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GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hi John Deere Fans!

I hope all is well at your house...ours has been good and very busy. I hope to see many of you at the Father's Day picnic at Blackberry Farm. It's a great place to spend the day, with things to do for all ages. Bring your tractor to display or just come out for a picnic and visit with friends. Bring a dish to pass, meat to grill (a grill will be provided) and tell them at the gate that you're with the tractor club to receive a reduced entrance fee.

I've spent the last five weeks helping one of my farmer friends get his crops planted. It's been a little difficult working around the rainy weather and the wet spots in the fields. Except for a couple hundred acres of beans to finish and going back to try planting some of the wet areas, he is done planting.

I haven't been very diligent about working with George Weikum on a club tractor ride, but now that my field work is done I'll try to do better. We'll have an update in the next newsletter.

If you have a tractor show or parade you're going to participate in and would like other members to join you, please let Shelby or me know and we'll get the word out.

As you know, each of the four host clubs will have a display at the "Gathering of the Green." Our club needs to create and build a display and for this we need your help. We need a chairman or co-chairmen and all the volunteers we can get, so call Shelby or me to get your name on the list. The "Gathering of the Green" is raffling off a John Deere Gator and ¼ of the proceeds from the raffle come back to our club. Tickets are \$10.00, so contact one of our club directors if you would like to win the Gator...maybe you'll be sold the winning ticket! Remember - only 1200 tickets will be sold, so your odds are pretty good.

I hope to see you this summer. Keep looking behind those old barns.

Bill



NEITCC TRACTOR RIDE??

Before we organize a tractor ride for NEITCC members, we need to know how many of you would participate in this activity. Please call Bill Cunningham at 815-943-4321 or e-mail him at mcunning@mc.net if interested.

SPINELLI MUSEUM OPEN HOUSE
Saturday, May 30, 2009
By Ed Wesemann

Eighteen NEITCC club members were among many guests of Guy and Andy Spinelli at their museum which is officially recognized as the SPINELLI MUSEUM. On display outdoors were (7) John Deere farm tractors along with several IHCs, Herb Falk's Cockshutt, several Cub Cadet and John Deere lawn mower tractors, a fire engine truck, Ken Ebel's 1952 restored Chevy pick-up, Paul Tombaugh's IHC feed grinder belted to his IHC model M that was in use grinding ear corn, and a Versatile brand self-propelled swather. Inside were many gas engines including several air-cooled Wisconsin ones. In the basement of the home was a huge model railroad set up. Lunch was provided from noon on.

Our club members in attendance were: Guy Spinelli, Andy Spinelli, John Hoffman, Wayne Jensen, Bill Cunningham, Herb Falk, Stacy Schrader, Bernie Shea, Jason Madaus, Ken Reese, Shelby Reese, Paul Ziller, Dennis Dunlap, Jim Hoffman, Max Wilson, Jennifer Wilson, Ken Ebel, and Ed Wesemann. The weather was ideal and the location was excellent. Many thanks to Guy and Andy for their hospitality.



**ANNUAL BLACKBERRY FARM FAMILY PICNIC & TRACTOR SHOW
SUNDAY, JUNE 21, 2009 (Father's Day)**

100 S. Barnes Rd., Aurora, IL 60506

THOSE BRINGING TRACTORS SHOULD ARRIVE BEFORE 10:00 A.M.
(The park will open as early as 8:00 a.m.)

POTLUCK LUNCH AT NOON

Don't forget:

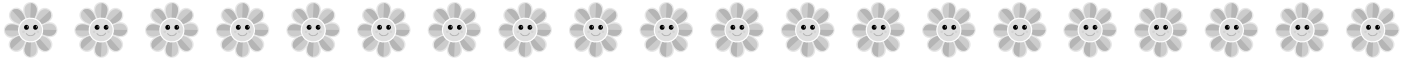
1. Your own table service
2. Your own beverages (or you may purchase them at the park)
3. Your own meat to cook (a grill is provided)
4. A dish to pass

PARADE OF TRACTORS AT 3:30

Remember - those not showing tractors should identify themselves at the main gate as part of the NEITCC group in order to receive the resident admission rate.

