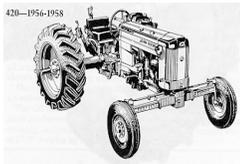


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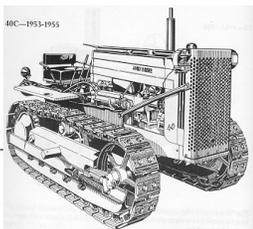


## 2009 Caravan

Saturday, July 18

**Start at John Deere Building, Berthusen Park, Lynden and tour the farm area east of Lynden to Everson and back. 30 miles total**

*Be ready to drive at 9:00!*



**Get your John Deere crawlers ready for the featured tractor at the P.S.A.T.&M.A. Show,**

**August 5-8, 2009**

## Ralph Heerspink, Whatcom Collector

Ralph Heerspink has one of the more unusual tractor or tractors in the north-west. His double John Deere Rs or tandem Rs are perhaps the start of the four wheel drive tractor or articulated field tractor era.

Ralph says that his Rs were fabricated together by a shop in Conrod, Montana. The front axles from both tractors were removed and the rear and front of the Rs where joined together. To his knowledge no special name was given to the conversion. 28 of the units were put together in the early 1960's. Ralph's tractors were both 1950 model Rs. Montana is wheat county and many new John Deere Rs were brought in to till the wheat ground. The R was a very successful tractor and what could be better than two Rs connected together dramatically increasing the traction and pulling power.

By the early 1960s, Rs were being traded in for the newer more powerful 820, 830s and the new generation tractors. With a surplus of used Rs why not try a different approach to power. Caterpillar tractors were common in wheat country but a rubber tired tractor was smoother and faster than tracks Plows and tilling implements could be "ganged up" or the larger crawler plows could be used.

The John Deere R combination weighs in at 21,000 lbs. with liquid in each of the four wheels. The size and weight requires a larger equipment trailer to move the tandem unit. Initially the dou-

ble Rs had ropes to control the hand clutches and throttle. They were modified by Pete Bouma, Ralph's father in law to include a hydraulic activated clutch and a cable controlled throttle.

Pete Bouma brought the Rs out from Montana in 1987 and eventually sold them to Ron Bennett. Ron in turn sold the tractors to Ralph in 2006. Ralph says that so far he has shown the tractors at the annual P.S.A.T.&M.A. show and runs them in the Lynden Farmer's Day parade. Considering the size of the tractors, Ralph has his hands full and is not quite ready to add other Deeres to his collection. Ralph keeps the R unit at his 3 acre farm on the King Tut Road. It shouldn't take Ralph long to plow his field! Ralph's goal for the near future is to show the tractors at other agriculture shows in the area. A tip of the green and yellow hat to our Summer 2009 C2CC featured member Ralph Heerspink. *ajohnson.*



Ralph and his tandem R tractor, June 2009

### Need Magnetic Tractor Signs?

Call Greg Greenfield  
360-661-4632

**\$25**

### Internet Users!

Check out our new web  
site

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

for pictures and video  
of club members in  
local events!

## President's Message

We had a good plow day at Vic Jensen's with 13 tractors plowing about 65 acres. June 6th was the Farmer's Day Parade at Lynden and with 12 tractors we won first place in the best original restored tractor division. The next day we were in Sedro Woolley for the Blast from the Past event with tractors and machinery. A full weekend. Thanks to everyone who helped. Next up is the 4th of July parade in Sedro Woolley at 10:00, if you have questions, call me 360-856-6210. If attending the Arlington parade be ready at 4:00 and call Harold Eastbury at 360-435-4878 for details. July 18th is our tractor caravan. We will leave the show grounds near Lynden at 9:00 a.m. and head east to the Everson area and back for lunch (pot-luck). The club will do hot dogs and hamburgers with drinks. Call me so we know how many to plan for. July 25 is John Deere Day at North Washington Implement and they would like a few restored Deeres. At P.S.A.T.&M.A. show in Lynden (August 5-8) we will dedicate the John Deere building. It will be Friday, August 7 at 2:00 p.m., so plan to attend. We will have cake at the end of the dedication. Let's have fun this summer!

