

North Country Hillbillys Newsletter



August 2026

Ramblings from Hillbilly Les

So...how's everybody doing? Hopefully well, or pretty well, or okay, it's all good. Well it's all good on the Hillbilly side, there are some downfalls but isn't that the way it is with everything we do?

First off, what's everybody working on, an old project or a new one? Post it on our website, www.theNCH.com, even I look there once in a while. It's all good, right?

Well, maybe most of you know of the 1977 Ford LTD wagon I own. I kind of figured after 20 or so years it might be time for some deep maintenance. Have you heard about snowballing? Well it is. I haven't driven it yet this year, but I'm close. Just a radiator turned into a water pump, timing chain, gears, radiator hoses, heater hoses, carburetor, oil pan off, ahhh. Okay, it's just maintenance, right? Then brakes, rotors, and then tie rod end, all steering components, and I'm hoping to drive it by our show. Okay, there, off my chest, weeee.

Okay, on with the good stuff. It's our 20-year anniversary. Imagine, 20 years of all them Hillbillys putting up with me! Be nice now. We like fun. At Heidelberger Farm Equipment, Dale kind of gives us free reign on the day, with limits of course (1/8 mile dirt drags? Dale?). Just saying. We truly appreciate everything that Dale and his family do for us (the Hillbillys). We could not do this without them. This year we're having The Whitesidewalls Rock and Roll Revue. This is our 20th year celebration. It's kind of a way for "us" to give back to "you" for all your support over the years. Maybe, wait until year "25", maybe the Rolling Stones or Arrowsmith, who knows? Right? Dream big.

During the show, parking will continue as normal. But this year, we will also be parking tractors. Yep, tractors. After Anderson Relics quit their show after many years, we thought we'd give it a try. So all of you with old tractors, get them fired up. We're looking forward to this.

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This year, we still have our Valve Cover Race but we're splitting up the older and younger folks. More better? We hope so. We're always trying to move forward.

Next is the way cool tire smoking, pinion breaking, Burnout Contest. It's been a few years for me with my '53 Ford truck. It's still broken, but moving forward with new stuff. It's looking like quite a few entries already. So, dig up some old tires, get that "Firebird", silver out of the garage, or whatever you're bringing, ready. It's always a good time.

I'm kind of worried about the infamous Rap Contest though. In the afternoon, after the burnouts, time is slipping away. Plaques, trophies, and rambling must be done by 1:45 p.m. or darn close. The Whitesidewalls will be starting "AT" 2 p.m. So, we don't want to be late for that. We will do the best we can, so we might need to cancel that event, we'll see.

We're looking forward to Pine City Pizza Pub serving pizza and sodas, also adult beverages. They will be staying until 4 p.m. throughout the whole day. Nice, glad they're back. Gramma CC's food truck will also be at the show with food, drinks, and mini donuts that we all really like. Nice, glad they're back.

At the time of this printing, we're hearing about a large crowd for our 20th celebration. We have looked at a third food truck to keep everybody fed. We're learning as we go along, please be patient with us.

No doubt it's going to be a very busy day. We love having all the folks we can for this. Did I mention 20 years? Wow!

Did I mention lots of new apparel this year! Finally a new Hillbilly Hot Rod t-shirt. We waited so long for this; you should check out the tees. We also have lots of new hats.

As always, we need your support to keep this car show moving along. This year, it's a big leap for a small car group, we're just looking to have fun and a good time, that's all.

This year, we are giving our super good goody bags to the first 100 car and tractor entries. I've always said, we can't have a show without "all" of you folks, cars, trucks, tractors, vendors, food, etc. Thank you!

Please remember a donation for the Braham Food Shelf. Please remember to Bring a Kid to a Car Show. Please remember the Food Trucks. Please remember the Lemonade Stand. Please remember the Merchandise Area.

It's what we do. If you have any questions, give me a call. Thanks again ~ Hillbilly Les

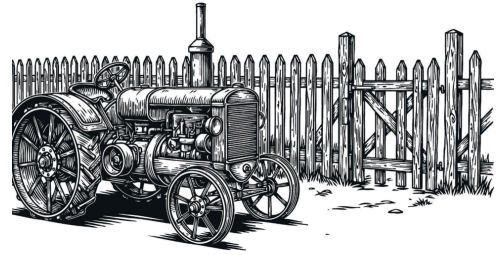
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Welcome tractor enthusiasts to our annual show

by Hillbilly Mike and Kayla

Hello Hillbilly Friends,

We are excited to announce that we are adding a tractor show to this year's annual show! It's the best of both worlds - cars and tractors all in the same place. All tractors are welcome and we will have plenty of space for truck and trailer parking at the Heidelberger Farm Equipment Pine City location. Please help us spread the word and invite friends and family to bring their tractor. This is a free show. Register onsite at the registration booth (same location for both cars and trucks) to be eligible for trophies. Tractors will park to the east when entering the gate. We are very excited for this expansion at our 20th annual show. We cannot wait to see what everyone brings and what a perfect location to hold it at. Thank you in advance for everyone who shows up with a tractor and by helping to make this show a success. See you in September!



