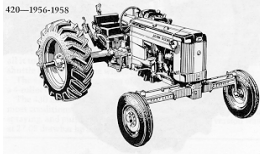


# Cascade Two Cylinder Club Newsletter

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## Cascade 2 Cylinder Winter Meeting

Sedro Woolley Museum

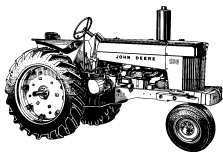
**Saturday, February 21**

Coffee & cookies **9:30**

General Meeting **10:00**

### Agenda:

- ⇒ Election of officers and directors
- ⇒ Coming Events
- ⇒ Raffle



**Branch 26 Mid  
Winter Gas Up**  
Cascade Mall  
Burlington, WA  
**February 14, 2009**

**All color tractor and  
engine event**

## Leon Meyers, From Idaho Dry Farming to Skagit Valley

You know Leon, he's the guy with the John Deere D that burns stove oil...just like the old days. Leon got the "D" when the club started in the early 1990's and has pulled a 3 -16" tag plow on most of our plow days. More on the crusty old D later.

Leon grew up in Rathdrum, Idaho on a 460 acre dry farm. The main crop was red hard wheat or what is commonly known as winter wheat. Leon explains that dry farming winter wheat is different then in the damp Western Washington. As soon as the farm ground is dry enough to work in the spring, the field is plowed and harrowed. The land is left fallow the rest of the spring and summer. During the summer a rod weeder implement is used to kill the weeds if necessary. This implement contains a square rod that is run just shallow enough under ground to kill the weeds but not to disrupt the moisture. In the fall, the ground is planted with winter wheat. This is also the time that the past season's winter wheat is harvested.

The main Meyers tractor was a 1944 styled D with electric start. The JD D could pull two rod weeders or six sections of harrow. Leon notes that his uncle decided that the D's pan seat was dangerous so it was removed. It's not too fun driving all day standing up! The harvester was a Massey Harris combine pulled by the JD D. Leon and his brother's job was to drive a Chev grain truck from the field to the storage bin. In this particular area of Idaho the Caterpillar was the popular tractor followed by the big Farmall diesel tractors so the Meyers John Deere was a little unusual in this area. The field operation would start late in the

morning and go late into the evening. Leon's father would stop about every four hours to grease the equipment and eat. Long days and lots of dust!

A humorous memory of this all fuel John Deere was when one morning Leon's dad told Leon to fill up the main tank on the D. Leon was sure he had checked the main tank the day before and the tank was full. Leon filled the tank with stove oil and about the same time the neighbor boy's car died about a mile from the farm. Nothing was ever said but the obvious conclusion was that the D's stove oil fuel had ended up in the neighbor kid's car. Poetic justice!

The farm was not quite productive enough to support the family so Leon's dad moved the family to Skagit Valley when Leon was a sophomore in high school. His dad changed from dry farming to a dairy farm located near Sedro Woolley. After graduating from high school, Leon drove logging truck, worked construction and spent a little time at Boeings. Leon took a basic electricity class at Skagit Valley College and learned the industrial electrician's trade. He worked 29 years for Skagit Steel until it closed. He spent the remainder of his career doing industrial electrical work in the Skagit Valley.

Back to his John Deere D!

When the Cascade 2 Cylinder Club was started in 1993, Leon purchased a styled electric start D. Leon wanted a stove oil burning D just like his dad used to run except with a seat! The D was bought from Art Richland and was a sister tractor to Paul Hieb's D. Both tractors had been brought down from Canada some years earlier. Leon was told that his D was a movie star and had been used in a movie partially filmed in Skagit County.

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**2009 Plow Day**

Later April or early May

**Give President Paul,  
Treasurer Tom or  
Plowmaster Herk a  
call!**

**President's Message**

Winter started the day after our Christmas Potluck dinner and it hasn't backed off much. We hope the weather warms a little by February 14 which is the Skagit Gas-Up at the Cascade Mall in Burlington. Bring out the new projects you have been working on.

The John Deere building is finished on the show room end and really looks good. We still need a parts counter so help us look Give me a call if you have any ideas..

Our next meeting will be February 21 at the Sedro Woolley Museum at 10:00 a.m. The board has nominated officers and board members. We will have nominations from the floor. We will also have our raffle

**Internet Users!**

Check out our new web  
site

**[www.CascadeTwoCylinderClub.org](http://www.CascadeTwoCylinderClub.org)**

See you at the meeting.  
Paul Hieb, President

**An Old Farmer's Advice**

Contributed by Steve Hendricks

- ⇒ Your fences need to be horse-high, pig-tight and bull-strong
- ⇒ Keep skunks and bankers at a distance
- ⇒ Life is simpler when you plow around the stumps
- ⇒ A bumble bee is considerably faster than a John Deere tractor
- ⇒ Words that soak into your ears are whispered... not yelled
- ⇒ Meanness don't jes' happen overnight
- ⇒ Forgive your enemies. It messes up their heads
- ⇒ Do not corner something that you know is meaner than you
- ⇒ It don't take a very big person to carry a grudge

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## Club Officers and Board Members

### OFFICERS

President	Paul Hieb	360-856-6210
Vice President	Harold Eastbury	360-435-4873
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Secretary	Ray Riggles	360-856-5752

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### Membership Dues

Please note!

