

January 2014



Walking through Ag Hall at the Heartland Museum in Clarion, IA, it's hard to miss this eye catching 1965 Case 830 Comfort King Hi Crop. The Case 830 has been on display at the Heartland Museum since it was first opened and is one of many in Larry Maasdam's antique tractor collection. Larry and his wife, Melanie, who live just outside of Clarion, saw the Case 830 on display at a tractor show in Florida and made an offer to the owner to purchase it. The owner declined, but four years later Larry received a call and added the Case 830, a Case 530 Diesel, and four Case stationary engines to his collection. This was the first time Larry had ever bought a tractor already fully restored.



Avid antique tractor collector, **Larry Maasdam**, bought this 1950's Allis Chalmers D10 Hi Crop in 1990. Transferring the tractor back to Clarion, IA, from Woodland, CA, Maasdam fully rebuilt and remodeled this attractive piece. The D10 can be found in a special booth at the Heartland Museum of Clarion IA, where the North Central Antique Tractor Club of Iowa chooses a different tractor to showcase each year. Ever since 1989, Larry has developed a large collection of antique tractors, totaling over 500. A small fraction of Larry's unique collection can be found in Ag Hall of the Clarion museum.

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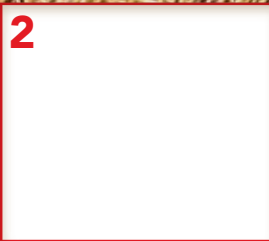
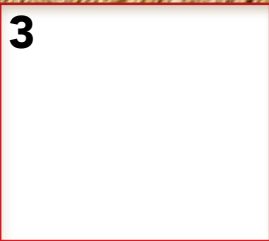
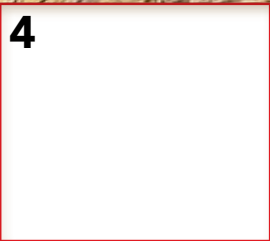
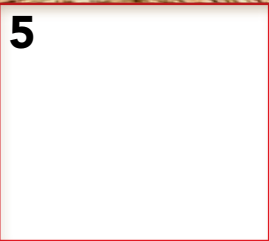
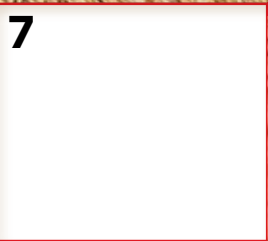
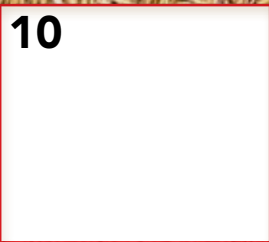
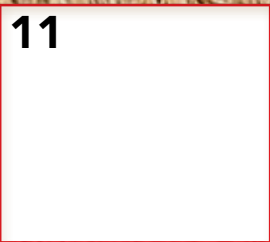
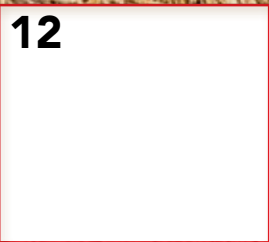
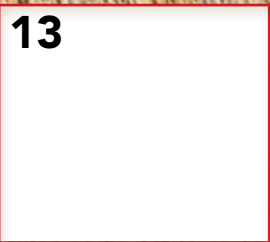
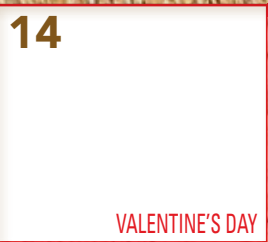
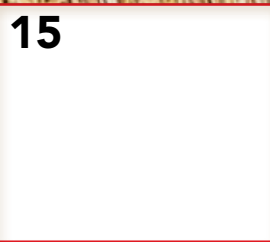
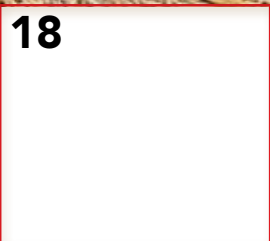
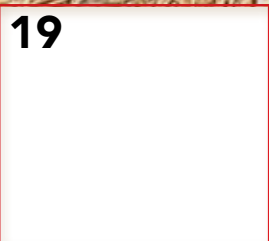
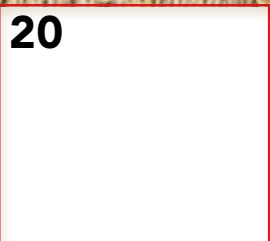
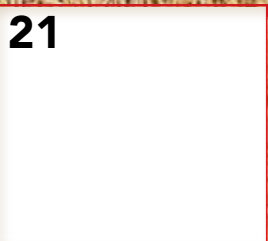
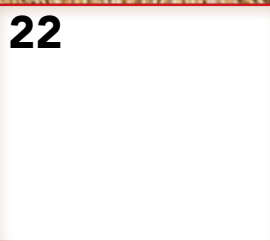
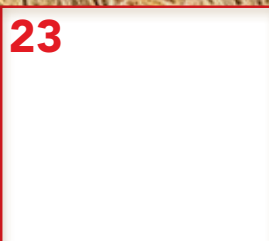
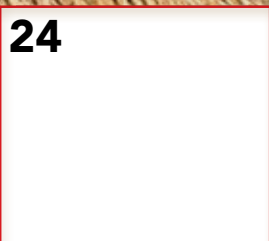
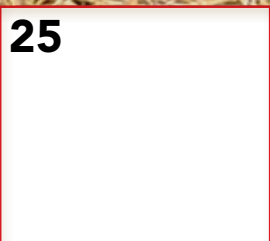
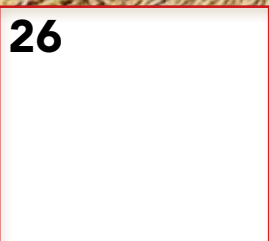
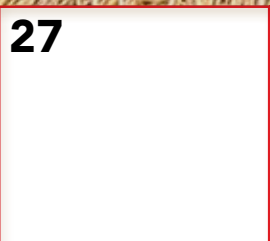
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In the 1950's International Harvester emerged as the dominant tractor manufacturer in the world. The decade brought on new changes as IH began replacing their "letter models" with the "number series" models. As each new series was introduced, the number of models increased and so did the horsepower. The Farmall 1256 boasted 116 HP followed by the 1456 with 132 HP. Red Madsen happens to own each of these high horsepower machines.





