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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A Dream Came True

For many years I have read about the Mt. Pleasant Old Threshers Reunion. The distance to Mt. Pleasant made it seem out of reach. However in the last few weeks my wife talked of visiting two 90-year-old aunts to help identify people in pictures of relatives from her roots in central Illinois. Suddenly the gears began to turn—it would not be far to travel on to Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. So this past week we did just that. We allowed Thursday and Friday to attend the show.

It is listed as the great granddaddy of all steam threshing jamborees. The first show was in September of 1950 with 15 steam engines and 8 threshing machines. It rained. Even so an estimated 10,000 spectators came.

Now in 2007 I have to admit two days of looking did not see it all! That must be why the show is five days long over the Labor Day weekend! There were about 90 large steam traction engines, steamed up for operation. Featured engine was the Reeves. We saw 16 scale models: 5/8, 1/2, 1/3, 1/4 and smaller engines under steam. Headquarters said there were about 750 gas tractors (I noted few implements). There were antique cars and trucks, threshers, corn shellers in operation. Featured tractor was Ferguson with 80 tractors and implements. Ferguson people did well bringing various implements.

There was a separate area of one building with operating stationary steam engines. The largest was a Corliss-weighing 130 tons-35 feet long with a flywheel weighing 17 tons. It was a compound with the high-pressure cylinder 22 inches in diameter and the low-pressure cylinder 44 inches in diameter. The stroke was 36 inches. It was just an amazing piece of machinery.

There were buildings for crafts and antiques-some for sale. It seemed there were constant parades past the grandstand and tractor pulls going on. The barrage of activity was mind-boggling. Daily at noon there is a "Cavalcade of Power" parade past the grandstand lasting nearly two hours featuring horses pulling equipment, antique cars and trucks, steam engines and gas tractors. The women had a room for quilting. There were sand boxes with toys for the little ones. Sweet sixteen girls appeared at several activities.

There were two steam trains traveling a loop around the north end of grounds taking riders for \$2. The North Village had a theater, blacksmith shop, chapel, churches, a jail, saloon, and various shops. A separate area had probably 2000 little gas engines-many operating. It seemed there were demonstrations going on everywhere. One demonstration was a man and his riding horse telling how he would break the horse to ride.

Another rail loop around the south end of grounds had electric trolleys carrying passengers around the RV camping area. There was even a grocery store for the RV people. The South loop took people to the log village area that had old buildings of school,

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church, and more shops. These buildings reminded us of life in the 1800s. Close to where we entered the trolley was the Heritage Museum Buildings called a Living Time Capsule-of things portraying life in rural America over the years. It has many things that today we take for granted. There was a large engine belted to a sawmill sawing logs. Close by was a veneer mill making thin sheets of wood. Also close by was a steam-operated carousel with bobbing horses for kids to ride. Even had an area called "Drive A Tractor". Kids were taken one at a time along with an adult where the kids steered the tractor (all old JDs) around an oval course. They drove past tractors sitting at various jobs like plowing and cultivating corn. The kids' smiles were precious!

There were many places to eat-some were operated by local churches. Waiting lines seemed to move people through quickly. Restrooms were well placed throughout the grounds.

I would have to say the highlight for me was to watch the well-preserved 12-horse (Yes, real horses) power sweep connected to a tumbling rod to an 1880 Case wooden thresher. The thresher was hand-fed, hand-sacked, and web-stacked. This was before the blower type wind stackers that are typical today. The sweep power did not have enough power to operate a wind stacker. This was the first time I ever saw a sweep power in operation. It takes a lot of people and a lot of horses to make it all work!

I have to call this show a lifetime event. There were machines that I never saw before. The people of southeast Iowa certainly know how to put on a great show. Observing the number of people much of SE Iowa was there!

Thanks Dave and Marilyn Badger

PASSING OF A DEERE FRIEND

On Tuesday, August 28, 2007 Gary Shepherd passed away. Gary has been an active member in the Two-Cylinder club for many years. He was founder of our annual Plow Days event with the 1st one being held at his home farm. Gary was able to complete the restoration of his 620 and display it at the Mansfield Show this past June and also at the COSI event in late July. He was very proud of that tractor. His wife Janice and four daughters, Sarah Schifler, Kim (Neal) Blair, Kathy (Patrick) Tolle, Karen TeKempel, nine grandchildren and two great grandchildren survive Gary. He will be missed by many of us.

OTCC 2008 EXPO V

The dates for EXPO V at the Clark County Fairgrounds in Springfield are June 26, 27, 28, 2008. Flyers are available.

CONTRIBUTING EDITORS

If you have an interesting story or experience that you would like to share, please mail or e-mail it to us. We would like to see more members involved with your newsletter. I'm sure many of you are experts in your field and want to pass on some advice on restoring or collecting. Mail your articles to: OTCC Newsletter
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MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND

Farm Science Review
At The Molly Caren Agricultural Center
September 18, 19, 20, 2007
Stop by and see us at the East end of the Morton Building display.

