

They Specialize In Horse-Drawn Wagons

Jim and Mary Jensen scour auctions for quality horse-drawn vehicles to resell. Their Oxbow Wagons & Coaches business generally carries an inventory of more than 60 wagons, buggies, sleighs and more. In addition to used and restored vehicles, they offer new rigs as well as specialty items. Oxbow maintains a store in Oregon, as well as a website store.

"I've been interested in horse-drawn vehicles since I was in high school," says Jim Jensen. "If I could, I would never sell any, but a person has to eat.

"I once had a rare horse-drawn livestock wagon," recalls Jensen. "I shouldn't have sold it, but I did. I also had a Raleigh home products wagon for door-to-door sales."

A quick visit to the company website shows the variety of vehicles available. They vary from simple carts, wagons and sleighs to stagecoaches and hearses. Recent rigs included an original farm grain wagon priced at \$4,800, an army escort wagon in excellent shape for \$16,500, and an antique Portland sleigh for \$1,650. While some are ready to go, others require restoration.

New vehicles vary considerably in price, from \$1,880 for a Meadowbrook cart for 2 to a 4-seat people mover sold to a Civil War park for \$13,800. A wedding carriage can run from \$7,800 to \$8,400, depending on carriage lamps and other options. Buckboards



Jim and Mary Jensen carry an inventory of more than 60 horse-drawn wagons, buggies, sleighs and more. Shown above is a new 4-seat surrey.

are available for less than \$4,000.

Oxbow Wagons sells much more than just vehicles, according to Mary Jensen. "We sell a lot of parts for vehicles of all kinds and sizes, as well as Amish-made harnesses for singles and teams of horses of all sizes," she says. "We also sell unusual collector items in our shop such as antique guns, wheels and more. We're always looking for unusual items we can resell."

With auctions less prevalent than in the past, the Jensens are buying and selling more online.

"If someone has a horse-drawn vehicle for sale or is looking for one not on our website, give us a call or send an email," says Jim Jensen. "We take a lot of vehicles on consignment, depending on what they are and if reasonably priced. If customers



In addition to used and restored vehicles, they offer new rigs as well as specialty items. Photo above shows a new farm ranch wagon.



This new Meadowbrook cart sells for \$1,880.

are interested in buying something different, we either have it or can likely find it."

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Cut Steel Anywhere With Portable Torch

Designed for short-term cutting, Petrogen's oxy-gasoline backpack cutting torch weighs just 45 lbs. The new, compact, multi-fuel Portable Cutting System (PCS) has a 2-quart fuel tank and a refillable 23-cu. ft. oxygen bottle.

"This unit is designed for guys who have a limited amount of cutting to do," says J.J. Fierro, Petrogen. "We think it should be perfect for farms and home workshops."

The PCS carries enough oxygen for about 20 to 25 min. of cutting 1/4-in. steel or 5 min. cutting 4-in. steel. Equipped with a piggyback valve, the bottle reloads fast if a larger supply is available. The 2-quart fuel tank is designed to hold 1 1/2 quarts with space for pressurization. The fuel supply is enough for about 45 min. of cutting."

The multi-fuel torch works with standard gasoline, white gas, camping fuel and stabilizer additive fuels. The PCS produces the same hot flame and cutting ability as larger, earlier models.

"It can make a precision cut through thin steel, slice through 20 layers of rusted plate, or cut through 14-in. thick steel," says

Fierro. "The flame carries heat into the cut, slicing through layers, jumps air gaps and punches deep holes in seconds."

The oxy-gasoline flame cuts steel 4 times faster than acetylene torches. It has a 100 percent oxidizing flame and vapor 4 times heavier than acetylene. Because the steel is completely oxidized, there is no molten steel to create a spark hazard.

Petrogen torches can cut through manganese steel dipper tooth shanks in less than a minute, through 10-gauge steel at 51 in. per min., and through railroad rail in 40 sec. It quickly cuts a fast clean bevel through cement-coated pipe in a single pass, cuts 1-in. mild steel plate at 22 in. per minute, and bores a straight hole through 10-in. armor plate in 50 seconds, all without pre heating.

Prices start at \$2,725 with a full system available for \$3,200. In addition to the refiller pigtail, oxygen bottle and fuel tank, components include a 20-in./90-degree torch with 3 cutting tips and 20-ft. fuel and oxygen hoses. The system also includes quick oxygen disconnects, oxygen flashback arrestor and oxygen regulator with a heavy-duty

Multi-fuel portable torch comes with a 2-quart fuel tank and a refillable 23-cu. ft. oxygen bottle.



igniter. There is a carry case, spare parts kit and tool kit with adjustable wrench. Safety glasses, welding gloves and reference and training materials are included.

"The spare parts kit includes enough extras such as O-rings to last 3 years," says Fierro. "It also includes an extra mixer, a part most likely to be damaged if the torch is incorrectly run. Some of the parts may never be needed, depending on the operator, but they are there."

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