North Country Hillbillys Merchandise Corner

by Hillbilly Mark & Patty

The wait is over. We are thrilled to announce our new Hot Rod Hillbilly t-shirt. Designed with high quality fabrics in mind that look great and feel comfortable. Stop by the merchandise booth to check out all our items. Not only do we offer quality shirts, but we also carry a wide variety of ball caps, from classic to modern, snapback, multi-panel, solid, or mesh for breathability, at great prices. Plus, we have a lengthy list of other fun merchandise, decals, can koozies, mugs, and much more. Our item designs are for everyone, big and small. Come help us celebrate our 20th Annual North Country Hillbillys Car, Truck, and Tractor Show. Don't forget, bring a kid to the show! See you there.

The Whitesidewalls to perform at NCH Car, Truck, & Tractor Show

The North Country Hillbillys (NCH) Car Club is celebrating its 20th annual car show this year and we invite you to join the fun! The NCH Car Club is proud to announce that following our annual NCH Car, Truck, & Tractor Show on Sept. 12, we will hold a FREE "after car show party" from 2-4 p.m. with music featuring The Whitesidewalls!

Join us for all or part of the day and celebrate with us. The NCH Car Club would like to thank you for your continued support of our car club over the last 20 years. See you at the show!



Sweet as Pie Car Show update

Due to a conflict of interest, effective in 2026, the NCH Car Club will no longer host the Sweet as Pie Car Show during Braham Pie Day. We wish the new Sweet as Pie Car Show host continued success.

A special thank you goes out to the Hillbillys who have helped with this show over the last 8 years, you are all truly appreciated! We'd like to thank everyone for their support of the NCH Car Club over the last 20 years. We hope to see you at our 20th Annual NCH Car, Truck, & Tractor Show on Saturday, Sept. 12, 2026.



Sweet as Pie Car Show History: Past conversations between friends, Ron Hallin and Doug Severson, about having something for the guys to do during Pie Day led to the inception of the Sweet as Pie Car Show. The Sweet as Pie Car Show was started in 2004 by Ron Hallin and Susan Severson in memory of Susan's husband, Doug, who passed away in August of 2003. Susan and Braham Ford sponsored this car show for many years in memory of Doug for his commitment to the community and his enthusiasm for cars. From this car show's humble beginnings to its expansion over the years, Braham Ford/Braham Motor Service, Steve Wilson, and North Country Hillbillys (NCH) Car Club have sponsored and hosted this FREE show. No Pie Day funds have ever been used to pay for car show expenses. The Sweet as Pie Car Show complements the annual Braham Pie Day festivities.

Bring a Kid to a Car Show

Kids of all ages are welcome to visit and play in the kids area (with adult supervision) at the annual NCH Car, Truck, & Tractor Show on Sept. 12. NCH staff will be present from 9-11 a.m. to hand out Hot Wheels cars (one per child); "Play at Your Own Risk" is from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. **Please do not leave your children unattended in this area.** The Hot Wheels race track is a popular favorite and will be set up all day for kids to enjoy.



New this year, while the kids area is staffed, we have some fun activities:

- Youth ages 4-12 are invited to enter a Coloring Page Contest for a chance to win fun prizes! The Coloring Contest runs from 9-11 a.m.; age groups are 4-8 and 9-12. Winners will be announced at 11:15 a.m. in the kids area.
- And, we invite youth to have their face painted by a local artist.

Let's instill the love of cars in our little kiddos!

Hillbillys participate in parade

A few NCH Club Members recently took part in the Chisago County Fair parade in Rush City on July 1. Kids of all ages along the parade route were able to enjoy some sweet treats courtesy of club members. Special thanks to Farmboy (Randy) Larson for organizing this fun afternoon!



What's the NCH Car, Truck, & Tractor Show all about?

The annual NCH Show is right around the corner; it's hard to believe this is our 20th year of hosting this show. This year's show is Saturday, Sept. 12 starting at 9 a.m. at Heidelberger's Farm Equipment, 3923 State Hwy 70, Pine City.

New this year, along with show cars and trucks, we're inviting tractors to be a part of our event. **A special announcement** - to celebrate our 20th year, we're having an 'After Car Show Party' from 2-4 p.m. with music featuring The Whitesidewalls.

If you've never attended our show and want to know what it's about, stop by and check it out. We offer a FREE show, but ask that you bring an item to be given to the Braham Food Shelf; we've been supporting this food shelf since our inception.

After you register, stop by the merchandise area. Sales of merchandise and donations help pay for show expenses and allow us to continue hosting a FREE show for all who attend. Our club is a non-profit organization. Bringing kids to the show? Stop by the kids area for lots of fun activities and find out how they can win a prize in the kids coloring page contest.

