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Two-Cylinder Expo IX

Missoula, Montana. The first worldwide Two-Cylinder Club Expo to go On-The-Road (out of Iowa) was held in the textbook-perfect summer weather of this western city nestled in the Bitterroot Mountains.

There were a total of 225 registered exhibits, which was exactly 50 more than there were at Expo I in 1987. When first arriving, wanting to be sure there was plenty of room on the front lawn of the fairgrounds, the exhibits were probably parked a little closer to the fence than necessary. No matter. The proximity seemed to lend itself well to the exchange of informal conversation that typifies these events. In fact, there's some speculation that exhibitors are only using the Expos as an excuse to get together every year, and that they bring their tractors along as side issue. A family reunion, of sorts. But of course, that's not true.

The distance to Montana kept a considerable number of longtime exhibitors from being able to make it this year, but this location did allow the opportunity for many others in western states to participate for the first time. Actually, there were quite a number of exhibitors from the Midwest who decided to combine the Expo with their family's summer vacation. Many exhibitors and visitors made the trek north to Glacier National Park, some taking an entire day during the Expo to do so. Folks were pleased that there were

so many things for them to do in the area. The number of vendors was also far smaller than had been at recent Expos held in Iowa. About a third, actually. But those who showed up were elated. This part of the country was apparently ready for a swap meet. A list of exhibitors and vendors appears on page 19.

The Dennis Polk Auction drew quite a crowd, which was no surprise. In visiting with him afterwards, Dennis said there's a clear pattern of spiraling prices being paid for rare, scarce, and exceptionally well-restored tractors. Some of the tractors on the auction set records for those particular models.

Several photos of exhibits, selected at random from those taken of the event, are shown on pages 4-16. Ray Ordorica's perspective about the Expo, and restoration in general, appears on pages 20-23. On pages 24 and 25 you'll find information about Expo X in 2000, which will be held in Waterloo, Iowa. People are already asking if there will ever be another On-The-Road Expo. At this

time we certainly think so. Eastern members deserve the same consideration as was provided this year for Western members. Investigating several recommended sites east of the Mississippi has resulted in narrowing down the selection to one of three locations for 2001, the most favored being the beautiful Kentucky Horse Park at Lexington.



Exhibitor Merrill Swenson stopped briefly on Roger's Pass between Great Falls and Missoula in route to the Expo. He related that people along the way were snapping photos of the rolling load from their passing cars.



Exhibits were placed as they arrived, which resulted in quite a mix of models throughout the grounds. Most of the display area is visible in this shot, with additional rows of exhibits out of view to the left. The Montana sky is not only big... it's blue! The camera's light meter was bouncing off its stops trying to keep pace with the brilliant sunlight.



If it hadn't been for the guy in the Holstein cap, posing behind his "AO" Streamlined, Expo IX would have probably been held somewhere else. Warren Block of Missoula, Montana, was the thrust behind the invitation to the Two-Cylinder Club. His family, and the entire staff of volunteers they assembled, did a splendid job.



The Block family really puts things into high gear after Missoula was chosen as the site for Expo IX. Their handful of restored tractors grew to 20 by showtime, and included the set of all four models in the "H" Series. The wide-axle "HWH" in the foreground partially hides their even rarer, nose-down, "HNH"... but doesn't hide the leak-catching shop rag! Warren?



Eight of the featured Model "HWH" Tractors made it to the show, seven of them lining up here. Equipped with various options including extra-wide front axles, starter, lights, radiator shutter, and wheel weights, the tractors are owned by (right to left): Glen Knudson, Robert Lovegrove, Kimmelshue Brothers, Kenny Read, Jacob Rens, Chris Visser, and Doug Peltzer.



It ain't pretty, but this remarkable tractor is the one-and-only Lindeman-John Deere "BF" ever built. The next crawler over is one of the few Lindeman-John Deere "BR" Tractors known to still exist. Both tractors are owned by Colorado collector Charles "Red" Gaede. Red couldn't be at the Expo because of his farming schedule, so had a friend haul them for him.



