



Display it and they will come

5 th Annual Hay Tool Show and Swap Meet a Great Success

April 30th and May 1st were no ordinary days for Ashland Ohio and the Ashland County Fair Grounds. The weather was perfect as rust hunters from the North American Hay Tool Collectors Association descended upon the grounds. What they saw was the largest display of F.E. Myers & Bro. equipment ever massed together at one time. Items included antique hay tools, pumps, advertising and many other items too numerous to mention. In addition to the Myers Brand, members were treated to display items by many other manufacturers, they included: Louden, Ney, Eagle, Goshen, J.E. Porter, Hunt Helm and Ferris as well as many other smaller companies.

This year's hosts for the show were Dale Smithhisler, Gary VanScyoc, Jerry Kamp, Gideon Troyer and Melvin Mast. (photo 1) Dale and his crew started setting up the show 1 week in advance. It took dozens of pick up and trailer loads to haul all the items to the show. I am not sure, but I think it was the largest number of "J" cars ever brought together at once since Myers stopped making them. In addition to "J" cars, Dale had another 65 of the 75 or so hay carriers made by Myers. All of Dales items were refinished, reconditioned and fully functional. Other hosts displayed items as well; Gideon assembled an impressive collection of Ney hay carriers. (page 2) In all, Gideon displayed about 40 hay carriers.



Show host,
left to right;
Melvin Mast
Jerry Kamp
Dale Smithhisler
Gary VanScyoc
Gideon Troyer

Photo 1



Above - Gideon's Ney carrier display.

Below - Jerry Kamp's "J" cars



In addition, Jerry Kamp displayed his “J” cars, as well as other items. (page 2)

Gary VanScyoc brought his Eagle hay car and forks beautifully refinished. (photo 3) Melvin Mast displayed his Myers display rack and carrier. (page 4)

Together, several dozen people brought items to display. In addition to showing items, just about everyone brought items to sell or trade. Members sold hay forks, Eagle carriers, cut out Porters, Ney rod cars and many other styles of carriers changed hands. Doug de Shazer from Omaha, NE made a detour to West Virginia to buy 200 barn and nautical pulleys. He unloaded his truck at the show and the people flocked to see the inventory. When it was all said and done, Doug kept about 30 of the pulleys and sold every last one to fellow members. (see photo below)

The 2010 show was a success by all accounts. The NAHTCA had about approximately 50 members plus spouses at the show and signed up 5 new members. In all we had over 150 people pass through the show.

Members who signed in traveled a total of 13,500 miles one way to attend the show. Darrell Sheets gets the long distance award for traveling over 1,015 miles to Ashland to buy and show rust. Doug and Juliet de Shazer were not far behind with over 950 miles. If you count their detour to West Virginia, they put on over 1250 miles one way. This is the 2nd year in a row that Darrell has traveled the farthest to the show. That deserves an award of some type!

(see page 10 for map of states represented)



Photo 3



John Snyder's mobile hay carrier display



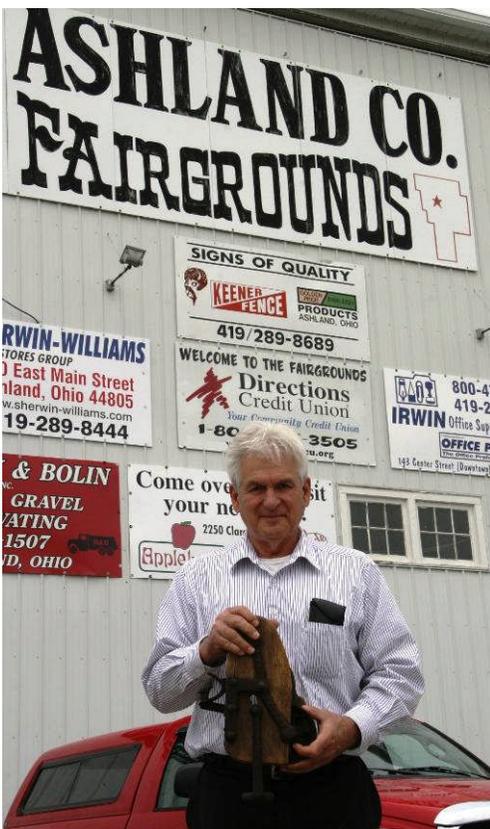
About 60 of Doug's pulleys were all that was left after Friday afternoon. By Saturday morning they were all gone!



