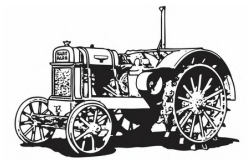


CENTRAL ILLINOIS
FARM HERITAGE TRACTOR CLUB
NEWSLETTER



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President's Column

by Dan Wiest

The weather patterns have been upside down, it seems. Last month I was able to combine my double crop beans. Not sure I know anyone combining in February, but crop conditions were perfect for it. I always say the best job is combining.

On to project updates. A few more combine header tweaks are wrapping up, and I have been working on the 4100 hydraulics and front weight mounting. The bracket has to be custom made, since I could not find a bracket, only the weights.

As Spring approaches, so comes with it field work and planting. And we do have some local shows/gatherings that are coming up early this Spring. On the side, as I clean up the shop and the den, I have found a few more toy models that I have collected over the years.. As I was surfing Ebay, I found a cool find, and I am going to surprise my brother with an early Birthday present. It is a toy model Minneapolis Moline G-850, just like the farm tractor we have back on the farm in South Dakota. Perhaps he can put it in his new farm shop he is building. I will be visiting South Dakota around Easter time once again.

New folks are always welcome at our meetings, as we would love to share what we do. Feel free to bring anyone along when you come to them.



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

March 14-15 Sublette Tractor & Toy Show

March 16 - Monthly Meeting: 7 p.m. Princeville Heritage Museum.

March 18-21 Gathering of the Green in Davenport, Iowa

April 28-30 Spring Planting at Three Sisters Park

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

Treasurer Report

by Shamm Week

Checking		
Starting Balance	2/2	\$ 2,293.55
Income		\$ 125.00
Expenses		\$(0.00)
Ending Balance	3/5	2,418.55
Savings		
Starting Balance	2/2	\$ 10,107.36
Interest		\$ 0.39
Ending Balance	3/5	\$ 10,107.75

Birthdays

Angela Zimmerman March 3
 Paul McKim March 7
 Dan Wiest March 21
 Roy Maguire March 24

Anniversaries

Don & Emily Thompson March 15

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.

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

An old Owatonna or IH swather
 Dan Wiest (309) 253-4842

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



Auger tube, or something like what's pictured, to mount a mailbox to. Color doesn't matter. Kim Engquist (309) 645-8349.

For Sale

We are starting over on sale ads. All ads must have a price and will be run for 3 months max, or as space allows.

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!

Resources

Share some of your go-to websites that might be good resources for our members. Here's one from last month's meeting.

mcmastercarr.com

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?

Princeville Ag Team

The group will hold its first gathering on **MARCH 11** 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

Any guesses on who this was?



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