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GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hi John Deere Fans!

I hope all of you had a great time at the banquet! We will see what you thought of the Pinecrest site - then think about where to have it next year.

We have a few finishing touches to put on the club display for the "Gathering of the Green" - then load it up and haul it to Davenport in March. If you're not on our volunteer list and would like to be, please call one of the board members and we'll sign you up. This year's "Gathering" is going to be great, and I hope that many of you will make the time to attend all or part of it. I've been calling people from all over the United States and Canada for tour scheduling, and everyone I've talked to is so excited about coming. We can be proud that our club is a part of making it work. THANK YOU to all of you who lent a hand with the club display by helping build it or by donating items for inside the display.

I've been looking for a John Deere snowmobile for a while, and a friend of mine dropped an old non-working one off at my house the other day. We'll see if it's a treasure or not. I have plans to put it in running condition in my spare time, but I'm not sure I have that much time to spare. It will be a project.

If you happen to be one of our members who moves or travels to a warmer climate in the cold weather and just happens to go to a tractor show, we would love a report. Remember - we had some fun with that last year.

Keep looking in and behind those old buildings,

Bill

DON'T FORGET TO PAY YOUR DUES.

If the date to the right of your name on your newsletter envelope is 3/31/10, you owe dues. Send your check, payable to NEITCC, to Shelby at 6829 Burning Tree Circle, McHenry, IL 60050. Remember, if your dues are not Received by 3/31/2010, your membership will terminate.

NEW MEMBER WELCOME

Ron and Renee Schroder are long-time members of the Northwest Illinois Two-Cylinder Club and have been deeply involved in all of the "Gathering of the Green" conferences. We're proud to have them join us as our first new members of the 2010 year.

Ron and Renee Schroder

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Director Meeting Minutes – January 14, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. The secretary and treasurer reports were approved as presented and reports regarding the club display for the "Gathering" and an overall report of "Gathering" activities were given. NEITCC has purchased a half-page ad in the GOG program book, and Ken has designed and submitted it.

Dennis Dunlap had researched information regarding the purchase of a two-sided banner for display by club members participating in area parades and shows. A motion was made and seconded to purchase an 18"x30" banner. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding the need to identify a member to take the Board position being vacated by Pat Noonan, effective January 31, 2010. A slate of officers for the 2010 year will be voted on at the Pinecrest annual meeting.

Bill will contact George Pinkowski regarding the possibility of a greasy fingers workshop in the early summer at his home or an alternate site.

A budget proposal presented by Mark Johnson was discussed, with all in agreement that the board must be mindful of expenditures in relation to income. The topic was tabled for now.

It was moved and seconded that the NEITCC club picnic be held at Blackberry Farm on Sunday, July 11. Motion carried. Mark will make arrangements with Blackberry.

Discussion was held regarding club activities for 2010 and club insurance.

No date was set for the next meeting. This meeting was adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Pinecrest Annual Meeting, Buffet, Auction Sunday, January 31, 2010

Many of the "faithful" arrived in time to enjoy a beverage during the half-hour cash bar from 3:00 to 3:30. Pinecrest is a spacious and very attractive facility that lends itself to easily moving around and visiting with others. Bill coralled everyone by 3:35 and the annual meeting began with reports by the secretary and treasurer that were unanimously approved as presented. The main task at hand was election of the 2010 Board of Directors. Bill read a slate of nominees that was prepared by the current directors for the members' consideration, and he then asked for other nominations from the floor. Hearing none, he closed the nominations and presented the following slate for approval:

Bill Cunningham

Mark Johnson

Shelby Reese

Ken Reese

Gary Pitts

John Hoffman

Paul Ziller

Dennis Dunlap

Kevin Gutzmer

The slate was accepted unanimously. Bill announced that the new Board of Directors would meet this evening immediately at the close of the auction to elect the officers for the coming year.

Results of that election are as follows:

Bill Cunningham, President

Dennis Dunlap, Vice President

Mark Johnson, Treasurer

Shelby Reese, Secretary

Ken Reese

Gary Pitts

Paul Ziller

John Hoffman

Kevin Gutzmer

Thanks to Pat Noonan for his many years of service on the Board of Directors, and special thanks to Kevin Gutzmer for stepping up to fill Pat's position. You'll be a great addition to the Board.

