

# OLD IRON MESSENGER

## Quarterly Newsletter

### Mile High Tractor and Engine Club

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2020

### *President's Message*

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and Happy new Year! 2019 was a very busy year for our club. We met more new friends and signed up a number of new members. 2020 is going to be a fun year!

Our last event in 2019 was in December, at the Nugent family home in Coyote Springs. A few of us went to their Christmas Celebration for local disability groups and foster children. George Hilary and Keith Bricker gave hay rides; and Diane and I gave rides with a small tractor and trailer. The children had such a wonderful time and so did we! Did I mention that Santa and Mrs. Claus were there and Santa is pondering getting a tractor to pull his sleigh!



Soon we are coming up on election of officers at our March meeting. This year we need to elect a President, Treasurer and Safety Officers (the board decided to elect 2 members to share this position). We need club members to step up and offer their services. Each one of us have a stake in what the club does. Thank you to all those who have stepped up in the past and those who are currently serving as officers!

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Our neighboring clubs to the south have the first shows of the year:

February 8-9: Glendale Saguaro Ranch Show.

March 14-15: Apache Junction Show.

March 20-21: Cottonwood Flywheelers Tractor Show

OUR EVENTS SCHEDULED SO FAR THIS YEAR:

May 9: Prescott Valley Days Parade

May?: Tractor Pull, show at Tractor Supply in Prescott

June 13: Our yearly GROOM CREEK tractor ride and picnic. Bring a side dish to share. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided. Bob Sachs will be our host and organizer. This is always a GREAT time up in the mountains. Bring your tractors; EVERYONE COME.

July 4<sup>th</sup>: Frontier Days in Prescott in downtown Prescott. Last year we took first place in the Vintage Vehicle Division! This is the biggest parade in Yavapai county.

July 25-26: BEAT THE HEAT Show. Our neighbor to the north will be hosting. The Flagstaff Club is an EDGETA club just like we are. Their show will be north of Flagstaff on RTE 89. Contact Jim Brain for details: 928-699-7434.

Future show dates and details will be posted in later Newsletters as well as on the Website: [www.milehightractor.com](http://www.milehightractor.com)

CLUB DUES are due at the first of March. Membership forms can be given to myself, George Hilary, or Colleen Speidell or mailed to the address on the form. A Membership form is included in this newsletter or can be downloaded from the website. There will also be membership forms available at the upcoming meetings.

We are starting a brand new year so invite your friends to our events and to join our

club. Remember: ALWAYS be SAFE when near or operating equipment.

Don't forget our motto: HELPING TO PRESERVE HISTORY. Let's have a great, fun year!

Kitt Keagy, President

### **Photos**



**John Deere 720- Bill Laipple**

### **Want Ads**

- Wanted: 20-22 foot RV trailer; bumper pull. Walk around bed. Darryl Roat. 928-910-9217
- For Sale: Allis Chalmers G tractor. New paint. Plow blade, rebuilt engine. Asking \$4200.00; willing to trade. Darryl Roat. 928-910-9217

### **Fun Facts**

**Nebraska Tractor Test Laboratory.** The Nebraska Tractor Test Laboratory was born out of the frustration of state Representative Wilmot F. Crozier in trying to find a reliable tractor as he went through 3 Ford Tractor Company (not Henry Ford's tractors) tractors to find a reliable one. He partnered with state Senator Charles J Warner to introduce and promote a bill titled the Nebraska Tractor Test Law and Rules for Official Tractor Tests. Because of the obvious need, the bill passed without objection in 1919 to become the first consumer protection legislation to specifically benefit tractor

buyers. It resulted in the Nebraska Tractor Test Laboratory being established the following year on the campus of the University of Nebraska in Lincoln. The first tractor ever tested was a Waterloo Boy, model N 12-25, and the testing took place between March 31 and April 9, 1920. Source: Antique Power magazine article: Nebraska Tractor Test dated 10/5/2015 by Candace Brown.

### **President's Blog**

I get questioned a lot about tractors: what year, what model and how much horsepower. I'll try to answer some questions on the last tractor I was asked about. It was a 1950's Ford, the year wasn't certain nor the model. It was thought to be a Jubilee, but wasn't sure. As it turned out, it was a model NAA from late 1954.



