Cascade Two Cylinder Club Newsletter

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C2CC Winter General Meeting

January 27, 2018

Sedro Woolley Museum

Coffee & Cookies 9:30 AM

General Meeting 10:00 AM

Agenda– Elections: President, Treasurer and 4 board position. -Activities for 2018 -Raffle



25 Years of Green and Yellow tractor fun

1993-2018

Editor note: I had the pleasure of meeting Jack Klippenstein at the P.S.A.T.& M.A. show on August 5 last year. Jack is from Beatrice Nebraska and was in the area visiting his daughter and family who live in the Lynden area. Mr. Klippenstein had a great story about his family business selling John Deere products.

Three Generations in John Deere Dealerships

In 1913 Grandfather Klippenstein lost his left hand in a farming accident and got into a John Deere dealership in Henderson, Nebraska selling plows and cultivators. In 1918 the Waterloo Boy tractor was available for sale. There were a few Waterloo Boy tractors sold, but not many. There were quite a few model Ds sold in the 1920's.

In 1930, Jacob's son, John R. Klippenstein was asked by John Deere to take over a bankrupt dealership in Friend, Nebraska. The town of Friend was 50 miles southeast of Henderson. The farm economy was not good because of the depression but the drought made it worse. The drought lasted for four to five years. Grain prices were low, restricting tractor sales but the parts business was the dealership money maker. Jacob retired in the late 30's and closed the Henderson dealership. The Friend dealership focused on a larger parts inventory which brought customers from a distance to buy parts.

In the late 1930's, two of John R's brothers took over two other dealerships, one in Geneva, Nebraska and one in Milford, Nebraska, both about 20 miles from Friend: one southwest and one northeast. The dealership in Geneva was not successful and brother Pete became parts manager for another dealer after WWII. Brother George in Milford joined the service at the outset of WWII and that store was closed. In the early 1940's John R. bought two more dealerships, one in Crete, Nebraska, 20 miles to the east and one in Wilber, 10 miles south of Crete. At this time in John Deere history, dealerships were generally small and sometimes had only the owner, who was the salesman and one other employee. John R had two good store managers that were given a financial interest in the stores. During the 1940's, the Friend dealership had around eight employees and at one time was reported to be one of the largest dealerships in the John Deere Omaha branch.

Farms

During 1930s and 1940s the farm size averaged about 160 acres and raised grain sorghum(milo) with a corn and wheat rotation. Horses were still a big part of the farms with cattle, chickens and a few hogs. Now days the farms average 750 - 1000 acres with a few farming up to 5000 acres and focus on a corn and soybean rotation. Wheat has been generally phased out.

Tractor Sales

The first tractor sold by the dealership was a 1930 John Deere D which wasn't sold until 1931 due to economic times. John R remarked when the John Deere GP was introduced that John Deere must have lost the blue prints to the John Deere D. In the 1930s the GP was sold in limited numbers along with the D until the A & B were introduced. At the introduction of the Model A and B tractors, sales began to slowly improve. The farm economy and the rains in 1937-8 improved to the point that tractor and machinery sales picked up substantially. John R reported selling 37 or 38 tractors in 1937. At this time horses were traded in on new tractors. A local farmer kept the horses until sold. The Klippenstein dealership was John Deere the entire time except for some allied lines including New Idea, Farmhand, Jayhawk hay stackers, grain augers, Firestone and Goodyear tires. A large farm supply department was part of the business. During WWII with machinery shortages, parts sales, service work including cutting down steel wheels and installing rubber tires kept the home fires burning. Also during this time, much effort was made locating and selling used farm machinery from distressed

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

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

President's Message

Happy New Year to everyone. I hope you are off to a good start after the Holidays. We plan to have a shop tour in April. Don't have all the details yet. Skagit Gas Up is May 12, 2018 at the Skagit County fair grounds starting at 9:00 am. So bring out some of your shinny J.D.'s. July 21 is our yearly caravan. This year we are planning to go to La Conner area. More on that later. Our next meeting will be Jan. 27, 2018 at the Sedro Woolley Museum at 10:00 A.M.. Hope to see you at the meeting.

Paul Hieb, President



areas in Missouri and Kansas. After WWII an appliance department was added. In the late 1940's and early 1950's the John Deere A and B were the main sellers. A few G's were sold but were considered fuel hogs. In 1948 one Model D was sold. Row crop tractors were popular with the local farms as the majority of the acres were row crop. A few John Deere Ms and MTs were sold, but the foot clutch and "wrong way" engine was not popular in this area. The Klippenstein and Sons dealership was John Deere the entire time except for some allied lines. Row crop tractors were popular with the local farms.

