



Mobile Rust Control Business

In 1984 Bob Lawrie started a mobile rust control business spraying vehicles so they wouldn't rust. In 2008, Bob and his son Greg started to offer dealerships. For over a decade, they have helped more than 50 people develop their own successful mobile rust control business. "We love what we do," says Greg, President of Pro Fleet Care. "Everyday, we get to work with our guys in order to help them develop their business, while they help their clients

protect their vehicles".

Dervin, a young man with few prospects for a career, joined Pro Fleet Care after hearing about the opportunity from a friend. Over the next 4 years Dervin developed a stable and successful business. He was so pleased that he encouraged 3 friends as well as a client to join the business.

Al joined Pro Fleet Care after he decided he wanted a change of pace, which allowed him to leave a stressful job, move his family

out of an overly crowded city and return to his childhood town.

"Individuals can join our business for as little as \$10,000 which includes product and equipment. Besides product and equipment, a pickup truck and trailer are required. No costly rent for a store front, property tax, heat or hydro are required as dealers operate their business from their home, apartment or farm location. What we have done is eliminate the needless expenses of owning a business, while showing our guys how to make \$1,000 to \$2,000 a day," says Greg. "During COVID-19, we have seen a large increase in business for two reasons: people want to preserve their vehicles and the secondly, people want to minimize personal interaction." Having a mobile service, we are able to provide service at our client's location without having to come into contact with them.

Clients can have their vehicles treated yearly at their farm or business for as little as \$150 for a car to \$175 for a pickup truck. Weight scales and building structures can also be treated by Pro Fleet Care. To learn more about Pro Fleet Care, go to <https://profleetcare.com/franchise-info/>. Call Greg at 1-905-741-5316 or email Greg at greglawrie@profleetcare.com.

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15-Ton Plow Restored Flooded Farms

Fields flooded in 2019 might benefit from deep moldboard plowing with this "world's largest" 15-ton, single share plow that turns soil as deep as 7 ft. The Post plow was used on around 1,500 acres of Missouri farmland that flooded in 1993 and 1994.

University of Missouri Extension soybean specialist Bill Wiebold and corn specialist Greg Luce recently tracked down the plow, studied the effects of the deep plowing, visited farms where it was done, and talked to the plow's former owner.

"The big plow dug 5 to 6 ft. deep through sand and a hardened layer of blue-black muck to churn up soil," says Wiebold. "Deep plowing followed by careful tillage and good nutrient management in years to follow restored most land."

Pulling the plow wasn't easy. It took 4 D8 and D9 Caterpillar dozers linked together with cables and chains. The plow itself was 37 ft. long, 12 ft. high and 11 ft. wide. It was considered to be the world's largest moldboard plow.

Former owner Willie Aholt recalls charging \$560 per acre. He could do an acre per hour. "Tractors often sunk in sand, and the hitch broke the first day," says Aholt. "Weld-

ers had to work all night to fix the plow in time for day two."

Aholt bought the plow from a neighbor, adding a third wheel for stability and greater plowing depth.

Two brothers, Charles and Norman Post, built the plow in 1937. They used it to reclaim land buried by California's Santa Ana River that year. At that time, it rented for \$100 per hour. Later, it was used for cutting furrows for drainage ditches and pipelines. In the 1940's, it dug trenches for cables at atomic bomb test sites in Nevada.

Aholt reports that the plow was the last item sold at auction when his family sold their farming operation in 2001. If the new owner didn't salvage it for the steel, it might find a renewed purpose today.

"Some sand remains in fields that were deep plowed," says Wiebold. "It feels spongy when walked on. Today, farmers consider it some of Missouri's best farmland."

Today the Post brothers' plow is on display in Westminster, California.

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