Red Madson of Burt, IA bought this 1968 International 1256 Turbo in South Dakota. When he brought it home, Red's son, Steve, helped him work on it over the course of two months to prepare it for a full restoration. After a local implement dealer fixed an oil leak and checked the injectors, Red took the 1256 to Nemmers Auto Body in Algona, IA to complete the restoration process with a shiny new paint job. Since completing the project, Red has enjoyed taking his 1256 to parades and tractor rides in the local area.

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Oliver tractors have been in Lawrence Hansen's family since his father bought a 1936 model 70. The 70 was the first tractor Lawrence had ever driven when he was only 8 years old. As a dedicated Oliver fan, Lawrence has developed a substantial collection of meadow green colored equipment including this striking 1960 550 Diesel. Five years ago, Lawrence purchased the aged Oliver at a sale in Minnesota and brought it home where he fully restored it to its current mint condition. A few years later Lawrence also purchased a matching Oliver plow which he also repaired. Restoring antique tractors has become a bonding experience for Lawrence as his son, Curt, helps him repaint each Oliver that is added to his collection.





Lawrence Hansen, has a total of twenty antique Oliver tractors in his collection with sixteen of them fully restored. Although he has a wide variety of Olivers, Lawrence admits that if he had to pick one as his favorite he would choose the 1960 550 Diesel. Each summer, Lawrence enjoys participating in the Bully Bullhead parade in Ruthven, IA where he enters the 550 to pull his thirteen grandchildren in a hay rack that he modified with a side door and canopy. Lawrence has won a total of eight trophies for “Best Restored” at the Bully Bullhead parade.

