
ANTIQUÉ ENGINE & TRACTOR ASSOCIATION, INC.

MARCH, 2006 NEWSLETTER

“Chuck’s Comments”

Editor’s note: Chuck is on vacation and is returning from Texas with 2 treasures in tow – a JD 720 LP and a 1930 JD model D on steel. It’s not clear if these treasures are for Chuck or Diane, but I suppose they could become Diane’s on some future birthday or anniversary!! They will not be home until after this newsletter goes to press, so the trip report will be included in the next newsletter. Certainly we want to thank Chuck for hosting the February tech meeting at his shop, and for all the extra effort he gives as president to keep our club running so successfully.

FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING

The coldest day of the year may have affected attendance at our tech meeting on February 18 at Bos Machine in Hillsdale. But, still many members and guests braved the elements to attend, primarily due to the reputation of our program speaker, Dwight Emstrom. Chuck Bos opened the meeting with a brief discussion of the club survey and membership dues. The club is considering hiring 3D Sound for our fall show, and since they will be doing the Sublette Toy Show it will be an opportunity to see them in action. The Henry County Fair is asking our club to participate in an antique tractor show at the fair this summer. The show will be on the north end of the fair grounds on Sunday, and exhibitors will be given free admission. It was reported the Sandburg Mall show had 88 pieces on display. We then enjoyed a tremendous buffet breakfast provided by many members and their wives. Thanks to Diane Bos for helping coordinate this important feature!



Dwight Emstrom with his 1959 Gold Demonstrator Ford 981

Dwight Emstrom, a renowned Ford collector from Galesburg presented the program on the Ford Select-O-Speed. He brought a beautifully restored 1959 Gold Demonstrator for display. It was a 981 Select-O-Speed. The tractors were painted gold for the dealer introduction but then the buyer had the option of repainting it red and gray. The early tranny had been developed rather quickly and developed a number of problems, with many of them produced by operator errors.



Cut away of Ford Select-O-Speed transmission with hand crank (at right) to demonstrate operation.

Dwight also brought a factory cut-away model of the Select-O-Speed that came from the University of Nebraska. The 981 Series had three PTO options; 540, 1000, or ground speed. It was also either in or out – you could not feather it into gear. This tranny is very similar to the 6000 Series built from 1959-1964. Many of the problems were just band adjustment. It had 10 speeds forward and 2 reverse. You could do multiple shifts using the inching pedal. It used auto transmission fluid, had a self-contained oil system, and was designed for 40-45 hp. Comments were made of other models of Ford. The 9N was produced from 1939-1942, the 2N from 1942-1947, and the 8N beginning in 1948. Larry Gay also provided some background history. An excellent meeting by some very knowledgeable collectors.

Larry Goodwin, Secretary.

WANTED: A set of auto ramps to have at the club grounds for servicing lawn tractors and other equipment. If you have a set you are not using and would be willing to donate to the club, contact Skip Farnam at 309-944-4982

MEMBER SURVEY

You were all sent a survey form to gather your input on club goals and activities. However, to date, less than 20% of our members have returned their survey. Your board of directors will be reading every comment, as well as reviewing and tabulating every entry on the surveys. This information will then be used to set priorities for club goals and activities in the coming years. If you want to be a part of this process and have not returned your survey, please do so as soon as possible. The board will be reviewing the results at its March 13th board meeting. Thank you.

Neil West, Chairman of Survey Committee.

REVIEW OF JANUARY MEETING

President Chuck Bos welcomed 41 members and guests to the breakfast meeting at Brothers Restaurant on a warm and rainy (yes, rain) day the 28th of January. The food and service were excellent and there appeared to be no lack of appetite within this group. Copies of the member survey were distributed and folks were encouraged to fill them out and get them returned to the board members. Chuck reminded members to check their newsletter label to see if their dues have been paid for 2006, and if they haven't already done so, then please renew soon. The FFA restoration program was discussed. We are asking some finalists to bring their tractors to display at our fall show. The treasurer's report indicates all bills are paid and we are financially sound at this time. It was noted that 35 new members have joined the club this year. Dave Carton announced that the Geneseo Farm and Fleet show will be July 23 from 8-4:00. It was noted that steam locomotive #261 may be coming through Atkinson during the time of our Fall Show. We are working with representatives to coordinate this event and to determine how it can enhance our show.