Melvin and his Myers display



Dale standing by a few of his pumps



Bruce Sizemore of Julian North Carolina

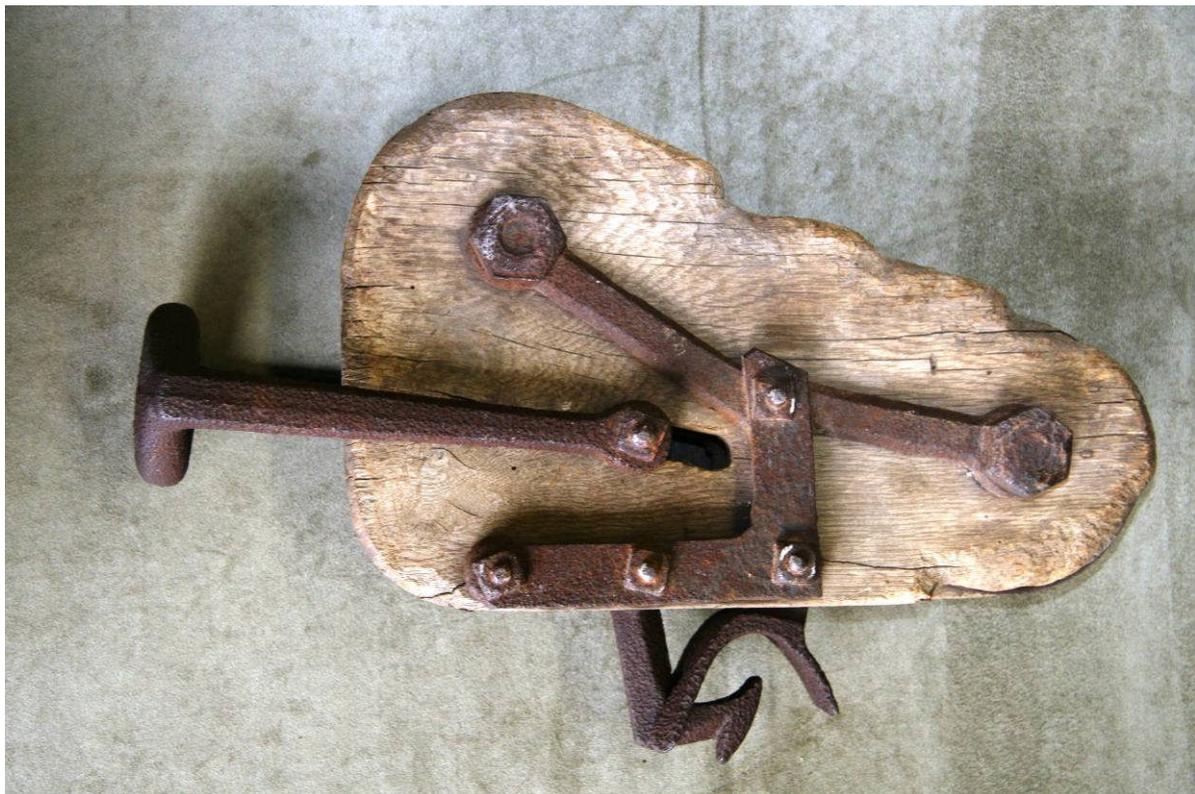


NAHTCA "Chief" Doug de Shazer relaxing for a photo op. Shouldn't he be working or something?

