



The North American Hay Tool Collectors Association met in

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For the 7th Annual Hay Tool Show and Swap Meet
featuring O-HI-O hay tool manufacturers

For the third year in a row, the North American Hay Tool Collectors Association met in Ashland, Ohio for their annual Hay Tool Swap Meet and Show. This was no regular show. This year the members really stepped it up a notch and came out in force. Not only to visit, swap, sell and socialize, but to show their personal collections to other members as well as the general public. It was amazing to see all the new and different items brought this year. The show featured Ohio-made trolleys and many other manufacturers were present as well. "Rust" assured, RUST was everywhere.

To start things off, our hosts had a gamete of companies to review. Dale Smithhisler, of Ashland, Ohio had a huge display of Myers carriers, forks and misc. Myers items.

Gideon Troyer, of Baltic, Ohio had a large display of Ney, V.L. Ney as well as others.

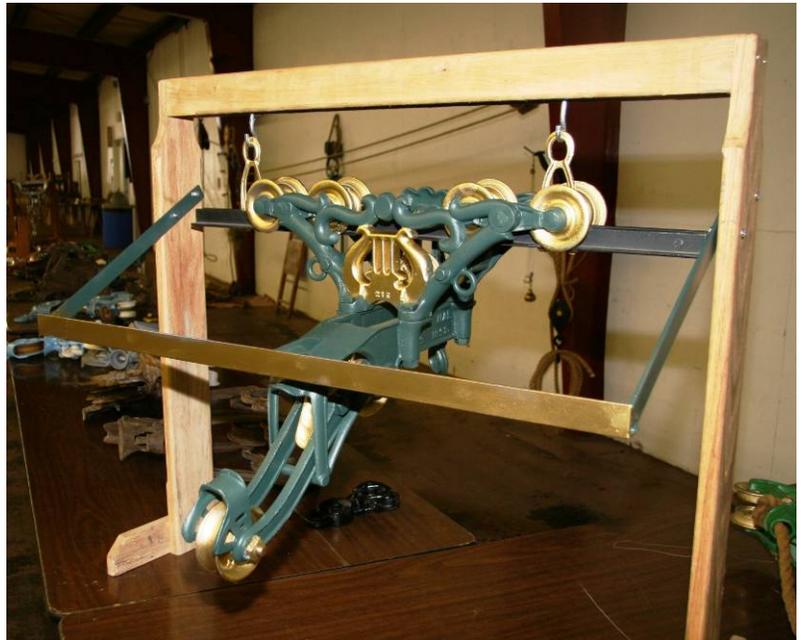
Melvin Mast, also of Baltic, Ohio had a nice selection of Ney and many other companies. Gary VanScyoc of Ashland, Ohio had Huber carriers, Ney as well as others.

Our final host, Jerry Kamp, of Ashland, Ohio brought his recently acquired Stauffer's carrier reconditioned and complete. Jerry got this last fall and was missing 1/2 of the carrier. With the help of Gary VanScyoc, Jerry constructed the second half of the carrier that was missing. He spent 16 hours making this carrier complete. He did a beautiful job. The display was very interesting to see. (See photo 1)

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The part next to Jerry, with the nice patina, was acquired first. The section to the upper left was the piece hand crafted by Jerry from patent data. The display functioned perfectly and he should be proud of his accomplishment. The photo does not do it justice.
Great job Jerry!!





Top Left - Jerry Kamp's Spragg Hoist from his barn
Top Right - Gary VanScyoc's Ney
Middle Right - Melvin Mast's Eagle
Bottom Left - Melvin's Peerless
Bottom Right - Melvin's Louden



Many other members displayed a large assortment of hay trolleys, hay forks and other hay tools. Over the next few pages you will see a vast array of these items brought to the show from U.S. and Canadian members alike. Our Northern friends showed up in force this year with about 8 or so members attending the show.

