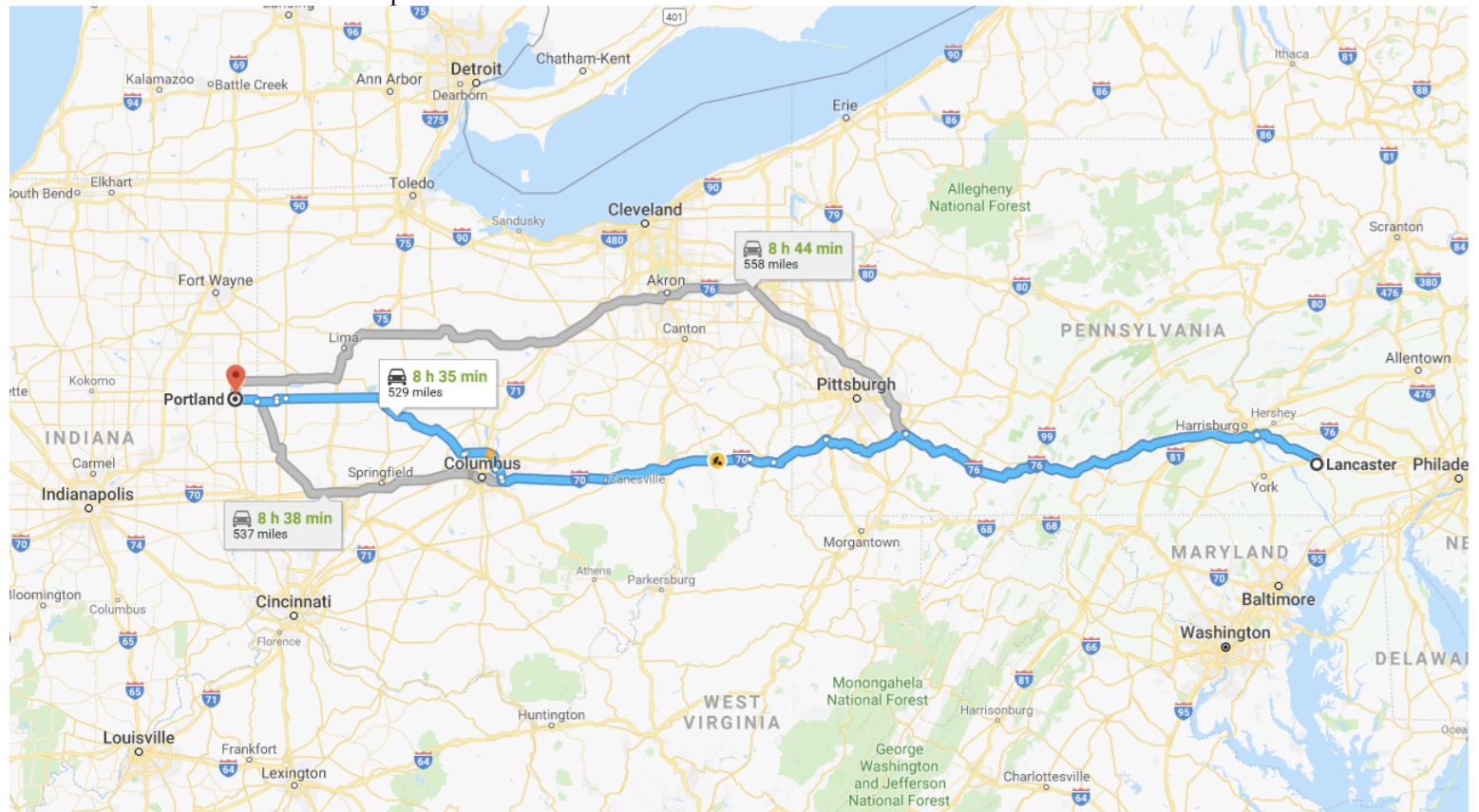


# 2019 MOW-IN GUIDE

This 4-page pullout guide contains detailed driving directions to Portland, Indiana, the site of Mow-In 2019, plus detailed maps and instructions for approaching and entering the Tri-State Gas Engine and Tractor Association show grounds. The driving directions on this page can be used either in their entirety or in part by anyone traveling from the east, north, or south. Since most of our members who attend the Mow-Ins live in the east, the map on this page shows the recommended route from southeastern PA to Portland. Anyone traveling from the north or south can intersect with the blue line on this map and follow it to the west.



