

WATCH OUR "Cat" TRACKS

Antique Caterpillar Machinery Museum Brooks, Oregon USA

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38th ANNUAL GREAT OREGON STEAM-UP

This is the 38th year of the Great Oregon Steam-up Tractor Show to be held July 26th - 27th, and August 2nd - 3rd, 2008. The Powerland grounds are open from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Come join us for the activities, barbeque, auction and tractor parade on July 26th.

See the largest collection of antique Caterpillar tractors and equipment in the Northwest and enjoy seeing some of them operate in the parade at 1:00 p.m. every day of the event. There will be Caterpillar merchandise, a raffle, food, swap meet, reproduction parts, toys and much, much more to add to your amusement.



THE ACMM PRIME RIB BARBEQUE DINNER on Saturday, July 26th will again be catered by Marqum Inn with a cost of \$25.00 per person. The tickets are selling out quickly, so please call Kari Murk at 541-336-8204, evenings and weekends at 541-444-7336 to make your reservations. Lively music will be provided by the Old Time Fiddlers for your toe-tapping enjoyment. Please join us for the day's activities and a tasty BBQ dinner in the evening.

ACMM

July 26th Events

- 9:00 a.m. ▶ General Meeting
- 10:30 a.m. ▶ Safety Meeting
- 12:30 p.m. ▶ Line-up for Parade
- 1:30 p.m. ▶ Parade
- 3:30 p.m. ▶ Auction
- 6:00 p.m. ▶ Banquet with Music



Message from Our PRESIDENT

Any of you have a direct pipeline to Mother Nature? She seems to have a good handle on our Oregon spring weather. This 50 degree weather sure isn't conducive to making my vegetable garden grow. The old timers always said that the first planting of corn should be knee high by the 4th of July; well, mine, so far, is about 2" tall.

Lots of things happening at the Museum. We have construction underway on our archive-library that will preserve the many periodicals, films, and books. Heading this project is Boni Halton, Dave Smith and John Longtin. Many thanks for these fine volunteers.

Another project that will be kicking off soon is the brick wall. This will be on the north wall in the first office bay. If you want your name inscribed on a bronze plaque that will be inset in a brick, be sure to purchase a brick. This is going to be one fabulous looking wall. Many thanks to Boni Halton, Susan Patterson, Paul Skirvin and Pamela Wilkinson.

Now the yearly "Biggie" is just around the corner. That's right, the Great Oregon Steam-up. Committees have been working hard—lots has been done and lots to do. Anyway, better close, but remember this: When the going gets tough, Caterpillar will get going!!!

Don Leffler

AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED!

The auction is a major event at ACMM held on July 26th at 3:30 p.m. It is a main fundraiser for our Museum. Please look around and see if you have any items you would like to donate and contact Marv Fery at 503-392-8237.

COLLECTOR'S CORNER

One of the newest members of ACMM is a retired wheat farmer from Kennewick, Washington, farming approximately 4,000 acres of the Horse Heaven country south of the Pasco/Kennewick area until it was placed in conservation reserve a few years back. Since retiring, Stan Owens started collecting antique crawlers which now consists of several dozen that have been gathered up over the past 4 years.

Stan and his wife, Jean, now live in Kennewick in the home that has been in the family since Stan was a boy attending school. Prior to that, they spent 30 plus years isolated out on the family farm, where it is situated in the middle of rolling hills of farm land miles away from family, friends, and neighbors creating many challenges raising their children commuting the 12 miles back and forth to town for social and school events, appointments, shopping, etc.

Being an avid collector of crawlers, Stan became attached to the Allis Chalmers brand during his farming years where he ran several HD16 crawlers to cover the large amount of acres each year. Prior to becoming attached to the Allis tractors, he ran a RD6, D69U and several D7's.

hind the engine.

This project is about 90% completed and Stan is looking forward to bringing it to the Great Oregon Steam-up. This is a meticulously restored machine with the project taking hundreds of painstaking hours.



Allis Chalmers Model L

Stan continues to purchase antique crawlers with hopes of restoring many of them over the next few years with the help of his daughter, LaNae Sharp, a farm girl at heart, who enjoys helping her dad with the restoration projects a couple days a week on her days off from her regular job. His comment "you can never have too many old crawlers" is spoken like a true collector.

Stan's latest purchase is an Allis Model K that is very clean and runs very well, all it needs is to be cleaned and painted. The



Cat 60 waiting to be restored.

joke about this tractor is it arrived on Mothers Day 2008 wherein Jean divulged that it was not the first tractor she has received on her birthday or Mothers Day.

Stan and Jean are an enjoyable couple being married 48 years. They will be attending Steam-up and as new members, we welcome and encourage them to participate in our Museum activities and events.

