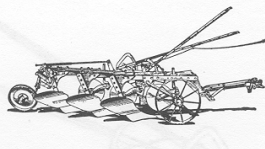


# Cascade Two Cylinder Club Newsletter

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## Cascade 2 Cylinder Club General Meeting

March 4

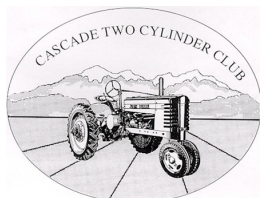
Pape John Deere Lynden

Coffee & cookies 9:30

General Meeting 10:00

### Agenda

- Election of officers  
& board members
- Spring activities
- Raffle



28 Years of Green  
and Yellow tractor  
fun

## From Truck Repair to a Retirement of Saving Clas- sic Deere's

Con Holleman went to tech school for the automotive trade right out of high school. There was no diesel training yet at that time. He went for a year and half and was hired by a Dodge dealer in Ferndale before he finished tech school. The owner came to the school looking for an employee and the teacher pointed to Con and said there is your guy.

Couple years later in 1968 a similar incident happened. The owner of a large truck repair shop called and that's where he learned all about trucks. Con enjoyed that job and he also got a lot of experience fabricating trailers to haul grain, alfalfa, alfalfa cubes and potatoes.

In 1980 the customer that Con did the trailer work for asked if he could work for him. He had built a new shop for his own trucks and trailers and he needed Con. There he got more experience servicing trucks, trailers and fabricating trailers.

In 1987 Con rented a building and started his own large truck repair shop called Lynden Truck Repair. A year later he bought some land with a building and grew the business from himself and one employee to four employees. Con ran the shop for 18 years. He had a surprise in 2005 when Brim Tractor bought everything he had including the land and business.

Brim was looking for land because he had just sold his property to Rite Aid. Con was 60 and decided to retire. Now what to do? Con had a farm that has been going since 1973 so he had plenty to do. Then Jim Hale from Washington Tractor called and wanted him to help on the parts counter. Con told him he didn't need a job because he made hay in the summer. Jim insisted so Con agreed for only one year. He agreed. So that job lasted through 2006.

During that stint at the Deere dealership Con met a lot of farmers that had old needy tractors. So in 2007 he remodeled one of his barns and made it into a shop. This started the tractor restoration gig. Con didn't enjoy painting and body work so he found a friend that could help with that. He did tractors from year's 1917 into the 1980's. During that time Con joined the Cascade 2 cylinder tractor club. What a wonderful group of men! Now during the last ten years or more it has been all just mechanical repairs on all kinds of tractors plus lawn mowers, 4x4's, weed eaters, and almost anything except a truck. Con notes that he doesn't have any old tractors but he does have two newer 2nd generation Deere's that he uses on the farm. Con states that his dad did farm with John Deere tractors. Like a lot of us, Con enjoys the sound of the old 2 cylinder John Deere.

When he started the tractor repair gig Con asked the Lord to help him in the shop because even though it was all mechanical, trucks and tractors are much different. He knew nothing about what he was about to do. One gentleman that helped him tremendously was John Maas. *Continued on page 3*

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**Internet Users!**

Check out our web site  
[www.Cascadetwocylinderclub.org](http://www.Cascadetwocylinderclub.org)  
 for pictures of club members in  
 local events!

**Need a Club Jacket?**

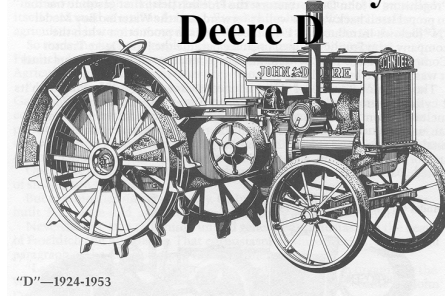
Call Tom Jensen  
 360-661-0634

**President's Message**

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- \* I hope every body had a good start for the New Year and lots of activities coming up. To start it's the year of John Deere D. So members with a D in any condition get them ready for the summer show as the club will be featuring the D this year on its 100th birthday.
- \* Our next meeting will be March 4th at Pape John Deere dealer in Lynden at 10:00 AM. We will have election of vice president, secretary and 3 board members. On March 27 is our shop tour to Lynden Door at 10:00 AM. Hope to see you there. We are working on a plow day for the first part of May and then on to May 20 Skagit Gas Up at Coastal Farm Supply in Mount Vernon, 2021 Market Street from 9:00 to 3:00.
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- \* Hope to see you at the meeting and the shop tour.
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- \* Paul Hieb, President



John Deere 40

**2023 100th anniversary of John Deere D**

"D"—1924-1953

Do you have a John Deere D? Bring it to the  
 Vintage Farming Days, Lynden, August 2023

Tractors don't need to be restored or painted.