Ted Adams, standing behind the white canopy pole and gesturing with his left arm, had a special advantage when it came to collecting the Lindeman Power Equipment Co. models on the table and the Lindeman-John Deere "BO" Wide Tread in the foreground. Ted worked directly with Jess Lindeman until Mr. Lindeman's death in 1992. Inset: The crawler model really runs!



Jacob Winn got started on tractors when his grandpa and dad owned and worked on them. Today he's a technician at a John Deere dealership in Oregon. Jacob owns the spectacular original condition "BO", while his mom and dad, John and Vickey, own the Lindeman-John Deere "BO" behind him.



Zack Peterson is rightfully proud of his 1939 Model "H". Another Oregon member, Jim Becker, brought his classy highway orange Model "MI" to the show. Due to work schedules and the distance involved, Expo IX was the first that many Northwesterners were able to attend. It was a real pleasure to meet them.



Buz Fine's fine JD600 (the industrial alter-ego of a "4020") attracted onlookers like a giant yellow magnet. An alfalfa farmer for over 40 years, Buz started collecting tractors 15 years ago when he took in an old "A" as partial payment for custom farming. The completely original "720" Standard is his as well.



Who would have thought that five Exhibit-A Model "D" Tractors would be in one place again? There were just under one hundred of these units, known as the "XDs," produced. Exhibitors were, right to left: Dennis Black, Waldo Morstad, Warren Thompson, Eugene Stuckle, and Gene Bilile.



Two-Cylinder Technical Consultant Richard Sundberg (white cap) especially liked Darrell Sperry's Model "BR" with same vintage John Deere-Van Brunt Grain Drill. Sperry has several restored tractors today, but this is the one that got him started. Both machines were found in Montana.



Jon McCoy's 1960 Model "620" All-Fuel Orchard Tractor was built near the end of "30" Series production. Anthony Otto's 1925 "D" was never used in the field. It was shipped to Winnipeg and used as a yard tractor. Elvis Daughtrey brought his "G" Hi-Crop Louisiana sugar cane tractor all the way from Paris, Texas.



Muffler snuggies protect Dan Peterman's 1936 "B" and Ken Peterman's Model "40" V from unexpected rain. The Petermans operate Rusty Acres Restoration near Webster City, Iowa. Did it rain at Expo IX? Yup, for about ten minutes Saturday as Exhibitor Awards were being presented.



Merrill Swenson and his load of tractors (see photo, page 2) made it over the pass and to the show on time. This sweet "330" U was among them. Merrill was raised on a wheat and cattle ranch in eastern Montana, and worked for John Deere Company in Minneapolis after college. Today he's a John Deere dealer.



Parts, parts, parts. Even though there were only 17 Swap Meet Vendors, with ten of them selling parts, you can only imagine the kind of business they enjoyed. This photo shows only a small portion of the vast array brought in by Dave Cook of Washburn, Wisconsin. See page 19 for the complete list of Expo IX Vendors.



Dennis Polk (distant center and inset) phoned ahead on Thursday saying his truck was ailing somewhere in Montana, but his advance team had everything under control and well organized by the time Polk arrived. He was very pleased with the Expo IX auction, and predicts that Expo X at Waterloo will be sensational.

