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Merry CHRISTmas!!!

Welcome to the last news letter of 2010. It's been a busy year at that. I haven't counted, but I believe Bluebonnet had more shows this year than in years past. We had good participation at these shows and my hats off to all of you who put forth all the blood sweat and tears to make these shows a success!

December is probably the hardest news letter to get out. Not because there's not enough material, but because there is too much. The December news letter always follows the busiest season. I have so many pictures, there is just no way to include all of them. I apologize to anyone who was at a show but didn't get posted in one of the pictures in the news letter.

Well enough of my yakking, let's get to the good stuff.

Alvin Labor day show





Tech Section

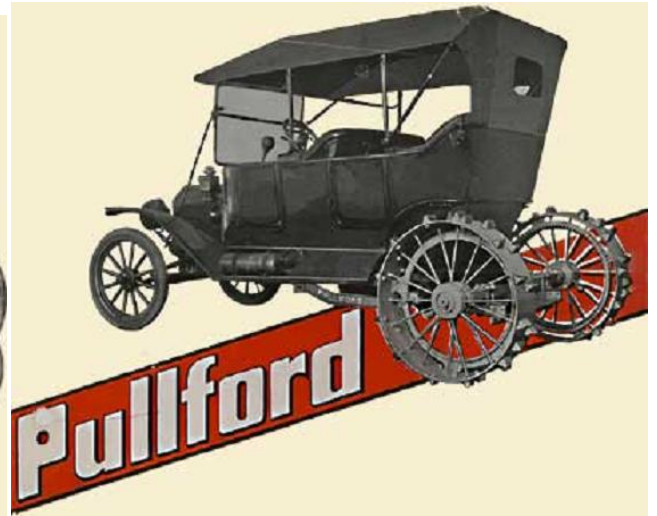
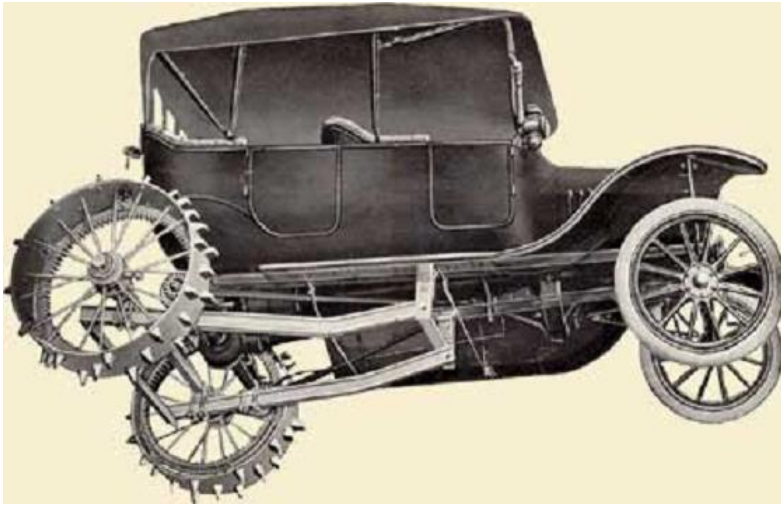
Well you have Bobby Wright to thank for the inspiration for this quarters Tech Section. We'll start off with the time honored Model T Ford. The first Model T's rolled off the assembly line in 1909. Henry Ford wanted to build a cheap dependable car that most people could afford, and he did that with the Model T Ford. The model T was simple cheap and rugged. By 1927 over 14 million cars and trucks had been built. The model T had served the Ford Motor Company well, but by 1927 it was ready to be replaced with the model A. If it had been left up to Henry Ford the T would have been produced many more years, but with prompting from his son Edsel, and the ever increasing popularity of Chevrolet, Ford had to change with the times. Next Henry came out with the model A in late 1927.

The model A lasted until 1931. At the same time Chevrolet was building millions of cars to compete with Ford for the number 1 spot.

About now you're wondering what do these old cars have to do with tractors and engines? Well, towards the late 1920's and on into the 1950's millions of these cars were converted into tractors by way of kits that a person could buy.

Around this time period tractors were replacing the horse on the farm. It didn't take too long for some enterprising companies to figure out there was a market to convert these cars into tractors. There were over 80 companies that built kits to convert your Ford, Chevy, or Dodge into a useful tractor. These conversions were not going to replace the commercially available tractors on the market at that time, but did put the old car back to some use. These kits became popular enough that even sears sold a kit. Some kits advertised that the family car could be converted to a tractor in as little as an hour and then converted back in time to go to town. Here are a few pictures of some of the popular kits of the time.





What's for sale?

For Sale:

Two old pieces of farm equipment located near Austin, Texas. One old steel rake on steel and one steel wheel sickle -bar mower. The items need a new home where they can be restored. If interested please contact Rodney @ 713-806-9174 or RODNEYTTU@aol.com

For Sale:

Converted boat trailer. It is galvanized and painted. It has 2 new springs and a new 2" ball hitch. The trailer measures 9' 10" X 58" with 2" treated boards. Tires are in good shape. If interested contact Joe - milljoe2@live.com

Items We Really Want:

Looking for a New Idea corn picker/snapper. Unit must be in running condition and able to pick corn. If you know anyone desiring to sell one of these units please contact John Yoars at jyoars@comcast.net.