One of the show's most unique pieces was a hay carrier brought by Bruce Sizemore of Julian, North Carolina. The carrier he brought is the earliest patented hay carrier to exist. It was patented by H. C. Stauffer in 1868. He found this treasure at a flea market last year and paid \$17.00 for it. (wow) He was not sure what it was at first, but through some research he learned it was a hay carrier. He is now an avid collector of hay carriers and pulleys. It is not 100% complete, but it is a great find nonetheless. On pages 5 and 6 you can see close up views of this early carrier and the patent information.



Bruce Sizemore's hay carrier. Notice the section of wood missing, and the "L" brackets added to the carrier. The brackets were hand wrought and we believe added to reinforce the carrier.



H. C. Stauffer patent details

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H. C. STAUFFER.
Hay Carrier.

No. 84,591.

Patented Dec. 1, 1868.

Fig. 1.

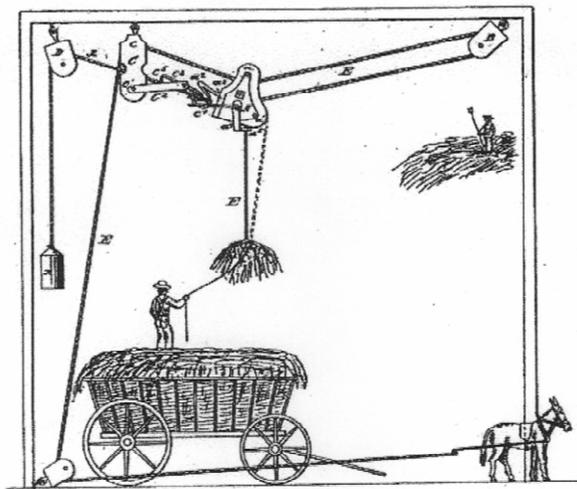
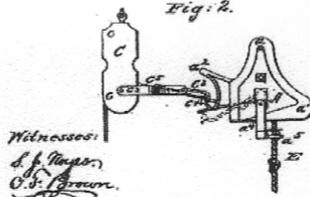


Fig. 2.



Witnesses:
A. J. Taylor,
C. S. Brown.

Inventor:
H. C. Stauffer by
A. W. Bunker.

Additional show photos



Assorted F.E. Myers and Bro. pumps

Additional show photos



The trailer had not even stopped yet and Craig was on board digging through the heap.

Nice assortment of rope hitches



Gary VanScyoecs Huber hay carrier



The Day-Trippers

This year's show had something for those members who don't necessarily like all that rusty stuff. Gideon and Melvin graciously volunteered their wives to direct the ladies through Amish country.