The blue line on the above map indicates the Google recommended route from eastern PA to Portland, IN. At New Stanton, PA the PA Turnpike heads northwest, and I-70 continues to the west. The recommended route follows I-70 to Ohio Exit 108 B, I-270 North around Columbus, OH. Follow I-270 N to Exit 17 B, US 33 West. This route in whole or in part will work for most travelers to the south and east of Columbus, OH. You will be on US 33 for a distance of 48 miles. This is a 4 lane, 70 mph freeway to northwest of Bellefontaine, OH. About a mile after the freeway ends and narrows to a 2- lane 55 mph road, you will turn left on Ohio Rt. 274. This is a very good, straight, flat road, and you will pass through several small towns, the first of which is Jackson Center. There are two gas stations located there.

\*\* Continue west to the end of Rt. 274 in a T intersection at US 127. You will pass through the small communities of Kettlersville, New Bremen, Chickasaw, and Carthagena. New Bremen and Chickasaw have gas stations. Turn left (south) on US 127 for approximately 2 miles and turn right (west) on Ohio Rt. 119. You will pass a gas station on US 127 at Niekamp's Farm Market. Continue west approximately 13 miles on Rt. 119 through St. Henry and Ft. Recovery (both have gas stations). Just west of Ft. Recovery you will enter Indiana, and the route number will change to Indiana Rt. 26. Approximately 8 miles into Indiana you will see a temporary Tri-State sign that says "Gas Engine Show" or "Tractor Show" directing you to turn right (north) on Road N 300 E. Go  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile north and turn left (west) on Division Rd. and continue to the exhibitor entrance or the spectator entrance as explained on the other pages of these directions.

