

# Cascade Two Cylinder Club Newsletter

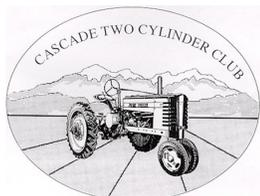
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**2021 will be a big show year!**

- \* **Gathering of the Green**—March
- \* **Branch 26 Spring Gas Up**—Mt Vernon, May
- \* **Classic Green Reunion**— Columbus, Ohio— June 24-26,
- \* **Great Oregon Steam Up**— Brooks, OR July/ August
- \* **PSAT&MA Vintage Farming Days- Featured tractor Rumely**, July/ August



27 Years of Green and Yellow tractor fun

## Oscar Lagerlund, Respected Skagit Valley Farmer and Agriculture Historian

Any farmer in the Skagit county area knows Oscar and any steam engine aficionado knows Oscar because of his 1914 JI Case steam tractor. Since 2003 Oscar and his son Nels have been producing the Belleville Threshing Show the third week of August. This year has been the exception.

### Family Farming History

The Lagerlunds have a long history in Skagit county with Oscar's grandfather coming to Fir Island in 1892. His father came from Sweden in 1910 and bought a farm near Allen and in 1919 purchased the current farm in Bellville. 60 acres was purchased first followed by another 10 acres. The farm now includes 160 acres. Currently Nels, Oscar's son, farms 500 acres with some land rented. The Lagerlund farm has always been dairy with some cannery peas grown. Oats, barley and Canadian field peas have been grown as cattle feed. Currently Nels operates the farm with 195 cows and is a completely organic farm. Oscar serves as supervisor to the operation.

### Tractor history

The first Lagerlund John Deere was a 1946 BW. This was the first tractor Oscar's dad could get after World War II. He had tried to get a tractor from the local tractor dealerships with the John Deere being the first new tractor available. The tractor was sold by Ernie Barnett (Barnett Implement) and was used with a 2- 14 inch plow. The tractor was later traded in for a Ford with the popular 3 point hitch. In 1953 Oscar purchased a John Deere 60 with 800 hitch. This tractor is still used on the farm. A famous 4020 tricycle purchased new is also in the herd. Currently the farm has five John Deere's with cabs, 4440, 4960, 7430, 7410, and 7810 models. A few years back Oscar was able to buy a very clean JD 630 from a farmer on Samish Island. Oscar says the two cylinder guys can't help but drool when they see this tractor! This tractor is always used for the threshing show. Nels owns a 1949 JD A which originally belonged to his uncle. Got to keep them in the family!

### JI Case steam traction engine history

The 1914 JI Case steam tractor first showed up in the Northwest near Sumas in 1918. The owner was Luke Tyrell. He used the tractor for custom work in the area. John Ball purchased the tractor after World War II and brought it to Skagit County. In his later years Mr. Ball drove the steamer around Skagit county using compressed air from a towed air compressor. The JI Case was a feature in all the local

parades. He tried to donate the tractor, antique equipment and land to Skagit County for a historical museum but the request was denied. In 1990 after John Ball's death, his wife put the JI Case and equipment up for auction where Oscar was the winning bidder. The tractor sat for 12 years unrestored when Oscar and Nels exhibited at the Puget Sound Antique Tractor and Machinery show at Lynden thanks to low boy trailer transportation from Leo Beld, Farmers Equipment. Jim Taft made a deal with Oscar that he would get the tractor running properly but not beautified. 2003 was the 1<sup>st</sup> year the tractor ran mechanically restored. The Case has since been the feature at the Belleville Threshing show and local parades.

### Belleville Threshing Show

The first show was in September 2003 with the 1914 JI Case steam tractor operating the Oliver Red River Special threshing machine. 100 people were in attendance with 4 acres of oats being threshed. The field of oats was cut and bound a week before with a crew of volunteers. Two people operated the John Deere pto binder and 3 to 4 people shocked the bundles. 9 bundles and one for the cap. When dry, the oat bundles were loaded on wagons and transported to the threshing machine site. Nels operated the Case with some help with water and fuel. Two people were used to pitch the bundles into the threshing machine. Another 2 to 3 people were used to sack the oats and load. "Button" Peterson was in charge of sacking the grain and provided the scale, sacks and string. In the early years of the show, Jerry Senner provided his antique John Deere stationary baler to bale the straw. That was another in it's day time saving machine that required several people to operate. The whole process was an eye opener on the labor and time that was required to harvest grain. A number of our C2CC members have helped in the work. Now days the new combines can do the same work in minutes.