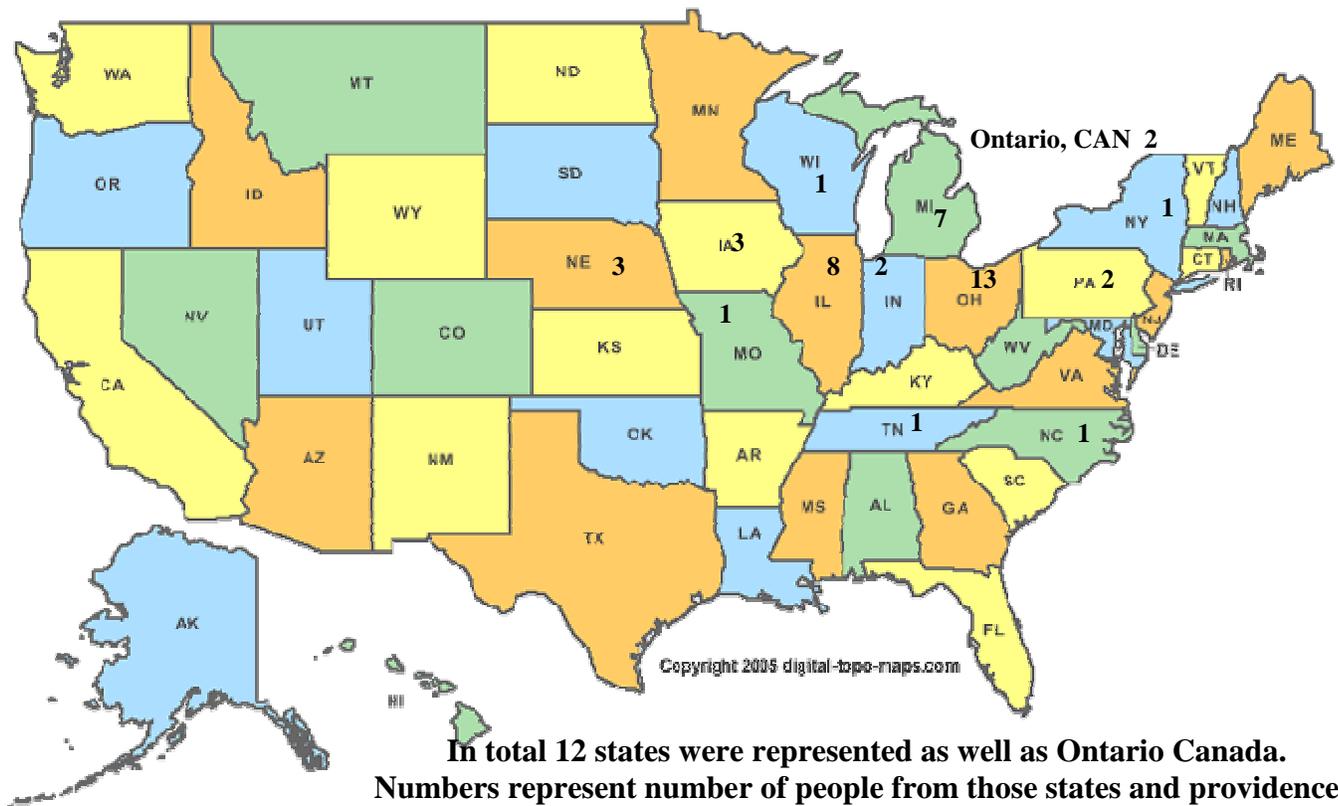
We arranged a 12-passenger van and I chauffeured with Linda as co-pilot. The ladies piled into the van (literally!) and headed first to Berlin, OH for shopping. From there, we traveled a bit further for lunch at Der Dutchman Restaurant in Walnut Creek. Lunch was excellent, conversation was flowing, and delicious pie was consumed. Shopping continued afterwards with a stop where there was an antique mall and a craft mall right across from each other; something for everyone! Time sure flies when you are shopping and before we knew it, it was time to head back to Ashland to meet up with the men for dinner (though we were all still full from that pie). One more stop was made on the way home at a bakery owned by Mary Troyer's relative and that was the perfect end to the trip.

Everyone had a great time and plans are already in the works for next year's "Girls Day Out". What will we ladies be up to by then with a whole year to plan?? One thing was unanimously decided though — teamwork is always nice but, we need a step-stool for getting in and out of that darn van!!! Encourage your wives to join us next year! Perhaps if enough ladies are in for the trip we can rent a bus that comes equipped with real steps. Wouldn't that be a luxury?

- - - Juliet Mitchell



Back row left to right: Katie Mast, Mary Troyer, Donna Syer, Ann McGrew, Peggy Wohlford, Phyllis Moffet
Front row left to right: Juliet Mitchell, Phyllis VanderMolen, Linda Smithhisler, Ellen Colvin, Jan Weeber



Now that's a heap

They say one is born at every show, well this year's victim was Todd Noll from Buffalo Valley, TN. Todd's enthusiasm was a site to see. He looked like a pinball bouncing from one vendor to the next and from one display to the next. Steve Weeber guided him from bumper to bumper and in the end he pulled away with a car full rust. His energy and enthusiasm was electrifying to all.



Todd with his heap getting ready to leave for his trip home. Rumor had it that he had only a few bucks left for gas to get home, let's hope he made it!!!!