Chris Barber and Linda Sharratt of Ontario, Canada, brought 2 new styles of Hero carriers never seen before. (see photos this page)

These hero's were unique and one-of-a-kinds

Tom Schell, of Guelph, Canada, Brought a rare Beatty steel track sling carrier. (photo 2 next page)

Al Mailloux of Ontario, Canada brought a similar Beatty sling carrier, but in the wood beam design. (photo 3 next page)

Craig Calderone of Grass Lake, Michigan brought the early Jones Patent carrier stamped Adrian Mich. (photo 4 next page)

Bob Lang of Sloansville, NY brought another version of a Jones Patent carrier marked Burtonville, NY. (photo 5 next page)



Top Right - A standard Hero
Bottom Right - Notice the unusual trolley portion
Bottom Left - Notice the unusual car portion





Photo 2



Photo 3



Photo 4



Photo 5



Dave Wilson of Van Meter, Iowa brought these carriers.

Left - A recently acquired Jordan and Hamilton. Carrier with both names.

Right - Diamond rod car.



The Rookie Invasion

The 2012 show would not have been complete without a Rookie to talk about. This year's winner was Gary Lemon of Holmesville, Ohio. Gary made it to the show just in time to watch and participate in Friday night's auction. He did not disappoint by any means. By the 2nd or third item, his hand was high in the air and continued in the air for most of the night. He didn't win every bid, but he sure got his heap full. I did not get to spend much time talking to Gary after the auction, but from what I could see, we have a new member that is hooked! I hope to see him again next year with displays and information to share with other members.

Not too far behind was Kevin, one of our rookies last year. Kevin Smith and his wife Kathy attended the show last year and he hauled away a huge heap. This year he did not disappoint us either. He did well trading, swapping and buying at the auction. Keep it up guys!!!!

On a sad note, Tennessee Todd was no where to be found. Rumor had it his girl friend tied him up in an effort to save his wallet and tires on his car. (We missed you Todd, maybe next year.)



Gary with his heap after auction



Kevin's heap after auction

I could not find Kevin for a photo after the auction. Maybe he is under the heap?

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For the second year in a row the NAHTCA held an auction for its members. Members and public alike listed and bought lots. This year's auction was as great as last year. This years really cool item was a salesman sample Myers hay fork pulley. The bidding was ferocious between many, but as the bidding went on it was shaved down to two members. Jim Gray and I traded punches for some time until Jim delivered the final blow with a bid of \$450 dollars. Wow, for an item as big as a 50 cent piece, huh, go figure! (crazy hay trolley collectors) That being said, Jim now has a pulley for his Myers salesman sample hay trolley. I had a feeling he was not going to back down. Good job Jim, it went to a great home! (photo 6)

Other auction highlights were: a Myers "J" rod car consigned by Jerry Kamp and purchased by Dennis McGrew for \$450, a Ney rod car bought by yours truly for \$200, and several other hard to find carriers as well as common ones alike.

This year's auction had over 80 lots and over 50 bidders bidding on these items. The auction raised over \$4500 for the sellers and additional funds for the show budget. Rudy Beechy was AWOL this year, but I have a feeling he will be back next year. Keep searching everyone!

