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Association of Indiana Taxidermy 2017 Show



Attention: Members Our Show IS MOVING IN 2018 & The Show Date has been Changed



Changes in
2018



Celebration Center
Your Event Destination
www.hartscelebrationcenter.com

When: June 14th-17th, 2018

**Where: Harts Celebration Center 3031 East 450 N.
Marion, Indiana 46952**

**Host Hotel: Americas Best Value Inn (code AIT)
6138 Corridor Dr. Marion, In 46952**

Call this #(765-664-5840) For Reservations

**Make your reservations as soon as possible the first 23
rooms booked get it for 59.99 - 79.99 a great Hotel with spa
swimming pool and breakfast the catch is they only have 62
rooms total. An will only give us 23 rooms for that price.**

Do not forget to give the code AIT.



Judges

The Association would like to Thank the Judges Who Judged our 2017 Show
Cole Cruikshank, Brian Hendricks, Vincent Fleming, Bruce Owens,

Steven Mellor, Ed Hancock, Todd Buchanan.

Thank you for all your time and talents. You Rock!

2018 Deer & Turkey & Waterfowl Expo in Indy

Do not forget we will have a booth at the

Indiana Deer & Turkey & Waterfowl Expo in February 2018 and help is needed
If you can help call a board member let us know all help appreciated

Our Members Rock!

2017 Summer Workshop was a Success

Just wanted to Thank **Cary Cochran & Steve Mellor** for doing a summer workshop for the Association. It was held at the X-Factor Ranch in July and was a tremendous success. The Association would like to Thank Cary & Steve for donating their time, talents and the money to the Association from the bottom of our hearts we would like to Thank You!

The Association of Indiana Taxidermy.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

DOUG MONTGOMERY



First of all I would like to thank the board for all your hard work and dedication to the Association. Without your, support, time and money that you have given over the years it would not be possible to have a great show. I would also like to thank those that have went off the board at this time, Michele Knight, Steven Klee and Bob Frohbeiter, thank you for all the hard work that you guys have done over the years and everything you have given. We have a lot to talk about, even with our workshops, gun raffles, our auction and the money that we made from the Expo we could not cover the expenses of paying the hotel and our judges at the last show. We have known this and have told the membership this in the last 4 years in our general meetings that our show at the hotel was depleting the money in our checking account, but it seemed like the majority of the members wanted to stay at the hotel. So we have struggled to keep our show there, and now we can not afford the hotel any more. If you did not know it the hotel has gone bankrupt and it looks like they do not want to put any money in it. Plus we have had nothing but complaints about things not working in the hotel rooms. Several times the restaurant was closed because they were under staff.

So because our membership is a little lower then it has been in the past years and we are contending with other states shows that are going on at the same time that ours is, we the board has decided to cancel our contract with the hotel and move our show. Several of us have looked at places around central Indiana and they can get pretty pricey. So for right now we have found a place that is in our budget and has every thing we need and more with out draining our bank account. It has a country feel to it, but it is only 5 min away from the hotel and food. They also have a full kitchen, and the center will be serving lunch and dinner, and breakfast if there is anyone interested, so that you don't even have to leave the center. They have a nice gift shop as well as a Christmas gift shop. Plus if you have a camper the center has a parking lot with some electric that you can stay there if you wish. Indianapolis is in the center of the state and Marion is about an hour north, so our past shows in Columbus were about an hour south. If you wish to look at the center you can look at it on there website www.hartscelebrationcenter.com. We have also changed the date it will in June 14-17 2018. Ok we did good and made money at the last Deer and Turkey Expo so we are going to do another in Feb 2018 and if anyone would like to help please call me 765-669- 4671. We are also looking to raffling off other items in the future to help our finances'. If you have and question's please don't hesitate to call me.

