

OHIO TWO CYLINDER CLUB NEWSLETTER
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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Time for another newsletter.

Winter started out mild but then came with a vengeance! At times the wind brought the snow horizontally! Valentine's Day - supposed to be such a romantic day - in reality, we were in the midst of a real "down-to-earth" snowstorm. It was a good day to "cool the heels". Temperature was hanging at 8-9 degree area. The TV was constantly scrolling a list of schools closed. Local authorities advised us to stay off the roadways. Air travel was curtailed from Nebraska to New England. We were keeping the wood stove going, feeding the birds, and catching up on reading and writing. The first vehicle out of our driveway was the loader tractor!

But we all know Old Man Winter will have to yield to the sun, as it grows stronger. A few short weeks will bring signs of spring. Spring brings hope. Hope for new life, hope for spring flowers, hope for the earth renewing itself. We will observe migrating birds returning. We will see crocus and daffodils push through the plant residue. A great number of us have that "farmer instinct" ingrained in us from years of experience. We can't wait to get out to drink in the freshness of spring, to stir the earth, to plant seeds. We all sense better days ahead. Keep your chins up!

Dave Badger, President

SPRING MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The spring membership meeting will be held in Marion at the Huber museum, located at the Marion county fairgrounds. The date is March 11, the time is 1 PM.

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OTCC MEMBERSHIP

Our club roster to date is at 334 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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e-mail: deererun@dbscorp.net

You may also register at any club-sponsored event.

OTCC 2008 EXPO V

The dates for EXPO V will be approved and announced at the March meeting.

NEW MEMBERS

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

Larry Dowler
William Graham
Daniel Shoop

Ted Payn
Ron Mead

MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND

The Buckeye Iron Will Club Inc. will sponsor the 10th annual Antique Tractor and Gas Engine Show at the Richland County Fairgrounds in Mansfield, Ohio on June 2, 3, 2007.

Featuring John Deere tractors and equipment and The Ohio Two-Cylinder Club
Locked display building for feature tractors and also locking display cases for memorabilia and toys.
For more information, contact;
Bill Gardner 419-347-3981
Harmon Sloan 419-896-2601

The New York State Two Cylinder EXPO VIII held in Canandaigua, New York on July 12, 13, 14, 2007
Feature tractor will be the John Deere "H"
Phone 585-526-6607 or 315-676-3469
www.newyorkstateexpo.com

The 13th annual Indoor Winter Tractor & Engine Show
March 16, 17, 18, 2007
At the Kruse Auction Park in Auburn Indiana
I-69 at Exit 126
Featuring John Deere Tractors and Equipment
Hosting The Tri-State Two-Cylinder Club
Contact: Joyce Maxwell 260-758-2430
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2007 PLOW DAYS

Location and details will be announced at the March meeting. If you have not attended one our Plow Day events in the past, please think about coming out to join in the fun. If you can't bring your tractor and plow, come as a spectator. There are always a few extra rigs that are available for you to make a few rounds.

THE 41 "A"

The year was 1941, and Grandpa Willis had been farming for 11 years on the Scioto Marsh using a team of horses and an old Fordson. It was time to upgrade, so he purchased a new 1941 "A" from the local John Deere dealer. Grandpa farmed with this tractor for 10 years. Then in 1951 he traded for a new "A", again at the local dealer. The old 41 "A" had no sentimental value and was soon forgotten about. Although Uncle Meryl loved to tell the story about the time Uncle Bud was plowing and had tied the trip rope to the pan seat. Grandpa came to relieve Bud for a lunch break and wouldn't you know, he found a rock. When the plow broke away, the trip rope pulled down on the pan seat until it parted and launched Grandpa astraddle the hood, hugging the muffler! Grandpa retired from farming in 1974 and Dad bought the home farm from him and continued the farming operation.

In 1990 Dad and Uncle Meryl were talking to a friend of the family about the 41 "A". Jim happened to be the one that purchased the "A" from the local dealer when Grandpa traded it in. He explained how the "A" had changed hands 2 or 3 times after he sold it. But he knew where the tractor was located today if they were interested in it.