Photo 6

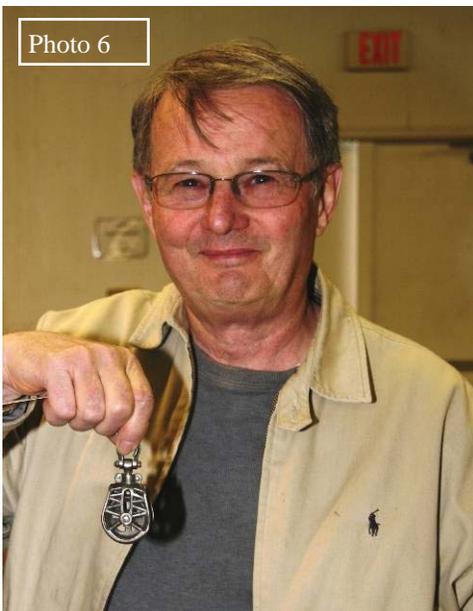


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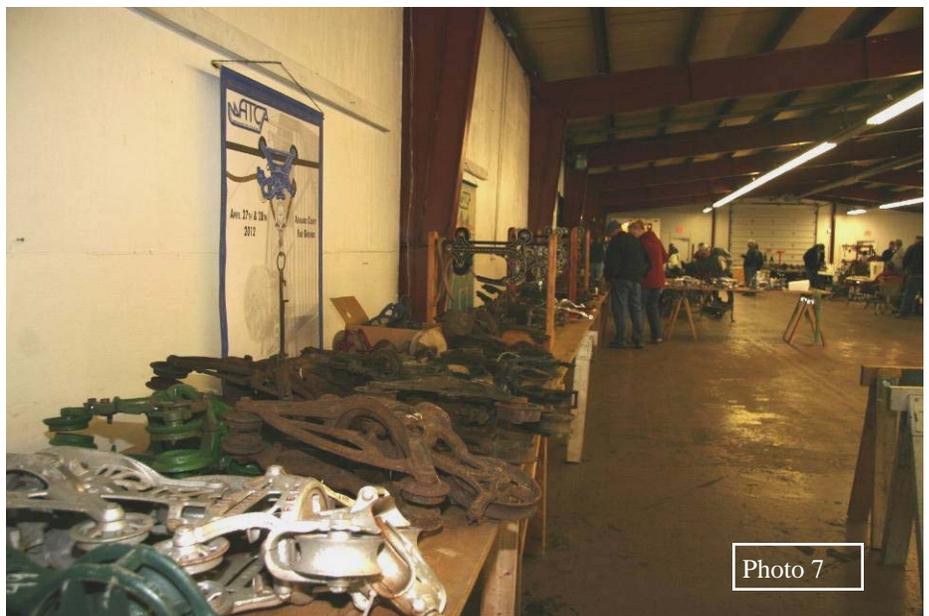


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Photo 7 - Auction line prior to auction. Barry Merenoff of new Haven, MI bought the banner hanging on the wall again this year. His second year in a row with the winning bid. One more year and he will have a collection going. Just what he needs!
Photo - 8 Part of auction crowd
Photo - 9 Mark Bachus with his assistant getting ready for auction. See NAHTCA notes

Photo 9



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Photo 10

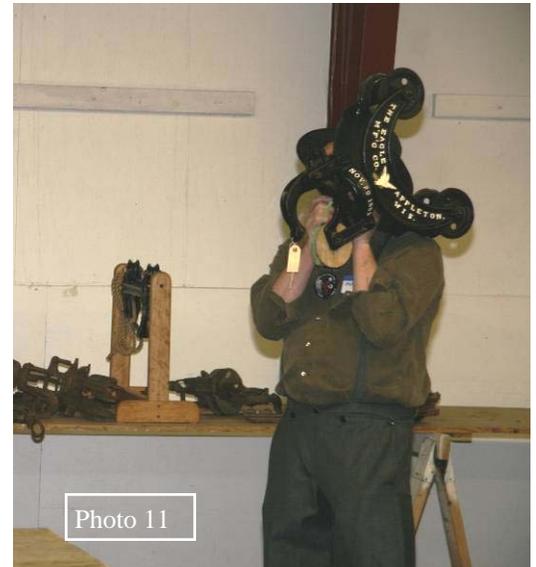


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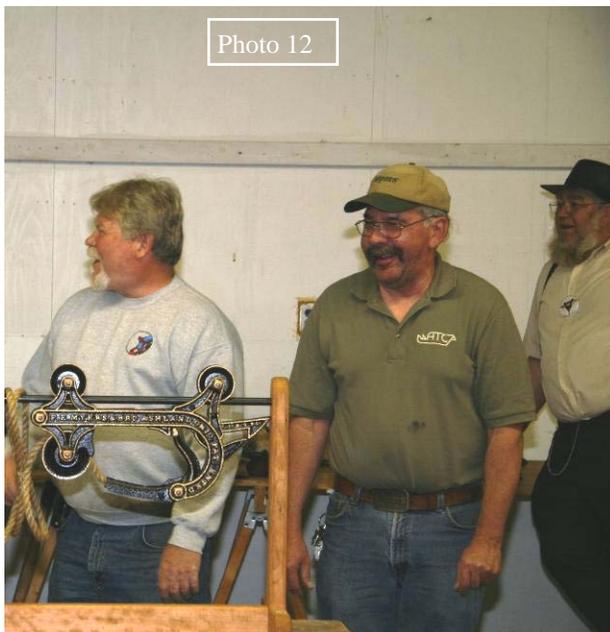


