Cascade Two Cylinder Club Newsletter

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Fall C2CC General Meeting

October 30, 10:00 Greg Greenfield 13558 Bayview Road Mount Vernon, WA 98273 10:00

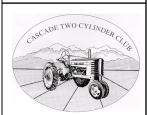


Veteran's Day Parade

November 13 11:00 am Burlington, WA

Park and unload trailers in lot between Haggens and Les Schwab. 10:00-10:30 Caravan as group to staging area for parade 10:30 Parade starts at 11:00

Questions? Loren (360) 540-0771



28 Years of Green and Yellow tractor fun

R.Henry and Sandy Johnson

Neither my wife Sandy, nor I have deep roots in the Skagit Valley area, most likely not the case for many of the other members of our Cascade 2 Cylinder Club. Still, there we found welcoming arms, have experienced new adventures, and gained close friendships within this club, and we are delighted to be members. Looking back recently at some older records, I noted that we wrote our first membership check on July 5, 2005. (Our attendance that first year at the annual Caravan was rewarded with a year's subscription to *Green Magazine* for having travelled the farthest).

In fact my family is not deeply rooted in the state of Washington at all, or even the Pacific Northwest. Presently our home for the past 35 years is in Kennewick, WA in the semi-arid east side of the state. But I was born in Riverton, Wyoming in 1944 and raised through early childhood on a 30-cow dairy farm owned by my parents and grandparents. My folks produced most of their own feed for the dairy herd grass / clover pasture, alfalfa, silage corn, and oats. The summers were short in the high plains of Wyoming, the winters long and very cold. The soil was unforgiving and yielded its output reluctantly, but we were within a small irrigation district, so at least were able to irrigate the crops when necessary.

At the heart of our inventory of machinery was a mid-1930's era John Deere Model "D." It was un-styled, of course and came originally with lugged wheels, which were soon converted to rubber. As "D" owners know, it required strong arms and shoulders to roll the flywheel for starting, but my role in that process as a five-year old was to scamper from one side to the other, opening or closing the petcocks when my granddad called out. I was proud to do it, as it gave me a chance to feel useful, as well as to experience the satisfying "hisss" of vapor being discharged from the big cylinders through the petcocks. The "D" did everything from tillage work to powering Granddad's substantial (22 x 38) McCormick-Deering thresher used to separate grain raised on our own farm as well as that of several other nearby farmers.

But by the tender age of eight, residence in Wyoming would soon come to a close for me and my family. My dad, Lester Johnson, a highly decorated war veteran from the WWII and Korean conflicts, had recently returned from Korea and had filed for a homestead of his own near the dairy. He had worked briefly as a salesman for the local John Deere dealer, now known as Greenline Equipment, while he mended from some lingering war injuries. After a few months he left the dealership and purchased a 1950 JD "GN" tricycle with the single front wheel and "all-fuel" engine. It was while operating the "G" alone in a field on the homestead — with a mounted power post -hole auger, that he became entangled in the mechanism and was grievously injured.

As Dad recovered from his injuries over the next year, much of it spent in the VA hospital in Cheyenne, the state's capital, he reflected on his past and his future. In the end he felt God's call to the ministry of the Gospel, and ultimately spent the final 60 years of his life in that calling. (Since 2014 both he and Mom are buried with honors in Arlington National Cemetery near the nation's Capitol) *(cont. on page 3)*



Need Magnetic Tractor Signs? Call Greg Greenfield 360-661-4632 \$25

Need a Club Jacket? Call Tom Jensen 360-661-0634

President's Message

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The fall season is on us with a meeting coming up Oct.30th at Greg Greenfield's shop, 10:00AM. We will be talking about the holiday dinner Dec. 4 and if we can put it on. We will need to know how many numbers will attend. We will take a list at the meeting or call me or Tom. Coming up Nov. 13 is the Veterans Parade in Burlington. Park north of Bur-

lington Les Schwab at 10:00 to 10:30 AM and we will drive down town. This is the last event of the year so come out with your tractors and have some fun. See you at the meeting

Stay safe Paul Hieb, President

C2CC Christmas Potluck Dinner

Saturday December 4

Bayview Community Hall

This year we will need to have reservations from members who are planning to attend. More information will be available in the Christmas Holiday issue of the C2CC newsletter.