Don't let this be your last newsletter ~ be sure to pay your 2008 dues to keep it coming!

HD 16's lined up ready for work.



He has a Cat 60, Cat 30 several Cle-trac's that are all on his agenda to restore since he is interested in all makes of crawlers from the McCormick 40 which he

has restored skillfully along with a very nice Allis Chalmers Model M. The Cat 60 scheduled for restoration is an Eastern Washington tractor that is in fairly good condition even though the engine is stuck, and of course, it needs an intake manifold. The Cat 30 is also in reasonably fine condition and will make a very nice piece once restored.

The current project is an Allis Model L crawler that is a 1932 vintage, which was way ahead of its time due to many of the Allis innovations, such as electric starting. The engine is a 91 HP gas with dual carburetors and twin exhaust stacks along with a steering wheel instead of steering levers. The transmission is a 6 speed with it being located at the very rear of the tractor above the drawbar which is completely different than other manufacturers that placed the transmission immediately be-

Catching you up . . .

Our membership list has been completely revised wherein it was found that for numerous members we do not have accurate information such as a phone number(s), email and/or a correct mailing address. It was also found that many members have not paid their 2008 membership dues which were due at the beginning of the year. Please forward you dues as soon as possible.

Membership cards will be forwarded as soon as dues have been paid. New cards will be issued each year as dues are paid.

The ACMM web site is close to becoming complete with the updates to incorporate more information along with board contacts. The new web site will allow for purchase of membership, merchandise, bricks and donations via credit card. Event dates and meeting dates will be posted to encourage more participation. Steam-up information regarding auction, parade and barbeque information will be included. Due to the complexity of making these updates, a web site expert was hired at a cost of \$480.00 where this cost will be paid by John Longtin and Dennis Wilkinson as a donation.



A sample of ACMM's 2008 membership card for new and renewing members.

Ads have been placed in Western Iron Trader, Antique Power, ACMOC publication and Farm Collector promoting the Steam-up and our Museum events at the end of July and first of August. We hope this will encourage more participation resulting in better exposure to our unique Museum and promote new memberships.

The Slate donation of a Cat DW 21 and two DW 10's has been moved to Halton Tractor in Salem where they will be made to operate. Ted and Boni Halton have volunteered to have their personnel get them operating at which time they will be moved to

the Museum. Although these machines are not pristine, they have collectable value.



Cat DW 21 Scraper being moved to Halton Tractor in Salem.

A 4" X10" banner for use at the Woodland show was approved for purchase at a cost of \$160.00 wherein several of the members generously donated the money for the purchase.

The newsletter distribution is being done primarily by regular mail, which is costly; as a result, a mailing permit has been applied for and received which will reduce our postage costs by 70%. This permit can be transferred to other post office locations as different members take over the mailing of the newsletter. The cost for the permit was \$180.00 which was donated by Dennis and Pamela Wilkinson.

The new library is well underway, the steel structure is complete. The insulation and sheet rock will be installed very soon. Electrical will be provided by member John Longtin. Our goal is to have the library completed by Steam-up. Donations of \$1,000 each were received towards the construction of the library from Don Leffler, Ted and Boni Halton, Bob and Susan Patterson, John and Dawn Gardner, and Dennis and Pamela Wilkinson. Anyone who would like to donate any amount to the Museum library, it will be greatly appreciated.

A business copier is being donated by member Phil Ringle which was accepted by the board. We thank him for the donation. This copier may possibly be used in the new library.

A Cat 35 has been sitting on ACMM property for several years where the owner, a non-member, is failing to remove the machine or pay storage. Paul Skirvin and Phil

Ringle have agreed to contact the owner and hopefully get it removed or donated.

A hot issue arose at the meeting of May 31 where the museum was presented with a \$9,000.00 bill for a new fire protection system that is basically of no benefit to ACMM and mainly benefits future construction at Powerland. The fire protection system is required for new construction, and as a result, these new facilities cannot be built until such time as the fire protection system is completed. ACMM member, Ted Halton, was requested by Powerland to provide an excavator to build the holding pond wherein Ted Halton requested to see a plan for the holding pond. It was found to be a major construction project and it was requested that a major credit be allowed towards the ACMM portion of the \$9,000 but has been rejected by Powerland. It was also questioned as to how the costs were determined and how they were divided between the member organizations at Powerland. A meetings with Powerland will ensue over the next 2 weeks where the fire protection system will be discussed and a decision made on June 28.

At the June 14th meeting it was decided to purchase more merchandise for Steam Up but not to exceed \$1,500.

The brick wall is scheduled to be complete by June 27th and the sold brick name plates will then be installed.