Photo 12



Photo 13



Photo 14

Photo - 10 Gideon with a Duplex display
Photo - 11 Is it an auction or someone hiding behind an Eagle?
Photo - 12 "J" Car Going, Going, Sold, to Dennis McGrew.
Photo - 13 Where was lot number 7, Hmmm?
They finally found it.
Photo - 14 Dale with a nice HHF wood beam.
Have you noticed Dale laughing in the auction photos, well the auctioneer loves to harass Dale and poke fun. They have known each other for years.

The Spin Off

Some collectors collect just to collect. Some collectors collect everything and there are those who collect specific things, like hay trolleys. Well, some of us who collect hay trolleys, felt the need to spin off and collect other items manufactured by hay trolley makers.

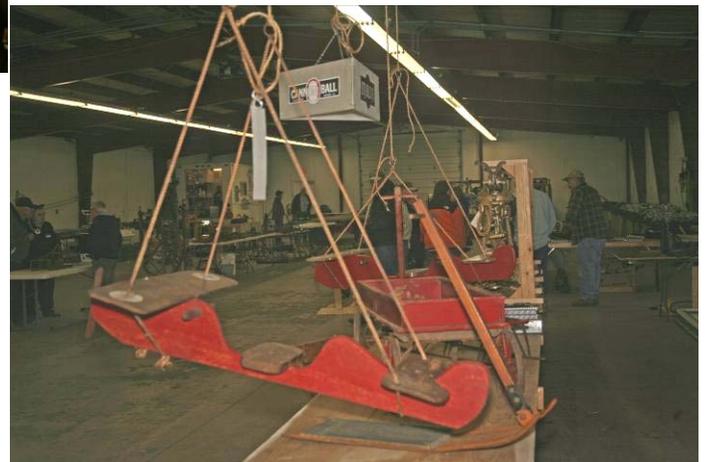
Two such members, Steve Weeber of Iowa City, Iowa and myself, Doug de Shazer of Crofton, Nebraska decided that collecting toys/vehicles made by HHF was a good thing to do. I get the blame for this one. I purchased an original HHF swing online and showed Steve. Well before you knew it, we had several pieces in our collections. Steve does blame me for this, but what can I say, guilty. I will relieve him of his items if it helps to ease the frustration. (see photos below)



The above shows the original HHF swing that started this craze of acquiring HHF vehicles.