**If your address label has a black circle around it** then Treasurer Tom's records indicate that you have not paid dues. Please send your dues to **Tom Jensen, 202 Rainbow Drive, Burlington, WA 98233** or bring the money to the next meeting.

## Separating the Chaff from the Grain

We can see the "light at the end of the tunnel" with \$2000 left to pay on the replica John Deere dealership building at Berthusen's Park, Lynden. I am very proud of our membership in that we were able to **pay \$2000** off the debt in the last month. President Paul indicates that the building is completed except for a parts counter and some cabinets. Let Paul know if you have something that would work. We are planning for a building dedication during the annual PSAT&MA show in August. **Please help** with the final push to get the building fund paid off! Tax deductible you know and your name on a plaque.

Paul has talked to the other John Deere clubs in the state and there is interest in an **North West Expo** in the future. Our board made the decision to plan towards an EXPO in 2010 during the annual PSAT&MA show at Lynden. We feel that there would not be enough time to properly plan and execute a show this year. We will be looking for ideas for a featured tractors, special exhibits and seminar topics. We need your ideas and support!

We are planning a **plow day** for late April or early May. Due to the weather, it is difficult to plan an exact day so we are recommending that if you are interested in participating that you be in contact with Paul Hieb, Tom Jensen or Herk Sorsdal. Get on their plow day list! Phone numbers are listed above. The more in get involved the more fun you are going to have!

There is talk of another **C2CC shop tour** in late February or March. We don't have a date or details at this time so come to the general meeting on February 21 or watch the website for more information. It's good to have an excuse to get out of the house during these dreary days of winter.

Travis Jorde passed on some important information the other day concerning **decals for implements**. Implements like the #44 plow was made for many years and included many different types of decals depending on the year manufactured. To have the exact decals, Travis recommends that you trace the existing decal. He says that even the type style changed within a decal. I am working on a #2 JD High Lift mower and I measured the dimensions of the decal but didn't trace. Fortunately I photographed the decal before I "blasted" the parts. Of the four mowers I have, only one had a remaining decal.

## Directory!

When renewing dues please include email address and tractors you want listed in the directory. If you don't wish tractors listed on the web please indicate. You can also update online at [www.c2cc.org](http://www.c2cc.org)

**Hardcopies of directory will be available at general meeting.**

Cascade Two Cylinder Club web address  
**[www.cascadetwocylinderclub.org](http://www.cascadetwocylinderclub.org)**

- Renew dues online via credit card
- Search member/tractor database
- All newsletters 1996-today
- Events calendar
- Pictures and Video 1993-today
- Huge collection of web links

### *Meeting Minutes*

#### **Cascade 2 Cylinder Club General Membership Meeting December 13, 2008**

##### **Bay View Community Hall**

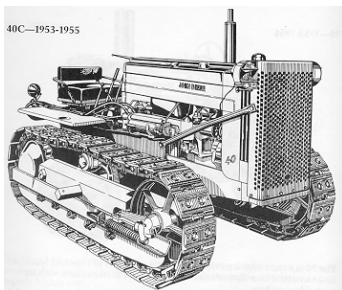
**Meeting called to order** at 11:30 a.m. by Paul Hieb Pres.

**Minutes** of previous meeting read and approved Paul gave a recap of those who donated prizes for the raffle and silent auction and also donations of food for the meal. Thanks to all those donors. If you can, support those businesses that support our club.

Curtis Johnson explained and demonstrated new features on our club website. Members can now make updates to their information contained in the directory as well as add pictures of their tractors and machinery. There are all kinds of neat features on our website, check them out.

Paul thanked all those people that helped prepare the meal as well as those who braved the elements to come out and enjoy it with us. Jim Lunde gave the blessing.

**Adjourned**, 12:15 p.m. Ray Riggles, Sec.



### *Meeting Minutes*

#### **Cascade 2 Cylinder Club Board of Directors January 15, 2009**

##### **Harold Eastbury's home**

**Meeting called to order** by Paul Hieb, Pres. at 7:30 p.m.

**Minutes:** No minutes available. **Treasurer's report** \$1713.23 in membership fund. \$29.54 in building fund. \$2000 to P.S.A.T. &M.A. on JD Building debt. Four years to pay remaining \$2000 to Lynden club.

