



Member Spotlight

This issue's member spotlight is Dale Smithhisler of Ashland, Ohio. Dale has been an avid collector of F.E. Myers brand merchandise for over 20 years. Prior to collecting the Myers brand, Dale collected many different tractors, hit and miss engines, and other items. Some twenty years ago a friend of Dale's, John McNaull, was with Dale at an auction when John told Dale he should start collecting Myers things while he was still young. That being said, Dale bought his first Myers hay carrier, a Reversible, (photo 1), at that auction along with a pulley. An obsessed collector was born. Today he has over 65 Myers hay carriers, of about 75 to 80 known. One year later, another friend of Dale's, Don Stiener, got Dale

involved with Myers pumps. Today, Dale has about 85 different Myers pumps (photo 2). In addition to hay carriers and pumps, Dale collects anything else to do with Myers, including over 200 pieces of company literature, advertising signs, catalogues, other hay equipment and salesman samples. When asked about his most prized possession, Dale said it would definitely be his salesman sample of a Myers Cloverleaf (photo 3). He is very proud of it and talks about regularly. He considers it his rarest, favorite and most hard to find item. A friend discovered it at a sale, told Dale and he went and closed the deal. Dale spends his free time looking anywhere he can for Myers stuff. He visits auctions, eBay, and sales of all types to find any new treasures.



photo 1



photo 2



Member Spotlight, cont.

Dale has traveled as far as Texas to retrieve items and has had items shipped from Germany and Australia as well as other parts of the world.

Dale displays his items for the Ashland County Historical Society and at the Ashland County Fair. He recently built a 24x40 barn to house his collection. He is spending his time finishing the rooms for his collection. Dale also catalogues all of his items so he remembers what he has.

When Dale is not consumed with Myers collectables, he spends his time working for the Ashland County fair grounds as a maintenance superintendent. He lives in Ashland, Ohio with his wife Linda. Dale has a step son who lives in Longmont, Colorado with his wife and children.

Dale, along with several others, will be hosting the 5th Annual Hay Tool and Swap Show in April this year. Dale will be proudly displaying his Myers treasures. (see page 4)



photo 3
Dales most prized piece



Dale (r) and friend Gary VanScyoc (l). Gary will be helping Dale with his collection at the show. Dale is very thankful and appreciative for Gary's help.



A Myers "J" rod or cable car with trip



Member Spotlight, cont.



Assortment of Dale's wood beam and steel track hay carriers, hay forks and a nice Myers water pump



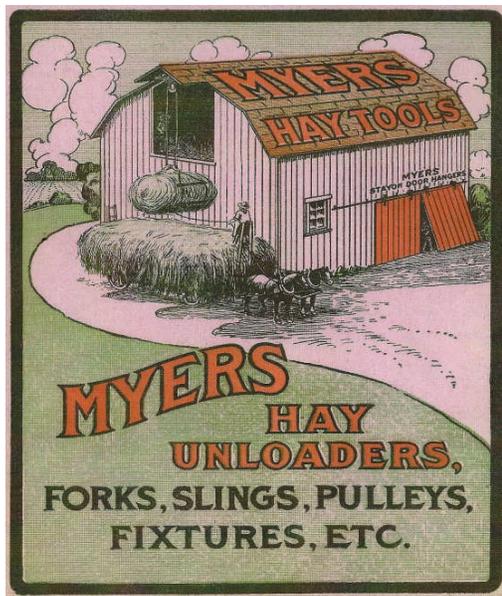
The National Hay Tool Collectors Association presents the

5th Annual Hay Tool Swap Meet and Show

Featuring

THE F.E. MYERS & BRO. CO. ASHLAND, OHIO.
ASHLAND PUMP AND HAY TOOL WORKS

Hosted by: Dale Smithhisler, Gary VanScyoc, Jerry Kamp,
Gideon Troyer and Melvin Mast



Where: Ashland County Fair Grounds
2042 Claremont Ave, Ashland Ohio
Watch for signs (see directions below)

When: April 30th and May 1st 2010

Time: April 30 Set up and vend 8:00 A.M. till ?