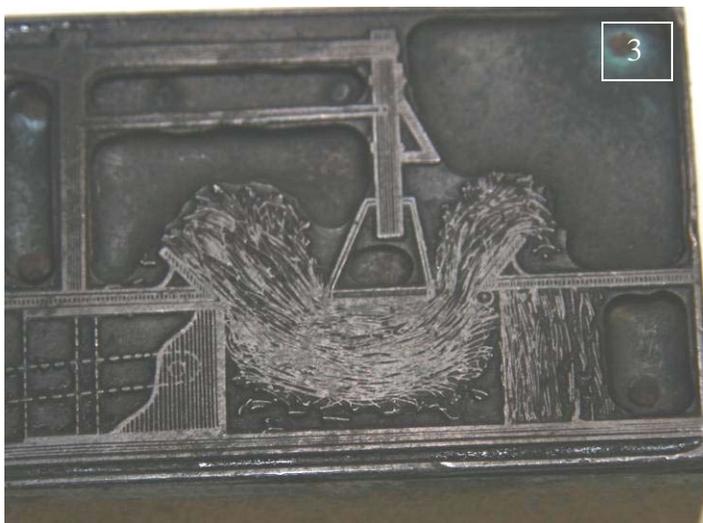
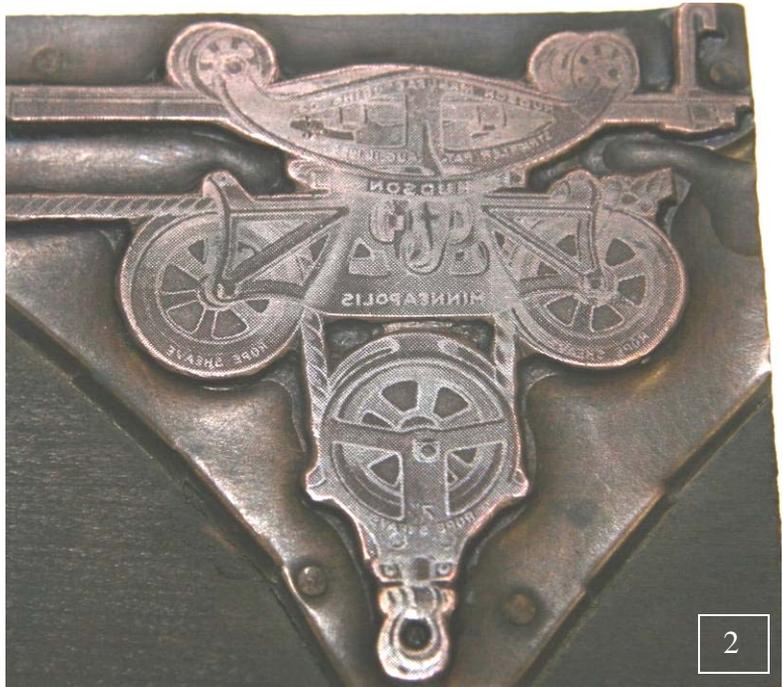
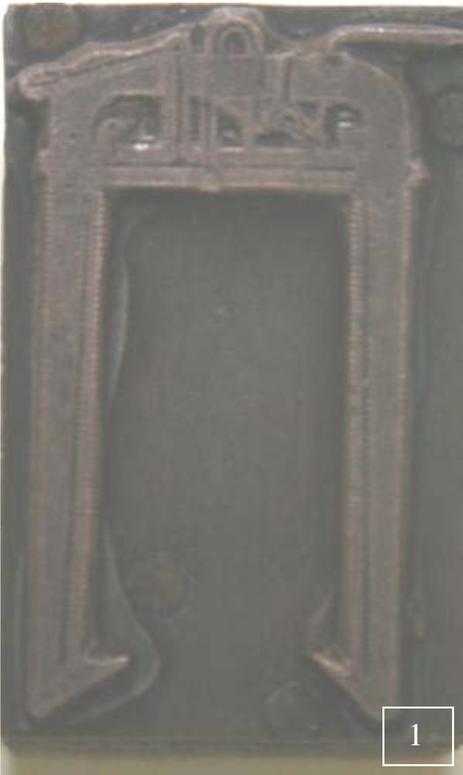
Also pictured are a HHF wagon that was available in many sizes, the first every patented snow board, the Ski-Bogan and a girls snow sled, also available in many sizes.

A replica of the HHF plane was also on display as well as an original Starline distributor sign,



The Spin Off cont.

Some spin off into toys/vehicles and others into printing memorabilia. This was the case with Dave Colvin of Montezuma, New York. Dave was at a sale and found these gems in a drawer of stuff. They are original printing blocks of Hudson Hay tools. Some people will collect anything. LOL
It is truly amazing what we can find when we look!!



- 1- Hudson hay fork
- 2- Hudson hay trolley
- 3- Unknown hay press
- 4- Hudson wood pulley



Steve Weeber's display



Dave Wilson's Myers Housel



Doug de Shazer's display of Whitman and Barnes and others



Alfred and Beverly Egber's salesman sample hay stacker



Above left - Members looking over Roger Elliot's display of Libertyville, Iowa. Right - Barry Merenoff's new purchase - a misspelled Louden Senior pulley. How cool!