Jack became a partner with his dad (John R) in 1952 when he was in high school. When school got out at 4:00 Jack was at the dealership at 4:15. In 1963 Jack bought a dealership in Beatrice, Nebraska some 50 miles southeast of Friend and operated this business until 1969. In 1967 John R decided it was time to retire and since John Deere was not replacing dealers in the smaller towns, he closed the business. In 1969 a new John Deere territorial manager wanted some major changes to the dealership so Jack agreed to disagree. So ended a three generation relationship with John Deere that had included seven dealerships with the Klippenstein name. Jack decided on a new career as a Chevrolet dealership sales manager. After a while Jack moved to the True Value Hardware stores managing a group of stores and eventually built his own store in Beatrice. where he lives today. ajohnson

Stories from the Dealership by Jack Klippenstein

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Had an aggressive Ford Tractor Dealer from a neighboring town wanting to demonstrate the 8N. One of our good customers that had a late model John Deere B Gas Burner informed us that this fellow was going to be at his farm to make a demonstration and wondered if we would like to be there. We made certain that his tractor and plow adjustments were correct and set the Power Trol cylinder to plow at 6" depth. On the day, we made certain that our customer would make the first furrow so the Ford could follow. After about a hundred yards, everyone stopped to survey the results. The Ferguson System had cheated when the Ford couldn't pull the plow at that depth and raised the plow so it could handle it. Our customer said, no, you have to plow the same depth we are plowing. So, when the Ford man tried that, the front of the tractor started to lift off the ground and killed. The Ford man loaded up and headed back to town.

Had a customer in the store looking at a 2 row listed corn cultivator on the showroom floor. He looked at every bolt on the machine very carefully. He said, "I want that one". After the deal was made, he was asked about his close scrutiny of the machine and particularly the bolts. He said, " I wanted to make certain that all the bolts were John Deere because they are stronger bolts".

A man walked into our dealership and our parts man asked how he could help. The man said that he was looking for a job. Our parts man asked what kind of work he could do. He replied that he would like to ride along in the truck when we made deliveries. Our parts man told him that if that job ever opened up, he had first claim on it.

THERE'S A JOHN DEERE DEALER NEAR YOUhe will be glad to give

YOU FURTHER INFORMATION



Membership Dues \$15/Year **Please note! 2018 dues due January 1, 2018**

Please send your 2018 dues to Tom Jensen, 202 Rainbow Drive, Burlington, WA 98233 or bring the money to the next meeting.

> Meeting Minutes **Cascade Two Cylinder Club Board of Director's Meeting**

Board of director's meeting held Jan. 3, 2018 at Phil Smoots home.

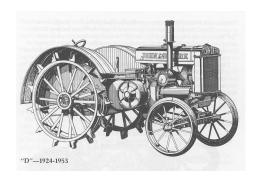
Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm by Paul Hieb Pres. Minutes of previous meetings read and approved.

Treasurer's Report: \$4741 on hand. We have 164 paid up members. 84 people attended the Dec. Pot Luck. Cost for 2018 insurance is \$308.

Old Business The J D "B" has been delivered to Ferndale FFA students. The tractor appears to be stuck! Paul and I helped members of the Puget Sound club reinforce 4 of the trusses in the McKay building at the Berthusen show grounds. They plan to do the rest after the 2018 show. With the help of Con Holleman and his tractor Gary Friend, Loren Dahl, Phil Smoots, Paul Hieb and I cleaned all the gutters at the Lynden show grounds as well as picking up a lot of limbs.

New Business: Elections, there are four board members up for election as well as president and treasurer. Those board positons are now held by Alerd Johnson, Greg Greenfield, Con Holleman and Norm teSelle. Gary Friend moved to nominate all for re-election. 2nd by Con Holleman. Motion passed with no opposition. Gathering of the Green March 21—24, 2018. Shop tour possibly Janicki Industries early April. Tom is working on the summer caravan, details later. He is also working on our 25th anniversary hats. Next meeting January 27, 2018 at the Sedro-Woolley Museum. Meeting adjourned at 8:44 AM

Ray Riggles, sec.



Washington Tractor Video of the **Cascade Two Cylinder Club**

Club officers and board members Tom Jensen, Paul Hieb, Loren Dahl and Con Holleman explain the purpose and activities of the Cascade Two Cylinder Club. If you have access to the internet you may find the youtube.com video interesting. Go to our C2CC.org web site for the link. Thanks to Washington Tractor for producing this video

Gathering of the Green 2018 March 21-24 **Davenport** Iowa

We have received a personal invitation from Ken Reese to attend the Gathering of the Green 2018. This four day John Deere collector events includes tours, seminars and venders related to the Green hobby. The show draws in excess of 2000 participants.

Gatheringofthegreen.com

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Sounds kind of threatening doesn't it: since that's all we've been hearing on radio and tv lately. Just bear with me and you'll be pleasantly surprised cause the green we're talk'n bout is JOHN DEERE and not taxes. Summer's about over and we are winding down fast on the events, so start thinking about your project tractor to have up and running for 94.