May 1 Set up and vend 8:00 A.M. till about 2:00

This show will feature F.E. Myers brand equipment. Dale will have his collection at the fair grounds for all to see.

Everyone is encouraged to bring items to show and sell. Myers is the feature, but all items can be displayed.

A food vendor will be available at the show offering coffee and rolls for breakfast and sandwiches for lunch.

Friday night there will be a buffet for all to enjoy.

Buffet cost is \$10.95

Saturday at 10:00 A.M. we will have a guest speaker.

Cloyd McNaull will talk about the ins and outs of the F.E. Myers & Bros. Company. Cloyd worked for the Myers company for over 50 years and has a wealth of information to share with us. Don't miss that!!!

After Cloyd's talk, Dale will discuss Myers Pumps and Steve Weeber of Iowa City will discuss Myers hay carriers.

Call Dale if you have questions. 419-281-0749

HOTEL INFORMATION

Amerihost Inn

419-281-8090

Holiday Inn Express

419-281-2900

Surrey Inn Hotel

419-289-7700

(1 mile from fair grounds)

Days Inn

419-289-0101

Super 8 Motel

419-281-0567

Bowser House B&B

419-289-6324

Directions

Exit I-71 take Rt. 250 west. Exit Rt. 250 onto Rt. 42 South. Stay on Rt. 42 until you reach Baney Road. Turn right onto Baney Road. The first traffic light is at Claremont Ave. Turn right. The fair grounds will be on your right.

Homework from last newsletter

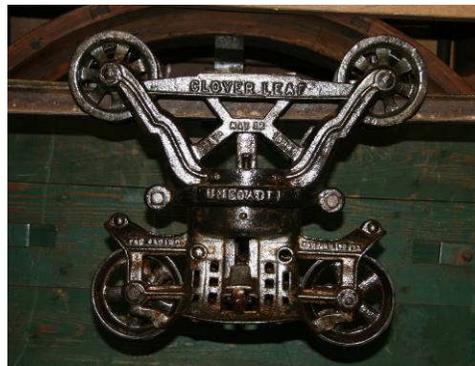
Hibbard, Spencer and Bartlett Company Information

This leading hardware dealership was the descendant of a Chicago store called Tuttle, Hibbard & Co., which took that name in 1855 when William G. Hibbard became a partner. In 1865, Hibbard was joined by Franklin F. Spencer, and the enterprise was renamed Hibbard & Spencer. By 1867, the company's annual sales of hardware had reached \$1 million. When longtime company employee A. C. Bartlett became a partner in 1882, the company's name became Hibbard, Spencer & Bartlett & Co. When Spencer died in 1890, the company was already among the leading wholesalers of hardware in the United States. In 1903, the year Hibbard died, the company opened a 10-story warehouse next to State Street Bridge in downtown Chicago. In 1932, the company introduced a new line of hand tools under the brand name "True Value." By 1948, Hibbard's annual sales reached nearly \$30 million. Business slowed and profits were shrunk, however, as new hardware cooperatives began to bypass traditional wholesalers. In 1962, the company's owners, who wanted to move into the real-estate business, sold the hardware operations and the "True Value" brand to John Cotter for \$2.5 million. **Source- The Encyclopedia of Chicago**

A FEW CARRIERS FROM THE LEWIS AND CLARK PULLEY MUSEUM COLLECTION



A NEY SWIVEL CARRIER HAS "HUB-SPE-BAR" ON TROLLEY RING



A MYERS SWIVEL CARRIER HAS BRASS TAG ON TROLLEY "IBBARD,SPENCER,BARTLETT&CO"



A MYERS IMPERIAL WOOD BEAM HAS BRASS TAG ON TROLLEY "HIBBARD,SPENCER,BARTLETT&CO"



I had a great Christmas. Santa was good to me because I had been a good little girl. On winter break we had so much snow. I sled every day.

