

Massey Harris Ferguson Club of Ohio

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I would like to thank the following members for making the Farm Science Review a success, by bringing the following equipment .

Charles Cutshaw - MF1130

Jim & Donna Dawson - MF 7, #22

Feed Grinder, Colt and 102GS

Ray & Shirley Heck - MH81 row

crop, MH81 Std. and MH Pony with cultivators

Gary & Sue Heffner - F 40 row crop and green belly TO35

Jim & Molly Hidy - MH 25

Jim & Sharon Jones - MH Pony with cultivators

Richard Kimball & Marilyn Bergman - TO30 with three-point jack and MF97

Harry Knight - F40 Std.

Chet McNabb - MH101 Super and MH Pacer

Carl & Karin Morrison - Yel. TO35 and F40 Std

Jeff & Cari Beth Noah - MH44 Sp

Tom and Joan Patterson - MH 101 Jr.

Marcella Rose - MF 50

Larry Tourney - TO30 and F40 Std. Milton & Dawn Underwood - MF 35 Sp. Combine and some very nice signs.

Bob & Lorri Wright - MH444 & MH 44D Sp.

Jason Wright - MH 44-6 Std.

Steve & Bev Wright - MF 180.

And Thanks to everyone who helped in the tent.

Chester McNabb.



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From the Editor

I would like to thank all contributors to this newsletter. They include Gary Emsweller who always is great about sending auction results, Harry Knight for a picture, Roger

Otermat for pictures, Gary Heffner for pictures, Chet McNabb for the Farm Science Review information, and Joe Olszewski who wrote an article about his trip to Poland. Articles and pictures are always appreciated.

Don't forget about the Christmas party December 14th at the Christ United Methodist Church in Baltimore, Ohio. Further details are on page five.

MHF CLUB OF OHIO

Board minutes

August 3, 2013

The MHF Club of Ohio met at the Morrow County Fairgrounds during the tractor show at Mt. Gilead. Present were: Roger Otermat, Chet McNabb, Lorri Wright, Gray Wright, Jim Jones, Jim Dawson, Joel and Jean Javersak and Violet Helman. Absent: Jeff Miller, Luke Swetland, and Aaron Helman.

The treasurer's report was given by Lorri Wright reporting a current balance of \$6,684.07.

The minutes from the March 30th meeting was approved as presented in the Newsletter.

Jean reported there are 149 members in the club with 77 joining MCA and 8 foreign members.

Roger reported the Newsletter may now be seen on the MCA web page.

Old Business: the Christmas party is scheduled for De-

cember 14. Lorri will get information regarding the use of the Fire House at Lancaster.

New Business: Lorri will order the tent for the Farm Science Review and Chet will be in charge of getting tractors etc.

Lorri will check with Annie about getting new hats and T-shirts and getting the costs.

Roger noted we recently lost another member of the club, Lester Underwood. We will have a moment of silence at the Annual Christmas party in memory of Lester.

Jim Dawson made a motion to adjourn seconded by Lorri, motion passed.

Following the banquet Dinner (which was wonderful!)

Roger asked those board members present for a quick meeting to approve having the State Show at Plain City in 2015. Jeff Miller made a motion to approve the date seconded by Jim Jones. Motion passed.

Respectfully,

Violet Helman, secretary

Christmas Party December 14th in Baltimore, Ohio. Details on page five

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Call to verify dates prior to making a trip. Send show info and fliers to:

Jim Dawson

or jrdawson1@frontier.com

2013

December 14	Baltimore	OH	MHFCO Christmas Party	Lorrie Wright (614)837-3775
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2014

March 1	Chambersburg	PA	Friends of Massey Spring Banquet	
March 14-15	Hermitage	PA	MCA Spring Meeting	
March 29	Plain City	OH	MHFCO Spring Meeting	
June 12-14	St. James	MO	Massey Days 20	Dale Lawrence (314)291-7421
July 11-13	Ashland	OH	MHFCO State Show	
July 31-Aug 3	Rushville	IN	Massey Expo of North America	
August 1-3	Stoystown	PA	Stoystown Lions/Friend of Massey	Allen Rhoads (814)629-9625