8th Annual Two-Cylinder Club Plow Days
September 15, 16, 2007
Wayne Price farm South of London, Ohio
Look for map and details on the flyer insert.

Apple Butter Day, 12th Annual Tractor Show
Sponsored by the Groveport Heritage and Preservation Society and the Village of Groveport. This is a 1-day show held on Saturday, October 13, 2007 in Groveport, Ohio. For more info call Larry Dowler 614-836-5416.

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NEW MEMBERS

We would like to welcome our new members who have joined the club.

Stephen Norton	Eric Hovan
Jim Crowl	Andy Combs
Robert Sehlhorst	Neall Weber

FALL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The Fall Membership meeting will be held at Kenny Smith's farm East of Marion at 4546 Marion-Mt. Gilead Road. The date is Oct. 7 at 1:30 pm. This is our annual pork dinner meeting.

Kingsville Township man loves his Deere tractors

It doesn't take much snooping around to see that a John Deere collector lives at Lee Robishaw's address.

There's a green and yellow John Deere street marker at the intersection of his driveway and the highway. And his late model Dodge pickup truck, which also happens to be green, is parked in the rain and snow, while his beloved Deeres are tucked under blankets inside the garage.

"The tractors are worth more than the truck", says Lee with a smile.

Inside his house, the décor is Deere, from the clock in his kitchen to the pocket watches in his computer room; from the stuffed green dog that snoozes on a Deere pillow to the detailed cast models. And a Deere maintains his 3-acre lawn.

Lee, 72, worked with Deere equipment much of his life, but it wasn't until 14 years ago that he saw his little workhorse of a machine as a collectible. The epiphany came while reading a magazine that mentioned the model he'd been using around the farm for 30 years. "It said that tractor was quite rare and valuable," recalls Lee. "So I took it out of service and restored it."

The tractor is a 1960 330S-the "S" is for "standard." It's a two-cylinder model, which attributes to its rarity. "It was the last of the two-cylinder models they made," says Lee, whose collection favors the older, two-cylinder models. "In 1961 they started making the 4-cylinders. This one I've got is the smallest of the series. Anybody who wants to collect (the series) has to find one of these little ones."

Only 839 units were made of the model, and many of them went to southern states for single row cultivation. "How mine got up here, I'll never know," he says.

Lee does know it arrived at the John Deere dealership in Kelloggsville on Dec. 29, 1959. It was sold to one of Lee's friends.

"I just bought it because a friend of mine wanted to sell it," Lee says. "He'd lost his job and I bought it and paid off the note at the bank."

Lee used the tractor to plow snow from the parking lots of the Commercial Bank in North Kingsville and Kingsville Elementary School in the 1960's. He also used it on the sheep and beef farm owned by his uncle and aunt.

"I did everything with it," he says. "Cultivated, baled hay, plowed snow, hauled manure. It was just a good little tractor."

Lee says his tractor has been painted three times since 1991. "I had it professionally restored in 2004," he says. "I took it to a man in Indiana who took it all apart and re-did it. It looks real nice. To do it up right costs a lot of money. I just wanted my good one to be done by a professional just once."

He says the tractor has probably covered more miles since it was restored than it did when it was working on the farm. However, those miles have been on a trailer pulled by his pickup.

He's shown it at six big shows in Iowa, seven in New York, once each at the Ohio State Fair and Ohio Farm Exposition, plus two other expo shows in Ohio. It's also been to shows in Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Pennsylvania and Canada.

Lee says he's had at least a dozen offers to sell his 330S, some of them very tempting, but he keeps resisting. "There were a couple of times my wife wandered why I didn't sell it," he says. The reason has a lot to do with nostalgia of the piece. "It's something I've owned pert-near all my life," he says. If he were to sell it, Lee

knows he'd never be able to own another one, especially one whose history is inter-twined with his native Kingsville.

Lee's 1940 Model H has a similar hometown connection. It arrived at the same Kelloggsville dealership exactly 20 years to the day before his 330S arrived. Originally owned by Dale Watson, who had a small farm at the corner of Cemetery Road and Route 193, the tractor eventually ended up in Wayne, where Lee noticed it for sale. "When I found out the history on it, I had to buy it," he says.

His third Deere is a 1944 LA that also has a Kingsville connection. It was purchased new by Robert Porter, who farmed on Creek Road. Lee bought it from Porter's widow. "I bought that in 1999," he says. "I was going to restore it for my wife to drive in the parades. But she died before I got it restored." Lee says he went through some tough months after his wife's death in February 2000. Having that tractor to restore helped him get through those difficult times. "I restored it in her memory," he says. It's very therapeutic."

The fourth tractor in Lee's collection is an Allis Chalmers. To a dedicated Deere man, it sticks out like a sore thumb. "I found it up the road," he says. "It had been bought new in 1948 at the Ashtabula County Fair." The tractor was in good condition and Lee bought it, even though it wasn't a Deere. "I take a ribbing for that one," he admits. "But that's all right."