## RECOMMENDED ROUTES FROM OTHER LOCATIONS

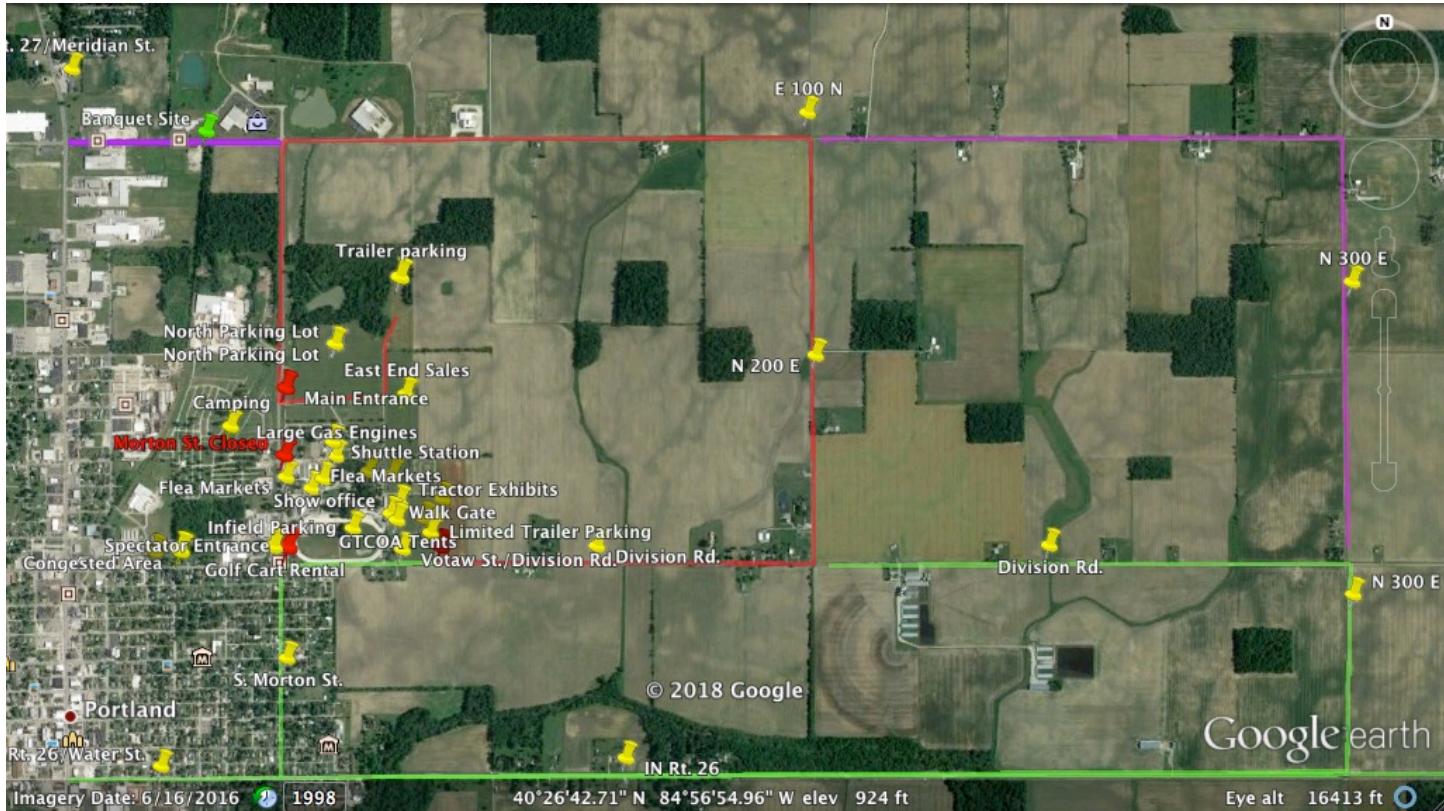
If you are coming from the northern PA or New York area you will travel across Ohio on US Rt. 30 or possibly the Ohio Turnpike, and you will go south on I-75. **Stay on I-75 to Exit 102--Ohio Rt. 274.** Go west on Rt. 274, and then follow the directions in the above paragraph marked \*\*.

If you are traveling on I-75 from the south, you will also use Exit 102, Ohio Rt. 274, go west, and follow the directions in the above paragraph marked \*\*.

From the north or south on US Rt. 127 turn to the west on Ohio Rt. 119 and follow the directions beginning with the fourth sentence in the above paragraph marked \*\*

Travelers approaching Portland from the west may want to use streets parallel to East Votaw Street to avoid the congestion of yard sales, garage sales, and flea marketers set up along both sides of East Votaw, however if you don't mind some slow progress, Votaw is the most direct route to the recommended entrances to the show.

## ROADS TO MOW-IN 2019



The above map shows the roads approaching the Tri-State show ground. Our set-up day will be on Wednesday, August 21, which will be the second day of the Tri-State show. Entering the show at the proper gate can save a lot of time and aggravation by eliminating the need to travel through the crowded show ground to our Mow-In tent location.