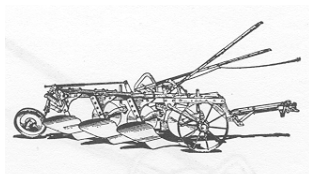
**Membership Dues**

\$15/Year

**Please note!**

**2023 dues due January 1, 2023**

Please send your 2023 dues to **Tom Jensen, 202 Rainbow Drive, Burlington, WA 98233** or bring the money to the next meeting.



**"IT'S ONE OF THE BEST DEALS AVAILABLE  
 FOR THE TRACTOR COLLECTOR!"**

*Continued from page 1* John was raised with John Deere in his blood. Interestingly John is the half brother of Egbert Maas who taught Con all about trucks. Their father owned a blacksmith shop in South Dakota.



Con and Gary Friend

Con has had many different problems in the shop. One that really stands out is in 2019 when a gentleman brought him a John Deere 620 with a bad noise in the clutch area. With the tractor running and out of gear and clutch engaged, a very loud knock was heard behind the housing cover behind the clutch pulley. He took the pulley and cover off to expose the 1st and 2nd reduction drive gears. When he took the pulley off he noticed the clutch gear had a new wear pattern on the teeth. Everything looked good behind the cover. Gears seemed to be in place and could not go any closer to the main trans housing. Gears didn't seem to be beveled. 1st reduction gear was hitting the side of the case for some reason. Con left it and fixed other things on the tractor. He did notice that when he took the cover off that someone had been in there before him. The owner had just bought the tractor. On the morning of July the fourth, at 10 minutes after 5AM he heard a

voice as plain as day telling him to "flip the gear". It was amazing. He got up later and went to the shop and measured the distance from the outside of the gear to the trans housing. Yes, he was able to slip the gear right off. He flipped the gear and slid it back on. Con measured again and lost protrusion of 3/16 of an inch. Exactly what he needed. Again the Lord told Con what to do. This has happened many times. Con claims to be no know it all person but just uses common sense and does what the Lord tells him what to do.

Con says it's been a great life during his whole career. Con has been able to help a lot of very nice people which he enjoys. He has been able to many times repair tractors with the customer over the phone which is really good.

Con is currently our Cascade Two Cylinder Club Secretary and gives tech. sessions at our general meetings. Con is appreciated!

A tip of the green and yellow hat to Con Holleman, our Winter 2023 Cascade Two Cylinder Club featured member.

## 100th Anniversary of the Model D John Deere

### Noteworthy Facts

The "D" had a 30 year production run which started in 1923 and ended in 1953. This was the longest run of any Deere to date. 158,308 "Ds" were produced. 111,386 unstyled and 46,922 styled.

50 spoker Ds were built in 1923 and were advertised to have a conservative 27 belt and 15 draw-bar horse power. 764 were built in 1924 and 3,896 in 1925. The demand kept increasing. In the early model a weakness was found in the welded front axle which was quickly changed. The spoker flywheel developed cracks so it was reduced in size. Still cracks were occurring so the flywheel was changed to a solid form. These also cracked. The 7/8" flywheel hole was considered to be the problem so the hole was enlarged to 2 inches. The 7/8" hole was called the nickel hole flywheel and Deere offered to replace. Most were but some were not making them a very collectable D. In 1925 Deere added a optional p.t.o. to make them competitive with the I.H.C. tractor. In 1927 the USDA purchased 440 Ds with p.t.o. that were called "stubble beaters". The tractors were rented to the farmers to work

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## Cascade Two Cylinder Club

### Board Meeting

Loren Dahl's home  
January 17, 2023

**Members Present:** Loren, Phil, Tom, Paul,  
Norm, Con

**Meeting called to order by President Paul Hieb  
at: 7:30 PM**

**Minutes** of the last meeting were read and approved

**Treasurer's Report:** Tom gave a treasure report that there was \$4535.98 in the bank at present.

### Old Business:

1. Discussed what money was taken in & spent at Christmas dinner. After all money taken in for raffle and donated items, expenses still payable by the club was about \$500 including building rent.
2. that might need to be done as to how much of each item (less expense because of less leftover food. This may bring a better ending expense for the club. As a whole it was an enjoyable time for all.

### New Business:

1. Tom checked the insurance rate for driving in different shows. Went from \$700 for 100 people to \$507 for 64 people. (Fewer people participating).
2. Election of officers. Vice president, sec, 3 board members are up for voting. Will be done at next general meeting.
3. Shop tour: Phil will check Sierra Pacific. Norm will try Lynden Door again & Loren will check with his son.
4. Discussed branch 26 gas up. Morrie will be contacted by Paul.
5. Plow day was discussed. Phil was going to check.
6. Show at Lynden Aug 2,3,4,5. Try to line up some JD D's. See about getting an ice-cream

machine running.

7. Video for JD D in building.

8. Next general meeting is possible next month on Feb 25th in Sedro-Woolley.

9. Suggestion was brought up that Alerd make a story about promoting the Lynden show. JD D era, ice-cream machine, etc.

10. Not sure at this time when or where next general board meeting will be held.

**Meeting adjournment: 9:05**

Minutes submitted by: Con Holleman Sec

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### *Continued from page 3 Noteworthy Facts*

the fields in fall to destroy the corn borers winter refuge. This program lasted several years and was successful. The tractors were regular Ds except for the stencil indication that they were part of the corn borer control program with a number. These tractors are considered slightly more valuable as a collector tractor.