**COMMEMORATIVE HATS
GRAND DETOUR TWO-CYLINDER DAYS 2009**

June 20 is the deadline for notifying Bob Johnson if you would like to order a hat commemorating the 2009 Grand Detour Two-Cylinder Days (July 31, August 1 & 2). Exhibitors may choose a hat with "Exhibitor" embroidered on the back; others who are not exhibiting but would like a hat may order a plain one. Cost for each hat is \$12.50. Call Bob at 815-761-3709 no later than June 20 with your order. Be sure to indicate what type of hat you wish.



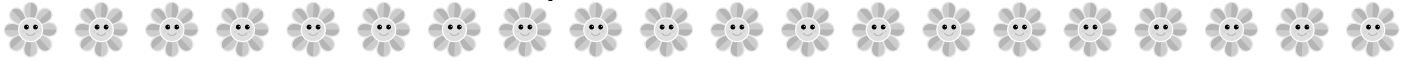
GET WELL CAROLYN!

We've learned of the extended illness of Carolyn Lillegard, wife of member Tom Lillegard. While Carolyn's health is improving, she will still be hospitalized for some time. Get well cards may be sent to her at

Carolyn Lillegard

2025 IL Rt. 176

Crystal Lake IL 60014-2250



NEW MEMBER

Welcome to Jason Madaus and his wife Heather. We're glad to have you aboard and look forward to meeting and greeting you both at future NEITCC activities.

Jason & Heather Madaus

1414 Antuna Blvd.

Woodstock, IL 60098

815-509-9125 (cell)

lazyfarmer@sbcglobal.net

ADDRESS CHANGE

Please note the following address change in your directory:

Bruce Johnson

9886 Fowler Rd.

Rochelle, IL 61068

815-562-5544

twocylb@yahoo.com

"GATHERING OF THE GREEN" 2010

March 17 through 20, 2010

As reported last month, the Radisson Hotel is filled, but reservations are being taken at the **CLARION INN, 5202 Brady St., Davenport, IA...Phone: 563-391-1230.**

The Clarion is located a short distance from the River Center where all "Gathering" activities will be held. Shuttle service will be available to and from the River Center for "Gathering" attendees housed at the Clarion. However, should those individuals elect to drive to the River Center, there is ample parking available in the River Center parking garage and in a second parking garage located less than a block away. Be sure to mention that you'll be attending the "Gathering of the Green" conference when making reservations at the Clarion.

Don't hesitate to make your reservations ASAP! Should circumstances arise that prevent you from attending the March 2010 "Gathering," you can easily cancel your reservations.

For regularly updated details about the "Gathering," check the website, WWW.GATHERINGOFTHEGREEN.COM or call "Gathering" information at 815-246-4121.

2010 John Deere Memorabilia Conference

This event, where several seminars and many vendor tables will focus on John Deere history and memorabilia, is slated for **March 16 and 17, 2010**. The conference will be held at the Radisson Hotel in Davenport, IA, adjacent to the River Center where the March 17-20, 2010 "Gathering of the Green" activities will take place. This will be a great opportunity for those of you into memorabilia to bundle the two activities and enjoy a week-long, one-stop emersion into all things "Deere" to your heart.

*******THE 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

MECHANICAL Qs & As

If you have a mechanical question about the restoration of your old John Deere two-cylinder tractor, call NEITCC member **Don Ward of Chula, MO at 660-639-2165**. Don is a highly skilled and knowledgeable restorer who is happy to answer any and all questions you might have about mechanical issues with your tractor. He is a widely-known and well-respected member of the restoration hobby. Don has led workshops at every "Gathering of the Green" conference and was a member of the *Two-Cylinder* Technical Council for many years. Don Ward fields calls from California to Maine, so feel free to "give him a ring."