--Madie de Shazer

Member Question

Bob Lane of Mehoopany, PA inherited a collection of pitch forks. The collection has pitch forks with 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 tines. His question: Does each pitch fork have a specific purpose based on the number of tines it has?

Let me know and I will publish any information I receive in the next newsletter.

Doug de Shazer

Member Information

The list of members will be available soon. Thanks for your patience.

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Notes from the Chief

Hello to everyone again and Happy New Year. I hope everyone had a great holiday season with their family and friends. Another year is upon us and that means the 5th annual hay show is approaching quickly. Be sure and make plans to attend. Dale and his crew are putting a lot of work into the show to make it a great success. It will be fun for all, and who knows...you just may go home with some new rusty iron.

I am not sure about everyone else but the snow is really piled up here in Nebraska. Over the Christmas holiday we had 24 inches of the white stuff. I can't wait to drive around to see the old barns that have fatigued from the large volume of snow. I am looking forward to searching through those lifeless barns as well as others I have scoped out.

Stay warm and be careful while searching for that elusive rusty iron.

True Story

A Kentucky sheriff stops at a farm in rural Kentucky and talks to an old farmer. He tells the farmer, "I need to inspect your farm for illegally grown drugs." The old farmer says, "Okay, but don't go into that field over there." The sheriff verbally explodes saying, "Mister, I have the authority of the Sheriff's Department with me."

Reaching into his rear pants pocket, he removed his badge. The officer proudly displayed it to the farmer. "See this badge? This badge means I am allowed to go wherever I wish-on any land. No questions asked or answers given. Have I made myself clear? Do you understand?"

The old farmer nods politely and goes about his chores. Later, the old farmer hears loud screams and spies the Sheriff running for his life and close behind is the farmer's Bull. With every step the bull is gaining ground on the officer. The Sheriff is clearly terrified.

The old farmer throws down his tools, runs to the fence and yells at the top of his lungs...

"Your badge! Show him your badge Smartass!"

Odds and Ends to Enjoy

Awesome Apple Pie

Ingredients

8 - 9 Granny Smith apples, peeled and sliced.

3/4 cup sugar

3/4 cup brown sugar

1/4 cup flour

1 tsp cinnamon

1/4 tsp salt

1/2 tsp vanilla

3 tbsp butter

Juice from 1 lemon

Squeeze caramel topping or 4 caramels cut up

2 Pie crusts (I use premade Pillsbury type) (Dairy section)

2 tbsp milk

Method

- Pre-heat oven to 375
- Put sliced apples in large bowl

- Add sugars, flour, cinnamon, salt, vanilla, lemon juice to apples.
- Unroll 1 crust and add to pie dish.
- Stir apple mix again and add to pie dish.
- Cut butter into pieces and lay on apple mix.
- Squeeze caramel mix onto apple mix. (about 4tbsp) or add cut up caramels around the top.
- Roll out 2nd crust and add to top of apple mix. Trim edges and crimp.
- Cut 3 to 4 vent slits in top pie crust.
- Brush top crust with milk.
- Dust top of pie with extra cinnamon and sugar.
- Place pie on foil lined pan. Set on middle rack in oven.
- Bake until hot and bubbly. (About 1 to 1.5 hours)
- You may want to cover pie edge with foil to prevent edges from over cooking. Remove foil for the last 15 minutes.
- Remove from oven and let rest before slicing.

Doug de Shazer

Coming Events

- *Hay Tool Show and Swap Meet*
April 30th and May 1st
See page 4

- *Tri State Power Show*
May 12-15, Portland, Indiana

- *Le Sueur Swap Meet*
April 23-25, Le Sueur, MN

- *Greater Iowa Swap Meet*
May 28-29, Mt. Pleasant, IA

- *Camp Creek Threshers Swap*
May 22, Waverly, NE.

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