The group then enjoyed a program of several videos provided by members. First was the 50-bottom plow hitch in 1911, which was an Oliver Plow Co and Rumley Tractor Co. publicity stunt. In 2003 the demonstration was reenacted in Rollag, Minnesota. It was an impressive sight watching 3 30-60 Rumleys lugging a 50 bottom plow through wheat stubble. Then we watched a video of a show in 1988 at the Atkinson show grounds where Don William's Garr Scott steam engine was featured. It also showed a very rare International truck belonging to Norm Davis from Cable. Next was a video of a large show held at Ron Miller's farm in 1963. Many unusual and rare pieces were displayed

at this show. Ron and several members gave an excellent narration of this video – it was suggested that this narration be documented for future showings. The final video clip was the excursion of steam locomotive #261 through Geneseo and Atkinson in 2004.

MARCH GENERAL MEETING



Larry Gay, author of "A Guide to Ford, Fordson, and New Holland Tractors" will present the history of the Ford tractor at our tech meeting on March 25.

The program for our March 25 tech. meeting will be a slide presentation about the tractors developed by Henry Ford and his engineers. The program will be presented by member Larry Gay who is the author of the book, *A Guide to Ford, Fordson, and New Holland Tractors*. Larry has researched the company's history at the archives in the Henry Ford Museum and in numerous books about the Ford Motor Company.

Larry will describe the experimental models which led to the Fordson tractor, how Henry Ford captured 75% of the tractor market in 1923, experimental tractors built during the 1930's, how Ford became a partner with Harry Ferguson, and how the broken partnership resulted in a huge lawsuit. Larry will also present some results of his research which will replace some of the legends about Ford tractors.

After a 35-year career as an engineer with Deere and Company, Larry took an early retirement and started writing books about farm tractors. He is the author of *Farm Tractors 1975-1995*, and *A Guide to Hart-Parr, Oliver, and White Tractors*. He has also written a "Historical Highlights" page for each issue of the "Hart-Parr Oliver Collector" magazine for the past ten years. He is also the

proud owner of 2 nicely restored Super 55 Oliver tractors which are usually on display at our fall show. Also he has an AC WD45 and a toy collection to go along with his literature collection. Larry says his presentation will educate us about Ford tractors and entertain us with stories about Henry Ford. He will have copies of his Ford book for sale at the meeting.

The meeting will be held on Saturday, March 25 at the Brothers Restaurant in Rapids City, Illinois. The restaurant is located on Illinois route 84 one-half mile upstream from the I80 Bridge. Breakfast will be individual orders and checks, and will begin at 8:30 am. Guests are always welcome at our meetings.

MEET CAROL ANN WELLS

Editor’s note: Carol Ann was elected to a 3 year term on the board beginning January 2006. She has agreed to serve as event coordinator and publicity chairperson.

It all started out as a “couple thing” for Dick and Carol Ann Wells of Sheffield, IL. The couple was looking for a hobby to share – something they could enjoy together. They found it in Root and Vandervoort hit and miss engines. Growing up on farms (and for Dick working at John Deere) gas engines were right up their alley. This is a relatively new hobby for the Wells since they bought their first engine, a JD in July of 2001, then found the R & V brand soon after in September and have been R & V fans ever since.

Dick was the event coordinator for AETA in 2003 and together with Carol they organized the R&V reunion and banquet as part of the feature event for our 2003 show.

They both enjoy antiquing, attending farm and estate sales, and restoring old farm machinery. Their latest buy was a 1950 Ford grain truck delivered to Illinois from Kansas. This year they will keep busy restoring the truck and Carol Ann’s 1951 Ford 8N tractor. Also, they are currently restoring an 1860’s farmstead near Annawan, including all outbuildings and landscaping.