With the official business completed, Bill read names of the nine new members who have joined since the 2009 February Fisherman's Inn meeting and then introduced those of them in attendance...Roger and Sandy Gustafson, Matt Banbury and Ron and Renee Schroder. Special thanks were extended to Harold Olson, Dennis Dunlap, Ed Wesemann and Carolyn and George Wells for their "over and above" involvement with club activities during the past year. Bill also expressed thanks to all the directors and other members who helped in the building of the 1950s era John Deere Dealership façade that will make up the club's display at "Gathering of the Green." Ken Reese reported that the "Gathering" will feature 70 vendors, 50 workshops, and numerous trips and tours offered in the Quad Cities area and beyond. Members were encouraged to register for the full four-day conference or to come just for a single day. It's looking like this conference will be the largest and best one yet. Hope to see many/most of you there!

Bill reviewed club activities held during the past year and discussed some being considered for the 2010 year. Of special note was the date change for the annual Blackberry Farm Picnic and Tractor Show. Traditionally the event has been held on Father's Day and attendance indicates that isn't a very popular choice, so we'll be planning for the picnic and tractor show on **Sunday, July 11**. Details to follow soon. It's hoped that more plow days and some tractor rides will be included on the 2010 calendar. Bob Johnson extended an open invitation to any and all who would like to stop by his place on 10/10/10 (10th month, 10th day, 10 AM) to do some fall plowing. Remember, the operative word for this event is "open." If you decide that morning that you feel like plowing a little, just come on by Bob's place - 10/10/10. The pig roast will be included again in the fall. It's a very popular event, so watch for information about it in the newsletter.

Amazingly we crammed all this business and "stuff" into about a half hour, and the dinner bell was rung at 4:05. The food was delicious and the buffet line moved as smoothly and efficiently as possible, considering the 100+ hungry people. Bottom line...it was a delicious meal offered in handsome surroundings by helpful, friendly staff. The impression was that those attending were giving a big thumbs up to Pinecrest.

There seemed to be more auction "treasures" than in past years, and there were some really interesting, enticing items. The auction was under way by a hair past 5:00, and most folks were heading home by 7 'ish.

Bottom line...it was a great night, and **special thanks** are due to all of you who were able to join us and bring some great things for the auction. We would like to hear some feedback from you about Pinecrest so that when the time comes to begin plans for the 2011 event, we'll have your opinions to help make decisions.

*******CLASSIFIED CORNER*******

NEITCC members may submit ads at no cost. Please renew your ad every 90 days.
Call Shelby at 815-578-8635 or e-mail at kwreese@aol.com.

FOR SALE: Two well-used rear tractor tires with one useable tube. Not a matching set.
 Size: 12.4x36. Old style 45 degree tread design \$100.00 or best offer
 Lanny Gray Phone 847-537-2679 Feb. 2010

WANTED: John Deere 830, 80 and 730s - gas or diesel (No project tractors.)
 Pull-type plows - 3-4-5 bottom - hydraulic lift only
 George Weikum 630-878-9401

FOR SALE: 720 Diesel Standard, 3 pt., adjustable wide front; real good paint \$9800
 George Weikum 630-878-9401 Feb. 2010



Paul Ziller is an active member of the club along with serving as a Director. He and his wife Fern live in Huntley. They have one son and one daughter with five grandchildren.

Paul grew up on a farm in Reddick near Kankakee, Illinois. He grew up in a family with 9 boys and 1 girl. After hearing that, I told Paul I would like to meet his sister as she must be quite a survivor! He says she's in her late 60s and still milks dairy cattle each day. In his youth, the family moved to Huntley and farmed 550 acres and raised 500 hogs and 150 beef cattle. This was quite a farming operation during that time. They mostly farmed with John Deere two-cylinder tractors including an Unstyled G, 2 John Deere Bs, and a John Deere A. They also had two Minneapolis Moline Twin Cities tractors. Paul recalls combining with a 6-foot model 12A combine and baling hay with a New Holland 66 baler.

After his father decided to stop farming, Paul worked for D & Z Trucking as a livestock hauler. After a couple of years of trucking he was drafted into the Army. While in the Army, he spent 19 months in Germany and was able to see many other countries in that part of the world such as Spain and North Africa. After being discharged from the Army he went into construction, working for Plote. He worked several years as a General Superintendent for the Plote Company before retiring.

Paul's first hobby tractor was a 1952 John Deere Styled G that he purchased in Missouri. He drove between 600 and 700 miles each way to pick up that tractor. I believe he said the front wheel was missing on that tractor when he picked it up. About three years later he picked up a John Deere Unstyled G. Six months after that, he and Fern were driving along and she wanted to stop at a garage sale along the road. After driving past the sale for a short distance, Paul turned around to keep harmony in the marriage. As they started looking around at the sale items he noticed a 1946 John Deere LA in the corner of the garage. As you can imagine, Paul ended up with that tractor. Of course, Fern was quick to take responsibility for that find and now considers that "her" tractor.

