
ANTIQUÉ ENGINE & TRACTOR ASSOCIATION, INC.

JANUARY 2007 NEWSLETTER

“Roger’s Comments”

As I write this, the weather seems like March instead of early January. If we keep this weather trend, we will be mowing grass soon but I don’t expect to be doing that. I hope all of you had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

As we start the New Year, now is a good time to put some important dates on your calendar. The first annual **Rural Heritage Day** will be held at the Club Grounds on Saturday the 12th of May. If you ask what a Rural Heritage Day is, we are not sure but in addition to the swap meet for tractor and engine parts there will be other activities. The general theme is to display and demonstrate rural life on the farm from the late 1800’s to the mid 1950’s. I would like to see demonstrations of several of the following:

Farm ideas

- Shell Corn with hand sheller
- Grade corn for planting
- Seed plate selection
- Rope making
- Blacksmith pounding iron
- Cut shingles with the saw
- Plant corn with check wire
- Run the tractor dynamotor

House hold ideas (hands on if possible)

- Cream separator
- Churn butter
- Basket making
- Wool spinning
- Rug making
- Quilting both piecing and quilting

Have a swap meet area (tractor and engine type)

- Tractor, engines and tools outside
- Toys, literature and crafts inside

Animal powered displays (churn butter, shell corn)

We need your help demonstrate, or suggest someone who can, one of these ideas. Do you have ideas for other demonstrations that you could help with? We will advertise this activity to the area and would hope to have 300 to 500 people come for part of the day.

The tentative time schedule is a pancake breakfast starting at 7:30 a.m. Lunch would be at noon. The demonstrations would be from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Each demo would last a few minutes and then move on to another. The demonstration cycle would be repeated 3 or 4 times during the day. Bring your ideas to the general meeting for a discussion of possibilities.

Don’t forget to put the fall Farm Show on your calendar for September 14, 15 and 16. We are featuring Massey this year so invite all your friends who might have a red (or gray) Massey related tractor or engine.

We have a lot of new members we don’t know very well. It is the plan that the board will contact each member this spring to talk to you about your interests, how you can help us and your ideas to make our club more interesting to you. Start thinking. Hope to see you at several meetings this year.

Roger Mixer, President

JANUARY GENERAL MEETING

The next general membership meeting will be Saturday, January 20, at Smokey’s in Colona. Breakfast buffet (\$6.99) starting at 8:30. The club is planning a series of presentations by members with hobbies in addition to antique tractors and engines. Don Zobrist, is also a member of the Bison Association. He will present a program on his experiences raising bison.

Smokey’s Cafe is located at 709 1st (Rt. 84) in Colona. We will be in the back room (behind the

Dollar Store) for our meeting. They have asked us to park in the back. The rear door will be open but you have to find your way through a fenced in area to enter the room so it is best if we go in the front door (Dollar Store) and straight back.

HELP NEEDED:

The "Sponsor" committee is looking for someone with computer skills to set up and maintain a data file of the contributions. You would not need to solicit contributions, only help keep a record of the results. If you or someone in your family can help, please contact Skip Farnam 309-944-4982.

Articles for the newsletter. If you have ideas for or are willing to write an article, please contact Neil West. 563-332-5501 or nlwest@mchsi.com

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Three board members, Ed Mayhew, Larry Goodwin, and Neil West are looking at the long-term objectives for the club. We are open to input from any member. If you have ideas along these lines contact any of the above or share them with a board member. In addition, the committee is interviewing directors of other clubs / shows similar to ours to get ideas as to what works for them. If you have suggestion for a club or show that has impressed you, again let any one of the above know.

The E-bay 5010

This is quite a story that developed a few weeks ago about a 5010 John Deere that was on e-bay. This is where the story begins and ends.

An older fellow from Oklahoma went to a local construction company auction to buy a tractor for his farming operation. He wanted a lot of horsepower and didn't want to spend a whole lot of money. There was a 5010 on the auction that they had used to pull a sheepsfoot with. So he decided that was the tractor for him. Going home with it after the auction for a total sum of \$400.00 he was pretty excited.

After owning it for about a year or so he decided that it wasn't running the best so he went to

his local John Deere dealer to get some new fuel filters for it. The guy at the parts counter asked him what the serial number was, he didn't know so he went home to check and call them back. He checked it out called them and told the guy it was serial number 1000. The parts guy said do you realize that that was the first one made? (They started out with #1000) The old guy said I could care less what the number is I just need filters!

Time went on and the old guy that didn't have a whole lot, living out in the middle of who knows where Oklahoma. He needed to put a new tin roof on his house and he needed some money to pay for it. So he decided he wanted to sell the 5010 to pay for it. Yes, it sounds like it was tin for the roof of his shack that he lives in. Anyhow he put it out for sale in front of his house with a For Sale sign on it and a price tag for \$5000.00. That would be enough money to fix up the old mansion.

It was for sale for about six months with no takers, except one day when a scalper stopped by and offered him \$4,000.00 for it, he said by golly if you can afford \$4,000.00 you can spend \$5,000.00! Well the deal didn't go through and the roof was getting worse. So the guy's nephew suggested to him that he should put it on Ebay to try to sell it, The guy said sure if you do all the advertisement for it, (He probably doesn't have electricity the way it sounded). The nephew agreed and he put it on there for his 74-year-old uncle. The auction was seven days long it had 10,178 lookers, 114 bids and sold for \$79,100.00. Don't know much about there reaction after that but that should make a nice roof for the old shack.