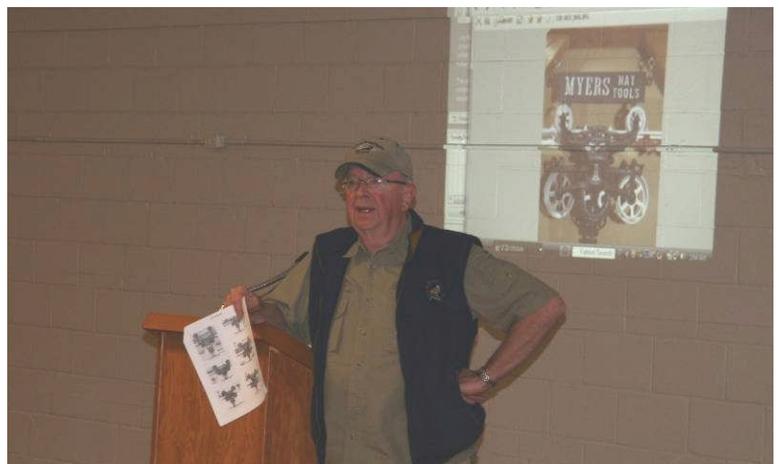
NAHTCA NEWS

First off, a big thank you to our 5 hosts for all their hard work. Everyone enjoyed the show and all the amenities they provided. Members and non-members enjoyed the displays, vending and countless conversations surrounding the special artifacts brought to the show. A food wagon was provided with plenty of hot coffee, biscuits and gravy for the morning as well as good lunch chow. Friday Evening, the crew was provided with a 5-star dinner buffet at the fair grounds. Everyone enjoyed dinner with back ground music courtesy of a local band.

Prior to Friday's dinner, Cloyd McNaull, of Ashland Ohio and former employee of the F.E. Myers and Bro. Company talked with association members about the history and products that Myers provided to the market place. After Cloyd's talk, Steve Weeber talked in depth about Myers rare and common hay carriers alike and about how slight differences make certain carriers different from others. (see photos below)

Next year's show will be in Ashland again on April 29th and 30th. Additional things discussed were: having association shirts, hats and cozies made. These items will be pre-ordered and brought to the show or shipped to you if you cannot make it to the show. Other topics discussed were having fliers ready sooner to pass out a few months before the show and adding a for sale/trade page to the newsletter. More to follow on all these items. Thanks for the input!

-Chief



Left - Cloyd McNaull talks about the Myers Co.
Above - Steve Weeber talks about Myers carriers

Some hunt rust, some hunt antique coffee grinders

While some of us hunt rust, other tag along and hunt other things. Along the way Juliet Mitchell hunted antique coffee grinders. At every stop she jumped out and searched high and low probing for the perfect grinder, similar to searching for the right barn to dig through. By the time her trip was through, she netted 14 new grinders. Her favorite was the red one, (top right), known as an Enterprise #2 circa 1870's and the brown one with the glass front, (center of photo), known as the X-ray Mill, circa 1900's made by the Arcade Mfg. Co.



4th of July is just around the corner, everyone be safe



The mechanical advantage peddling its goods at the show

THE MECHANICAL ADVANTAGE

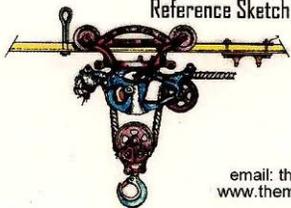
Reference Sketch Books For The Collector

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Coming Events

- 54th Annual Darke County Threshers Assn Reunion
Greenville, OH June 30-July 3
- 34th Camp Creek Threshers Waverly, NE July 17-18
- 22nd Windmillers Trade Fair
York County Fair Grounds, NE
June 9-11
- Carsten Farm Days
Shelby, IA Sept. 11-12
- 2010 Hart-Parr Oliver Expo
Mt. Pleasant, IA June 24-27
- 8 Miles of Ag-tiques
Orangeville, IL July 3-5
- 45th Tri-State Power Show
Portland, IN Aug. 25-29

CONGRATULATIONS!

Barry and Judy Merenoff are celebrating their Golden Anniversary Saturday June 12th. Best wishes from all the members of the NAHTCA!

If anyone is celebrating other milestones, let us know and we'd love to share it with the members.