



Old Settlers Parade, Mooresville, IN (August 1966)

The inaugural Old Settlers Parade in Aug. 1966 celebrated Indiana's statehood sesquicentennial. To commemorate Mooresville's early fire departments, Claire Sellars drove Forest Rusie, Elza "Buck" Perry, Todd Squires, and Clyde Ferguson in a 1919 Ford truck (towing a 1905 horse-drawn hose cart). Rusie, Squires, Perry and Ferguson were members of Mooresville's fire department in 1933. Many people began driving cars to the Old Settler's Picnic, like this group (right) in 1919.



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Mooresville High School Marching Band appeared in the Aug. 15, 1979 Old Settlers Parade (above) and was a mainstay of the annual festivities.