2015

June 11-13	Baraboo	WI	Massey Days	Mike Popp
July	Plain City	OH	MHFCO State show	
August	Chambersburg	PA	Massey Expo of North America	

2016

June	Shelbyville	IN	Massey Days	John Bush
August 25-28	Madison	SD	Massey Expo of North America	



Massey Harris Ferguson Club of Ohio

Revised Membership Application Form, (Revised August 2012) Date _____ New _____ Renewal _____

Name (please print carefully) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Nine digit Zip Code _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

MHFCO Membership \$15 _____ MHFCO and MCA \$40 _____

Total Payment \$ _____

List your tractors and/or equipment, special interest, etc.

Make your check for \$15 or \$40 payable to MHF Club of Ohio. Make sure to include your nine digit zip code. Mail to: **Jean Javersak, MHFCO, 8041 Salineville Rd. Mechanicstown, OH 44651-9026**

New _____ Renewal _____

Memberships expire January 1st, each year. Foreign members please add \$5 for extra postage.

Evans Auction Results

11/2/13

Thanks Gary Emsweller!

MH Corn Picker motor out - \$450

MH 2 Btm Plow \$125

MH 101 Sr - \$1000

MH 22 - \$900

MH 55 Diesel - \$1100

MH 55 Gas - \$1200

MH 44-6 - \$400

MH 44 Diesel - \$1100

MH 101 Super - \$650

2 Btm Plow on Rubber \$300

MF 1135 w/ Duals NICE!! - \$7200

MF 65 Diesel HA - \$3750

MF 4 Btm Plow - \$325

MH Pony ADJ w/Cults - \$2100

MH 55 Gas - \$4000

MH 102 - \$8800

MH 101 Jr Standard - \$2650

MH 101 Super RC - \$4700

MH 30 RC - \$1200

MH 44 RC - \$1000

MH 33 Gas - \$1250

MH SP Clipper Combine - \$500

Massey Harris 25 (1935) - \$550

Annual Christmas Party

The club's annual Christmas Party will be held on Saturday December 14th, 2013 from 10:30-4:00 P.M. The meal will begin at 12:30 P.M. at the Christ United Methodist Church in Baltimore, Ohio and will be a potluck. We will be meeting in the fellowship hall. Please bring your own table service and the club will furnish drinks and meat. Members with the last name A-M will make the main dishes and N-Z will make deserts.

Following dinner, there will be updates on the next state show and a gift exchange. For the gift exchange men are to bring a present marked "Men" and women a present marked "Women."

There will be a directors meeting held prior to the meal. All board members should be there by 10:00 A.M.

Christ United Methodist Church is located at 700 S. Main Street (St. Rt. 158) in Baltimore, Ohio. It looks like you can get on State Route 158 at Interstate 70 Exit 122 and drive South to Baltimore. The church is on the South side of town. If you have any questions please call Lorri at 614-837-3775



Is Harry Knight thinking of trading his Ferguson 40 for one of these?

Massey Fergusons in Poland

By Joe Olszewski

Back in 2012 my wife Patsy and I took a trip to Poland in an attempt to track down some of my father's relatives and since I have an interest in Massey Ferguson I decided to visit some dealers in Poland to see what the agricultural environment is there at this time. I contacted AGCO Corporation here in the US and they were very helpful in hooking me up with the Korbane business interests in Poznan which has distribution rights for Massey Ferguson and Fendt throughout Poland. The Korbane people were extremely helpful in connecting me with local dealers in Chojnach Miodych northeast of Warsaw



(the area my dad came from) and Skrzyszow located southeast of Krakow. Both proprietors were outstanding in how they treated me and my wife as I will share with you a bit later in my story. We flew nonstop from Toronto to Warsaw which resulted in an overnight 9 hour flight. As we descended into Warsaw it was a nice sunny morning and the first thing I noticed were many fields covered with a yellow plant.

