



# YESTERDAY'S TREASURES

March 2012



PHOTO BY DALLAS SMITH

Soon we will be into our festival season with many shows scheduled. Our Club Safety Directors, Richard Carrier and Jon LaPointe wish to remind us to be safe out there! Let's make sure we have wheel blocks, fire extinguishers, kill switches, working brakes for our tractors and safe guards to prevent young children from getting too close to running stationary engines and remember to have someone in the driver's seat when starting a tractor. If in a parade or a tractor cruise, let's be sure and have a slow moving vehicle sign on the back of the tractor.

### **Dates to Remember**

February 25, 2012, Oak Hollow Chili Cook-Off, US 98 South, Fairhope, AL  
8 AM.

March 1, 2012, SAATAEC Monthly Meeting, Senior Citizens Center, Foley,  
AL, 7 PM.

March 10, 2012, Robertsdale Feed Store, Highway 59 south, Robertsdale,  
AL, 8 AM.

March 17, 2012, SBCC Bar-B-Q & Blues Festival, Heritage Park, Foley, AL, 8 AM.

March 23 & 24, 2012, TSC Store, Highway 59 north, Summerdale, AL, 8 AM.

March 31, 2012, Covered Bridge Festival, 1 mile south off Highway 83, Elberta, AL, 8 AM.

### **Showcase Tractor of the Month**



PHOTO BY KEN FROST

This month I have selected Jon LaPointe's 1943 Oliver "60" row crop as our showcase tractor. Jon bought this tractor in upstate New York very near the Canadian border. He did some engine work and some touch-up on the paint and it was good to go. Sometime in the future he hopes to do a major restoration on it. The Oliver "60" first came into production in late 1939 or early 1940. The row crop version was a tri-cycled light tractor weighing 2300 lbs. It had sleek modern styling with an I-Head four-cylinder gasoline engine and side panels. The "60" was also sold in Canada as the Cockshutt "60". It developed 16.9 HP on the drawbar and 18.8 HP on the belt at 1500 RPM. The engine had a 3.3125" bore and a 3.50" stroke yielding a 120.6 cu. in. displacement. Early in production electric starting was optional, but later it became standard. Also early in production the transmission was 4-speed,

but when rubber tires became more popular the “60” was produced with a 5-speed transmission for higher road speeds. In its last year of production the Oliver “60” sold for \$1700. In 1949, the Oliver “60” was replaced with the slightly more powerful Oliver “66”

### **Tractor Humor**

One afternoon a lawyer was riding in his limo when he saw two men along the road side eating grass. Disturbed, he ordered his driver to stop to investigate. He asked one man, “Why are you eating grass?” “We don’t have any money for food,” the poor man replied. “We have to eat grass.” “Well, then, you can come with me to my house and I’ll feed you,” the lawyer said. “But sir, I have a wife and two children with me. They are over there, under that tree.” “Bring them along,” the lawyer replied. Turning to the other poor man he stated, “You may come with us, also.” The second man then said, “But sir, I also have a wife and six children with me!” “Bring them all as well,” the lawyer answered. They all entered the limo and got underway, when one of the poor fellows said, “Sir, you are too kind. Thank you for taking all of us with you.” The lawyer replied, “Glad to do it. You’ll really love my place. The grass is almost a foot high!”

A taxi driver and a minister arrived in heaven at the same time. The taxi driver was led to a palatial suite and the minister was given a small room. “I don’t get it,” the minister said. “All he did was drive a cab. I was in the ministry for decades.” “Up here, we go by results,” St. Peter said. “While you preached, people slept. While he drove, people prayed!”

### **News**

At our last monthly meeting, Edd Lipscomb proposed we have a Club Swap Meet during the year. It was then suggested we have it during our annual plow day. With that in mind, lets all think of some parts, tools, equipment or even tractors or engines that we might wish to sell or trade at a swap meet on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. President Carroll put Edd in charge of the swap meet. Also note that the Robertsdale Feed Store event has been changed to March 10, 2010 because of a conflict with the Bar-B-Que & Blues Festival in Foley on March 17<sup>th</sup>. “Keep them Cranking.”

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