In 1928 the "D" was given more displacement and a different carb. They were now rated at 28 drawbar and 36 belt horse power. The wheels had more adjustment holes and an extensions for traction to pull 3 bottom plow. Deere was constantly improving the tractor to stay competitive with the IHC tractor. In 1929 Deere sold 23,722 "Ds". This was the largest production in the 30 year history. Note that this was the start of the Depression that hadn't hit the farmers yet. In 1932 155 "D" were built. In 1933 607 were built and rubber tires were offered as an option. We don't know how many were in sold those years. Depression "Ds" are considered collectable. In 1931 the "D" was given more power with 40 belt hp. The steering was also improved and a few other small items. Deere also had developed a third gear but there was a concern that the Depression hurting farmers may not be able to afford if any new tractor. acj

**Reference: The Green Magazine, January and February 2023 issues**

*Article continues in Spring C2CC edition*

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## Green & Yellow Want Ads

*Please note that want ads will be run one time unless renewed. Ads need to be limited to five lines and will feature John Deere tractors or equipment. Other non tractor antiques ok if brief.*

**For Sale** John Deere 3 bottom plow (possibly a model 810 or 825) for sale. It is a 3-point hitch plow and I believe it is 3 16's. It is missing the tail wheel. Asking \$600. David Harrison 360-708-7931

**For Sale** 1954 John Deere 70, Wide front, Not running, Bad valve in the right cylinder. Asking \$2500.00. ( 2 ) Wheel centers for a John Deere AR. Part No. A2759 R. Asking \$200.00 or best offer. Contact me by phone, cell # 206. 919.4213 If I don't answer, Please leave a message.

**For Sale** B block, sn 201000 & up, B crank sn 201000 & up; B water pipe, lower sn 167000 & up, 830 head, sn 8203100 & up, 1-9x40 rear tire, 12 volt tractor radio, Paul Hieb 360-856-6210

**For Sale** 1950 JD A, runs & restored, \$3000; 1950 JD B, runs and restored, \$3000; 195? JD 420T, single front wheel and parts for wide front, \$3000; Glen Reinstra, 406-270-6462

**For Sale** 1957 520 propane tractor, runs good , good tires \$4900 or best offer: 1950 JD BW, new tires, really nice paint, runs good, \$4000 or best offer: 1937 B on steel, runs good, restored, \$3500 or best offer, Greg 360-661-4632

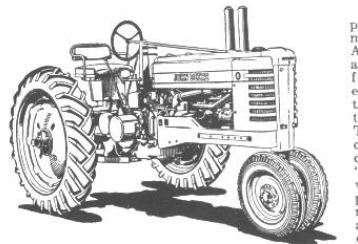
**For Sale**, John Deere 60 lawn tractor built in the late 1960's. Also John Deere and International pedal tractors. Please contact Mike at 360 466 8860 for details

**For Sale** David Bradley gas engine model 500 series 12 sn 2055515. Asking \$100  
Also, a Clinton 4 hp engine with dual output shafts. Asking \$50. Numerous pedal JD and IH pedal tractors. Call or text to 360 466 8860 Mike Ptacek

**Wanted** Articles or ideas for articles for CTCC newsletter

**Wanted** Your email address so we can get you a quick notice of meetings, events and plow days. Send to [webmaster@c2cc.org](mailto:webmaster@c2cc.org) Alerd Johnson, 360.293.7953, [editor@c2cc.org](mailto:editor@c2cc.org)

**Wanted** Members to mail or email club related pictures/video to [webmaster@c2cc](mailto:webmaster@c2cc)



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## Calendar of 2023 Events

March 4 .....	C2CC General meeting, Pape John Deere, Lynden, 10:00
March 27 .....	Shop Tour, Lynden Door, 10:00
May .....	C2CC Plow Day
May 20 .....	Branch 26 Gas Up, Coastal Farm Supply, 2021 Market Street, 9:00 to 3:00
June 3 .....	Lynden Farmers Day Parade
June 17 .....	Burlington Berry Dairy Day Parade
July 4 .....	Sedro Woolley, La Conner & Arlington Parades
July 15 .....	C2CC Caravan La Conner
August 2-5 .....	Vintage Farming Days, PSAT&MA show, Lynden
November 11 .....	Burlington Veterans Day Parade
December 3 .....	Christmas/Holiday Potluck dinner, Bayview Community Center

*The club officers or boards members phone numbers listed on bottom of this page.*

**THERE'S A JOHN DEERE  
DEALER NEAR YOU—**

**HE WILL BE GLAD TO GIVE  
YOU FURTHER INFORMATION**



**FRIENDLY SERVICE**

## Club Officers and Board Members

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