Once on the ground I inquired about the yellow fields and was told it is a plant the Poles call "rzepak". It is part of the turnip family and is planted primarily for its oil. The seeds are heated and squeezed to extract the oil. The oil/seeds are used for animal food, biodiesel and hybrid versions of the plant produce oil which we call canola and have been determined to be safe for human consumption. Canadian universities get credit for producing the hybrid versions of the plant we call rapeseed/field mustard. Standard rapeseed produces oil which is very high in erucic acid which has numerous issues associated with it. The **CAN**adians came up with the hybrid version of the plant which produces **Oil Low** in **Acid**, hence the name **CANOLA**. Just a bit of trivia! It seems rapeseed oil has been used as a fuel by ancient civilizations in China, Europe and other parts of Asia. The world's biggest producers of canola oil are China and Canada with Poland being the 6th largest and the USA is 11th. Approximately 90% of the Canola grown in the US comes from North Dakota. Modern agriculture is growing in leaps and bounds in

Poland and AGCO is expanding its share of the tractor market through its Massey Ferguson and Fendt brands.

As my wife and I travelled to Niedzwiadna Northeast of Warsaw to search for my



Robert, Joe and Damian

grandparents and a missing aunt we stopped at the MF/Fendt dealership of Robert Rogowski and Damian Zebrowski in Chojnach Mlodych/Lomza, Poland. This area was very flat and it reminded me of Western Ohio or Kansas. The fields are big and the tractors used in this area tend to be high horsepower units. Robert's and Damian's inventory reflected the same. This is a relatively new dealership. The buildings are reflective of Europe where stone

and concrete are used more than the "Butler Building" concept.

Robert and Damian were eager to share with me stories about Massey's and agriculture as it is in their part of Poland. They wanted to take me out to one of their fields and do some driving etc. but my wife and female guide wanted no part of that. I was out



voted! Shucks! But the guys were super and very accommodating hosts. As the week wore on we found ourselves in Southern Poland east of Krakow. I made arrangements with Wieslaw Marek who owns a Massey Ferguson/Fendt dealership in Skrzyszow, Poland to pick me up at our hotel in Krakow. His son Michal and an employee Gregus picked me up in one of their vans. On the way to their dealership we had to make a stop at a farmer who was one of their customers to pick up two tractor tires that they had switched earlier in the day. The farmer Stanislaw Jagla and his son Janusz showed me their Massey equipment and shared



Janusz, Mr. Jagla, Michal, Gregus

with me their own experiences with Massey equipment. They like Massey equipment because it is high tech, its durability and reliability and they like the service they get from Mr. Marek's dealership. Two of their three tractors were Massey Fergusons. Mr. Jagla raises approximately 1500 hogs a year and raises a variety of small grains.



Mr. Marek, Joe

Once we got to Skrzyszow Mr. Marek and his son Michal gave me a nice tour of their dealership. In this area the terrain was hillier and most of the tractors sold from his dealership were smaller/medium in size.

Again the dealership was relatively new and the buildings have the traditional European look to them. Michal restored a small 1958 Fendt that he was very proud of and he takes to local shows.



Fendt's are very highly respected in Poland but also expensive were the comments shared with me. Both dealerships sold Fendt tractors and Fendt combines along with a variety of different equipment similar to what dealers in America do. Some of the equipment was actually manufactured in Poland and they were

proud of that as they should be. I did not see any MF compacts sourced out of Japan like in the US nor did I see any Challenger equipment. I did see a compact LS (light blue one) sourced out of Korea. The MF/Fendt tractors I saw in both dealerships were sourced out of Italy, France and Germany. As you know MF is truly a global company and sources tractors and equipment from all over the world. The only thing consistent about MF today is its name and for the most part its colors. Brand loyalty as I knew it as a kid growing up on our dairy farm in New York State is a thing of the past. Today price, features, financing, reliability and service pretty much dictate the buying habits of most consumers. If my father was alive today he would be proud to see how far agriculture has advanced in Poland thanks to companies like AGCO, Deere, CNH etc.