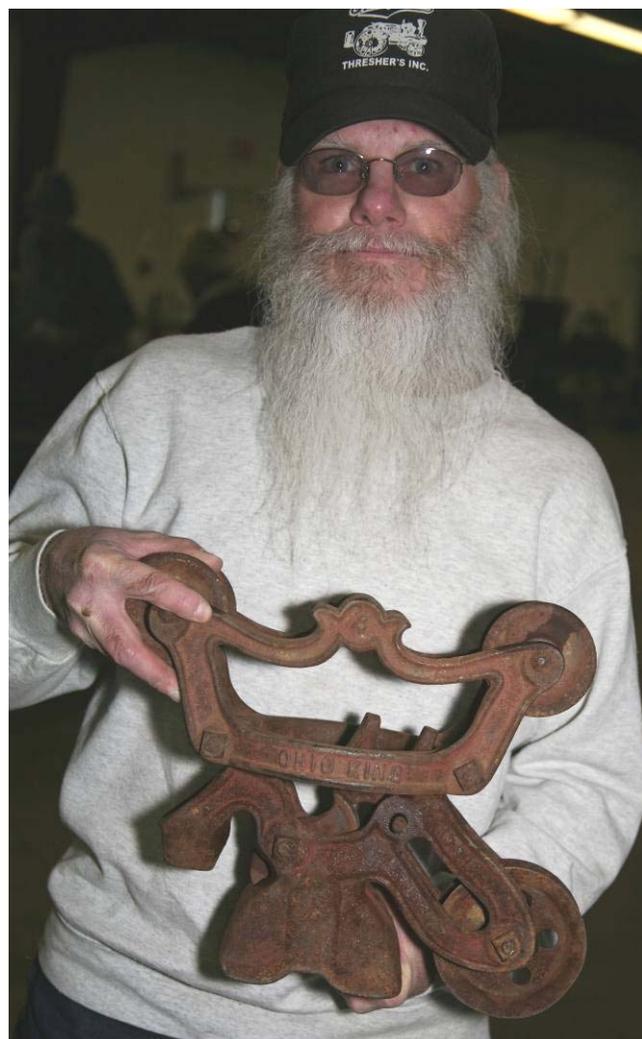


Top Left - A great shot of 3 of Al Mailloux's hay carriers. Oh yeah, and Kathy Smith, Ann McGrew and Juliet de Shazer. (L to R) (I know I will be called a Schmuck for this one!)

Top Right - Myers Housel (Weeber collection)

Bottom Left - Wood beam #7 Clipper and Steel track #4 Clipper (Weeber collection)

Bottom Right - Mike Boss with his Ohio King



The Day-Trippers

And the numbers keep growing!...isn't that GREAT!?! Last year, 15 ladies joined in the reprieve from the aroma of rust to seek more lady-like treasures and a pleasant meal with friends. This year, the group grew to 19 ladies! And, what a good time we had!

We started the day at the Planktown bulk food store. This wasn't just food though...Oh no! Soaps, cookie cutters, handmade baskets and more was found at this huge store hidden in the countryside. From there, we enjoyed lunch at a local Italian restaurant in Ashland. Even the owner was surprised to hear how the number of attendees had grown from just a couple days before when the reservation was made. But, they accommodated us well and the food was wonderful.

From there, we checked in on the guys to make sure they were all still conscious (there were a lot of rusty treasures arriving all day... it was highly possible some of the guys passed out when they saw some of the arrivals!) and well, truth be told...some of us needed to unload our loot from the first stop. Then we continued shopping to a local antique shop and a boutique. I'm sure everyone bought SOMETHING, if not multiple silicon bowl toppers. I think I heard them on the phone with the supplier ordering more as we exited the building!

At any rate, we keep stepping it up and enjoying ourselves more year after year. If you haven't experienced this fun and diverse group of ladies, join us next year!

