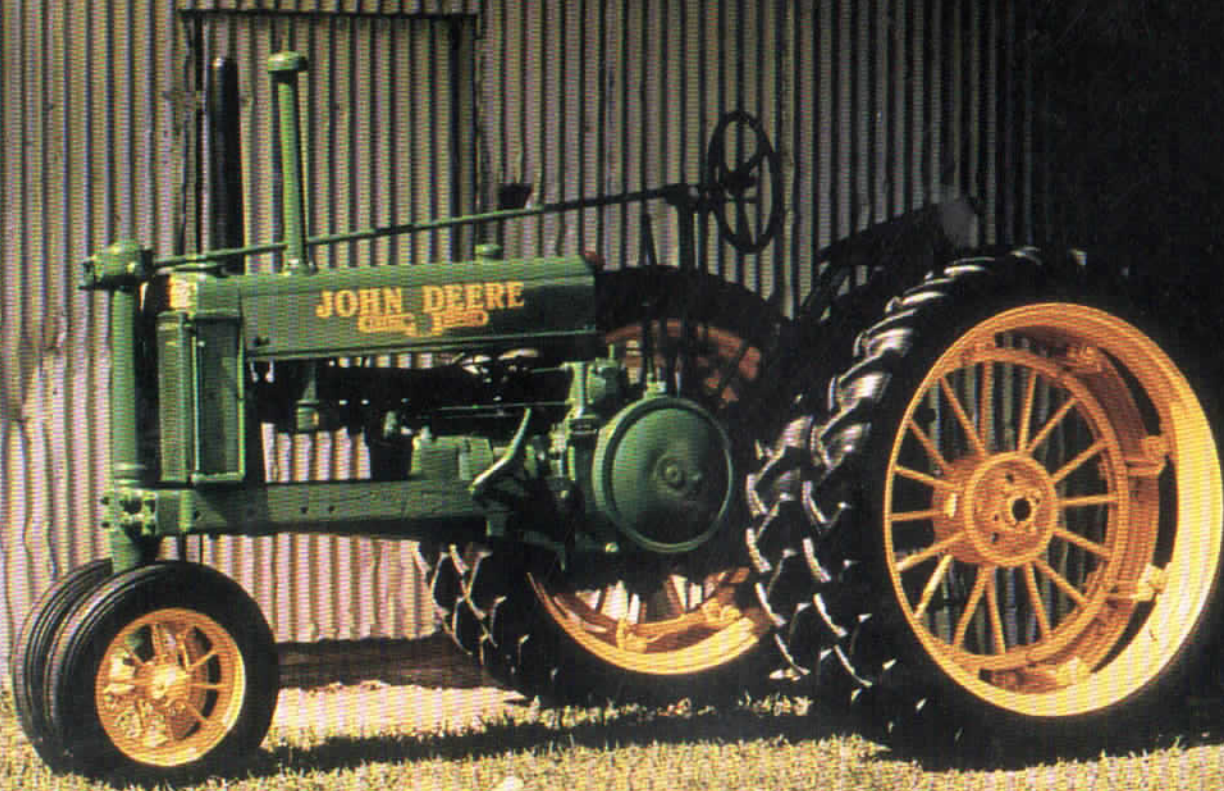


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Vacation pays off...

Crawler discovered

This story started about six years ago when our family was planning a trip to Hawaii. A friend of the family invited us over, so we decided to visit him and his wife during Christmas vacation. We were able to stay in his house and had use of his vehicles.

The first couple of days we were there, he showed us around the island. The second day we were there, we decided to take a trip to the other side of the island. As we were driving in his van through the mountains, I was looking off into the distance when I spotted something sitting in a coral, covered with a blue tarp with a lot of junk around it.

I explained to my dad that there was a "BO" Lindeman in that pile of junk. I was able to recognize it by the support arm for the front blade, which the tarp was not covering. My dad, however, still didn't believe me so we remembered the mile marker closest to that spot and decided to find out later if it really was a "BO" Lindeman sitting there.

By the time we got back to the place where it was sitting, my dad was excited to find out what it was. When we found the place, we got out of the van, climbed over the fence and lifted up the tarp. There it was—a "BO" Lindeman—that appeared to be in very good shape, with a front blade. There wasn't a house sitting nearby so we went down the road about a mile to a shop. We explained that we had seen a crawler down the road and we wanted to know who owned it. We drove back to the place where it was sitting and the gentleman gave us the name of the man who owned the property. We had a telephone and phone book in the van so we called the owner. He said that he owned the land, but he rented it to another man. The owner gave us the name and number of the renter.

When we gave him a call, he explained that he rented the land but the crawler belonged to another



The 1947 "BO" Lindeman crawler, as found by the Poach family during a 1993 trip to Hawaii.

during Hawaii trip

man so we got the name and number of that person. It took us two days to reach that man. When we did, the man (a native Hawaiian) told us that the crawler was for sale. He had even put it for sale in the paper, but no one wanted to buy it. He told us that it was running and the price he wanted for it. At first the price was a little high, but as he and my dad talked, he came down to a very reasonable price. First we checked to see how much it would cost to ship it back to the U.S. and then how much it would cost to ship it to Minnesota. About that time, it was time to return home to the cold winter of Minnesota.

When we got back home, we decided to buy the little crawler. We sent the money to our friend to buy the tractor and to pay for shipping. He called the owner and arranged shipping to the docks. The day our friend Roger was there, it was raining and there was a dead cow lying in the pasture. They tried to move it with a 4x4 truck, but the ground was too wet to get any traction so they decided to try to move it with the crawler. They were successful at moving the cow but when they got down to the docks, the inspector said that the crawler was too dirty to ship. So Roger and the owner found a hose and washed it.

Next they took it back to the inspector, but he said it was still too dirty to ship so it was back to washing. This time it was clean



Ann Poach on the "BO" Lindeman, at home in Monticello, Minnesota.

enough to pass inspection. They were told to drive it up on some planks—this posed yet another problem because the crawler wouldn't start. Roger hooked a chain on it and pulled it up with his S-10 truck. Even though it was hard to pull for the little truck, they were able to get it done. The crawler started and it was up on the planks. From there, it was put in a container and shipped to Seattle, where it was brought by semi-truck to Minnesota.

This is the tractor in our collection that has the most interesting story behind it.

Now a little history on this

tractor. It was made in 1947 and eventually shipped to Hawaii where it was used in a macadamia nut farm for about 15 years. The person we bought the tractor from had purchased it thinking he would use it in construction for leveling land for houses. He soon found out that it was too small for this purpose and decided to sell it. The crawler is in very good condition. We even have all the original literature that came with it when it was new.

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