**SHOW ENTRANCES:** If you follow the directions of the Tri-State signs posted around the Portland area you will be directed to the main show entrance on N. Morton Street, and you will park in the large north parking lot. This routing is represented by the purple lines leading to the red lines on the above map. **Because of the location of the Mow-In activities on the show grounds this is NOT the preferred entrance for Mow-In attendees.** Mow-In exhibitors and parts vendors (no spectators) should use the exhibitors' entrance at the southeast corner of the show grounds. If you are using Google Maps or a GPS device, enter **330 East Division Road** to locate the exhibitor entrance. Mow-In spectators and exhibitors who already have their exhibits placed and trailers parked should use the entrance at the southwest corner of the show grounds at the intersection of Votaw Street and N. Morton Street. This address for GPS users is 806 E. Votaw Street. **Do not attempt to bring exhibits in through the southwest spectator gate!** Entrants at this gate will be directed to park in the infield of the racetrack, and they can walk across the east end of the track to arrive at our tents. Note that Division Road is the rural extension of E. Votaw Street. If you are approaching Portland from the east on IN Rt. 26, the best way to the show is to turn north on Road N 300 E where there will be a Tri-State sign directing you to turn right. Then in  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile turn left (west) on Division Road and continue to the exhibitor gate or the spectator gate. This route will avoid the congestion in town.

The three show gates are marked on the above map with red markers. Following the green lines on the above map will lead you to the preferred exhibitor and spectator gates on the south side of the show grounds. The red line from the exhibitor gate around the east and north sides and entering the main gate on Morton Street shows the way to the north trailer parking area without passing through the congested show grounds. The fourth red marker & red print denotes the location where N. Morton Street is closed to all traffic except pedestrians and golf carts, and a show gate is located near there from the campground.

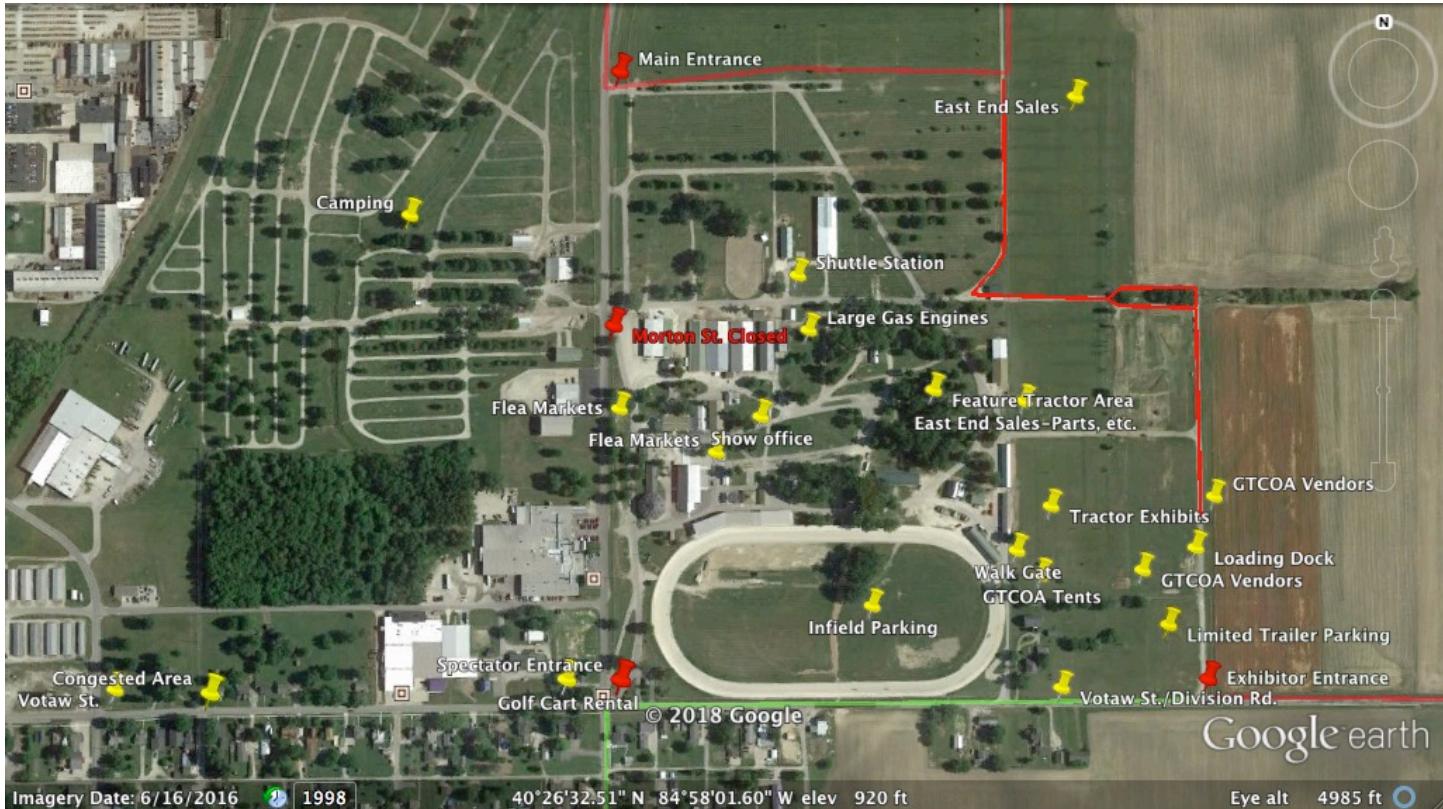
**BANQUET LOCATION:** The green marker near the upper left corner of the above map shows the location of the Portland Lions Club Civic Center at 307 E 100 N, which will be the site of our annual banquet at 6 PM on Saturday, Aug. 24. Since Morton Street will be closed to through traffic, Mow-In attendees using the south gates will need to go around the show either by following the red line or by going to Meridian Street and north through downtown Portland to get to Road E 100 N..