Carol Ann is a clinic nurse for the Veteran’s Administration in Bettendorf, Iowa, where she enjoys taking care of her veteran friends. She feels fortunate that they trust her and share very personal stories about the life and death experiences that they faced while serving their country – leaves her feeling privileged to be a VA nurse. She is planning to retire from nursing in 4 years. Dick will

be retiring this December with 30 years of service at Deere.

Carol Ann is the 2006 event coordinator for our club and will be coordinating the activity with sponsors and publicity. She is looking forward to meeting all club members and working with them to help make our fall show a success.

Video of Fall Show

If you have a video of the 2005 Fall Show, or know of someone who does, please let Ed Mayhew know. 309-949-2867. Ed is gathering info for Mike Woods, the Director of Development for WQPT TV who is making a documentary for the Atkinson Heritage Days celebration and wants to include some clips from our show grounds. This year Atkinson celebrates their 150-year birthday and the plan is to show the documentary on Saturday night in Atkinson during the celebration.

PHOTOS NEEDED

Photos from previous shows sponsored by our club are needed to create a promotional video. The photos need to be accompanied by a written story line identifying who and what is shown in the picture. We can use prints on photo grade paper or digital images and can even use a few short videos. Joel Vandemore has offered to compile this into a video for our club. If you have photos from past club fall shows that you are willing to share, please contact Dave Carton at 309-441-5915.

AUCTION RESULTS

GT Frimml reports the following results from the Gene Nenne auction on February 25, at Tuluca, IL.

IH 101 Combine & corn head.....	\$750
JD 45 combine- both heads.....	750
MM U – junk.....	250
AC WC with loader – runs, painted.....	825
MM U runs.....	600
Farmall F-20 painted.....	700
MF 90 with loader.....	2900
AC CA with mower deck.....	2250
IH 560 D, needed valves.....	2300
MH 44 special, painted.....	675
IH H painted, 1947.....	1075
IH H, 1952.....	1200
MM UTS, wf, painted.....	2750
Oliver 77 painted.....	2250
JD 830 ES, painted.....	10900.

*****BULLETIN BOARD*****

FOR SALE: '49 Oliver 77 NF, overhauled, new paint, good rubber. \$2800. Call C. D. Eyrich (815-537-2195)

FOR SALE: Original Cub Cadet s/n 32524, fenders, creeper gear, oil bath air cleaner, new short block. \$800 OBO. Contact Ray Brown (563-285-8308)

FOR SALE: 8 hp Wheel Horse rear discharge mower. Engine needs work but mower in good shape. \$175. Also, 210 JD, tractor good, engine and deck need work. \$250. Contact Dave Carton after 6:00 PM. (309-441-5915)

FOR SALE: JD Quick Tach 2- row front mounted cultivator complete with shields and lift arms. Good shape. Was on model 60. \$75 OBO. Larry Mack (309-798-5127)

FOR SALE: Farmall 350 with loader, runs good. TA and hydraulics work good. Needs tires. Make offer. Call Lenzy Stickler (309-314-1649)

FREE: Classified ads for club members. Your ad will run for three months. Send ad information to Tom Hitzhusen, 24762 Hazelwood West Rd, Geneseo, IL, 61254, 309-441-5720, thomaseng@geneseo.net,

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*****CLUB ACTIVITIES*****

MARCH EVENTS

Board Meeting: Monday, March 13, 6:30PM at Chuck Bos home.

General Meeting: Saturday, March 25, at Brothers Restaurant in Rapids City. Breakfast starting at 8:30 followed by program on Ford history presented by Larry Gay.

APRIL EVENTS

Board Meeting: Monday, April 3, 6:30PM at Chuck Bos home.

General Meeting: Saturday, April 22 work day at club grounds to clean up, work ground, and plant corn. Rain date is April 29.

*****NEWS FROM OTHER CLUBS*****

Sublette Toy Show, March 18-19.

DVC tech meeting on body work, Sat March 18, 9:00am. Wes Timmerman farm, New Liberty, Iowa. Contact Brian Holst 563-285-7134.

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