Thanks your President – Doug

VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

JOSH MEADOWS



Hello AIT members, I hope all is well with everyone and you are getting your mounts going as planned for this year. 2017 has brought significant changes to the face of our show. With the closing of the Clarian Inn Hotel, and the rising expense of being there, the board had to make some changes with our show location. The move to Marion, IN provided an affordable location for the 2018 show. We will want input from all you members on how everyone likes or dislikes our new location. This can be a 1year fix, or a more permeant fix. This is up to the membership. Some of the changes I'd like to let everyone know about are with Pre-Registration and rate increases for 2018. We had to implement more strict rules on pre-registration. We are by no means trying to gouge you members. This show is much easier to run if we have a close number on who is coming and how many mounts to plan for. This location is not as large as the Clarian Inn, so our show room is going to be something different than we've ever seen. We have some great ideas, but until we know some numbers we can't put this puzzle together. Example 1: If you pre-register and pay for 2 mounts, but only bring 1. The AIT will refund you your monies at the show. Example 2: If you pre-register but don't bring any mounts, but get one done, you still get the early bird price. Example 3: If you show up at the door with 2 mounts, you have to pay the full price. Just pre-register and it will make things very simple. The rate increase was unavoidable. The cost of our show has greatly increased over the years. With less membership and less mounts coming to the show, it was very hard to stay in the black financially. The board spent hours figuring out ways to keep a quality show, without having to raise the price to the membership. I would encourage everyone to help your organization anyway you can by taking the summer workshops, and hands on classes at the show. We have done fundraisers, gun raffles, etc. ... all to keep the costs down and make our show continue. Some other changes that will be happing this next show are: the show room will open for viewing at all times, other than during the choosing of the final awards. During that time, the judges need time to talk amongst each other openly to decide all these awards. People will not be able to walk in and see mounts up close, but they will be able to see the show room throughout each day. The board wants everyone to be ensured that this competition is judged fair, and that there is no favoritism made.

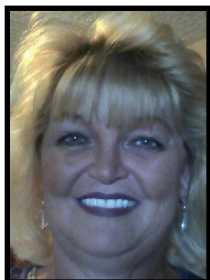
Another change that has been made is the date of the show. We reviewed the states that surround us, and found that June is the best month. It's not during any hunting seasons, and there are no shows going on that would affect our show. Last change I will talk about is the habitat award. There has been some confusion on these awards in the past, so to clarify these there will only be two. First, the Indiana DNR habitat award. This award is chosen by a DNR representative that best represents Indiana habitat. This award is chosen only by the representative from the DNR. Second is the Habitat Design and Composition award. This award is an additional cost as it has been in the past. Same parameters as in the past. Ribbons will be handed for both awards.

I hope everyone has a great year,

Josh

SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

JODY MONTGOMERY



Hello everyone,

What a great show we had! It was awesome to see everyone. We are so looking forward to our next Association of Indiana Taxidermy Convention in June 14-17, 2018. Not only do we have a Venue change but also a date change. Its gonna be AWESOME. I have spoken to all the hotels in Marion and the list is as follows Americas Best is willing to work with us they have 62 rooms and will only commit to saving 23 of them. Comforts Suites has 62 rooms and is willing to charge the lowest that they would go was 111.00, Hampton inn has 73 rooms and 109.00 was the lowest they would go. So it will be first come first serve for Americas Best Hotel give them the code AIT to lock in the price after the 23 rooms are booked the regular price for a room is @79.00. So do not hesitate and book last minute do it now you can always cancel later if you decide.

America Best Value Inn-765-664-5840-indoor pool ,spa, free breakfast www.redlion.com

8 standard room with 2 queen beds 59.99 plus tax per night each

9 standard room with 1 king bed 59.99 plus tax per night each

4 suites with 2 queen beds 79.99 plus tax per night each

2 suites with 1 king bed 79.99 plus tax per night each

We currently have a Holiday Inn Express being built right in town I will let you know if they get it done by June next year.

Comforts Suites-765-651-1006- indoor pool, spa free breakfast

Hampton Inn-765-662-6656- indoor pool, spa. Free breakfast

Please feel free to use web or other services to get a better price on Hotels if you would like.

Summer Workshop was a great success The X Factor Ranch hosted the workshop and Cary Cochran & Steve Mauellor did a hands on 4 day workshop. 4300.00 was made for the Association. Thank you Cary & Steve for donating your time the money and your wonderful talents. The Turkey Expo in Indianapolis will be here before you know it please get ahold of any board member if you would be able to come and help we need all the Help we can get. You can check out the Venue on the website www.hartscelebrationcenter.com it's a great place with all sorts of rooms that we can utilize to our benefits. Remember please feel free to look in your local community and surrounding towns for a place low cost for the Association to have our Convention. Its all up to you! Looking forward to seeing everyone till then we are here for you!