He says Deere's appeal has a lot to do with patriotism and nostalgia. "It's the only American made Tractor Corporation left in the country," he says. "It never merged and never sold. The old two-cylinder tractors have a distinctive sound, and it was a way of life for a lot of people." That's a common thread among the collectors who attend the shows.

"You go and see a lot of people you know and get to talk to people who like the old equipment," he says "You got to be interested in this kind of old equipment and stuff to enjoy it."

Lee says health issues prevent him from doing restoration work and he'll probably not add more tractors to his collection. "I better just keep what I got and be happy with them," he says.

This article ran in the Ashtabula Star Beacon in January 2006.

TRACTOR TRIVIA

What two model years were the "low radiator" Model G's produced?

What makes the Model 630 Orchard tractor so rare?

If you know the answer to either of these trivia questions, be the 1st to give the correct answer to Dave Badger, Ben Roby or Bob Gaines at the Club display at the Farm Science Review. Winners will receive a free hat or pair of EXPO coffee mugs.

Dover Steam Show

Yesterday after lunch my wife, her brother Delbert and his wife went to the Dover Steam Show. Yes, I went to see the show but also to gather information to help prepare for the OTCC show in 2008. This year's feature was Massey Harris, Ferguson, and Massey Ferguson. The Massey club had a very nice showing. We visited with several of the club members.

I met with Earl Smith (our contact at the spring Marion meeting). He proudly showed me their new loading dock made for semi trailer height trailers. It also has a sidewall that is somewhat lower to use with lower trailers. I have asked for a map to aid getting into the grounds while pulling long trailers. Traffic flow has changed from previous shows.

Earl helped me locate Ike Clapper, President of the Northeast Two-Cylinder Club. We had a good visit. He showed me his very nicely restored 620 Standard tractor. He in turn introduced me to the fellow that will be president next year for their club. He is Fred Bissell.

Fred operates Bissell Mechanical Service repairing Auto-Truck-Heavy Equipment in Twinsburg, OH. His home phone number is 330-274-0603. His cell phone number is 330-988-4508.

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I saw a lot of green iron with names of people that are not members of OTCC. Earl is excited about having John Deere for next year. They want to do anything they can to encourage our club to be welcome there. They have a separate "corral" to show crawler tractors. This prevents tearing up sod on the grounds--which the tractor club must repair. They lay rubber tracks to the infield where the crawlers can be operated. These rubber tracks will be in place during entire show.

Earl asked if we wanted banquet facilities. They would gladly provide a building on the grounds close to display area with tables and chairs--should we want it. Also said they have catering close by that would do a pig roast for us for an evening meal. These are all just ideas for us to ponder and consider.

There were several-maybe five-steam engines operating in the infield area. Some were running Baker fans, one was operating a sawmill and there were thresher demonstrations. Earl asked if we might have a John Deere threshing machine to show. Next year Case Steam engines will be featured along with featured line of John Deere. The men I visited with would like to see more implements shown. I told them we are working on that already. So this gives you folks a flavor of their emphasis.

Earl will provide us with a list of things available for the ladies to do. Amish Country is not far away and has lots of things to do and see. The outdoor theater is close- Trumpet in the Land. This is about the early settlers and their mission to the Delaware Indians. It is shown in the Schoenbrunn

Amphitheater. Also the Schoenbrunn Village State Memorial is close.

Earl will also provide a list of motels in the area. Just letting you know several wheels are already set in motion for our show next year.

Dave Badger

OTCC MEMBERSHIP

Our club roster to date is at 364 members. Club membership dues of \$10 per year must be renewed by the end of November annually. You are welcome to renew for more than one year at a time or even lifetime memberships are available. Check the mailing label on your newsletter. The number following your name will reflect the year that your membership will expire. Dues should be mailed to:

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People demand freedom of speech to make up for the freedom of thought, which they avoid. - Soren Kierkegaard

Good people do not need laws to tell them to act responsibly, while bad people will find a way around the laws. - Plato

What is important is not what happens to us, but how we respond to what happens to us. - Jean Paul Sartre

If you can't have the best of everything, make the best of everything you have.

DON'T FILL BIN TO THE BRIM

It's almost time to start filling grain bins across the country-but first; it's time to clean them. Clean grain storage bins dramatically reduce losses to mold and insects, and less costly to aerate and cool. But an often-overlooked step is to get rid of the peak that naturally forms as the bin is filled. Purdue University's online bin management primer (www.ces.purdue.edu/extmedia/AED/AED-20.html) points out that a 24' round bin has about 600 bushels in its peak. Peaked grain limits headspace, which raises the risk of suffocation. High piled grain can shift, blocking the exit. Lowering the peak by drawing out the center core of the grain reduces fines in the middle of the bin that can interfere with airflow and cause condensation in the grain.

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