Auction donations are dribbling in but we can certainly use a lot more. Please help.

Many of us attended the BSOT in Woodland that was truly a once in a lifetime show. There was a huge amount of antique tractors, lots of Holt, Best and Caterpillar equipment from combines to crawlers of all sizes and configurations. The parade each day was a spectacular event with steamers to crawlers with front wheel steer. The banquet was a great success with a considerable amount of money raised at the auction Saturday evening. The Heidrick museum was made available at no charge to attendees of the BSOT.

Safety—Job #1

Yes, Safety is, or should be, near and dear to our day-by-day think process, which includes care, repair and operation of Caterpillar tractors, equipment and machinery. During the Great Oregon Steam-up, tractor operators will be facing the perils of the public spectators. For this, it represents many challenges and potential.

ACMM will, again this year, be conducting a tractor operators safety meeting, that will take place on July 26th at approximately 1030 hours (first Steam-up Saturday). We will go over APMA, ACMOC, and ACMM safety rules and guidelines. Each attendee will be given these rules, sign a release form, and be given an APMA green operators ribbon showing that they attended this important class.

Don Leffler, ACMM President

Tips on Caterpillar Publications

In order to provide the ACMM members with restoration information to make your restoration easier, we wanted to pass on the following.

Some of you collectors may be aware of the publications for antique Caterpillar equipment that is still available through your local Caterpillar dealer.

Parts, owners, service manuals and sales literature are available through the Caterpillar Legendary Service Literature program which provides a quality product at a very reasonable price.

The Caterpillar Legendary Service Literature program was established to provide information on Caterpillar machines and engines manufactured with the last build date of 25 years ago and before. Most publications have been out of print for many years. These reproductions will be printed only when ordered with all original content.

The information is listed in the master catalog is in alphabetical order by product family (engines, motor patrols, track-type tractors, wheel loaders, etc). Each product is further divided, when available, by serial number, publication date and type. Some of the publications are listed on our web site under Smith Mountain Ranch.

The master catalog is publication SELD0811-07 which can be ordered through your local Caterpillar parts department, which costs approximately \$25.00. Once you have the master catalog, you can then pick and choose the publications that you have a requirement. If you do not want to purchase the master catalog, merely contact your local Caterpillar dealer and ask to review their copy where you can have the parts department place the order.

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Restoration Tips

by Rusty Wrench

For the collectors that are fortunate enough to own a direct electric start D2, D4 or D6, there is a solution to the problem if a new voltage regulator is required. The Bosch generator utilizes a B circuit and the B circuit regulator is no longer available due to Bosch is out of business.

The solution is to convert the generator to an A circuit, which can be accomplished by removing the rear cover of the generator and switching the field coil wires. You will find one wire will be connected to one of the positive armature brushes and the other wire is connected to field post that goes through the outer case. Merely disconnect the wires and reverse the connection plus move the wire from the positive armature brush to a grounded armature brush which will convert the generator to an A circuit.

When making these changes to the generator *be very careful* to not let any of the wires be grounded to the case or the armature.

Once converted then an A circuit regulator can be purchased which will fit your current mount.

ACMM needs you! We are encouraging all members to solicit auction donations, new members and spread the word about our Steam-up event. Flyers are available, call Dennis Wilkinson at 541-963-0139. Please provide name and address of a business, club, publication or a person that we should send a copy.

Dues Reminder

Your 2008 membership dues are now payable. Please forward your payment to ACMM, P.O. Box 3377, Portland, OR 97208. Be a part of a wonderful organization, send it in today! Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact our Secretary/Treasurer, Ted Halton.

Please provide us with your address, telephone number and email so we can maintain our membership list.

NOTE: If there is a ** after your name on the mailing label, our records indicate your dues are unpaid.

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We thank the committee members that are making every effort to complete their assignments as scheduled. Together we can make an awesome event!

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Newsletter Committee

Phil Ringle, Dennis Wilkinson, Pamela Wilkinson, Quinn Murk (alternate)

Website Committee

John Longtin, John Patterson, Dennis Wilkinson

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, June 28, 2008 at 8:00 a.m.

Monthly ACMM members' meeting at the Guest House Restaurant in Salem, Oregon.

Saturday, July 12, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.

Great Oregon Steam-up work meeting at the Museum in Brooks, Oregon.

July 11 through July 13, 2008

ACMM Museum open for International Harvester Great Western Binder Bee at Powerland, Brooks, Oregon.

Saturday & Sunday, July 26 & 27, August 2 & 3, 2008

Great Oregon Steam-up Tractor Show in Brooks, Oregon.