Paul Hieb, President



## 2009 CTCC Summer Caravan

North Whatcom County

July 18, 2009

*Family invited, trailers available for riding  
Tractor should have operational brakes and travel 8 m.p.h. plus  
Safety triangle recommended  
Prize for the member who travels the farthest!*

### Schedule

⇒ **9:00 a.m. leaving Berthusen Park, back by 1:00**

⇒ **1:00—POTLUCK, hot dogs and hamburger supplied by C2CC and cooked by Tom Jensen,**

⇒ **water and juice by C2CC,**

**C2CC will supply hamburger, hot dogs, buns, onions, tomatoes, pickles, relish, ketchup, water and juice.**

**Members— chips, salads or a special dessert.**

***Please make your reservation by July 15*** to Paul Hieb, 360.856.6210; Tom Jensen; Ray Young, 360-366-4850 or Alerd Johnson, 360.293-7953 ([editor@c2cc.org](mailto:editor@c2cc.org))

***We need to know if you are bringing a tractor or if you need seating on a wagon!***

***Directions to Berthusen Park: Take Guide Meridian from Bellingham to Lynden, turn left (west) at North WA Implement, W. Main and turn right (north) on N. Berthusen Road to Berthusen Park.***

## Club Officers and Board Members

### OFFICERS

President	Paul Hieb	360-856-6210
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### Membership Dues

\$10/Year

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

If you are in need of an official Cascade Two Cylinder Club magnetic tractor sign, Greg Greenfield, CTCC director, is the guy to contact. Most members want the tractor model, year, serial number and owner listed on the sign. A few other brief details could be added such as horse power etc. Greg may be contacted at 360-661-4632. Price is \$25 per standard sign.

There is a rumor that we may have an original dealership parts counter for the John Deere replica dealership museum. President Paul and a few members are checking out the counter. We hope to see something in the building for our museum dedication on Friday, August 7. If available, please help us dedicate the building. The completed museum represents a lot of good community support and volunteer work from our members and yes, financial support! Hopefully our club treasurer, Tom Jensen will have the donor plaque ready for the show.

One concern that keeps coming up during our parades and displays is kids wanting to love our tractors to death! In other words, kids that want to climb

on the tractor and move the steering wheel and all those neat levers. Speaking for my self, I like the kids to appreciate my tractor but under close supervision. So, I have created a sign that says: **Please don't climb on tractor without owner's permission.** Usually this keeps the kids off the tractor except for the ones that can't read yet. I had one situation last year when a grandmother eagerly watched her very young grandson climb on the tractor without permission and walk on the newly painted metal work of my green and yellow treasure! Not cool! I tried to calmly explain to the lady that we collectors have a lot of money tied up in paint jobs and this is kind of like walking on a newly painted collector car. Usually you can tell when a child wants to sit on the tractor and I ask the parent if the child would want to sit in the seat. This usually creates a lot of good will and appreciation for our tractors. I don't believe signs that say **Stay off Tractor!** accomplish much positive public relations although that is the right of the tractor owner. I believe we all want the public to appreciate our tractors and learn something about the tractor's place in agriculture history.

Gathering to the Green is scheduled for March 17 to 20, 2010 at the Radisson Quad City Plaza/River Center-

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## 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*

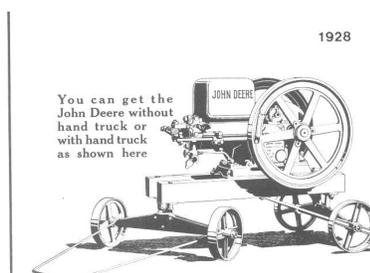
**Cascade 2 Cylinder Club  
General Membership Meeting  
May 16, 2009  
North Washington Implement**