C2CC Fall General Meeting Greg Greenfield's Car Museum

13558 Bayview Road, Mount Vernon, WA 98273

10:00

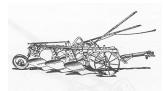
Agenda

- * Club activities to date
- * Veterans Day Parade
- * Christmas Potluck dinner
- * Plans for 2022

Raffle

Membership Dues \$15/Year Please note! 2021 dues due January 1, 2021

Please send your 2021 dues to **Tom Jensen**, **202 Rainbow Drive, Burlington, WA 98233** or bring the money to the next meeting.





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Dad's history as a veteran carried an additional benefit, that of having an opportunity to "draw" for a farm unit in the Columbia Basin of Washington state. In brief, vets were able to select from available parcels, called "irrigation units" in the newly developing U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's Columbia Basin Project. In brief, Dad and Mom selected Unit 2 in Irrigation Block 13, in Franklin County near Mesa/Basin City about thirty miles north of Pasco. But my dad, already committed to his pastoral ministries in 1955 turned over custody to his parents, my granddad (also named Henry Johnson) and grandma. So that year they sold the Wyoming farms, the dairy herd, and most of their farm equipment, retaining the 1950 "G," an IH No. 39 "Tumblebug" plow, a David Bradley side-delivery rake, several other pieces of tillage equipment, as well as many miscellaneous farming tools. All this was loaded on a flat-car and shipped to Washington, where Granddad and Grandma awaited its arrival.

The two of them, in their sixties at the time, set out farming in the new development. For my part I was with my parents and younger sister moving around the Northwest, finishing grade school and high school, then to college at Eastern Oregon College in La Grande. This was where my next phase of life really began, as it was there I met my true love and future wife, Sandy Kriner, also a college enrollee studying Elementary Education (school teacher for little kids). She was a genuine farm girl and a preacher's daughter, a God-send and perfect match for me. Having grown up on the Vale, Oregon farm in the Treasure Valley near Malheur Butte, she knew all about cows, crops, tractors, hand-line sprinklers, gopher traps, and most of the other essentials for irrigated farming in those days.

Not long after our marriage in La Grande in 1964, my grandma passed away, my granddad moved back to his ancestral home in Nebraska, and Sandy and I took up farming on Farm Unit 2. Sandy plied her credentials as a school teacher and helped support the farming operation as well in those early years. And those years had their challenges — the "G" was showing its age and its deficiencies in essential features for this new kind of farming (no three point or live power). A JD "A" we had acquired was fitted with a Farmhand F-10 loader and was used mostly for stacking hay bales. But it was not very dependable, its battery died or went missing and I, temporarily unwilling to purchase a replacement, was forced to continually start the rascal (I had other names for it at the time) with the steering wheel and stub shaft. (Some readers may be unfamiliar with that method, but I could surely instruct you)!

We started growing sweet corn and sugar beets, and some potatoes, along with wheat and alfalfa, and were eventually able to afford a new JD 3020 Diesel with Synchro-Range transmission and Roll-Gard canopy followed soonafter by a 4020 Diesel with a Power Shift Transmission and cab. What a leap forward!

After more years, more acres, many other additional and larger John Deere tractors and raising our family on the farm, we retired from production farming, and began doing some collecting and restoring of old Johnny-poppers My first one was a 1941 "AW" that I drove in my first C2CC Caravan in 2005. It was the only hand-cranker in the bunch that day, and I was worried, unnecessarily as it turned out, that it might let me down and refuse to start after one of the on-route stops. The actual let-down occurred a few years later on a Caravan when my "730-D" jumped out of gear on a downhill stretch of the road and would not re-enter any gear except first or reverse. With miles to go, it was decided that Tom Jensen would pull me back to our starting point with his "G". Thanks, Tom!

After a few other tractors bought and sold between, our final two-banger, a beautiful 1937 B was the only remaining member in our herd. It was too slow for caravans, and we finally sold it also a couple of years ago. Since then we have been blessed by some benevolent members of the Club, Marlin Knutzen, Greg Greenfield, and Tom Jensen who each have given me the single-day loan of one their tractors for the Caravan. We're always impressed by the uncommon kindness and generosity of these great C2CC members. God bless you all.