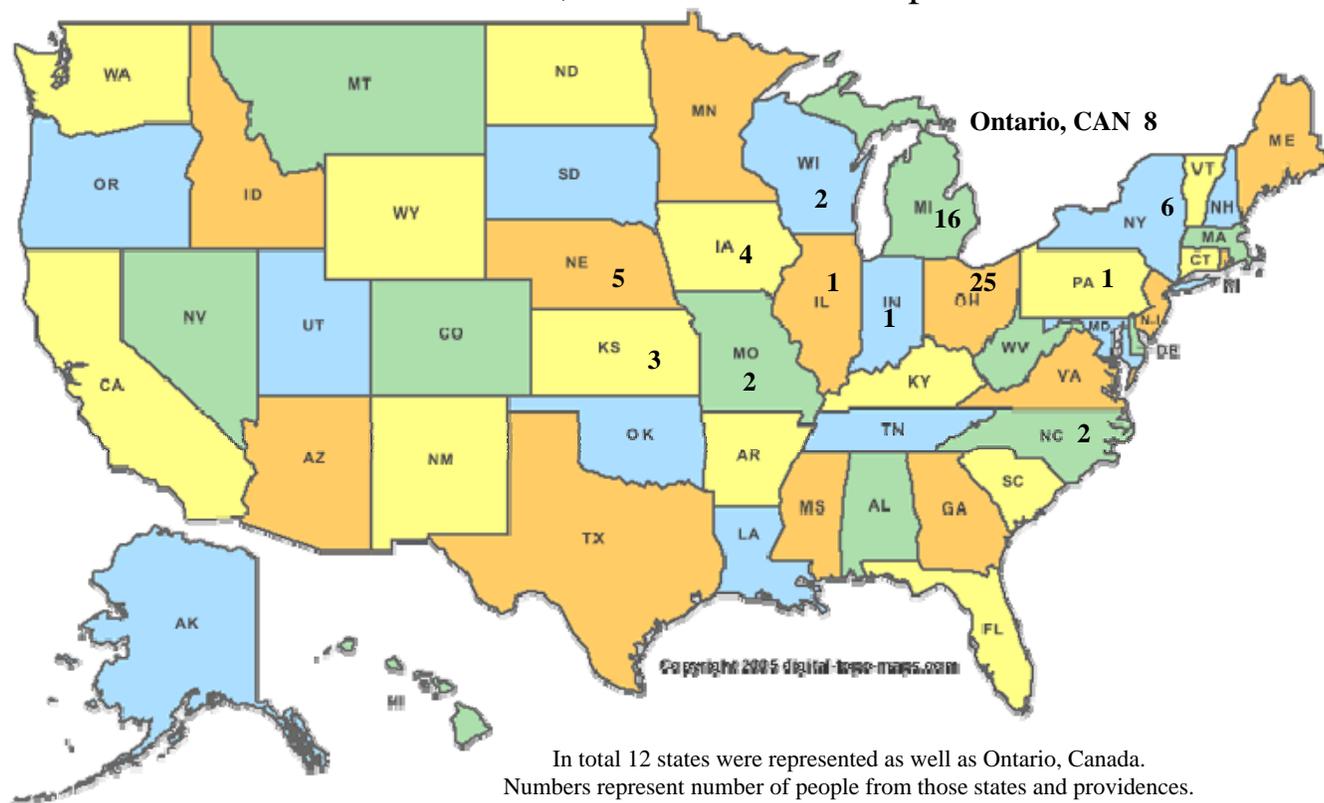
Once again, thanks to Linda Smithhisler and Jan Weeber for being the "designated drivers"! Maybe next year, we'll have enough to warrant a third vehicle. The more, the merrier!

- - - Juliet de Shazer



Left to right: Ann McGrew, Jan Weeber, Donna Renton, Carole Young, Juliet de Shazer, Karen Jones, Betty Patton, Judy Merenoff, Kathy Smith, Ellen Colvin, Eleanor Snyder, Linda Smithhisler, Joan Brusoe, Peggy Wohlford, Katie Mast, Mary Troyer (who is apparently hiding out from America's Most Wanted), Kathy Johnson, Charlene Schell, Donna Syer, Linda Macy

From here to there, members showed up in force



This year's show netted 11 new victims to corrupt into the hay tool world. In all we had around 50 members at this years show plus spouses and several dozens of guest come to see all the rust. A great turn out and fun was had by all. Below is a list of members who signed in. Several members forgot to sign it. So the numbers don't represent everyone. Members logged thousands of miles to attend the show this year and as usual, Darrell Sheets from Arnold, NE gets the long distance award for the third year in a row. When he attends the show next year, he should receive an award.