Dad didn't take long to check it out. They found the old "A" in pretty rough shape, sitting along the edge of a field. Dad verified the serial number and sure enough it was Grandpa's old "A". The only problem was, the owner said it wasn't for sale because they use it every day, even though it was obvious it hadn't moved in years. So they went home disappointed.

A couple years later in 1992, a cousin called my Dad to tell him that a fellow that claims to have Grandpa's old "A" is interested in selling it. This time a deal was struck and the 41 "A" was loaded on the trailer and headed back to its original home 51 years later.

Dad began a yearlong restoration to bring the old "A" back to original condition. During the next dozen years we hauled the "A" along with all the other green iron to display at various tractor shows, county fairs and the OTCC EXPO's. I often thought it would be neat if I could own this tractor some day. A few years back, I rode along with my cousin to pick up a "G" that he bought to restore. The fellow gave us some advice. Boys, if you're gonna collect John Deere's, you want the 1st one made, the last one made or one they didn't make too many of. Now a John Deere "A" is about as

common as they come, about 300,000 produced. But this one was my Grandpa's tractor and my Dad restored it.

In 2004 I acquired a 720D from a relative. It needed much more than I was willing to put in to it. I intended to sell it "as is" to buy parts to restore another tractor. Dad seemed very interested in the 720 and wanted to buy it. Then it occurred to me that this was my opportunity to own the old 41 "A". I made him an offer he couldn't refuse and now the old "A" is in my barn!

In the summer of 2006 while getting tractors ready for the show season, my son Luke showed some interest in the 41 "A". I told him the history of the tractor and why it was special to me. Then I realized what an opportunity this would be to hand it down to him. Luke is now the 4th generation owner of the old 41 "A" that his Great Grandpa bought new. He displayed the old "A" at the 2006 OTCC EXPO in Springfield.

Submitted by Skip Shepherd

Knowledge is what you get from reading the small print in a contract; experience is what you get from not reading it. – Clifton Fadiman

Technology has always had a major impact on the labor needs of the farm. In 1830 it took 300 man-hours to produce 100 bushels of wheat using a walking plow, hand-seeder, and sickle. One hundred years later, 20 hours were needed for the same task using a tractor, disk, and combine. By 1990, larger machinery helped produce 100 bushels of wheat with only 3 hours of labor. - The Furrow

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:

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A DAY IN THE LIFE OF

This episode occurred early in my career with Columbus Branch of Deere & Co.

The complaint came in that a 45 Combine had a vibration problem. This is a hard thing to diagnose because what bothers one person may not bother another. Vibration is next to impossible to measure without sophisticated lab equipment.

But alas I found myself driving clear up into the NW corner of Ohio one day in August to check out the combine. A young fellow from the dealership drove me out to see the customer. It was a beautiful sun shiny day and the owner was combining clover seed. As we stepped out of the pickup the dealership man introduced me as the man from John Deere that came to fix his combine! At this point I don't have a clue as to what the problem is! I talked with the owner-He was a little short fellow maybe 5' 3" tall wearing striped bib overalls and a striped engineer type hat-probably 65 years old.

The dealer service people had installed a few new parts in the header knife drive but the owner said that did not help any. So I told him I would be glad to observe the machine in operation. We started across the field. The straw chopper belt was flopping and the folding ladder to the operator station was shaking. So I had him stop and tightened both up. Again we continued around the field. Machine was humming along beautifully. We arrived back to where the pickup was and stopped. I complimented the owner about his nice crop and how well the machine was working.

I turned to leave. Then the owner proceeded to tell me what was really bothering him. He said, "I have hemorrhoids and it bothers me to drive this combine." Somehow I kept a straight face and said if I knew how to make it run better I would have already done that. Then he said "Well I guess I'll have to trade it off on a red one!" And I said "You need to do what makes you happy but be careful. There are currently six makes of combines on the market. Two of them have opposing motion between chaffer and sieve. The other four have the back end all shake together. John Deere has the opposing motion." I wanted to say to him my dad sits on a sheepskin--but I don't think that would have been received well! We turned and left. Each day brings a new challenge!

Dave Badger

Why, Why, Why

Why do we press harder on a remote control when we know the batteries are going dead?

Why do banks charge a fee on "insufficient funds" when they know there is not enough money?

Why does someone believe you when you say there are four billion stars, but check when you say the paint is wet?