Editor's note: Henry and Sandy are from Kennewick which makes it difficult to attend club activities but they participate in all of are summer caravans.

Cascade Two Cylinder Club

Cascade Two Cylinder Club Board Meeting Norm teSelle Home October 12, 2021

Members in attendance: Paul Hieb, President; Phil Smoots, Vice President; Tom Jensen, Treasurer; Board Members: David Harrison, Con Holleman, Loren Dahl, Norm teSelle, Jeff Cowles, and Alerd Johnson

Meeting called to order at 7:16 pm by Paul Hieb, President

Alerd will take meeting minutes in Ray Riggles absence.

Treasurer's Report: Tom reported \$3832.17 in bank. \$750 was earned from Washington Tractor hat and shirt sale. \$750 was donated to PSAT&MA club. \$1500 was earned in total at show. Hats and shirts were donated from Jim Hale. \$200 was paid to Greg Greenfield for summer caravan expenses. \$30 was paid for new memorial board posted at Lynden John Deere club museum.

Old Business: Lynden Farmer's Day Parade well represented by club. Summer Caravan was well attended at Greg Greenfield's home with 20 tractors and 45 people for lunch. Good tour around Bayview farm area. PSAT&MA Vintage Farming Days very successful with around 100 John Deere tractors displayed. Good weather except for rain on Saturday. Additional antique and collector cars added additional interest. Attendance appeared to be lower that past non pandemic years. Lack of Canadian attendance due to border closure may be reason. Tuesday potluck dinner was popular in new food court.

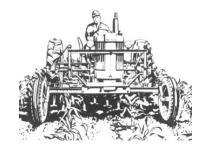
Membership: 12 members have not paid 2020 dues. 59 members have not paid 2021 dues.

New Business: Veterans Day Parade November 13. Group together 10:30 at Haggens and Les Schwab lot. Need John Deere Museum maintenance. Gutters need cleaning. Need 3 or 4 people. Fall meeting October 30, Sedro Woolley Museum. Concern that meeting room is too small

for adequate ventilation. David Harrison will check on Museum availability. Potluck planned for December 4. Need to know who will attend concerning covid concerns. Will we have to pay for set up day before meeting?

Meeting adjourned at 8:07

Minutes submitted for Ray Riggles by Alerd Johnson



John Deere 40

PSATMA– Vintage Farming Days Show John Deere Tractor Traveling the furthest Award

Steve Ebe from Millville, California won the award with his John Deere 430c front end loader crawler.



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 Restored 8W mower, rebuilt and painted, older restoration, needs registered, Also extra cutter bars. 2 brand new hoses with plugs, reasonable offer. 1 remoted cylinder #A3162R and 1 #A4732R. Both cleaned, painted and with plugs in connection holes, \$120 each. Bob Folk, ffolk@centurytel.net (360)-376-4689

For Sale: 1945 JD H, electric start, restored, new front tires, \$2500 firm, Rick Burt, 360-629-2612 For Sale: 1948 John Deere "M", it is not all assembled, some extra parts, \$800; 4 hoods for John Deere "B", 2 grills for John Deere "B", make offer; Karl Bright 206-919-4213 please voice message

Wanted 3 bottom, 3 point plow in good condition, Jim Alveshere, 425-226-6190 Wanted Shop space, 10'x 26' with power. Would like to rent for at least 3 months, Brock Reinecke, 425-213-3548

Wanted Hand operated corn sheller with flywheel, Alerd Johnson, 360-421-7953

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



Cascade Two Cylinder Club web address www.cascadetwocylinderclub.org

Calendar of 2021 Events

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October 30 November 13

December 4

Fall C2CC General Meeting, 10:00 Greg Greenfield Shop, 13558 Bayview Road, Mount Vernon, WA 98273 Skagit County Veterans Day Parade, Burlington, Park trailers Les Schwab /Haggens Parking lot 10:00-10:30 parade start 11:00

C2CC Christmas Holiday meeting/potluck, Bayview Community Hall

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



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