Our next meeting will be SATURDAY—OCTOBER 2, 1993 at the SKY-VALLEY SHOW GROUNDS in Monroe, Washington at 10 AM. This is a family affair so bring the wife and kids plus a POT-LUCK DISH.

After lunch we have scheduled speakers on Magnetos & Body(that's sheet metal you guy's) and Painting.

Bring your truck or trunk load of extra parts for the "hagglers" swap meet — even toss in a tractor if you can (just to run-or even sell it) Should be fun—see you there — see map for directions— Paul Hieb



2003 Plow Day– Can you name these people?

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 1941 "H" call Arthur Morris, 360-675-7097

For Sale 1947 "D" manifold, good, 604-856-8134

For Sale LUC good, 310-292-7277

For Sale JD "M" good, needs paint, 360-856-1196

For Sale 2-7:50 x 18 tires & wheels, tread worn, Glen Reinstra 406-270-6462

For Sale JD 24T baler, lots of new parts, bales great. 190 bales since overhaul, no re-bales. Stored inside. 3 new rolls of twine. Great working vintage collector piece. Paperwork for all work done. \$6000 obo. JD 650 3 pt. rake, 5 bar, all tine holders covered(short grass) no welds. Have extra new tines. \$9000 obo. Tarrup 204 3pt disc mower, manual lift. Bar tarp cover. In great shape. No welds. Have op manual with parts list. (some parts cross with JD) \$600 obo. Would like to sell as a package for \$8000. Pictures on request. Bob Folk 360-376-4689 Orcas Island Washington rFolk@centurytel.net

For Sale J D #66, 3 bottom, 16 inch plow. On rubber and mechanical lift. Good condition, \$700 or best offer. Leon Meyers, 360-856-6338

For Sale 1949 JD model G, runs good, new tires, nice tin and paint. \$4500. Jim at 360-708-7142 For Sale JD 420 crawler, agri tractor with 3 pt.(no blade), engine free. 5 roller undercarriage, sprockets

and track pins look good, front grill excellent, asking \$2600, Morrie Robinson 360-826-3782 **For Sale** Restored 1957 JD 420U Serial #106102, wide front, 4 speed PTO. Runs and drives good. New tires front, new brakes, 75 to 80% rear. Rear wheel weights, 3 point with correct 3rd link. 4 year old paint job with Jorde decals, Lindstrom sunbrella, custom cover, both manuals and all paperwork. With restored 415-A 3 point integral 2-14 bottom plow, new Tyler Buchheit points, extensions and trash boards. Bottoms soft painted when not in use. Manuals and paperwork. Nice original set up. \$5000.00. firm. Everything works. Bob Folk (360)376-4689e-mail:rfolk@centurytel.net

For Sale Tractor tie down brackets, \$30.00 per pair. Tire pump chain with hooks and spring \$10 360-354 -3036

For Sale Setting for 6– Gibson Amber Waves Pattern, Issued between 2004 and 2007. Picture of JD 730 in on each piece. 6 salad plates, 6 dinner plates, 6 soup/cereal bowls & coffee cups. Very light use, no chips. One coffee cup has a crack at bottom of handle, top OK. Very few replacement pieces available. Some pieces available on e-bay but are expensive selling separate. Asking \$300.00. Excellent collector pieces or for use. Bob Folk, rfolk @centureytel.net 360-376 -4689 or 360-378-7334

For Sale. 38 inch tractor tires for sale. Larry McPhail 360-366-5548

For Sale Snow chains for big rigs. 3 sets cable chains (new in box) 10.00/20 or 11.00/22.5 \$25/set New in bags: 1 set heavy duty double railers – real chain with grabber bars. 10.00/20 or 11.00/2.5 \$250/set Bob Folk: rfolk@centurytel.net

Phone: 360-376-4689 or 360-378-7334

Wanted John Deere horse drawn potato digger, walk behind, Loren Dahl, 360-540-0771 Wanted Manifold (good) for 1935 "D" Richard Hansen 360-675-3224 Wanted 4 or 5 bottom John Deere tag plow, hyd. Trip, call Grant McKay, 360-739-9206 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

-Search member/tractor database -All newsletters 1996-today-Events calendar-Pictures and Video 1993-today-Huge collection of web links

JOHN DEERE HIGH LIFT MOWERS

Calendar of 2018 Events

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January 27	C2CC Winter General Meeting, Sedro-Woolley
	Gathering of the Green, Davenport, Iowa
April	
<i>May</i>	
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	Lynden Farmer's Day parade
June	Burlington Berry-Dairy Day parade
July 4	La Conner 4th parade
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July 4	
	C2CČ Caravan, La Conner area
August 1 -14	
August 18	
September 8	Winthrop Vintage Wheels Show
October	Burlington Pumpkin Toss
	Veteran's Day parade, Burlington
December 1	C2CC Holiday-Christmas dinner, Bayview

For more details on event times and location, contact the club officers or boards members. Phone numbers listed on bottom of this page.

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