Saturday, July 26, 2008 (Great Oregon Steam-up) at the Museum in Brooks, Oregon:

9:00 a.m. ~ Monthly ACMM members' meeting

10:30 a.m. ~ Safety Meeting

6:00 p.m. ~ Banquet with music

Saturday August 23, 2008 at 8:00 am

Monthly ACMM members' meeting at the Museum in Brooks, Oregon.

Success usually comes to those who are too busy to be looking for it.

Henry David Thoreau

CLASSIFIEDS & DISPLAY ADS

Classified ads are \$20 for a 40 word Wanted or For Sale items. Business card ads are the same price. Display ads are \$15.00 per column inch, pictures must be sent as JPG format if emailed. Send your ad and check to Omnitrac, P.O. Box 520, La Grande, OR 97850 or email at dwilkinson@omnitrac.com. Make checks payable to ACMM. Cutoff for the next newsletter will be August 19, 2008.

Run an ad, it is the life blood of the newsletter!

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Contact Dennis Wilkinson at: 541-963-0139


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Many a small thing has been made large by the right kind of advertising.

Mark Twain

Membership

Membership and participation in the ACMM and the Museum is the life blood of the organization. We are requesting that each of our members recruit at least one new member before Steam-up at the end of July. Please utilize this form and be sure it is mailed or dropped off with any of the officers or board members.

		
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DONATIONS

The Great Oregon Steam-up is fast approaching and all members need to begin to solicit donations for the auction which is one of the Museum's best fundraisers. If each of us solicits a donation of merchandise, equipment, gift cards, we can make this year's Steam-up the largest and best ever. Be sure to get the following information so that the donor receives the well-deserved recognition. Donations must arrive at the museum prior to Steam-up. Smaller items we can arrange pickup. Contact Marv Fery at 503-393-8237 or Ted Halton at 503-288-6411.

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Collector Tidbits

Today's collectors may be sitting on a gold mine of value due to the escalating value of old tractors and equipment.

Collectors that have been collecting for the past 20 years and were able to acquire early model tractor for very small price have now found their value has increased significantly.

It was recently published in the Wall Street Journal that tractors that are pre-1940 are increasing at a frantic pace due to the new collectors that have come into the market in recent years. Today's collector is not the typical collector of the past where it was mostly people from the farming community or mechanical enthusiasts, today's collector are financial planners, attorneys, doctors and other professionals that have become interested in old iron. These new investors are well healed and are willing to pay what ever it takes to get a piece they want regardless of cost.

The other part of the equation is the European buyer that has come into the market due to the weak dollar in relation to the Euro and other European currencies, plus it is now a world economy. The European buyers are serious competitors and are driving up prices which some of the USA buyers are complaining that it is making it hard to continue collecting which may drive some US buyers out of the market

unless they are willing to go toe to toe with the offshore buyer.

We are also seeing a new age of collectors which are in their 40's that have interest in collecting tractors built in the 50's, 60's and 70's which were the tractors they grew up around, or were familiar with. A John Deere orchard tractor built in the 60's was recently sold at an auction for \$160,000.00. These younger collectors do not have the interest in the pre-war tractors that the older collectors do, but nevertheless the interest in collecting is on the rise and each generation has its own interest area.

Tractors that were built in the 1900 through 1930 era have increased rapidly over the last few years due to more collectors and less un-restored equipment becoming available. These old machines are becoming more difficult to locate everyday due to the selection out there is very limited. Machines that are 40 years old and older are the most sought after; as a result, these machines are fetching prices in excess of a \$100,000.00 with some extremely rare machines going for as high as \$400,000.00.

Tractor restoration business is also booming as well as the standards for restoration. In the past, many machines were wire brushed and sanded then painted. Today's collectors want their machines to look and operate like new. They want sheet metal restored to like new with all the proper parts, including the original engine,

which can be difficult to accomplish, since many previous owners swapped engines and parts as the machine wore out. A restoration can cost tens of thousands of dollars for tractors that are in rough shape or are missing parts, many of which have to be reproduced by hand.

While many antique tractors seem quaint and underpowered, they were high tech for farmers in the early 1900's, who had previously used plows and equipment pulled by draft animals. The new gasoline powered technology saved time for the daily chores,

The collector of the day will most likely never pull anything with the tractor, but instead it will be used in parades, shows or stored in museums or private storage. Some collectors do not even allow for the tractor to contact the dirt which may be a wise decision since the value of some of these machines will only be retained if they are kept in showroom condition.

As you collectors look over your collection, please be sure to have a plan to protect it from theft. As the value increases, thieves will soon be looking at these items as a source of revenue. Also make sure you have a plan as to what to do with the collection once you are unable to look after it. Remember, family members may not have the same interest as you have.

Thank you collectors for saving this great heritage.

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