TREASURE'S MESSAGE

JOE NEWKIRK



Hello I'm Joe Newkirk, I've been a board member and this past show was voted on as the new treasurer. I'd like to thank you all for the opportunity to be voted in to such a position. I'm looking forward to the new challenges and hope I can fill the shoes of our previous treasurer who has done an outstanding job! My family and I have been coming to the show for the past 3 years and love going to it and look forward to it each year. I have been helping and learning many different things from Brian and Janet Bechtel for the past 3 years and have learned a lot, still have a lot to learn which is another reason I love coming to the show.

I hope to see you all at the 2018 show hopefully even more members than before and I'd love to see some veterans return, just more people to learn from and get new ideas.

Thanks again, Joe

Contact List of Current Officers and Board Members

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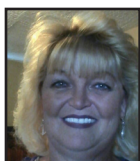
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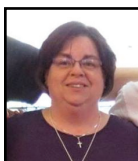
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2017 Raffle and Silent Auction WINNERS

Air Compressor ----- Joe Newkirk
Muzzleloader ----- Dustin Nichols
Coupon Calender ----- Christy Moore
Scrapbook #1 ----- Joe Newkirk
Scrapbook #2 ----- Martha Saulman
Coloring Book #1 ----- Phyllis Rickelman
Coloring Book #2 ----- Jhonafel Klee
Canadian Geese Print ----- Steve Lacer
Oakwood Panel ----- Nick Guiliani
Pheasants Panel ----- Jim Martino

Thank You to all who participated in our Raffles
and Silent Auction. We also want to thank you
for your participation in our Main Auction,
your involvement is truly appreciated!

Meet your newest Board Members

Mike Frische



Hi, my name is Mike Frische. First off, I would like to thank everyone for allowing me the opportunity to serve as a board member. A little about myself, I was first introduced to hunting and fishing at a young age by my father and in turn became interested in the art of taxidermy. In 2010 I opened my shop "Wild Side Creations Taxidermy". I began coming to the AIT Conventions in 2014 and have been attending and competing each year since. Coming to the AIT has allowed me to meet a lot of new people and friends. The knowledge I have gained in the art of taxidermy has been tremendous. In closing, I would like to say thanks again for this opportunity and that I am looking forward to do whatever I can as a Board Member for the improvement of the AIT.

Sincerely, Mike

Jeff Koberstein



My name is Jeff Koberstein Jr. I live in a small town in Southern Indiana named Patoka. I have been married for a little over one year. I have earned my Bachelors of Science in Crop Science from Purdue University and currently work for Ron Hudson and Koberstein Farms.

I also operate a commercial and residential mowing business, JMK Lawn Care. Finally I have been a taxidermist for 5 years for Koberstein Taxidermy. I compete at the professional level and specialize in elk and white-tailed deer.



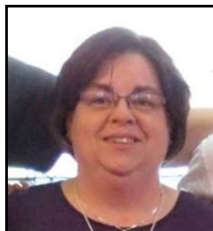
Meet your newest Board Members

Cassie Meadows



Hello everyone, We have a lot of exciting changes coming this year. So for registration, I am happy to announce we will also be accepting mounts on Saturday morning, as long as the member has pre-registered. Early registration is very important! It allows us to plan accordingly for the banquet, as well as other details throughout the year to put all the pieces together for a great show. Because of this, we have increased your savings! Even if you don't have mount information, please pre-register online or by mail for your membership and banquet tickets by the deadline. By doing so, any mounts brought to the show will also receive the early bird pricing. If you have any questions or suggestions, I am available via email:
cassie.meadows4@gmail.com
More details to come!

Jackie Newkirk



Hello, I'm Jackie Newkirk, I'd like to thank you for voting me on to the AIT board. I've been helping and learning different things from Brian and Janet Bechtel. I've learned a lot over the past couple of years and still have a lot to learn. I've been coming to the show for the past 3 years and I'm looking forward to helping the AIT in any way I can. The AIT members and the vendors are all a great group of people and it's always a true family atmosphere at the shows. I love going and look forward to going each year. Can't wait to see you all again and hopefully see some more new members and hopefully some veterans return. Thanks again!