While collecting, Paul acquired a fondness for GPs and now has six. His first GP was a 1929 model located in Wyoming. To say that Paul doesn't mind driving long distances to pick up his new toys is an understatement. Paul states that the long trips allow him to see different parts of the country which he enjoys greatly.

Paul has an extensive collection of tractors and equipment but, to name a few, he has a 1954 JD 70, 2 Styled Gs, a 520, 820 Diesel (five bottom plow) and a 720 Diesel. He has some Internationals and a Case to name a few but we didn't have enough time in this article to capture everything.

Paul has attended every Heritage Tractor Ride since the first one. That would be 8 years times approximately 150 miles which equals a lot of miles on a tractor. Congratulations to Paul on that accomplishment. Paul enjoys the club activities, helping plan the events but most of all the people and the conversations he has with everybody. His favorite tractor is the 1938 Unstyled G.

When you have an opportunity, please stop by and tell Paul thanks for sharing his background with us.

Submitted by Dennis Dunlap

HERE ARE A FEW PHOTOS FROM THE PINECREST BANQUET:



Shelby, pretending to be busy,
Pat Noonan, Bidder Number Guy, &
Bob Johnson, Overseer



GOOD STUFF!!!



Dan Gavin & Laura Ross
(There's a sparkle in Laura's eyes -
I think she's eager to make good use of that
bidder number in Dan's pocket.)



Lanny & Pat Gray
(Lanny, is that beer & cookies??)



MEET THE GUTZMERS!
Stacy, Tara, Kevin & Tyler



Phyllis & Bob Johnson
Don't forget Bob's open plow day
10/10/10



Roger & Sandy
Gustafson Ken &
Jake Ebel



Donna
Dobbratz Brenda
Hoffman Emily
McMahon



Harold Olson
"Doin' his thing."
Thanks again Harold, you did good!

2010 COMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	CONTACT	LOCATION
Mar. 17-20, 2010	GATHERING OF THE GREEN kwreese@aol.com	Ken Reese 815-578-8635	Davenport, IA
June 4 & 5	Nat'l. Farm Toy Museum – Summer Show www.farmtoys@dyersville.com		Dyersville, IA
June 4-6	Harvard Milk Days	milkdays.com	815-943-4614
June 17-19	Two-Cylinder Expo		Waterloo, IA
July 4	Bartlett Parade		Bartlett, IL
July 15-18	Will County Threshermen's Antique Tractor & Steam Show – featuring Oliver-Hart Parr tractors & equipment.	Pat Noonan 630-739-3551 jppnoonan@sbcglobal.net	Dollinger Farm Minooka, IL
July 20-25	Dupage County Fair	dupagecountyfair.org	Wheaton
June 26-27	Early Day Gas Engine Club- <u>FEATURING JOHN DEERE</u> www.oldengine.org/members/sandwich		Sandwich, IL
July 27-Aug. 1	Lake County Farm Heritage Fall Festival	847-223-2204	Wauconda, IL
July 11	NEITCC Blackberry Farm Family Picnic & Tractor Show		Aurora, IL
Aug. 10-15	Boone County Fair	815-544-4066	Belvidere, IL
Aug. 12-15	Northern IL Steam Power Show		Sycamore, IL
Sept. 1-6	Walworth County Fair	262-723-3228	Elkhorn, WI
Sept. 9-11	New Generation 50 th Anniversary JD Fall Festival		Waterloo, IA Tech Works Site
Sept. 17-19	Freeport Show www.thefreeportshow.com	815-235-2198	Freeport, IL
Sept. 19	15 th Annual Woodstock HarvestFest 10 AM to 5PM (Tractors there by 9:30 AM)	Dennis Dunlap dunlap013@att.net	Woodstock Square Woodstock, IL
Oct. 2-3	Autumn on Parade Farm Toy & Tractor Show	autumnonparade.com	Oregon, IL
Oct. 10	NEITCC - Bob Johnson's Open Plow Day (10/10/10)		Sycamore, IL
Nov. 5-7	Nat'l. Farm Toy Museum – Fall Show www.farmtoys@dyersville.com		Dyersville, IA

Regulars I'm missing include:

Genoa Parade
Burlington Parade

Tractor Show at Farmer's Market - Huntley
Tom's Market Tractor Show

Let me know if you have info. and/or other dates you suggest I include. sr