I concluded my visit to Mr. Marek's dealership late in the day after being served tea and apple pie and cookies by his wife Renata and his daughter Regina. His son Michal and his lady friend Carolina drove me back to my hotel (one to two hours thereabouts) and I enjoyed the countryside around Tarnow from the back seat. I can't say enough about their hospitality. They were gracious and caring people. We had a fun conversation in Polish all the way back and I felt very much at home.

I am very grateful to my wife Patsy, our Polish guide Teresa Oledska, AGCO Corp., Korbanek Enterprises, and the two dealerships of Messrs. Marek, Rogowski and Zebrowski, and Messr. Jagla, the local farmer host for their assistance. I couldn't have done it without them.

I never did find any relatives and learned that some of them may have been shipped off to Siberia against their will to work as slaves when the Communist regime took over Poland after the war. Father Jaroslaw Stefaniak the local Priest of the Niedzwiedna Parish where my dad came from was kind enough to share with me a locally written book covering the "Siberia Experience" faced by many residents of the area. Unfortunately, not all stories have a happy ending!

The Jim Erdle Collection

September 20,21,&22, 2013 - Canandagua, NY

Sawyer Massey 20-40	Solid tractor, very original, barn find condition, stuck, excellent tractor	\$90,000
Massey Harris #2	Loose, Buda engine 12-22, repainted	\$45,000
Sawyer Massey 11-22	sn. 5104, Original	\$23,000
Sawyer Massey 11-22	project	\$13,000
MH General Purpose	on skeleton steel, needs a radiator	\$12,000
Massey Harris GP	older restoration on steel, no lugs	\$13,500
Massey Harris GP	sn. 302643, Loose, Original, full steel with/ext	\$8,500
Massey Harris #2	Project Tractor, Missing head, Stuck, Lugs	\$18,000
Big Bull Tractor	sn. 7775, older restoration, looks good	\$45,000
Little Bull	sn. 2823, Loose, Repaint, Missing Mag	\$57,500
Wallis 12-20	missing manifold and carburetor, cut off rubber	\$500
Wallis Cub Jr	On steel, Missing seat, No tag	\$8,000
Wallis 12-20	Parts Tractor	\$300
Wallis 12-20 Tractor	On cut offs, Belt Pulley	\$2,500
Wallis 12-20 Tractor	Parts Tractor	\$350
Massey Harris 10-20	Parts Tractor	\$1,100
Massey Harris 20-30	Parts Tractor	\$1,000
Massey Harris GP	Parts Tractor	\$3,500
MH 101 Twin Power	Full steel, Belt pulley	\$2,600

Classified Ads

Advertising of equipment is free to club members and will run for two newsletters, unless contacted to do otherwise

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MH 82 Combine, Best offer over \$800. Rex Ebie 330-296-8086

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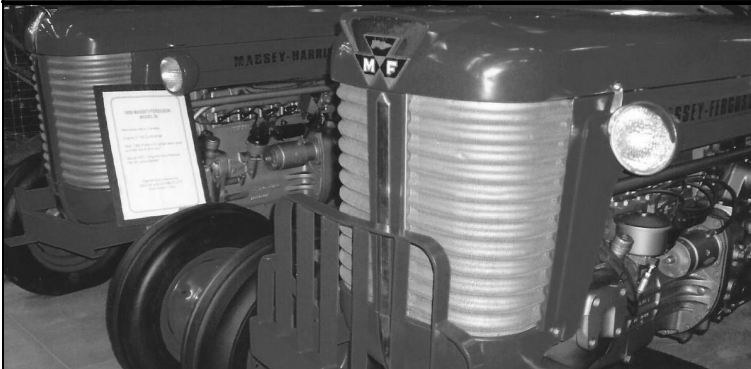
Acceptable example of auction results:

MH 30 that started & ran well, tires wore out and paint was bad. Sold for \$1,275.

Unacceptable example of auction results

I think it was a 30 but not sure if it ran, Sold for around \$1,200.

Please, Please, Please do not tell me without writing it down. I will Not remember!!!



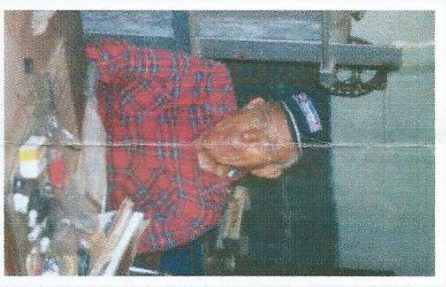
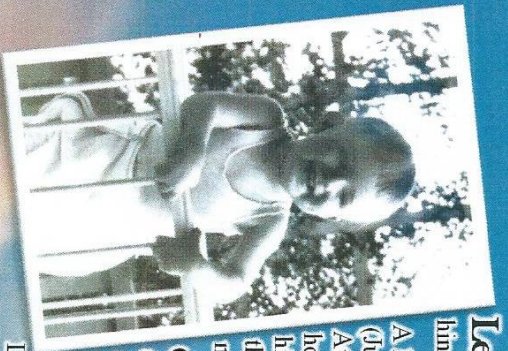
Lester E. Underwood, Jr., 87, of rural Bucyrus died peacefully with family near him Tuesday, July 2, 2013 at his home on the farm where he was born.

A lifelong Dallas Twp. resident, he was born August 7, 1925 to the late Lester and Maude (Lury) Underwood. He went to Mt. Zion schools and received his driver's license at age 14. At 15, he was dealt a major setback when he was stricken with polio. His family brought him home from the hospital in an iron lung. In spite of this, his classmates and teachers helped him with his studies and he graduated from Mt. Zion School in 1943. He was a member of the Mt. Zion EUB and United Methodist Church where he served faithfully and seldom missed Sunday School or church.

On September 14, 1968 he married Barbara (Gistle) Underwood who survives with their children, Milton (Dawn) Underwood, Brian Underwood, both of Bucyrus, and Susan (Tim) Jarvis of Galloway, Ohio and three grandchildren, Grace, Hannah and Abigail Underwood. Lester treasured time spent with his children and grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister, Geneva Sidenstricker of Marion. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by Geneva's husband, Charlie.

Lester had many challenges in life, but he would overcome them one-by-one. He farmed the farm his grandfather purchased in 1898. In his early years, he was a radio and TV serviceman, setting up the Bucyrus Twp. VFD with their first radio communication. His family has held on to an 1881 Columbia high wheel bicycle, leading him to fellow enthusiasts in the Wheelmen Club. His children are often seen riding the bike to this day.

Lester, with his father, operated Underwood Garage and had the Ferguson Tractor agency from 1949-1958. During his time as a mechanic, he got interested in restoring cars. Though he loved to travel, taking a number of day trips all over Ohio and covering 49 states and most of Canada. Lester's delight was enjoying around 15 cars he and his family restored over the years. He liked the challenge of working on the cars and getting them back into good condition. It gave him the pleasure of accomplishment. He had memberships in several car clubs including AAA since 1946 and the "Slow Spokes." He attended many car and tractor shows that met in Ohio, Indiana and Michigan and was a founding member of the Massey-Harris-Ferguson Club of Ohio. Lester had a sense of humor and a zest for life. A man of integrity and honor, Lester's legacy will carry on in the hearts of his family.



Arial photo of Massey Expo of North America in Paisley, Ontario

*Bruce County Heritage Association 20th Anniversary
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Don't worry Roger, just a few more months of winter weather.