2017 AWARD WINNERS

Youth Division Awards:

Best Youth

Mount #57 Gabe Knepp - Fox Squirrel

Research Mannikins Youth Award & Merchandise Credits

Mount #32 Landon Witt - WT Deer

Amateur Awards:

Best Amateur Gamehead

Mount #13 Josh Meadows - CM Whitetail

Best Amateur Mammal

Mount #1 Joshua Saulman - Red Fox

Best Amateur Bird

Mount # 255 Josh Stephenson - Mallard Drake

Professional Divison Awards:

BOC Reptile -

Mount #39 / David Stul / Snapping Turtle

BOC Warm Water Fish -

Mount #53 / Chip Wendt / Longnose Gar

BOC CM Whitetail -

Mount #35 / Tom Westman / WT Deer

BOC Small Mammal -

Mount #7 / Josh Meadows / River Otter

BOC Small Gamehead -

Mount #60 / Tyler Lengacher / Red Fox

BOC Turkey -

Mount #9 / Randal Robbins / Turkey Hen

BOC Original Art -

Mount #260 / Nechole Klee / Blue Jay Painting

Best of Show Professional -

Mount # 9 / Randal Robbins / Turkey Hen

Supplier Awards:

DNR Award - Mount #57 / Gabe Knepp / Fox Squirrel

Star Fish Best Replica Fish - Mount #50 / Mike Frische/ Bluegill

Polytranspar & \$50.00 Merchandise Credit -
Mount #53 / Chip Wendt / Longnose Gar

VanDyke's Most Original & Creative Presentation -
Mount #54 / Chip Wendt / Rattlesnake

NWTF Award - Mount #63/65 / Josh Lengacher / Turkeys

PRO-1 Award - Mount #6 / Jena Everage / CM Whitetail

Walnut Creek Hardwood - Mount #27 / Stephen Dotson / Mallard

NTA Award - Mount #23 / Danny Knight / Ram

NWTF Best Turkey - Mount #66 / Josh Lengacher / Turkey

JT Calls Best Waterfowl - Mount #27 / Stephen Dotson / Mallard

Quail Forever Best Upland Bird -
Mount #19 / Todd Buchanan / Pheasant

Riverside Sporting Goods Best Open Mouth Gamehead -
Mount #25 / Doug Montgomery / WT Deer

McDonald's Guns Best Closed Mouth Gamehead -
Mount #6 / Jena Everage / WT Deer

Indiana Fishing Expo Best Warmwater Fish -
Mount #53 / Chip Wendt / Longnose Gar

Walnut Creek Best out of State Entry -
Mount #27 / Stephen Dotson / Mallard

Miscellaneous Awards:

Horizon Award - Mount #32 / Landon Witt / WT Deer

McKenzie's Distinguished Service Award - Bob Frobieter

Distinguished Service Bob Frobieter Award - Nechole Klee

Collective Artist Award -

Mount #68 / Jason Green and Lauren / WT Deer

Habitat Design & Composition Award -

1st. Mount #23 / Danny Knight / Ram

2nd. Mount #30 / Stephen Dotson / Pintail

3rd. Mount #53 / Chip Wendt / Longnose Gar

McKenzie's Taxidermists Choice -

Best Mammal

Mount #23 / Danny Knight / Ram

Best Bird

Mount #63 / Josh Lengacher / Turkey

Best Whitetail

Mount #6 / Jena Everage / CM WT Deer

Best Fish

Mount #50 / Mike Frische / Bluegill

Masters Division Awards:

BOC Bird - Mount #27 / Stephen Dotson / Mallard

BOC Open Mouth WT -

Mount #25 / Doug Montgomery / WT Deer

BOC Closed Mouth WT - Mount #6 / Jena Everage / WT Deer

BOC Large Mammal - Mount #23 / Danny Knight / Ram

BOC Turkey - Mount #66 / Josh Lengacher / Turkey

Masters Divison Sponsored Awards:

WASCO Most Artistic Entry Award & Gift Certificate -

Mount #29 / Stephen Dotson / Merganser

Breakthrough Judge's Choice Best of Show -

Mount #23 / Danny Knight / Ram

Brian Harness Award -

Mount #7 / Josh Meadows / River Otter

Artisan Award -

Mount #23 / Danny Knight / Ram

Best of Show -

Mount #23 / Danny Knight / Ram

We would like to give a HUGE THANK YOU to all who Sponsored awards this year! We would not be able to have the show that we do without your great generosity and support.