We encourage you to be a part of some or all of the day's events:

- 11 a.m. Valve Cover Race; a friendly/fun competition using valve covers in a 'Pinewood derby' type race. Judge(s) decisions are final. See Valve Cover Race rules at <http://www.theNCH.com>
- 12:30 p.m. Burnout Contest (lineup at 12:15 p.m.)
- 1:15 p.m. Muffler Rap Contest (lineup at 1 p.m.)
- Trophies awarded
- 2-4 p.m. Music by The Whitesidewalls (get your dancing shoes on!)

Our show is mainly about looking at cool cars, trucks, and tractors, having fun, eating great food from our food vendors, and leaving with a smile on your face knowing you had a great time. We look forward to seeing you at this year's show!

Being an NCH Club Member

by Hillbilly Ralph

Hi, I'm a member of the North Country Hillbilys Car Club, my name is Ralph a.k.a. Hillbilly Ralph. I met a group of people at a car show in 2009 and heard about this car club called the North Country Hillbilys. I started to meet some of them, went to a few of their meetings, and got to join the club. Well, here it is, 2026 and I'm still a member. I tell you what, I've never met a nicer group of people than these people. They are the greatest to get to know, this car club is more than just about cars, it's about the people in the car club that make it what it is. They do a lot for the community, but most importantly to me, is that we treat each other like family. The amount of respect we all give each other is amazing. If one of us needs help, we do our best to be there. At meetings, we have a blast. I am so proud to be a member, these are some of the nicest people you'd ever want to get to know. To me, we are more than just a club, we are a family. Hillbilly forever, forever a Hillbilly.

From Our Kitchen to Yours

Mom's Carrot Cake

From Hillbilly Patty

Dry Ingredients:

1 ¾ cups Sugar	2 cups Flour
2 tsp Baking Soda	2 tsp Cinnamon
1 ½ tsp Salt	



Moist Ingredients:

1 ¼ cups Wesson Oil
4 Eggs
3 cups Shredded Carrots

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a mixing bowl, whisk dry ingredients until combined. Set aside. In a separate bowl, whisk together moist ingredients. Add dry ingredients to moist ingredients and mix until well combined. Use a nonstick 9x13 cake pan or bread pan, or oil them. Bake for 30 to 45 minutes until toothpick test comes out clean of dough. Let cool before frosting.

Cream Cheese Frosting

Ingredients:

12 oz of Cream Cheese (room temperature)	2 cups Powdered Sugar
1 Stick of Butter (room temperature)	1 tsp Vanilla Extract

Combine with a mixer. Add small amounts of milk until you reach the right consistency. Chill and serve. Enjoy!

NCH club members creating memories on the road

A few of our club members traveled the country this past year. Steve & Sue E. went on the 2026 Goodguys Road Tour and traveled from Des Moines, IA to Columbus, OH.

Ryan & Becca O. stopped by Cleetus McFarland's Freedom Factory in Bradenton, FL.



Thank you to our local supporters

We'd like to thank these amazing businesses who supported this year's North Country Hillbillies Car, Truck, & Tractor Show in any way. We couldn't do what we do without your support!

- Heidelberg Farm Equipment LLC
- Tusen Tack Programs, Braham
- Cambridge Collision
- Walmart, Pine City
- Erba Inc.
- Frandsen Bank & Trust, Braham
- East Central Energy, Braham
- Rush City Tire & Auto
- White Pine Transmission
- Braham Hardware
- Berchin's A&W Family Restaurant, Pine City
- Knutson Construction
- JeDunn Construction
- Auto City Classic, Isanti



Pine City PRCA Rodeo - Sept. 4-6

Heidelberger Farm Equipment 3923 State Hwy 70, Pine City, MN



Rodeo fans are encouraged to attend the Pine City PRCA Rodeo which runs from Friday, Sept. 4 through Sunday, Sept. 6 (Labor Day weekend). For more information about the rodeo, visit the [Pine City PRCA Rodeo website](https://www.pinecityprcarodeo.com).



PRESENTED BY NORTH COUNTRY HILLBILLIES CAR CLUB

SATURDAY, SEPT. 12, 2026
9 AM - 2 PM

**20TH ANNUAL
NORTH COUNTRY HILLBILLIES
CAR, TRUCK, & TRACTOR SHOW**

SHOW HELD AT HEIDELBERGER FARM EQUIPMENT
3923 STATE HWY 70, PINE CITY, MN

FEATURING

- CUSTOM DASH PLAQUES TO FIRST 100 ENTRANTS
- 11 AM VALVE COVER RACE
- 12:30 PM BURNOUT CONTEST
- 1:30 PM MUFFLER RAP CONTEST
- TROPHIES AWARDED
- FOOD TRUCKS ON SITE

REGISTER ONSITE

FREE SHOW

PLEASE BRING A DONATION FOR THE BRAHAM FOOD SHELF

BRING A KID TO A CAR SHOW!

AFTER SHOW PARTY
2-4 p.m.
Music by
THE WHITESIDE WALLS

FOOD DRIVE

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or visit www.theNCH.com for more information



"Stop worrying about the potholes in the road and enjoy the journey."

~ Babs Hoffman