### The Future

Oscar doesn't know the future of the show because of the "help" needed to run the equipment and handle the grain. In the recent years the Lagerlund family has provided a lot of the help. The Cascade Two Cylinder Club members have helped but we are losing some of the experienced members. Oscar indicated that  
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<p><b>Internet Users!</b> Check out our web site <a href="http://www.CascadeTwoCylinderClub.org">www.CascadeTwoCylinderClub.org</a> for pictures of club members in local events!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">as <b>President's Message</b></p> <p>It's been a stay at home summer with everything canceled, no parades, plow day or shows, but with no place to go there is more time to work in the shop on projects, maybe just take a John Deere out for a joy ride.</p> <p>For now all we can do is wait out these times and look forward to next year.</p> <p>Stay well and safe.</p> <p>Paul Hieb, President</p>
<p><b>Need Magnetic Tractor Signs?</b> Call Greg Greenfield 360-661-4632 \$25</p>	
<p><b>Need a Club Jacket?</b> Call Tom Jensen 360-661-0634</p>	

*(cont. from pg. 1)* "Button" Peterson was always the person responsible for the grain sacking. We lost Button earlier this year and Oscar requested that we recognize him in this newsletter.

2021 will be a better year and I think our club will have a lot of support for Oscar and Nels for a 2021 Belleville Threshing Show.

A tip of the green and yellow hat to Oscar Lagerlund, our special Fall C2CC 2020 member.



Oscar Lagerlund

## Separating the Chaff from the Grain

- \* **Washington Tractor sold to Pape' Machinery.** New owner will take over business in October with new name. No immediate changes are planned with the dealership.
- \* **greenmagazine.com** is the Green Magazine's web site that has some interesting articles, free down loads and classifieds that you may not find in the magazine. Two that are especially interesting are the presentations on spark plugs and GP wheels by Duane Larson. Duane was a great collector of John Deere information and presented at some of the major collector Deere events. He passed away some time back at a too early age. Check out the web site.
- \* **P.S.A.T.&M.A.** did have a play day on August 7 & 8. This event did involve some tractor pulls and an opportunity to start engines and drive some collector trucks. Except for the tractor pull there were very few tractors on site. Paul Hieb, Loren Dahl and Les Faber got some needed cleaning and maintenance done on the John Deere building. The new food court looks great!

## 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** JD 24T baler, complete rebuild several years ago, been in storage after 300 bales, would accept any **reasonable** offer. Bob Folk ffolk@centurytel.net (360)-376-4689

**For Sale** Restored JD 8W mower, reasonable offer, Bob Folk, ffolk@centurytel.net (360)-376-4689

**For Sale 2** Rear round spoke 36" wheels for early 10 spline, one need some repair, \$500.00 pair; Sand Blaster, siphon type, like new, \$30.00, Paul Hieb 360-856-6210

**For Sale** JD M with belly mount sickle mower, head has been reworked, valve guides, valve grind etc., front and rear wheel weights, in working clothes. \$1500 Alerd Johnson 360-421-7953

**For Sale** 9.5 x 32, 10 ply, Continental Tire, \$50.00, Call Bill at 360-708-1841

**For Sale** 1947 JD D, electric start, remote hydraulics, no pto, painted in 1988 has been undercover, \$3500, Arlie Christensen, 360-629-2677

**For Sale** Assorted blacksmith tools, Arlie Christensen, 360-629-2677

**Wanted** JD 420, Nicely restored, Ken Rose, 360-317-5480

**Wanted** Old farm, feed & seed and dairy signs. Call Bill at 360-708-1841

**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 Alerd Johnson, 360.293.7953, editor@c2cc.org

**Wanted** Members to mail or email club related pictures/video to webmaster@c2cc

### Honorary Member Button Peterson

April 11, 1943—April 6, 2020

Stanton Irwin "Button" Peterson was born in Mount Vernon, Washington on April 11, 1943 to Oscar S. Peterson and Eileen H. Tenneson Peterson. He grew up on the family farm in Bow, attended Edison Grade School and Burlington-Edison High School, graduating in 1961. His father Oscar was one of the co-founders of Hansen & Peterson, a feed business that served the farmers of Skagit Valley for many years. After high school, Button worked at Hansen & Peterson until it was sold in 1991. He then raised cattle on Bow Hill and later on Butler Hill, which land he farmed until his death. He significantly improved his farmland by clearing trees with his Cat, and he was also in the gravel business. Button was raised to work, he was strong, worked hard and was almost always happy while doing so. **As a boy helping his dad at Hansen & Peterson, he learned to sew gunny sacks, a skill that earned him the job of head sack sewer at Lagerlund Farms' annual Threshing Bee.** He also attended rodeos each summer, particularly the Pendleton Roundup and Ellensburg Rodeo. An accomplished hunter, he bagged a grizzly bear in Alaska and a mountain goat in the Cascades. With his brother Joe and others, he crossed the North Cascades on horseback. For many years he helped organize the annual Peterson Cider Fest, an event that was enjoyed by family and friends whose efforts were reward with camaraderie, a tasty lunch, and gallon of homemade cider. Button died at his home in rural Burlington on April 6, 2020.



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# Calendar of 2020 Events



November ..... *Veterans Day Parade ?*  
 December 5 ..... *C2CC Christmas Holidaymeeting/potluck, Bayview ?*

*For more details on event times and location, contact 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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