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Looks can be deceiving. Hidden behind coatings of peeling red paint was this genuine white demonstrator IH Farmall Cub. Owner, Edgar Meyer, of Algona, IA, purchased this rare find in Leroy, MN after he noticed the original coat of white paint peeking through. In 1950, the white demonstrator program was launched and designed to be the largest advertising campaign in IH history. For only one year, tractors and implements were painted in the white, eye catching color to attract farmers into buying IH machinery. Once sold, the equipment was covered with the traditional red paint. Recognizing the history of this Cub, Meyer restored the tractor to its distinctive white color.



Much like the IH customers during the year 1950, **Edgar Meyer** was drawn to add the white demonstrator to his collection because of its unique color. Another attraction of the tractor involved the fact that Meyer's father had also owned an IH Cub, though his was not a demonstrator. Meyer has a total of six tractors in his current collection but he has restored others as well. Each summer Meyer looks forward to participating in tractor rides and showcasing his collection at the Kossuth County Fair.

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The CO-OP tractors No. 1, 2, and 3 were manufactured before and after World War II through the years 1935 to 1951. Jerry's 1948 CO-OP was produced out of Minneapolis, MN, but all CO-OP tractor production was ceased during the emergency of wartime. The CO-OP No. 3 was the largest of the three tractors. It was recommended as a three-bottom plow tractor and was powered by a six cylinder Chrysler Industrial engine. Built with a standard or wide front design, the NO.3 weighed about 4,500 pounds and could reach speeds up to 20-30 miles per hour. After 1950, Cockshutt Farm Equipment, a Canadian company, manufactured all CO-OP tractors. The Cockshutt and CO-OP tractors were identical in every way except for name and color.





Jerry Beck, of Spencer IA, restored this 1948 No.3 CO-OP about five years ago. Although the tractor was in rough condition, Jerry had it completely restored and now enjoys taking it on numerous tractor rides. Since the restoration, the No.3 CO-OP has traveled thousands of miles. From journeying to the colorful countryside of the Wisconsin Dells, to the scenic cranberry fields of Black River Falls, WI, and exploring the natural beauty of the Black Hills in South Dakota, Jerry and his CO-OP tractor have been on many exciting adventures.

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In 1964 **Harold Blumer** began working for the Massey Ferguson dealership in his hometown of Garner, IA. After 21 years of dedication to the company Blumer began his growing collection of Massey Ferguson lawn tractors. Since his first restoration of a 1968 Massey 7, Blumer has sand blasted, painted, and repaired over twenty-five tractors. When he is not working out in the garage on his latest project, Harold can be found crafting intricate leather harnesses and aluminum wagons for model horses with his wife, Dorothy.

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The JD B isn't the only green and yellow in Hanson's collection. Kris is also the proud owner of 13 John Deere lawn tractors. About four years ago, Kris had the opportunity to bring home his grandfather's John Deere G that was sold to another family many years ago. Kris was very happy to return the G back to his family and he has future plans to restore it. Tractor shows and rides are a family event for the Hanson family. While Kris's wife drives an 8N Ford and Farmall H, Kris's daughter, Rachael, claims a John Deere M, and his son, Kollin, hopes to drive his great grandfather's G.



A devoted John Deere fan, **Kris Hanson** of Garner IA, purchased this 1951 John Deere B with his father in 1996. Fortunately, it was in good mechanical condition and only needed a fresh coat of signature green and yellow paint. Kris enjoys taking the B to parades and events such as Relay for Life, the Belmond Prairie Homestead Show, and any event featuring John Deere. Kris enjoys listening to old stories from farmers who explain how they used to farm with the smaller yet reliable John Deere B.

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Paul Flaharty didn't become a Massey-Harris fan by accident. His father purchased a 1949 Massey-Harris 44-Six and Paul was the first to drive it the same day it was brought home. This family tractor was Flaharty's first restoration project and he began accumulating his large collection in the year 2000. Paul could be considered an expert in restoring Massey-Harris tractors as he has worked with the same brand for many years. He even has aspirations to restore a Massey-Harris 444 and 333 in the future. Both of these tractors are a little more difficult to find as they were only manufactured for three years.