Why doesn't glue stick to the bottle?

Why do they use sterilized needles for death by lethal injection?

Why does Superman stop bullets with his chest, but ducks when you throw a revolver at him?

Why do Kamikaze pilots wear helmets?

If people evolved from apes, why are there still apes?

Why is it that no matter what color bubble bath you use the bubbles are always white?

Why do people constantly return to the refrigerator with hopes that something new to eat will have materialized?

Why is it that no plastic bag will open from the end on your first try?

When we are in the supermarket and someone rams our ankle with a shopping cart then apologizes for doing so, why do we say, "It's all right?" Well, it isn't all right, so why don't we say, "That hurt, you idiot?"

In winter why do we try to keep the house as warm as it was in summer when we complained about the heat?

Why do you never hear father-in-law jokes?

And my FAVORITE...

The statistics on sanity are that one out of every four persons is suffering from some sort of mental illness. Think of your three best friends -- if they're okay, then it's you.

Submitted by Judy Brokaw

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

For Sale:
"A", "G", 50, 820, 8020
419-618-1755

For Sale:
1967 Row Crop 2510 Gas
New tires, ROPS canopy, metal good
740-342-2626

For Sale:
JD 55 EB combine (Square back)
12 ft grain head, 334 corn head, 210 corn head
Used last fall, works well, runs good
Price negotiable, Make offer
419-864-6229

For Sale:
Model 66 4-14 pull type plow
Bottoms and coulters in excellent condition
419-673-8210

For Sale:
1953 AR styled, restored
419-673-8210

For Sale:
2010 wide front
419-894-6331 after 5 PM

For Sale:
Cultivators to fit JD "A" tractor
Make offer
740-862-6045

For Sale:
1954 "50" narrow front, extra parts
330-465-0140 ask for Jr.

For Sale:
JD 1943 "B"
419-525-6024

For Sale:
John Deere Threshing Machine
Silver on rubber 28"- 46"
419-937-1943

Wanted:
Receiver bracket for 2 bottom plow
on a John Deere "M"
937-492-7390

Wanted:
JD "54" Garden tractor hydraulic blade
Fits models 120, 140, 300, 312, 314, 316, 317, 318, etc.
4-way operation (2 cylinders) preferred
937-364-6215 or 937-725-5986

Wanted:
M-100-A planter
One row planter that fits on cultivator for JD "M"
Mounts on right hand side up along engine
419-869-9022

Wanted:
Mounted cultivator for JD 2010 Row Crop
740-404-5349

Wanted:
1956 2 cylinder diesel
70, 80, 720 or 820
440-371-2194

Wanted:
38" fixed tread wide front
Fits 20 or 30 series tractors
419-673-8210

For Sale:
Unstyled "L" needs restored
Good rubber, good tag
\$4750 Ph. 330-359-2342

For Sale:
1955 JD "40" runs good
Early repaint, good tires
\$2500 Firm Ph: 419-795-4916

Wanted:

Allstate Farm Master 9-32 tire for Model "H" tractor as pictured below. Trying to find another one to match this with 50% or more tread.

419-869-9022 e-mail: greenbarn285@cs.com



For Sale:

1938 JD "A" \$2200
1 and 2 bottom plows on steel
1 pair of clamshell fenders
4020 fender brackets
Parting out 51 "A" and JD "H"
937-448-2727

For Sale:

Schwartz wide front end \$300
419-675-1408 or
567-674-8132

For Sale:

1956 "70" Diesel
1951 "A"
(2) 18.4 x 34 Firestone tires on 9 bolt rims
30 to 35 %
419-675-1467

IN PERSPECTIVE

Figure 5.1. Only a small portion of land is capable of producing food.



1 Imagine the Earth as an apple.



2 Cut it into fourths. Only one part is land—the rest is water. Set aside the three sections that represent water.



3 Cut the land section in half. One part represents land that is mountains, deserts, or covered with ice. Set this part aside.



4 Cut the other livable area into fourths. Three of these are too rocky, wet, hot, infertile, or covered with roads and cities to grow food. Set these three aside.



5 There is now only $\frac{1}{32}$ of a slice of apple remaining. Peel the skin from this tiny piece.



6 The skin represents the soil on which the food is grown that must feed all the people on Earth.

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