

They Sell Auger Flighting By The Foot

When Tom McClamroch and his brother Justin bought the auger and flighting company Perry Equipment, Crawfordsville, Ind., in 2018 from their longtime neighbor, Randy Perry, they saw it as a great fit for their families and the community.

A staple of the operation continues to be replacement auger flighting, most being manufactured and produced right in their Crawfordsville shop.

Tom says the majority of their repairs are on transport augers, swing away augers, bin sweeps, bin unloaders and similar equipment.

"We'll repair augers, build replacement flighting or custom-build augers for specific sizes and needs," says McClamroch. "Just about anything related to augers we do. We're like a Home Depot for the grain industry handling all the components for grain legs, elevators, U-troughs and downspouting," says Tom McClamroch of Perry Equipment.

McClamroch explains that agricultural millwrights throughout the U.S. are Perry's main customers, plus many more local farmers bring equipment to them for repairs.

"We stock high-quality products and can add hardness or upgrade strength. All our spiral flighting is super edge, with an extra wear lip on the carrying side. We also make stainless steel flighting for fertilizer."

He says this year steel has been up and down in availability and price, but they continue to have a high demand for truckloads of their standard 9-in. flighting to fit a 10-in.



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tube. Their 5-ft. sections of flighting are also popular and can be shipped countrywide by UPS.

Regular 9-in. flighting sells for \$19 a ft. plus S&H, with prices going up from there. Perry Equipment stocks sizes from 3 in. to 15 in. in 10-ft. lengths, plus 20-ft. lengths for mounted augers. Larger or odd sizes can be custom-ordered.

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Randy Kauffman's vintage 1917 Waterloo Boy Model N.

Rare Waterloo Boy Tractor Ready To Run

By Bruce Derksen

A working 1917 Waterloo Boy Model N tractor was the centerpiece of the Northern Indiana Johnny Poppers annual plow day held south of New Paris, Ind., this past spring.

The vintage tractor's owner, Randy Kauffman, says when he was about 14, in the mid-1950's, his father took him to see the tractor at a farm north of Manchester, Ind. After digging it out from under a straw pile, his father bought it and hauled it back to Randy's grandfather's Deere dealership where mechanics got it running before parking it in a corner of the showroom.

When the business later sold, the tractor made its way to Randy's farm to become an ornament under a backyard gazebo.

"I pushed it into the barn in the winter and took it out in the summer," says Kauffman. "I also made sure to turn it over a couple times a year with the crank, but it hadn't run in probably 60 years."

With the 2021 spring Johnny Poppers plow day approaching, Kauffman's neighbor and friend, Ernie Chupp, convinced him to let him try to get it going for the festivities.

After replacing the magneto and making a few minor repairs, they got it running again in time to pull a 2-bottom plow at the festival.

The Waterloo Boy tractor is started with a hand crank and the 2-cyl. engine uses gasoline until it's warmed up. Then, it's switched over to run on kerosene from a separate tank.

Steering is accomplished by a chain-driven steering mechanism.

"It's hard to keep it going straight," Kauffman says. "It heads where it wants to. Once you get a wheel in a furrow though, it goes pretty straight."

The wheels are steel with spokes and a single rear drawbar is adjustable from side to side.

The 2-speed forward transmission allows a top-end speed to match a walking pace.

"It doesn't have much horsepower. Someone told me it's about the same as two teams of horses pulling a plow. The gears and transmission are also quite noisy when it's working as they don't really run in oil."

Kauffman believes the Waterloo Boy is worth around \$50,000 although some people have told him it would bring \$100,000.

He says it's in good shape, but he is contemplating repainting it this winter.

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Keystone Truck & Tractor Museum

The Keystone Truck & Tractor Museum located in Colonial Heights, Va. is home to more than 100 trucks, close to 200 fully restored antique farm tractors, and hundreds of pieces of other farm-related equipment. "We've also got vintage fire trucks, Porsches, Lamborghinis, you name it," says Alan 'Bones' Stone, the museum curator.

The Museum got its start when founder Keith Jones acquired his first tractor, a 1950 John Deere M owned by his late uncle. When it went up for auction after his uncle passed, he placed the winning bid of close to \$1,400. Weeks later, Jones's aunt returned the money, telling him that his uncle always wanted him to own it, but she wanted him to earn it first.

Restoring his family tractor inspired Jones's collecting fever. In 2010, he started the Keystone Truck & Tractor Museum.

Today, visitors can explore more than 70,000 sq. ft. of floor space filled with detailed informational signs about what's on display. "Give yourself plenty of time," says Stone. "You could spend days looking at everything we have."

According to Stone, the diversity of the Museum's collection is what makes it

worth seeing. "We have a wide variety of vehicles on display," he says. "Most places specialize in just one brand, like John Deere, or one type of vehicle. We stand out because we have a little of everything, even Americana pieces like vintage gas pumps and jukeboxes."

The Museum houses what Stone believes is the only UDLX Minneapolis Moline tractor available for public viewing in the United States. Just 25 are known to be fully restored today, and the others are in private collections.

For visitors, the Keystone Museum is approximately 30 min. south of Richmond. Admission is \$10 per person, with discounts available for students, seniors and military personnel. Fitting with the theme, the property is truck and RV-friendly. Once you make the trip, be sure to stop at the Museum's vehicle-themed giftshop and the Keystone Grill, an onsite restaurant serving breakfast and lunch seven days a week.

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