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Conley Metzger's 1967 John Deere 5020 Diesel has been in his family since 1974. This green giant was put to working farm use all the way up until its retirement in 2009. Starting the restoration process in the spring of 2009, Conley had to complete a total tear down of his 5020 due to an oil leak in the engine block. Conley also made a few modifications by removing the cab and adding a shiny chrome air cleaner and stack. Finishing the restoration in November of 2011, Conley reckons that his Deere runs better now than it ever has before with its increased horsepower and overall quality.





On August 25, 2012, **Conley Metzger** participated in the World's Largest Parade of Classic Tractors, breaking the Guinness World Record with 964 riders. Organized and coordinated by RFD-TV and held at the Nebraska State Fair in Grand Island, NE, over 1000 antique tractor owners from 31 states registered for the event. The record had been previously held in Germany with 745 tractors. Despite pouring rain, the passionate supporters waited out the downpour before lining up on the track to cross the finish line, each tractor wielding the American flag. This was a once in a lifetime opportunity that Conley will never forget.

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Since the pink John Deere's debut in 2011, Anne's tractor has also been showcased at the Clay County Fair, Relay for Life, and at local schools hosting "pink out" games. The 3010 has not only become a spectacle for people to see, but also a meaningful reminder of providing awareness and support for those who are fighting their own battles. Today, Anne continues to promote breast cancer awareness. Her unique tractor and story has touched the lives of many people.





At first glance of this 1965 John Deere 3010, one might think that the bright pink color is its only unique quality. Talk to owner, **Anne Hagedorn**, of Royal, IA, and a whole new perspective comes to mind. In the summer of 2010, Anne declared to her husband, Matt, that she was done with tractor rides unless he painted her a pink tractor. Later that day, Anne's friend, Sue Logan, announced that she had been diagnosed with breast cancer. The plan to paint a pink tractor immediately went into action and the project was completed with decals embracing the "Fight Like a Girl" theme and a special dedication to Anne's friend, Sue, whose cancer is now in remission.

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Alan was motivated to purchase the Allis Chalmers WC tractor because his dad had owned one when he was growing up. The WC was the first tractor Alan had ever driven when he was about 12 years old. Today, Allen showcases his unique Allis Chalmers tractor and corn harvester at parades, fairs, and other tractor events. On several occasions, Alan has received comments from retired farmers describing how they used to farm with one. Apparently, Allis Chalmers corn pickers were not the most reliable harvesters.





At first **Alan Banks** was reluctant to bring home this Allis Chalmers No. 33 Corn Harvester, but eventually he decided to acquire both the 1940 Allis Chalmers WC tractor along with its harvesting side kick. Both of these AC antiques came from Alan's uncle who lived just a few miles from his farm near Spencer, IA. Banks restored both of these distinctive orange pieces and was able to complete the overhaul using all of the original parts. Alan's uncle first saw the restored Allis Chalmers pair at the Clay County Fair. It was fortunate that Alan's uncle was able to see the final product of the tractor and picker as he passed away only one week later.

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What has two doors, a hard top, and sports a flashy blue body? Roger Allen's classic 1972 Chevelle Super Sport. Roger, who lives in Britt, IA, found this muscle car at the Mecum Auction in Des Moines IA in July of 2012. Attracted by the striking Harbor Blue color complimented by the black racing stripes, it was hard for Allen not to be enticed to purchase this fully restored beauty. Another interesting feature about this Chevelle is its big block LS3 402 V8 high performance engine which puts out 240 bhp. The year 1972 is notoriously known as being one of the last years that big horsepower engines were built.





Roger Allen had been looking for a car that he could drive and not have to restore or keep in a glass house. He had been searching for his dream car, a '68 or '69 Nova, for about five years until he had a stroke of luck finding both a Nova and a Chevelle sitting side by side at an auction in Des Moines. Although he ended up going home with the Chevelle, Roger still has future plans to acquire a Nova. Roger and his wife Judy enjoy taking their classic car to shows and parades including the Clear Lake Car Cruise and Show and Britt's annual car show during the National Hobo Convention. Suggesting that he is going through his second childhood, Roger intends to make use of his restored blue beauty.

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