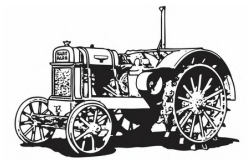


CENTRAL ILLINOIS
FARM HERITAGE TRACTOR CLUB
NEWSLETTER



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President's Column

by Dan Wiest

We are off to an early Spring, I managed to get into the field to do some early tillage. Prior to that, I managed to put in a small patch of oats beating last year's planting date by 5 days. It is already emerging. And to top it off, I already mowed the lawn! But now, Mother Nature has delivered some rainy weather to help things out.

With early spring, come planter prep and repairs. And meanwhile I am still plugging away on the 4100. The hydraulics are taking shape. Meanwhile, we have some progress on a new FarmHand haybasket project. I hope to visit with you at the next meeting, bring a friend!



Vice President's Column

by Kevin Engquist

Well it sure feels like spring is here. Needing more rain for sure, but looking forward to a nice gentle warmup. Be sure to watch for farm equipment on the move. I am hoping to empty my shop this spring and have a sale. I will let everybody know what is available. So it sounds like we will have a fun April meeting offsite to look at another collection. Always fun to see what else everyone has hidden away in their sheds. One thing for sure is I am pretty sure we will be cutting grass in the next week or so, so make sure your blades are sharp and fluids checked. Looking forward to seeing as many that can make it to the next meeting. See you there.

Looking for Membership Input

Gary Fyke is interested in cataloging names of agricultural/farming items that would probably be foreign to city folks but are routine to us. This came up at our February meeting where we talked about gleaners and augers and what their purposes are. Gary, who was a city kid with a father who was a machinist, had a different image of what an auger was. Think about items we use(d) or maybe amusing experiences we've had that can be organized into an enjoyable catalogue that would help explain what farmers, their processes and equipment do routinely to those who "don't have a clue." Write some things down and bring them to the upcoming meetings to share.

Calendar Items

April 19 (Sun) - Monthly Meeting offsite 12 pm Lunch at Chestnut Inn in Henry, 1pm Ned Ransom's tractor shed 509 Lincoln St, Henry (Turn East of Casey's on Lincoln, travel to the railroad tracks, building on the left.), then Ned's friend's place about 7 miles from there!

April 28-30 Spring Planting at Three Sisters Park

July 24-25 (Fri-Sat) - Club Event at Princeville Heritage Museum.

Treasurer Report

by Shawn Weck

Checking		
Starting Balance	3/5	\$ 2,418.55
Income		\$ 0.00
Expenses		\$(0.00)
Ending Balance	4/3	2,418.55
Savings		
Starting Balance	3/5	\$ 10,107.75
Interest		\$ 0.44
Ending Balance	4/3	\$ 10,108.19

Birthdays

Tom Cusack April 25
 Shawn Weck April 25
 Isaiah Yess April 26

Anniversaries

Floyd & Debbie Streitmatter April 14

Announcements, etc.

April 10-11 (Fri-Sat) Walthes Early American Farm Days. 11173 Wintermann Rd., Breese, IL. 8 a.m. to dark. Kenny Walthes 618-407-2428 Here is a link to a video on Facebook showing some of the family collection. <https://www.facebook.com/reel/530443899065383>

April 25 (Sat) Swap Meet at Butler Haynes Park in Mapleton at 9 a.m. Bring items to sell. No entry fee. Free to set up and sell.

Spring Planting at Three Sisters Park April 28-30 (Tues-Thurs)

Contact Don Thompson at 309-251-2255 or don.thompson@mchsi.com if you can bring a piece of equipment to display or if you can pull students around the grounds on people haulers.

Share something about yourself, something you collect, or something in regards to America's 250th birthday. Hope you can share at one of the upcoming meetings!

Sale Barn

Sale barn ads are free to club members or sponsors and will be posted as space allows. Suggested donation for a non-member ad is \$20. Please notify an officer when your item is sold or ad is no longer needed.

Wanted

Farmhand Rake, Model 25 or F5 or simliar 5 wheel model - Old Style
 Dan Wiest (309) 253-4842

John Deere A, or GM
 Shawn Weck (309) 256-4065

For Sale

All ads must have a price and will be run for 3 months max, or as space allows.

2 sets of 18.4 x 38 DMI duals with hooks. The tires are worn out but hold air good. They make good duals or if tires were removed would make good burn pits. Make offer. Princeville. Floyd 309-360-3978

15 foot John Deere #400 rotary hoe. \$300. Princeville. Floyd 309-360-3978

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Last Month's Trivia



Who invented the first grain augers? Bonus: When and where did this happen? Martin Mayrath invented the portable grain auger near Dodge City Kansas in 1943, with patents by 1945.

Trivia

What company moved to a factory in Fargo, ND in 1969?
 Special Question - How many Green tractors did Dan and Shawn see in the Quad Cities?

Princeville Ag Team

The group will hold its first gathering on **April 15** from 6-8 p.m. to tinker and work on various projects at the Museum. Contact Roy Maguire if interested in participating, or to get on his communication list. (309) 713-6087 or roy.maguire@frontier.com



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