

OHIO TWO CYLINDER CLUB NEWSLETTER
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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our 2008 tractor shows are past. The fall-colored leaves are upon us. It seems the summer has flown by. Presidential Election Day is fast approaching. Looking back at shows in which the Ohio Two-Cylinder Club were involved, we had great participation in spite of high gasoline prices and economic down turns.

I welcome a more relaxed schedule. Now I can plan and work on projects for next year. I am hoping each of you can do the same. Over the years people have done a great job of collecting and restoring tractors. Now I encourage you to take another look at implements. Implements have great variety to accomplish the many tasks that farming requires. The gamut from soil preparation, planting, crop care, and harvesting involves lots of specialized machinery. There are many opportunities here for you to pick up one of these machines and refurbish it into a showpiece. Keep your eyes open to prevent these items from going to the junk dealers. These items are part of our heritage that have brought our parents and grandparents through some tough times while they managed to make a living for their families by working the soil by raising crops and livestock.

We look at some of these machines today and think how crude they were. But in the same breath I have to say these machines were state-of-the-art for the time. These machines were stepping stones to arrive at what are in use today. I have to think of a grandfather and his grandson walking up to me at Ohio Farm Science Review several years ago. The grandson said he never saw a 2-row corn planter before. My how times have changed!

We have a wonderful agricultural heritage. John Deere machines span many important years of our country's development. During my earlier years of service in Nigeria, West Africa, I observed men threshing grain with handheld flails. Talk about labor-intensive work! I suspect little has changed if I were to go back and visit there today. Quoting from "From Plow To Now" by Ward O'Hara page 233, "It was thought a good average was for a man to flail seven bushels of wheat in a day." Compare that to today's combines that can do 40 to 50 bushels of corn per minute! (I do not have figures for wheat.)

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When traveling in India I saw animals being used to thresh grain. Usually 3 or 4 bullocks were tethered to walk in a circle to walk on and trample the grain from the stalks. This quickly brings questions about sanitary conditions, but yes, I believe these conditions still can be found today. Sometimes a sledge of hardwood planks with stones imbedded in the bottom was drawn with the bullocks around on the pile of un-threshed grain heads. The grain is separated from the chaff by winnowing in the wind just like in Bible times. A few acres are all a family can manage farming this way.

Meanwhile American farmers have always looked for ways to speed up work and reduce the drudgery of agricultural work. Some people sum this up as "Yankee Ingenuity". Today's combine harvesters far exceed the dreams of our ancestors for efficiency and labor saving ideas. We have so much to be thankful for.

Dave Badger 10-19-2008

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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Phil Maria

The Ohio Two Cylinder Club lost a member and officer on October 9, 2008 with the death of Philip John Maria, 47, of Ashland after a 2½-year illness. Memorial Contributions may be made to the Ohio Two-Cylinder Club at 15136 County Road 75 Kenton, Ohio 43326

PLOW DAYS 2008

Plow Days had to be cancelled due to circumstances beyond our control. The farmers have already plowed up the land that was planned to be used.

OTCC MEMBERSHIP

Our club roster to date is at 414 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: The Ohio Two-Cylinder Club
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You may also register at any club-sponsored event.

TRACTOR TRIVIA

Terry Beavers was the winner of the August trivia question. The 1938 unstyled "B" frame was lengthened 5 inches to accommodate the same cultivators that fit a model "A".

- 1. What was the first model of tractor to have the tapered hood design where the back is narrower and the front is wider to improve visibility for row crop work?**
- 2. What tractor soon followed incorporating many of the lessons learned from tractors in question #1?**

(The tapered hood design is used to this very day for John Deere row crop tractors.)

If you know the answer to either of these trivia questions, be the 1st to give the correct answer to Skip Shepherd. Winners will receive a free hat or pair of EXPO coffee mugs.

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MEMBERSHIP MEETING

A general membership meeting will be held Sunday 1 PM November 9, 2008 at Kenny Smith's.
Address: 4546 Marion-Mt. Gilead Rd. Marion, Ohio.
Featuring pork chop dinner. There will be a charge for the dinner. We will have election of officers and business session.

TRADING POST

We will run your ad for 3 consecutive newsletters unless you contact us and want it continued. Please contact us if your item has been sold or if you want it removed from the listing. Phone: 567-674-8132

Wanted: Old JD advertising items. Signs, sales brochures, posters, oil cans, fobs and dealership items. 1800's thru 1960's. 740-572-2683

For Sale: 1958 JD "820" Good paint and rubber, 1 hydraulic outlet. Converted to electric start. \$7500. 740-852-3896 (3)

For Sale: JD clam shell fenders, \$200 pr. Front slab weights for JD "40T", \$125. JD wheel weights, \$100 pr. 937-448-2727 (2)

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For Sale: JD 227 mounted corn picker 419-957-1084 (1)

For Sale: JD 2 row corn planter. 937-845-9519 (1)

For Sale: 1941 JD "H" with 1 bottom plow New tires, complete restoration. \$3500 937-596-6397 (1)

For Sale: Original JD fenders to fit "A", "B", "H" Very good shape. \$400. 419-393-2937 (1)

For Sale: JD 3010 gas, narrow front end, Excellent shape, approximately 4000hrs. With JD snow plow. 231-796-2093. (1)

For Sale: Heavy duty steel ramps for low-boy trailer. Sturdy and in perfect condition. 740-426-6444 (1)

EXPO V VIDEO

The EXPO V videos are available for purchase. The cost is \$26 if mailed or \$23 if purchased at club meetings or events. For those who ordered DVDs at the EXPO please send your payment or they will be available at the November meeting.

OTCC Life Memberships

Lifetime memberships are available.

40 years and under	\$200
41 to 45 years old	\$185
46 to 50 years old	\$170
51 to 55 years old	\$155
56 to 60 years old	\$140
61 to 64 years old	\$125
65 years and over	\$110

Auction Postponed

The Gary Shepherd estate auction scheduled for December 6, 2008 has been postponed until spring.

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