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EXHIBITORS

Ted Adams Washington
D.D. Angell Washington
Gary Axness Iowa
Lawrence Baitsholts Montana
Roger Ballstadt Minnesota
Gene Beals Iowa
Larry J. Beals Iowa
Jim Becker Oregon
Arthur J. Berg Washington
Gene Bilile Montana
Dennis & Susan Black Montana
Delbert Block Montana
James & Kristin Block Montana
Warren, Darlyne, & Brian Block Montana
Robert Bouley Montana
Bill Burch Missouri
Harold Burmester Iowa
Gerry Canright Washington
Chris Carl Washington
Elvis Daughtrey Texas
Gerald Dennler Iowa
Bill DeYager Minnesota
F. Roy Dobson III Washington
Robert & Shirley Dufel Iowa
Glen Duggan Idaho
Harold Eastbury Washington
Victor Ernst New York
Les Faber Washington
LeRoy Feltus Montana
Buz Fine Oregon
Fred Funke Idaho
Charles "Red" Gaede Colorado
Art Garner Montana
Larry Gentry Idaho

Albert Goodburn Colorado
Jim Grover Washington
Robert & Audrey Hagerman Iowa
Don Lee Happel Wisconsin
Lee & Charla Hardesty California
Carl A. Harris Michigan
Doug Hart Washington
Hart Family Farms Washington
Verlan Heberer Illinois
Gary Heilig Montana
Randy Hennes Montana
Dale & Lynn Hiatt Wyoming
Paul Hieb Washington
Gary Holtz Iowa
Gary Housman Montana
Tom Jensen Washington
Herb Johnson Montana
Barry Jose Nebraska
Kimmelshue Brothers California
Don & Ann Kinney Colorado
Dan Kloos Minnesota
Glen Knudson Ohio
Kenneth E. Langel Washington
Allan Lien Montana
Bill Lile Iowa
Bill A. Loken Washington
Robert D. Lovegrove Nebraska
Brad Lundell Iowa
Brian Lundell Iowa
Jim Lundell Iowa
Thomas & Bev Manning Iowa
Charles Martin Illinois
Jon McCoy Washington
Jeff McManus Illinois
Leo A. Milleman Iowa
Waldo Morstad Montana
Ronnie E. Moss Idaho
Dave Nelson Montana
Delbert J. Nelson Wisconsin
Jim & Diane Nelson Utah

Tim Orr Montana
George Osland Minnesota
Harold Osland Illinois
Anthony Otto Montana
Doug Peltzer California
Richard A. Petaja Montana
Dan Peterman Iowa
Ken Peterman Iowa
Zack Peterson Oregon
Fred Polinder Washington
Kenny Read Kansas
Jacob Rens Oregon
Mike Rodda Montana
Carroll M. Rose Iowa
Robert Rudebeck Iowa
Holly Rudebeck Frisbie Iowa
Jim Schilling Montana
Wilbur Schwartzel Wisconsin
Wendell Shellabarger Iowa
Connor Sindt Iowa
Darold Sindt Iowa
Derrick Sindt Iowa
Harvey W. Smith Montana
Carl & Margo Sorensen Washington
Darrel Sperry Montana
Jack Statler Iowa
Robert Stine Montana
Eugene Stuckle Washington
Merrill Swenson Montana
Warren Thompson Montana
Robert Tomblin Texas
Ray Vanlandingham Washington
Chris Visser California
Howard Walhof Montana
A. Wendelboe Canada
Buzz Weygandt Oregon
Bruce Wheeler Montana
Richard Wheeler Washington
Jacob Winn Oregon
John & Vickie Winn Oregon

Ron & Arlene Wolsky Montana
Norman & Ellen Woltmann Iowa
Bob Wray Montana
Lee Zylstra Iowa

VENDORS

Action Toys
Gary & Donna Pippin Montana
Apple Creek Publishing
Tom Benda Iowa
Creative Engineering
Gerald Swanson Illinois
Dave Cook Tractor Parts
Dave Cook Wisconsin
Detwiler Tractor Parts
Tom Detwiler Wisconsin
John Deere Collectibles
Lester M. Fleegeer Pennsylvania
Jorde's Decals
Travis & Shirley Jorde Minnesota
Mellow Acres Limestone Sales
Velma Zylstra Iowa
Nielsen Spoke Wheel Repair
Bernard Nielsen Iowa
Robert's Carburetor Repair
Robert Beaver Iowa
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