**CAMPING ON CLUB GROUNDS:** Tri-State operates a large primitive camping area with very limited electricity on a few sites, flush toilets, showers, and dump stations on the west side of Morton Street across from the show. The fees are very reasonable. Generators are permitted except during quiet hours. Camping on the show ground proper is prohibited except for a few who have been grandfathered in for decades.

**VOTAW STREET** between Meridian Street and Morton Street is best avoided with trucks and trailers because it will be crowded with pedestrians and golf carts attending flea markets and yard sales. The streets in Portland are straight and laid out in rectangles and squares, which makes it easy to avoid the congested area by using parallel streets. This is recommended for anyone approaching Portland from the west or from the north or south on US Rt. 27.

**GENERAL INFORMATION:** Meridian Street (US Rt. 27) is a wide four lane street with center left turn lanes. This is where the main gas stations, restaurants, hardware store, and many other businesses are located. The Super Wal Mart and the Jay County Hospital are located on West Votaw Street. Many yard sales and garage sales will be located throughout the town, including an annual book sale at the Jay County Public Library at 315 N. Ship Street.

## PORTLAND SHOW GROUND



**EXHIBITORS:** Upon arrival exhibitors must obtain a proof of exhibit ticket from a Tri-State Director (orange hat and yellow shirt) or a GTCOA Mow-In official before unloading their vehicle(s). Although this ticket will re-admit an exhibitor through the entrance gates, at some point in time the exhibit(s) should be registered at the main show office (location shown on above map). At this time the proof of exhibit ticket is surrendered for regular exhibitor passes, show book, Tri-State dash plaque, etc.

**VENDORS:** Vendors will also be required to obtain a pass from a Tri-State Director or a GTCOA Mow-In official. Vendor items must be Gravely tractors, parts, attachments, and other Gravely related items. **Vendors will be permitted to sell from their trucks and/or trailers, but empty vehicles and trailers must be moved to the designated parking areas.**

**TRAILER PARKING:** The designated trailer parking area is located at the extreme northeast corner of the show ground. The red line on the above map shows a route from our area toward the north trailer parking area. The route continues north off this map. The trailer parking area is marked on the previous map titled Roads to Mow-In 2019. The route shown on this map is the shortest, but some of it goes through very congested areas of the show. The red line on the Roads to Mow-In 2019 map shows a much less congested but much longer route to the designated trailer parking area. This area is outside the show gates, and a proof of exhibit ticket or exhibitor's pass will be required for re-admission to the show.