PARTS TIPS:

PRIMER COMPRESSION RELIEF VALVES: If you are looking for primer compression relief valves for your D or GP, you know how hard they are to find in working condition today. I have found a source for them. They are re-manufactured to better-than-new specs and look great. I just got a set of 90° ones for Jim Hoffman's 39D. There are also the straight ones for the early Ds. Call Ray Beutel at 716-433-4657. He's a real nice guy and really does good work. The price is very reasonable too. He also does and makes carb parts.

Submitted by John McConnell - 815-385-1816. trainguy18@ameritech.net 4/1/09

FOR SALE:

John Deere 1941 L with plow - Jack pump drive and bracket	Very Good Condition	S/N 633926	\$3,500.00
Miscellaneous A parts - brake assemblies - hubs - fuel tank - rims			\$250.00
Bruce Brdlik 630-964-0617		5904 Springside Ave., Downers Grove 60516	June, 09

Cab for John Deere 650 - metal canopy, glass windshield and vinyl sides	\$50.00
Ed or Kathy McElmurry 847-872-2627	

JD #1-A Single Ear Sheller	Make an offer
Dale Storck 630-466-4348 (afternoons) 630-740-3791 (cell) dvstorck@att.net	5/1/09
(FYI...the "M" and pain & misc. parts have been sold)	

1948 GW - Wide front, nice matched 45 tires; repainted, runs great, electric start, hydraulic & rock shaft. It will have new lights on it.	\$5750.00
George Weikum 630-878-9401 topgunz99@aol.com	First posted 3/09

WANTS TO BUY/TRADE:

John Deere manure spreader with front & rear axles - Wants to buy	
George Pinkowski 847-702-6690	First posted 4/1/09

830 Electric Start, in good condition. Will trade or buy	
George Weikum 630-878-9401 topgunz99@aol.com	First posted 3/09

And Finally,

Fantastic Facts For The Fabulous 4440s

Many of you have probably heard about the March 6, 2009 auction in Hamilton, IL that included the sale of three 1982 John Deere Model 4440s. Articles about this sale were in the March/April and May/June editions of *Successful Farming*, but for those who haven't heard this amazing story, here's a brief historical review.

In 1981, Wayne Crooks struck oil on his west-central Illinois farm. The oil leasing rights agreement offered by Henry Energy of Arlington, TX, insured that Henry Energy would get 75% of the oil rights on the farm and they, in turn, would provide Crooks with a new line of farm equipment plus 800 prime acres of neighboring land. Included in the farm equipment were three brand-new 1982 4440s costing Henry Energy \$33,900 each.

Crooks rented out the 800 acres and only used the 4440s occasionally so that by 2009, one had 1,843 hours on it, a second had 692 hours, and the third just 47 hours. The third 47-hour 4440 sat in the shed from 1982 to the day of the auction in March, 2009.

Three thousand attended the auction, with 1,300+ registered bidders. Usually, bidding starts low and gradually moves higher, but when the 47-hour 4440 was the star attraction, within minutes the numbers were into the low \$50,000 range, then up to \$55,000 and it was finally sold for \$58,000!

The other two 4440s brought \$43,000 and \$51,000. The nine pieces of equipment purchased for Crooks cost Henry Energy a total of \$235,804 in 1982. The combined total sale of the equipment was \$254,200 – an increase of \$20,000 over the 27 year period. Unfortunately Mr. Crooks passed away at the age of 83 in October, 2008. He would have been amazed!

Shelby

The following was shared by Don and Eleanor Ward, NEITCC members from Chula, MO. They are members of the Linn County Tractor and Engine Association, and this piece was included in the April 09 edition of their newsletter. Don and Eleanor, thanks for the chuckle!

THREE SONS

"A farmer has three sons. One day, his oldest boy comes to him and pleads with him that he is graduating from school and would really like to get a car. His father says, "Son, come with me." He takes him to the barn and points to the farm tractor and says, "That tractor is needed here on the farm and I promise that as soon as it's paid for, we'll get you a car." The boy was not too happy but he did understand that situation and said, "Okay, Dad."