**Old Business.** Potluck debriefing. Good food, silent auction is good money maker. Attendance down 30 people. Most likely weather related. Good interest for future NW EXPO from Rainer, S.W. and Columbia River JD Clubs. Better fit to have NW EXPO at Lynden in 2010 during the scheduled John Deere featured tractor event. 2009 may be too soon to organize an EXPO for Lynden. Need ideas for featured tractor. Will consider show button, hats and shirts. Shirts and hats may be pre ordered only or done on demand at show. **New Business:** Mid Winter Gas Up on Feb. 14 Cascade Mall. Shop tour will be scheduled for end of March. Election of officers and directors will be at winter meeting. Vice President and three director positions open. Harold would run again for Vice Pres and Gary, Loren and Allen for Director Positions. Nominations from the floor are encouraged. Caravan 2009 July 18- Norm teSelle and Ray Young are organizing caravan in north Whatcom County. Gary told rat in the boot story. North Washington Implement John Deere Day July 25. John Deere Replica Dealership building dedication will happen during the annual PSAT&MA show in early August. PSAT&MA May Swap/tractor pull may conflict with C2CC plow day. People interested in plow day need to get on phone list with plow master, treasurer or president. Actual plow date is difficult to determine due to weather. Next meeting scheduled for Sedro Woolley Museum, February 21. Newsletter to be published before February 14. Alerd gave update on PSAT&MA Long Range planning Committee. Barnett Implement will donate parts for JD binder that Tom Jensen is restoring to operating condition. **Meeting Adjourned** 9:08 p.m. Alerd Johnson for Ray Riggles, Sec.

**Officers and Directors present:** Paul Hieb, Pres.; Harold Eastbury, V.Pres.; Tom Jensen, Treas.; Directors: Gary Friend, Loren Dahl, Greg Greenfield, Alerd Johnson,

## John Deere Building Fund!

\$2,000 owed to the Puget Sound Antique Tractor & Machinery Association!

Can you help with a \$25 or more donation to our Lynden John Deere Museum building fund? Donors will have their names placed on a building plaque. Send \$ to:

Tom Jensen  
202 Rainbow Drive  
Burlington, WA 98233

Or  
pay at the general meeting

## Green & Yellow Want Ads

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*Please note that want ads will be run one time unless renewed. Ads need to be limited to five lines and will feature John Deere tractors. Other non tractor antiques ok if brief.*

**For Sale** 1957 John Deere 420U with 5 speed and live pto., rebuilt engine and good tires, no dents, #40 loader, 18" roll over plow, 2-14" plow, 7' JD mower, 2 sets of harrow, \$3500, Dick Mahaffey, 360-757-0706

**For Sale** New down muffler, \$15; 1 -7:50x16 3 rib tire, good, \$20; 1 -18.4 X 34 rear tire, \$50; Paul Hieb, 360-856-6210

**For Sale** ; 1-9x38 rear rim \$50; chains for J.D. pto pump, \$7.00; tractor tie down brackets, \$18.00 per set, Norm teSelle 360-350-3036

**For Sale** 1959 JD 830, Good price! Van Osborne, 360-671-9884

**For Sale** Sand blast sand, Paul Hieb, 360-856-6210

**Wanted** Pistons and rods for John Deere GP tractor, Bob Harrison, 360-856-0813

**Wanted** two rear rims for a John Deere Model L call Jon Nessel @ (360) 679-0802

**Wanted** John Deere H, J Johnson, 360-652-2042

**Wanted** Coulter and rubber tire wheel for #44 John Deere plow, Alerd Johnson 360-293-7953

**Wanted** Parts counter for John Deere replica dealership building at Lynden show grounds. Contact Paul Hieb, 360-856-6210

**Wanted** Your email address so we can get you a quick notice of meetings, events and plow days. Send to webmaster@c2cc.org

**Wanted** Articles or ideas for articles for CTCC newsletter, Alerd Johnson, 360.293.7953, editor@c2cc.org

**Wanted** Members to mail or email club related pictures/video to webmaster@c2cc.org

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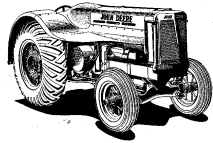
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Leon notes that the D brought back old memories as a kid plowing in the dry land of Idaho. Leon says that running this old D at the club plow days put a perpetual smile on his face. Dusty face and brown teeth brought back old childhood memories!

Parading with the D was a little tough because properly burning stove oil required that engine needed to run hot. No thermostat and constantly adjusting the shutters got old and the D was too slow to run the annual C2CC caravan. The D was sold two years ago and replaced with a wide front John Deere 50 from Arlington. The JD 50 doesn't have the personality of the old D but Leon can now participate in the caravan and parades with ease. Life moves on.

A tip of the green and yellow hat to Leon Meyers, our winter 2009 C2CC featured member. **ajohnson.**





### Calendar of Year 2009 Events

- February 14, 2009 .....Branch 26, Mid Winter Gas Up, Cascade Mall,  
.....Burlington, WA
- February 21, 2009 .....C2CC General Meeting, Sedro Woolley Museum**
- February 28, 2009 .....PSAT&MA Show grounds clean-up, 9:00 a.m.
- March, 2009 .....C2CC Shop Tour**
- April, 2009 .....C2CC Spring General Meeting**
- May, 2009.....C2CC Spring Plow Day**
- May 2, 2009 .....PSAT&MA Swap meeting & Pull, C2CC,  
.....Berthusen Park, Lynden
- July 25, 2009.....North Wa Implement John Deere Day, Lynden, WA
- August 5, 2009.....PSAT&MA Show, Berthusen Park, Lynden, WA



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