On Behalf of our Officers,
Board Members and the
Members of this
Association, we would like
to say THANK YOU!

Sincerely, the AIT



2017 AWARD WINNERS



Danny Knight



Josh Stephenson



Mike Frische



Randal Robbins



Nechole Klee



Landon Witt



Josh Meadows



Josh Lengacher



Tom Westman



Josh Meadows



Doug Montgomery



Josh Lengacher



Gabe Knepp



Bob Frohbieter



Chip Wendt



Todd Buchanan



Stephen Dotson



Jena Everage



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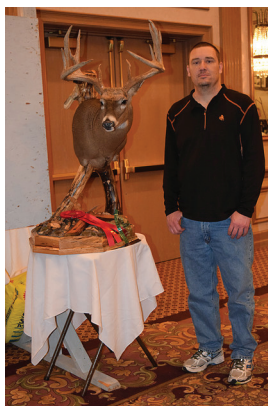
Chip Wendt



Nechole Klee & Bob Frohbieter



Stephen Dotson



Jason Green



VENDORS 2017

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|---|-------|-------------------------|
| 1. Ohio taxidermy supply / OTS : | ----- | (866) 267-1212 |
| 2. Mckenzie taxidermy supply : | ----- | (800) 279-7985 |
| 3. Research mannikins : | ----- | (800) 826-0654 |
| 4. Rinehart taxidermy supply : | ----- | (608) 238-1373 |
| 5. Kohus taxidermy & rugging : | ----- | (859) 363-1205 |
| 6. Trophy room woodshop : | ----- | (217) 994 - 0193 |
| 7. Microtan : | ----- | (217) 692-2792 |
| 8. Wolftrap stands : | ----- | (812) 569-9629 |
| 9. Tohickon glass eyes : | ----- | (800) 441-5983 |
| 10. Driftwood (Ron Clayton) : | ----- | (812) 701-4394 |
| 11. Jewelry by Jackie Newkirk : | ----- | (765) 401-4242 |

We would like to say THANK YOU to all of our Vendors! This is a list of Vendors that were at our show, we are very thankful for all of your support and for your generosity in giving Donations. We would also like to thank any other Vendors that we may not have listed, or to those who sent donations but were not able to make it to the show. We are truly grateful and appreciate all that you do for our association!

On Behalf of our Officers, Board Members and the Members of this Association, we would like to say THANK YOU!

Sincerely, the AIT

ALL DAY WORKSHOP BRUCE OWENS

JUNE 14TH,
2018

ALL-DAY WATERFOWL WORKSHOP



The Association of Indiana Taxidermy is having an All-Day Waterfowl Workshop the day before the A.I.T. show on Thursday (June- 14, 2018) With multiple award winning Master Taxidermist Bruce Owens.

This will be hands on. Bruce will be supervising and showing his techniques that have helped him win highly honored awards over the years that he has been competing. He will be showing you how he wires the wings and feet, the proper way off prepping the skin, feather placement, and more. Bruce will be supplying everything from the skin of the waterfowl to all the materials that you may

need to mount your specimen. All you have to do is show up!

If you would like, you can bring your own habitat and Bruce will help you attach the specimen to it. This will be a long day so come ready to learn and have fun. The price of this workshop is \$300.00. We will only be accepting six people for this class. You do not have to be a member to take this workshop, so get your deposit sent in as soon as you can to reserve your spot!

You can send the deposit of \$150.00 to our Treasurer; make the check payable to Joe Newkirk, Po box
34 Darlington IN 47940 ----- Joe's number is 765-918-6175

This will be held on Thursday, June 14, 2018 at:
Harts Celebration Center 3031 E 450 N Marion IN 46952.

If you have any question call Bruce Owens 636-295-2214



In Closing NEWS...

Please stay tuned throughout the year for more information regarding the 2018 AIT Show. Please continue to visit the AIT website and the AIT Facebook page to stay informed on any changes or updates. Please, always feel free to contact any one of our Board Members or Officers to answer any questions you may have, or any ideas you may have to help improve our association. Visit the AIT website to see photos and get info on the 2017 Show.