The night of the auction I got a phone call from the new owner of the tractor, which is Walter Keller from Wisconsin. In case none of you know who Walter is he collects low production John Deere tractors of both the new generation and also the two cylinder era. He also focuses on the first ones built and the last ones built. He has the first 3010, 4010, and 8010, so that 5010 would fit it just fine to his 500 tractor collection. We got to talking and lined a truck up for pick up and it was delivered to my house to restore exactly a week after the auction was over.

When the truck driver showed up the story was not over yet, he described the old guy that owned it as about the size of a beanpole, had a beer belly the size of a basketball. His old pants were unzipped, had holes in the knees and were tucked into his old run-down boots, along with hair that hadn't been cut for about two years. He had a beard that had been

growing for about five years, He had a cigarette hanging out of his mouth along with a wad of chew in his lower lip, with every other word a swear word as he talked.

It came time to load up the tractor. After finding a good enough place to load it, the owner and a buddy of his tried to get her fired by dragging it around there place for a couple rounds. The owners nephew laid on the hood and sprayed ether into the air cleaner while the owner was on the 5010 and his buddy pulled it. They got her going, tied down, and on its way.

What a wild story, I guess that makes us want to stop and take a look at the serial number of tractors for sale on the side of the road huh? To make a long story short this is a diamond in the rough. And is also the very first over 100 horsepower tractor that John Deere produced. Like everything else I can't wait to see it done.

Written by Dan Peterman and printed in the January 2007 issue of Central Iowa Two-Cylinder club newsletter.

HYBRIDS OF THE DECADE PLOT RESULTS

Hertz Farm Management sponsored a "Hybrids of the Decades" historical corn plots this past summer as part of its 60th Anniversary celebration. The plot featured some of the popular varieties from each decade since 1946.

There were two parts of the plot. Management practices from each era were used in the north half of the plot. For instance, the hybrid planted in the 1946 to 1955 decade was in 40-inch rows with 4 plants every 40 inches, so the field was "checked" and could have been cultivated in both directions. The plant population was 15,000. The hybrid in the 1956-1965 decade was in 38-inch rows with 3 kernels planted every 24 inches resulting in 20,000 plants per acre. The balance of the plot was planted in 30-inch rows and the population was increased for each decade with the hybrids in the current decade planted at 32,000 plants per acre. 80 pounds of nitrogen per acre were applied in the 1946 to 1955 and the 1956 to 1965 segments of the plot. All other parts of the plot received 140 pounds of nitrogen.

The south half of the plot had the same seed varieties as the north half, but using today's management practices which included 32,000 plants per acre in 30" rows and 140 pounds of nitrogen. The intent of the plot was to determine how much of the yield increase in the past 60 years was from improvements in genetics of the corn hybrids and how much has been from changes in management practices.

Harvest results showed there was a significant yield gain with each new decade with the biggest increase, 47 bushels per acre, in the current decade (a 24% increase over the prior decade). Plot yields ranged from 127.8 bushels per acre in the 1946 to 1955 decade, using the management practices typical of that era, to 245.1 bushels per acre for today's modern hybrids. Stalk quality was also much better in today's hybrids.

The majority of the increase in yield proved to be from improved plant genetics. But there was a 10% average increase in yield when the varieties were planted using today's management practices (narrower row width, higher plant population and additional nitrogen) versus the management practices that were typical for each decade.

We were impressed how high the yields were throughout the plot compared to what was typical for each time period. The high yields can be attributed to the plot's flat and black well-drained land that was in a high state of fertility, excellent weed control from effective herbicides, no cultivation and a nearly perfect growing season.

Over 250 people attended our plot field day on August 21. Attendees had an opportunity to view and reminisce about some of the older hybrids and enjoyed looking over older and newer farm equipment on display.

Our "Hybrids of the Decade" plot exemplifies the enormous changes that have occurred in agriculture and management practices since 1946 when Hertz Farm Management was founded.

Tom Hitzhusen suggested this article. It was copied from the HERTZ FARM MANAGEMENT, INC. web site www.hfmgt.com

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FOR SALE: Fiberglass lid and chrome rails for a '97 or newer shortbed Ford PU. \$200.00 *Contact Lenzy Stickler (309-314-1649)*

FOR SALE: Camper for 8' PU box. *Ron Jackson (309-658-2420)*

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

JANUARY EVENTS

General Meeting: *General Membership meeting: Saturday Jan. 20th at Smokey's in Colona. Breakfast buffet (\$6.99) starting at 8:30*

Hart Parr Oliver "Winter Get-Together" *Largest ever indoor Oliver tractor show. January 26 – 27, at the Coralville Marriott Hotel & Conference Center just off I-80 at exit 242 For more details call Larry Gay at 309-441-5581*

FEBRUARY EVENTS

Board meeting: *Monday, Feb 5., 6:30PM. Trapper Tree in Geneseo.*

General Meeting: *General Membership meeting: Saturday Feb. 17th at Farmer's Table in Cordova starting at 8:30. Program on Massey Harris Tractors.*

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

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