**Meeting called to order** at 10:15a.m. by Paul Hieb Pres. **Minutes** of previous meeting read and approved  
**Treasurer's Report:** \$1610.55 membership fund and \$944.54 in the building fund. **Old Business:** 6 tractors showed up at Holland Happenings at Oak Harbor. Our shop tour was well attended and we had good weather and a good time. Plow Day, 13 tractors plowed 65 acres in about 3 hours. It was a good day to plow. **New Business:** Gregg Greenfield is working on making new tractor signs, Lynden Farmers Day parade, June 6, 2009, 9:00 a.m. lineup, Sedro Woolley Blast from the Past, June 7, 2009 in front of Sedro Woolley Museum, Caravan, July 18, 2009, 9:00 a.m. leave Berthusen Park, break in Everson, then back to Berthusen Park for a barbeque and pot luck. Cascade Days, Concrete, August 15, 2009. Building dedication 2:00 p.m. Friday during the Lynden show, brief ceremony, cake etc. still in planning. John Deere Day, July 25, 2009 at North Washington Equipment. Alerd talked about the web site, contact him if you have any problems or questions. Gathering of the Green, March 2010, Davenport, Iowa, contact Alerd Johnson. .  
**Adjourned,** 11:10 a.m. Ray Riggles, Sec.

## An Old Farmer's Advice

Contributed by Steve Hendricks

- Timing has a lot to do with the outcome of a rain dance
- If you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is stop diggin'.
- Sometimes you get, and sometimes you get got.
- The biggest troublemaker you'll probably every have to deal with, watches you from the mirror every morning'.
- Always drink upstream from the herd.
- Good judgment comes from experience and a lotta that comes from bad judgement
- Lettin' the cat outta the bag is awhile lot easier than putting' it back in.
- If you get to thinkin' you're a person of some influence, try orderin' somebody else's dog around.
- Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly. Leave the rest to God.



## 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** 1 1/2 h.p. John Deere stationary engine, Jim Galen, 360-398-2322

**For Sale** John Deere H, new tires and electric start, Jim Galen, 360-398-2322

**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

**For Sale** Farmall H, runs, fair rubber, good metal, easy restoration or good old farm tractor as is. \$950 , Alerd Johnson, 360-293-7953

**Wanted** John Deere 45 W loader, Brian, 360-332-1696

**Wanted** Tires, 12.4 X 24 or 11.2 X 24 for Bob Burt's 1935 JD BO, 360-468-2668

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

**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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Davenport, IA. The web site is [www.gatheringofthegreen.com](http://www.gatheringofthegreen.com) and registration materials will be available in early November 2009. Let Paul Hieb or Alerd Johnson know if you are interested in attending with our club group. We usually schedule a side trip before or after the conference. Very educational and good fun!

North West Two Cylinder EXPO VIII **may** be happening next August 2010 at the Puget Sound Antique Tractor and Machinery Show. Our club officers and directors have done an informal survey and the other Washington State Two Cylinder Clubs seem to be in support. The Cascade Two Cylinder Club would be the EXPO organizer and would need input and support from our members and the other regional two cylinder clubs. The Chehalis Two Cylinder EXPOs were highly organized and managed and would be the standard that we would like to meet. Financially, we may not be able to offer all the features of the Chehalis shows but we would like your ideas on what makes a successful EXPO. Please give us your comments!

A big thanks to Norm teSelle and Ray Young for planning our 2009 CTCC Caravan. The date is July 18 and we will be touring 30 miles in north Whatcom county agriculture country. You will be seeing lots of dairy cows, raspberries and blue berries. Whatcom county is the largest producer of raspberries in the United States! Can't bring a tractor, then make a reservation on one of the wagons. Great sights, good company and good food! It's also an honor if your tractor can make 30 miles without breaking down.

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### Calendar of Year 2009 Events



- July 4.....Sedro Woolley Logger Rodeo Parade, morning  
.....contact Paul Hieb for details
- July 4.....Arlington Parade, afternoon, contact Harold Eastbury
- July 18.....C2CC Caravan, Start from JD Museum, Berthusen  
.....Park
- July 25, 2009.....North Wa Implement John Deere Day, Lynden, WA
- July 25 &26.....Great Oregon Steam-Up, Brooks, OR
- August 1 &2.....Great Oregon Steam-Up, Brooks, OR
- August 5 –8.....PSAT&MA Show, Berthusen Park, Lynden, WA  
.....“Crawler” featured tractor
- August 14-16 .....Sky Valley Show, Frohning Farm, Monroe, WA
- September 12 .....Anacortes Antique Machinery Show, Anacortes, WA
- September 19 .....Stanwood Harvest Jubilee, Stanwood, WA
- March 17-20, 2010.....Gathering of the Green, Davenport, IA

*For more details on event times and location, contact the club officers or boards members. Phone numbers listed on page 3*



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