I will try to explain the procession of models from the 9N to the number series. Henry Ford needed an updated tractor and met with Harry Ferguson in 1938. Ferguson offered a revolutionary hydraulic and hitch system. The partnership began in 1939 with the Ford-Ferguson 9N. The tractor set new standards for convenience and reliability. For much needed updates, Ford renamed the tractor the 2N in 1942. It was virtually identical to the 9N but with the needed improvements.

During this period Henry Ford and Harry Ferguson had a falling out over the hydraulic system and business practices. The

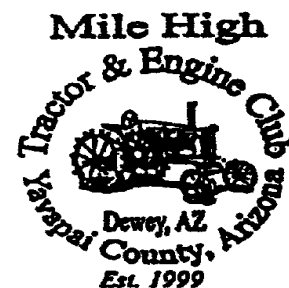
hydraulic system was owned and patented by Ferguson. They went to court and Henry Ford lost resulting in having to pay Harry Ferguson millions in damages.

Ford redid the hydraulics and made other improvements which resulted in the model 8N in late 1947. An increase of horsepower from the 9N's 23 to 27 for the 8N resulted. The engine size remained the same at 119.7 cubic inches. The 8N proved to be possibly the most famous tractor Ford built.

Ford's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary was approaching and an updated tractor was unveiled. In 1953 the NAA Golden Jubilee was released. It used a 134 cubic inch overhead valve engine and was called the Red Tiger. It was rated at 31 horsepower. Ford claimed it could pull 3 plows in most places. Starting in 1954, it was just called the NAA.

In 1955 Ford offered more than one model. The first was the 600 series which was an improved NAA model. The second was the 800 series which was a beefed up version of the 600 and was rated as a full 3 plow tractor. The 600 used a 31 horsepower, 135 cubic inch Red Tiger engine and the 800 used a 172 cubic inch version of the latter rated at 45 horsepower. Either tricycle or wide fronts for row crop work were available and those were titled the 700 and 900 respectively. There were more models available later and different color patterns were used. I hope this answers a lot of your questions. Please let me know any further questions and I will address these in future blogs. Kitt.

(picture from forums.yesterdaystractors.com)



## ***Recipe Corner***

### CREAMY TURKEY OR CHICKEN SOUP

1 tbsp Olive oil  
4 oz sliced mushrooms  
1 cup chopped carrots  
1 small onion, celery  
2 ½ tbsp flour  
salt  
pepper  
parsley  
4 cups chicken broth  
1 cup quick cook wild rice  
1 package 12 oz McCormick chicken  
    or turkey gravy  
1 cup half & half  
3 cups shredded chicken or turkey

In a large pot over medium heat add olive oil, mushrooms, carrots, celery and onion.

Cook about 5 minutes till tender.

Add flour, cook 1-2 minutes more.

Add broth, bring to boil.

Add rice and reduce to simmer.

Cook until rice is tender.

Add gravy and turkey, cook until heated through.

Add salt, pepper, and parsley to taste.

If too thick, add more broth; if too thin add a little more flour.

### CHILI CON CARNE

(from an old Good Housekeeping cookbook, variations in parentheses)

1 tbsp salad oil  
2 pounds lean ground beef (or stew meat or 2 lb beef chuck cut into 1/2-inch cubes)  
1 cup coarsely chopped onion  
¼ cup diced green pepper  
2 large garlic cloves, minced  
2 (3) 16 oz cans tomatoes (diced)  
¼-1/3 c chili powder  
1 ½ tsp salt  
3 16- or 17 oz cans red kidney or pinto beans  
(optional, additional spices:  
½ tsp cumin  
½ tsp coriander  
1 tsp paprika  
parsley to taste)

In 5 quart Dutch over over medium-high heat, cook ground beef, onions, green pepper and garlic until onion is tender, about 10 minutes, stirring frequently.

Add tomatoes and their liquid, chili powder and salt; heat to boiling. Reduce heat to low; cover and simmer 1 hour (1 ½ hours or until fork-tender if using beef chuck), stirring occasionally.

Stir in beans and their liquid (or drain ½ the liquid); heat. Serve in soup bowls with a choice of accompaniments.

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