For Sale:



Joe DeFord has a really nice Maytag Washing machine for sale. The machine still works and is in excellent shape. If interested call Joe direct @ 713-294-2739.

For Sale:



John Deere mower \$1,000.00

Restorable corn picker \$900.00

1927 Chevrolet car \$3,800.00

If interested contact Ritchie Enriquez at loaestar2546@yahoo.com

For Sale:

An 8n with a cab.

\$4800; location is Chanute, Kansas; seller is Mark Welling. : welling.m@gmail.com

More pictures available

at: <http://s120.photobucket.com/albums/o164/wwildhorse2k/Blinkey%20with%20Cab%20and%20Sun-Mastr%20Mower%201949%208N/>



For Sale:

2 hp Cushman stationary engine, asking \$800.00. Engine is in very good condition. Contact: Lonnie at (281)-383-2052 or l-jfisher@verizon.net

For Sale:



1929 Fordson, built in Cork, Ireland. It does have a lot of the features, unique to 1929 Irish Fordsons, although it has some features that reportedly were only offered on later production, some even after production was shifted from Cork to England. It was in running condition when I bought it, but it requires cranking by hand and I have decided to downsize. The tractor is not painted in the original color scheme and is missing the original air cleaner although an air cleaner off of another make tractor is provided. The original fenders are also missing, but only a tractor fanatic who knew the difference would know that it even was factory equipped with rear fenders. I do have the original tool kit and owners manual and a few other parts and manuals to go with it. It is an ideal parade tractor as it was fitted with the optional French and Hecht wheels mounting pneumatic tires, so it is not on steel. There were fewer than 10,000 Fordsons built in 1929, so it is one of the rarest year models. I am asking \$2,000.00 firm, which probably is less than I have invested in it. It can be seen at my location in Katy, conveniently located near I-10.



Cell phone: 832-659-5881. Email address: modeltwoods@yahoo.com Terry

For Sale:

1953 Farmall Super C. The tractor starts and runs good. Planters and cultivators are 99% original and complete. Asking \$3,000.00

Contact: Dean at 281-831-5331 or deano@deanolson.net



Member Spotlight

Mike Dunaway Jr.

This quarter we Spotlight Mike Dunaway of Santa Fe, Texas. I have known Mike and his father for more years than I can remember. He and I (Vernon), even once made a trip delivering and picking up tractors, implements, and engines. We went to Florida, to Tennessee, to Portland Indiana, to Michigan, back to Tennessee, and finally back to Texas all in one trip.

Mike tells me he wasn't always interested in old tractors, but has had an interest in farming since he was young working on a farm. Later Mike went to Texas A & M and got a degree in Mechanized Agriculture. After graduating Mike got into some truck farming. As time went on he realized he needed a tractor. At this time he wasn't into old tractors. While out looking for a tractor he came across a John Deere model A and bought it. He didn't know it then, but he had been bitten by the bug that seems to have infected so many of us.

Mike has since gone on to buy and sell many more tractors since then. Today Mike buys and sells John Deere's, but also restores and repairs tractors on the side. So if you have a tractor and don't have time to work on it you might want to give Mike a call.



Out and about

When I travel, I like to scout around and see what treasures are laying around waiting to be had. While visiting my In-laws, I did some sight seeing and thought you'd like to see some of the iron I spotted.





Odds and Ends

This was forwarded to me By Larry Steed.

Hey Larry;

Sorry I missed the club Christmas dinner.

I have been doing hayrides around our subdivision, looking at Christmas lights, for about 10 years now. It keeps growing. I did 4 trips this year and hauled around 90 people. I don't charge as this started out as being just a fun thing to do. We seem to have enough family, friends, and clients to fill the trailer. We stage at the Randall's Grocery store and I get a lot of people wanting to know what we charge and if I have room. I was approached over 10 times this year. This may be a fun thing for the club to do to raise funds next year.

Thank You!
Dean Olson



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Well folks, another year has gone by and although we had a few events rained out again, we did manage to attend more tractor shows than we did last year, and all were very enjoyable and entertaining; hopefully in 2011 we'll attend even more events.

We ended the year with our last quarterly (very short) meeting and annual Christmas dinner with a wonderful meal enjoyed by all (we had seventy-seven in attendance) at Chabuca's Steaks and Rotisserie Restaurant in Webster, where I'm quite sure we'll meet again next year after hearing many great comments from most everyone about the eatery. After the meal at the restaurant, many members continued their night of fun at an open house hosted by Nelva and Willie Urick, where everyone gathered to enjoy more sweet eats than one could imagine, plus hot coffee and great tasting wassail.

In closing, I wish to let you know that our membership has now grown to ninety-six, which are some of the nicest, most friendly and fun loving guys and gals in all of Southeast Texas.

May 2011 be a healthy, prosperous, and happy year for all of you,

Larry

Christmas Dinner pictures



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