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Where To See “All-Crop” Combines In Action

If you're a fan of Allis-Chalmers All-Crop combines, a field near West Lafayette, Ind. is the place to be this July 4th weekend. Marion Klutzke and his son Randy will be hosting WheatStock XIII with every model of Allis-Chalmers combines ever made. All 8 combines will be in the field pulled by A-C tractors. Other restored A-C tractors and equipment will be on display at the Klutzke farm.

“It’s our 13th Annual Little ‘K’ Wheat Harvest,” says Klutzke, a long-time Allis-Chalmers collector. “We’ll be holding it at our farm July 3, 4 and 5, weather permitting.”

His collection includes 1939 models 40, 60, 66, 72, 90 and 100. He also has a 1936 Camelback and a 66 with grain tank, bagger and tandem wheels.

“Last year we had all 8 All-Crops and an A-C Rumley threshing machine on hand, though we didn’t use the Rumley due to weather,” says Klutzke.

Visitors will also enjoy the vintage tractor collection on display at the farm. Klutzke has 33 A-C field tractor models, many with attachments such as front planters, loaders, ear corn picker and bale loader. The collection also includes 20 crawlers and specialty tractors, not counting a TL10 Tracomotive (loader tractor). The Klutzkes’ collection of restored antique cars and trucks will also be on display, as will special A-C equipment including a refrigerator, golf cart and more.

Klutzke emphasizes the “weather permitting” nature of the field days. That includes wheat-growing weather prior to the field days.

“FARM SHOW readers should contact us before traveling to the show to be sure the wheat is ready,” says Klutzke. “We can’t have



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a field day if the wheat isn’t ready to harvest.”

If coming from a distance, primitive campsites with portable toilets are available at the farm. Food and lodging is available in West Lafayette only 5 miles away. A complete list of equipment on display and other details can be requested.

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Bob Gauntt mounted the tracks off an old Chinese-built manlift on a Deere 140 riding mower to come up with this tracked tractor.

Manlift Tracks Get New Life As John Deere Crawler

When Bob Gauntt had the opportunity to buy an old Chinese-built manlift with a bad motor, he couldn’t pass up the deal. It was cheap, and he wasn’t concerned about the motor; he wanted its tracks. As a long-time collector of John Deere tractors, he has wanted to build a Deere tracked tractor for a long time.

But the tracks were just half the battle. He needed a riding mower with individual rear brakes in order to properly steer the tracks.

A John Deere 140 fit the requirement.

He detached the blade and wheels and made a sprocket prototype to slip on the back axle to turn the tracks. Once he got it right, he had a local machine company make the sprockets.

“I shortened up the fenders so they didn’t hit the tracks,” Gauntt says. “And I cut the

track mounting setup with a plasma cutter to narrow it to fit.”

He added brake and steering levers, painted everything Deere green and yellow and mounted it so that it comes off easily and the wheels can be put back on.

It’s likely he won’t do that, as the JD crawler is popular at shows.

“It’s pretty smooth and steers pretty good on dirt and gravel and grass,” he says.

Gauntt is pleased with how well it turned out, and notes he just got lucky finding the inexpensive manlift that worked for the project.

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Tractor-Powered Picnic Table

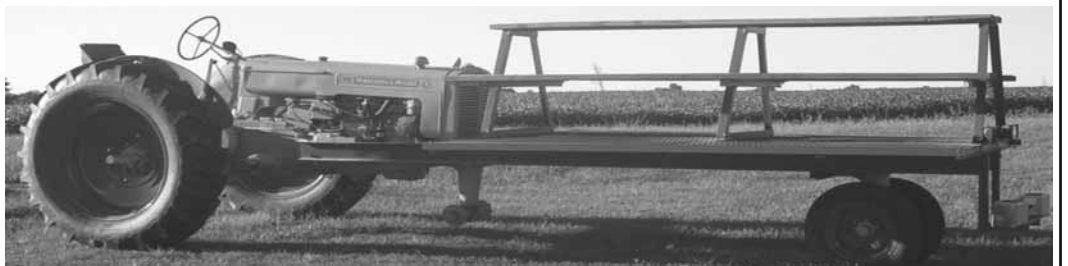
The Minneapolis Moline-powered picnic table is one of the most popular attractions at The Prairie Gold Rush MM Show in Shelbina, Mo. (Sept. 17-20, 2015).

Clint Youse, one of the show’s organizers, came up with the idea about 5 years ago.

“We wanted to have something to ride around shows on and have a conversation piece,” he explains.

He started with a 1952 MM ZA tractor and bolted on a channel iron frame using the tractor’s cultivator mount holes. He used the front end off a parts tractor to support the end of the frame, which holds a picnic table with a metal frame and wood seats and top. He extended the steering shaft to the front end with a rod and bearing holders, and took the front tires off the tractor and mounted them on the extended wheels.

“We widened the back wheels out for



Clint Youse mounted a picnic table on front of a 1952 MM ZA tractor. “We wanted to have something to ride around shows and have a conversation piece,” he says.

better stability,” Youse adds.

The table holds about eight people and catches visitors’ attention at the show. While he occasionally uses it for private rides, Youse says it’s not used for rides for the public due to liability issues.

It was an easy modification, he says, and the picnic table front end can be removed to restore the tractor back to its original condition.

People are invited to check it out at the show in September.

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