A week later, his second son (10 years old) approaches him wanting a new bicycle, but gets the same excuse: "as soon as that tractor is paid for..."

A few days later son number 3, his youngest, comes bugging him for a tricycle. Again, ol' Dad gives him the lecture about the tractor being paid for first. While leaving the barn, the young boy, more than a little disgusted with the whole thing, sees a rooster mating with one of the hens and promptly goes over and kicks the rooster smooth off the hen's back, mumbling to himself the whole time.

His Dad says, "Son, why on earth would you do something like that? He didn't do anything to you to deserve that!" The little boy looks his Dad right square in the eye and says, "Hey, nobody rides anything around here until that damn tractor is paid for!"

2009 COMING EVENTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
June 18, 19, 20	Two-Cylinder Expo XIX Nat'l. Cattle Congress Grounds	Jack Cherry 319-824-6060 www.two-cylinder.com	Waterloo, IA
June 20	Genoa Parade 11:00 line up – 12:00 parade	Wayne Jensen 630-837-8671	Genoa, IL 630-989-3326 (cell)
June 21	NEITCC Blackberry Farm Tractor Show & Family Picnic	Mark Johnson 630-466-7528	Aurora, IL

June 27-28	Sandwich 38 th Annual Gas Engine, Tractor, Truck & Farm Toy Show www.oldengine.org/members/sandwich	Scott Larsen 815-357-6282	Sandwich, IL
July 11 & 12	Hadaway Tractor Show & Cook Out	Terry Hadaway 815-625-8527	Rock Falls/Rt. 30
July 5	Bartlett Parade 11:00 line up - 12:00 parade	Wayne Jensen 630-837-8671 630-989-3326 (cell)	Bartlett, IL
July 16-19	Will County Threshermen's Antique Tractor & Steam Show - featuring Avery tractors	Pat Noonan 630-739-3351 jppnoonan@sbcglobal.net	Channahon, IL
July 22-26	DuPage County Fair	dupagecountyfair.org	Wheaton, IL
July 31, Aug. 1, 2	Grand Detour Two-Cylinder Days Set up July 30	Bruce Johnson 630-365-5001 twocylb@yahoo.com	Grand Detour, IL
Aug. 11-16	Boone County Fair floydtractor@aol.com	Floyd & Marie Anderson 815-544-9265	Belvidere
Aug. 13-16	Northern IL Steam Power Club 53 rd Annual Sycamore Steam Show	Wayne Jensen 630-837-8671 630-989-3326 (cell)	Sycamore, IL
Aug. 27-30	Half Century of Progress/Legends Of Time Rantoul Nat'l. Aviation Center Airport www.halfcenturyofprogress.org	John Bensyl 217-583-3100	Penfield, IL
Sept. 2-7	Walworth County Fair	262-723-3228	Elkhorn, WI
Sept. ?? (to be announced)	Burlington Parade 11:00 line up - 12:00 parade	Wayne Jensen 630-837-8671 630-989-3326 (cell)	Burlington, IL
Sept. 18-20	The Freeport Show Stephenson County Fairgrounds www.thefreeportshow.com	Kay Klever 815-235-2198	Freeport, IL
Sept. 20	Woodstock's 14 th Annual Old-Fashioned Harvest Fest - 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Dennis Dunlap 630-483-7344 dunlap013@comcast.net	Woodstock Square
Sept. 26-27	Lake County Farm Heritage Fall Festival	Andrew Osborne 847-968-3400	Wauconda IL
October 3-4 (corrected date)	Tractors For Charity dfranzen@plote.com	Darick Franzen 847-514-7082 (cell)	McHenry, IL
Oct. 3	Autumn on Parade Farm Toy & Tractor Show	Stan Eden 815-732-7746	Oregon, IL
November 6-8	Nat'l Farm Toy Museum Fall Show laberle@toyfarmer.com	Lori Aberle 800-533-8293	Dyersville, IA