**TRANSPORTATION:** This show covers a very large area, and Tri-State does allow riding vehicles such as golf carts, garden tractors, and Gator-type vehicles under 62 ½ inches in width. Two and three wheelers and motorcycle-type ATVs with handlebar steering are prohibited. Drivers of riding vehicles will be required to certify that they have insurance on the vehicle and to pay a \$10 fee for a registration sticker. **Rental golf carts will be available** from two vendors on Votaw Street outside the southwest show entrance. **To insure availability, rental carts should be reserved in advance.** Vendors are as follows: Eugene Thomason of Carts & Parts LLC at 937-459-8891, or Niekamp's Farm Market at 419-925-5208. Driveways in the East End Sales parts vendor area will be numbered, lettered, and clearly marked one way for motorized vehicles. **All golf carts driven outside the show on Portland streets are required to display a standard triangular red and orange SMV sign.**

With the assistance of the Buckeye Farm Antiques club, Tri-State operates a shuttle service around the principal areas of the show from 9:15 AM (after opening ceremonies) to 5 or 6 PM. Two trailers pulled by vintage farm tractors make round trips around the show ground every 20-30 minutes, and they will stop to pick up or drop off passengers anywhere along their route. The routes may vary somewhat depending on the traffic, soil conditions, and congestion at various locations throughout the day. Their regular route when the soil is sufficiently dry will bring them close to our Mow-In tents. Everyone should ride the shuttle at least once to see the size and scope of this great show.

**OPENING CEREMONIES:** At 9:00 AM each morning of the show Tri-State holds opening ceremonies consisting of the United States National Anthem, the Canadian National Anthem, devotions, and announcements. They request that all engines, motorized transportation, and other activities stop during opening ceremonies.

**GENERAL INFORMATION:** In 2019 Tri-State is opening their show on Tuesday, August 20. This means that our set-up day will actually be on the second day of their show, and our Gravely Mow-In activities will begin on Thursday, the third day of their show. Our tents will be delivered and installed by Friday, August 16, and Tri-State allows exhibits to be placed beginning that day at 5:00 PM. Early arrivals are encouraged and appreciated. Why not bring your exhibits early and enjoy everything this great show has to offer before our Mow-In activities actually start? Let's show our appreciation to Tri-State by having some exhibits in our tents for the first day of their show.

## MOW-IN AREA



**POINTS OF INTEREST:** From the time you leave the Columbus area you will be traveling through rural farmland area all the way to Portland, however you will be passing several large industries. Just before you get to Marysville the Scotts plant which produces lawn fertilizer and other lawn products will be off to the left. After Marysville the huge Honda assembly plant will be visible to the right between two exits marked Honda Parkway. Honda has another assembly plant at East Liberty, but it is not visible from US Rt. 33. Between these two Honda plants but not visible from the highway is the Transportation Research Center multi-user automotive proving ground. Many smaller businesses supporting Honda can be seen along the route. About 4 miles after you turn onto Ohio Rt. 274 you will see a Honda transmission plant to the right with two large wind turbines for power. In Jackson Center and just to west of town you will pass the plants where Airstream trailers and motorhomes are produced. New Bremen is the home of the worldwide headquarters of the family owned business of Crown Equipment, one of the world's largest suppliers of forklift trucks, both battery and gas powered. At the end of Ohio Rt. 274 is the very small community of Carthagena. To your left you will see a huge building which in the past was used as a seminary for training Roman Catholic priests but is now a home for retired people. The countryside in the St. Henry/Ft. Recovery area is dotted with the church steeples of all the Roman Catholic churches that were built when horses and buggies were the primary form of transportation. This area is primarily agricultural, and many of the farms have transitioned from dairy to poultry or swine production. Many of the farmers are contracted to raise turkeys for Cooper Farms, which slaughters many millions of turkeys every year. The large contract farms for raising poultry and swine extend into Indiana.

### NOTES: