



UDLX (left) and RTU with cab. Reportedly only about 30 UDLX's are still running.

FEATURES 30 ANTIQUE TRACTORS AND MANY IMPLEMENTS

Family Created Its Own "Museum Of Molines"

Lloyd Monroe and his son Kale of Castalia, Iowa, have put together one of the most unusual collections of Minneapolis Moline tractors and equipment to be found anywhere.

The men enjoy their collection so much they decided to share it with the public by opening what they call the "Museum of Molines". It's open free of charge to anyone who wants to visit.

They own 30 antique tractors, with 24 of them in working condition. The others are in the process of being overhauled and painted.

The collection includes tractors and implements from the Minneapolis Moline Company, as well as from the companies which merged to form it such as the Moline Plow Co., Twin City, Minneapolis, Minneapolis Threshing Co., and Avery.

One of the most unusual tractors in the collection is a 1930 Minneapolis Moline model 3957. "It was one of the biggest tractors built that year and was popular with road construction crews and big wheat growers. However, not many of these tractors were used in row crop country," says Lloyd, who estimates there are only about 10 of these tractors left in the U.S. He found his in a museum in Indiana.

The collection also includes a Moline planter, baler, plow, and manure spreader.

Why do they collect Molines? Because



A sample of the Monroes' collection which now includes 30 tractors, 24 of which are in working order.

that's what the Monroes have always farmed with. Lloyd started farming with Minneapolis Molines when he came home from the service in the 1940's. In 1980 they began collecting. The first tractor in their collection was a Model KT which they purchased in 1980. They've found other tractors for their collection in Iowa, Ohio and Indiana.

One part of the museum includes a collection of antique cars and pickups.

If you want to visit the museum, call ahead to let the Monroes know you're coming.

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1923 Moline Universal Model D - the first tractor with electric start, lights.



1938 UDLX (Ultra-Deluxe).



1913 Universal, built only to cultivate.



A horse-drawn planter.



A 1953 760 baler.



Model 1730 had a crosswise-mounted engine.



Last summer's Threshermen's Reunion featured an IH Expo.

Great Summer Destination: Manitoba Threshermen's Reunion

"I enjoy FARM SHOW very much and have noticed that you occasionally tell your readers about vintage farm machinery shows across North America. I'd like to tell your readers about the Manitoba Threshermen's Reunion and Stampede held annually during the last full week of July," says Ray Tolton, director of the Manitoba Agricultural Museum where the Threshermen's reunion is held.

"The Ag Museum is situated on a quarter section of land south of Austin, Manitoba, and is the permanent home to a 22-building pioneer village, 30 steam engines (all in running order), over 150 gas tractors, and a variety of horse-drawn seeding, tillage, harvest equipment, and many other pioneer artifacts housed in display buildings.

"More than 400 volunteers help put on the show for up to 40,000 visitors who come through the gate. Many activities of early rural life are on display such as threshing, a working sawmill, a vintage parade, stationary gas and steam engines, grist flour mill, quilting, soap making and even a rodeo.

"Each year the Reunion features a brand of machinery or vehicles. In 1998, International Harvester was the featured line and we had a sea of red with more than 300 entries, including 225 tractors. The oldest tractor was a 1909 Mogul type C and the newest was a 1998 Case-IH Quad Trac. The oldest IH har-



A perennial favorite at the event is Versatile's "Big Roy", believed to be the world's biggest tractor.

vester on display was an 1880's reaper and the newest a 2388 Case-IH combine. We also had stationary IH engines, tillage equipment, trucks, and even a 1909 IH Auto Buggy car.

"In 1999 the 45th Threshermen's Reunion, held July 21 to 25, will feature the Massey-Harris-Ferguson line (including Sawyer-Massey). We will also have a feature on working scale model tractors that collectors have built. If anyone has a piece of equipment they would like to display, please contact me."

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A sample of the old steam tractors featured at the 1992 reunion.



A 60 hp Hart Parr steamer showed its stuff at last year's show.