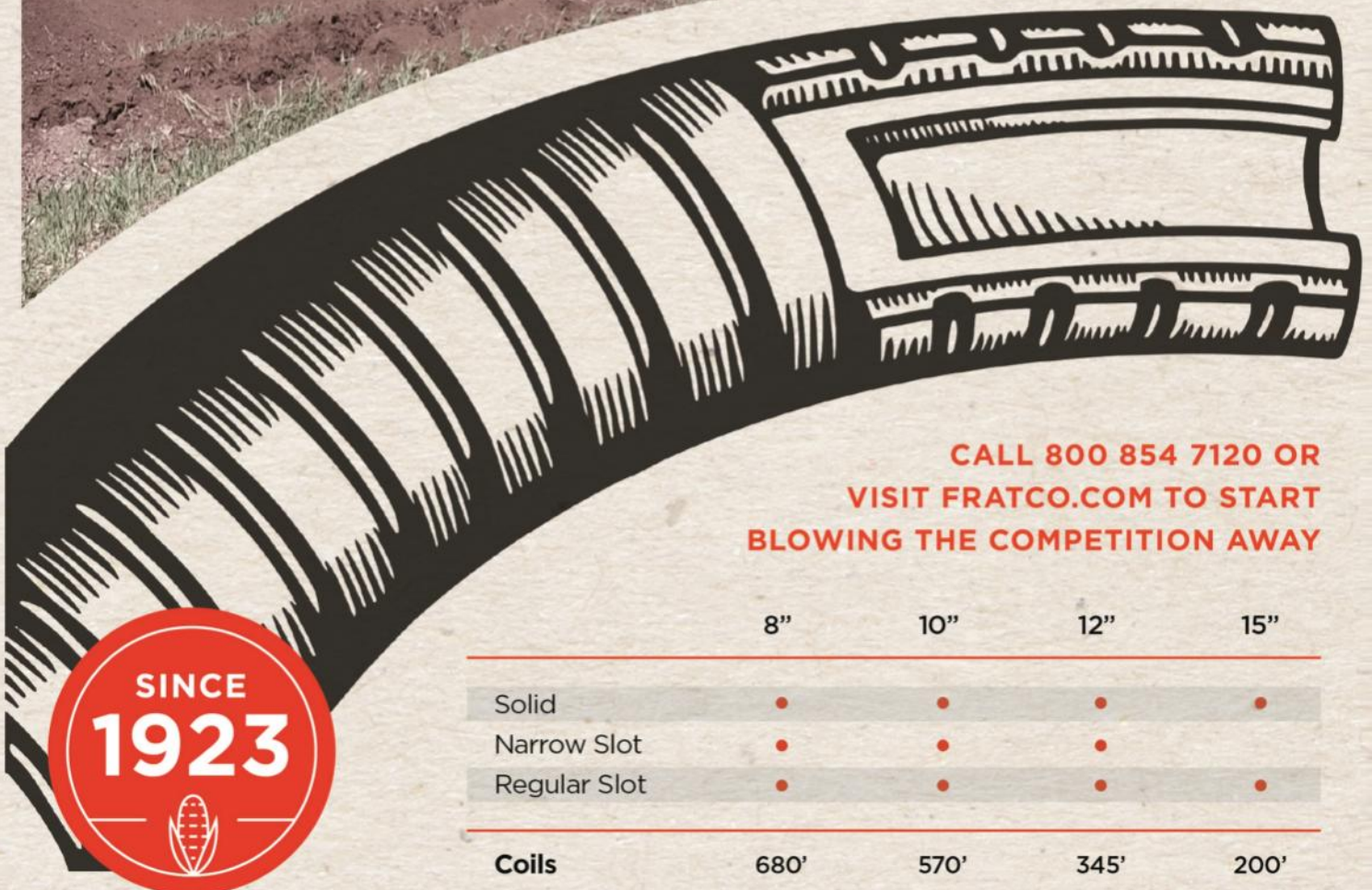
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Donald W Theis

1945-2018

Donald W. Theis, 72, of Fowler, Michigan, passed away unexpectedly on May 3, 2018. Don was born October 27, 1945 to John and Leona (Platte) Theis of Westphalia, Michigan. He grew up in Fowler/Westphalia area and lived in Fowler at the time of his passing. He attended St. Mary School and Pewamo-Westphalia High School.



Donald is survived by his children, Rebecca, Elizabeth (Kolya), Mary Kay, and Jason. Don is also survived by two sisters, Germaine Miller of Westphalia and Marie Cook of Portland; one brother, Leon (Mary) Theis of Fowler; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Leona Theis; sister, Geraldine Nurenberg; brothers-in-law, Gerald Miller, William Cook, and Dennis Nurenberg.

Don was the owner and operator of Northwest Excavating and took great pride in his work. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, Catholic Order of Foresters, and served in the Michigan National Guard.

Don was a very devout Catholic and was an active member of St. Mary Catholic Church in Westphalia all of his life. The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, May 8, 2018 at St. Mary Catholic Church with Rev. Eric Weber presiding. Rite of Committal will follow at St. Mary Catholic Cemetery. The family will receive friends on Monday, May 7, 2018, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the St. Mary Funeral Chapel, 210 N. Westphalia St., Westphalia. The rosaries will be prayed at 1:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. at the funeral chapel on Monday. Arrangements are entrusted to Lehman Funeral Homes, Portland, Michigan. Online condolences may be made at www.lehmanfuneralhomes.com.

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2016 Summer Picnic in Vermontville

Above: Morgan Cook with Nate Cook
Right: Eli Young with Trevor Young



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