

Steam, Stationery Engines and Shires

For more than thirty years, The Cumbria Steam & Vintage Vehicle Society has been bringing together vintage and steam vehicles from across the world for one massive summer event just outside Grange over Sands.

(PRWEB) July 6, 2005 -- The 2005 Cumbria Steam Gathering is as huge as ever with more than 1,200 classic exhibits, a traditional fair, displays, specialist caterers and crafts.

Held on Saturday 30th and Sunday 31st July on Cark Airfield, Flookburgh, this colourful and noisy day out features tractors, majestic steam ploughing engines and commercial vehicles of yesterday, as well as hundreds of classic transport favourites like motorcycles, bicycles and stationary engines.

At the heart of the Cumbria Steam Gathering are the arena displays. Two arena areas bring a constant parade of vintage jewels and brilliant displays. Visitors can even get really involved with the chance to drive a traction engine for themselves (under supervision!).

This year $\hat{A} \Box$ s headline entertainment is provided by the Brookfield Shires $\hat{A} \Box$ These grand geldings and their riders will be taking a break from their European travels for driving displays in the main arena. Elsewhere, crowds of families will be enjoying the wonderful sheep display from charismatic New Zealander, Richard Savory.

Tim Holt from Hutton Roof near Kendal was one of the club $\hat{A} \square s$ founding members. He was chief steward at the very first Cumbria Steam Gathering and is now the event $\hat{A} \square s$ main organiser heading a team of 10 which themselves lead almost 500 volunteers.

Tim said $\hat{A} \Box I$ am very excited about this years show. As well as marquees full of working models, there are fascinating automobilia enthusiasts sharing their collections, a tent full of local crafts and produce from Made in Cumbria as well as a traditional fairground including the wall of death and a wooden helter skelter $\hat{A} \Box$

Refreshments are available from a varied food court and bars (open during event hours only).

Cumbria Steam Gathering takes place from 9.00am $\hat{A} \Box$ 6pm on Saturday 30th and Sunday 31st July, 2005 at Cark Airfield, Flookburgh. The event is open daily from 9.30am $\hat{A} \Box$ 6pm and parking is free.

Admission prices are: Adults £7, Senior Citizens £5 and Children under 16 are free. For further information call 015242 71584

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