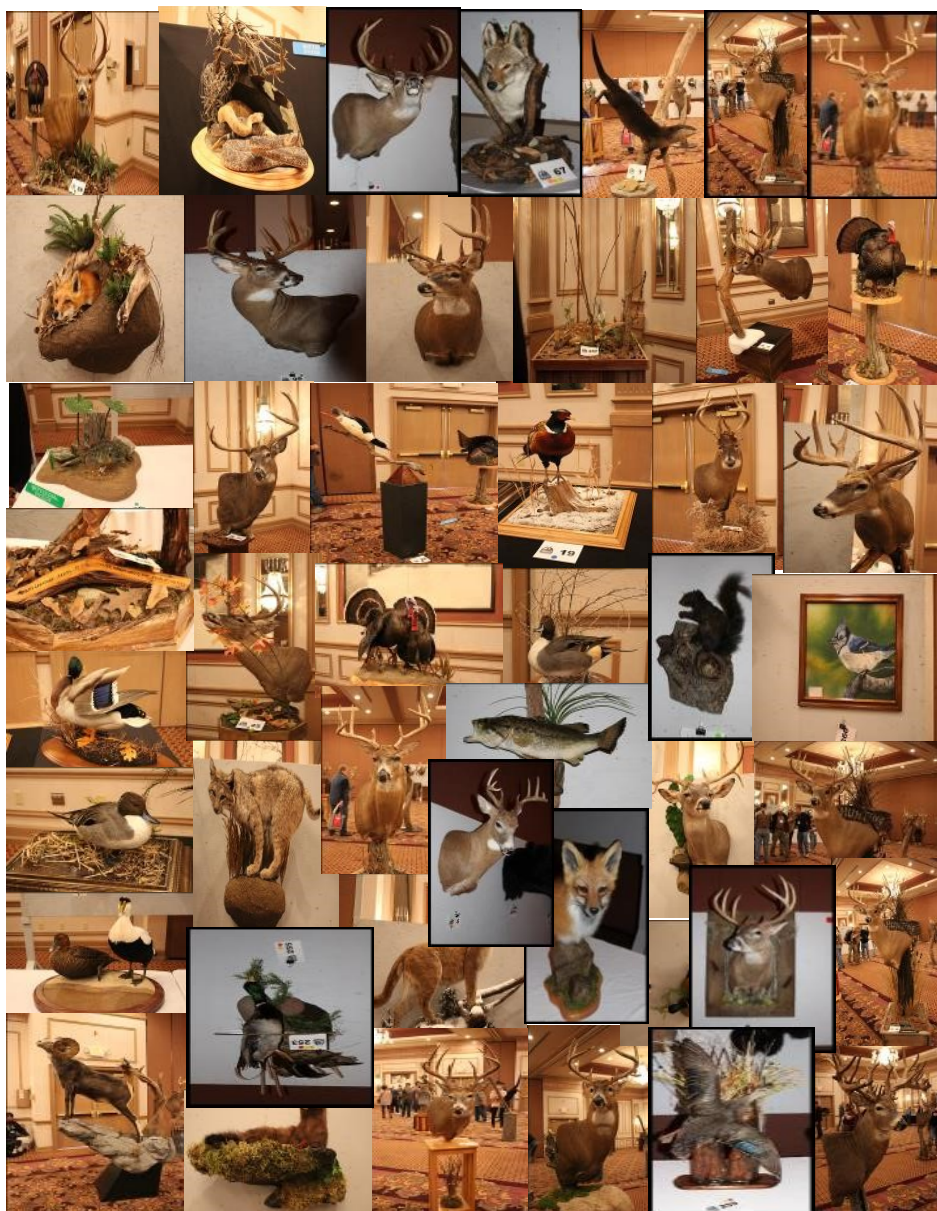
We would also like to mention that any and all members are more than welcome to come to all board meetings, and we would like to encourage you to do so if you have ideas you would like to share. If anyone is interested in attending any of the meetings, please contact one of our Board Members or Officers to get the info for the meeting and the date and time of the meetings. Our next Meeting will be on September 23rd, at 9am - held at the Greenwood Firestation 94, 755 North Graham Road, Greenwood, Indiana 46143

The 2018 AIT Show will be held at:
Harts Celebration Center 3031 E 450 N Marion IN 46952.



Celebration Center
Your Event Destination

Please visit the Hart's Celebration Center website or facebook page for more info and photos.





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