See member list below for those who attended. (others did not sign in)

(* new member)

Illinois	Roger Noethling	North Carolina	Bruce Sizemore
Indiana	Lawrence Musgrave *		Gerald & Kathy Johnson
Iowa	Dave Wilson	Ohio	Abe Mast
	Roger Elliott		Bob Gordon
	Steve & Jan Weeber		Charles Miley
Kansas	Jim Palmberg		Dan Rodenbuche
	Mike & Betty Patton		Don & Mary Berringer
Michigan	Bill Thomas		Gary Lemon *
	Craig Calderone		Gideon & Mary Troyer
	Dennis & Ann McGrew		Jeff South *
	Donald & Donna Renton		John & Eleanor Snyder
	Emil Hecksel *		Kristy Davis *
	Geroge Fogle		Melvin & Katie Mast
	Jim Gray & Linda Macy		Mike Boss
	Kevin & Kathy Smith		Phillip Ekerhard
	Ted Towl & Carole Young		Ronald Pothast *
Missouri	Ed & Peggy Wohlford		Zac Ortman *
Nebraska	Alfred & Beverly Egbers	Pennsylvania	Tim Garity *
	Darrell Sheets	Wisconsin	John & Joan Brusoe
	Doug & Juliet de Shazer	Ontario, Canada	Al Mailloux
New York	Bob & Diane Lang		Chris Barber & Linda Sharratt *
	Dave & Ellen Colvin		Dave & Donna Syer
	Gary & Karen Jones		Tom & Charlene Schell



NAHTCA NEWS

This was the 7th year for the North American Hay Tool Collectors Association and what a huge success it was. The amount of items brought to display was incredible. So many one or two of a kind items were displayed that it was truly amazing. There were more displays this year than the past 2 years combined. Well done everyone!!!

We also really need to tip our hats to our hosts: Dale Smithhisler, Gideon Troyer, Melvin Mast, Gary VanScyoc, and Jerry Kemp. They ALL did an outstanding job for the show. It takes a lot of work to pull it off and by now they have it down pat. Once again our hats off to you and a great big THANK YOU from all of the NAHTCA members.

As usual, the group had a meeting to discuss the shows ins and outs, what could be better, what could change and what not. Here are a few of the highlights:

- Doug will produce a show flyer for next year as soon as possible. This way members who vend, display and travel to other shows will have them to pass out this summer.
- The show will be one week later next year. The show dates are May 2,3,4. This will allow members to attend the Le Sueur Swap meet in Le Sueur, Minnesota.
- In the past, the show has been scheduled as Friday and Saturday. But, because many members travel quite a distance and it seems many depart by Saturday morning, it was discussed that the schedule should be shifted so that the bulk of the activity can be attended by all. So, for 2013 we will adjust the schedule as follows:
 - Show to open Thursday for set up and public as well (more on this later)
 - Show dinner to be Friday night again. (4:30 - 5:45)
 - NAHTCA meeting following dinner (6:00 - 6:30).
 - The auction will follow directly after the meeting (6:30 to ?)
 - Show closes late on Friday
- More local advertising to be done next year. Maybe also putting the auction on Auction Zip for more exposure.
- Mark Bachus to handle all aspects of auction. (host will check items in as before)
- And last but not least, the **Special Knocker Project**. This one turned the ladies' heads and I hear there's even some creativity in the works around this special theme. That being said, the idea is to bring your special knockers to next year's show for display. Orders would then be taken and we would cast the special knockers wanted by members. These would be stamped "repo" or "dated" so they are not confused with original ones. So many carriers are available, but no knockers are. This is a good way for someone to get a set of specialty knockers if they don't have any yet. (LOL)

Send me any other ideas you have. Thank you again to our show hosts!

Thanks to everyone for attending the show. I hope everyone enjoyed it as much as Juliet and I did. See you next year and some before that!