

Editor's Notebook



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Walking into the main building at Stew Paquette's IH museum is like walking into a tractor dealership in the 1950's.

Stew's Stuff Going To Auction

If you're an International Harvester fan it's likely you know about Stew Paquette's incredible tractor museum in Leesburg, Fla., which we reported on back in Vol. 42, No. 1. Stew passed away in March of this year and his world class collection will soon be up for auction.



Paquette's collection fills more than 100,000 sq. ft. in five buildings.

The museum will be open for the last time October 6, 7, and 8, then closed forever and the collection auctioned off online by Aumann Vintage Power October 11th - 14th ([www. aummannvintagepower.com](http://www.aummannvintagepower.com); ph 888-282-8648).

I decided to make a trip down to Florida this summer to see the museum for myself and I'm glad I did. It consists of five buildings housing 100,000 sq. ft. of vintage "red" tractors, equipment, memorabilia, parts, manuals and much more.

The main building is an exact replica of an IH dealership from the early 1950's right down to the parts counter, signage, toys, parts, and more. It's like walking back in time.

The other buildings house hundreds of tractors, combines, corn pickers, balers, trucks, lawn mowers, refrigerators, and much more.

If you have not seen the collection, we have a video on our YouTube channel and will put a link at farmshow.com.

For more information, look at the museum's website at www.stewsihstuff.com.

New At Farm Progress Show

Contributing Editor Lorn Manthey went to the Farm Progress Show at the end of August, just before we went to press. Here are some of the latest new ideas that caught his eye:

Kelderman Manufacturing demonstrated their new bumper drawers. To install, you remove the pickup bumper, lower the spare tire about 4 in., then insert a special frame and drawer mechanism to create a "hidden" toolbox behind the bumper and under the pickup bed. It's sealed against dust and water and leaves the pickup bed free. (www.kelderman.com; ph 800-334-6150)



Gehringhoff displayed the world's largest corn head - a 24-row, 30-in. model designed for the world's largest combines. The head weighs about

9 tons and features all steel construction for rigidity and durability. (www.gehringhoff.com)



Kinze showed a new 1121 Dual Auger Grain Cart that's available with dual 480/80 R48 Row Crop tires, tracks or flotation tires. The 1100 bu. capacity cart has a centralized grease bank, an optional remote scale, a hydraulic hose cradle and an adjustable tip spout. Unload capacity is 550 bu./min. (www.kinze.com)

Recon Spray Sense from Intelligent Ag is a spray nozzle tip monitoring system that monitors flow and pressure from every nozzle over the full width of a boom. Allows more accurate spraying because every nozzle is monitored, not just the whole boom. Easy to install and configure. (www.intelligentag.com)

Schippers USA wowed the crowds with its 3-step machinery cleaning process that revitalizes weather-faded or weather worn machinery. The process uses a foam cleaner, a polishing system, and a ceramic protection product that's impervious to UV rays or moisture. Great for any type of equipment that you want to "look like new". Works on metal, poly, tires and glass. (www.tandcleaner.com; ph 403-786-9933)



FJ Dynamics showed its new fully autonomous electric lawn mower, the first of its kind in the US. It's a zero-turn mower with a 41-in. deck that runs 3 1/2 to 5 hrs. on one battery. The mower can be driven by a person, driven remotely, or set up to run autonomously....your choice. Super quiet and safe. (www.fjdynamics.com)

Case IH and Raven Industries introduced the world's first autonomous fertilizer spreader, the CIH Trident 5550. Operators can plan and complete an entire field operation from a mobile device. The Trident uses a series of advanced cameras and a radar system to constantly sense a 360-degree environment. The machine's Artificial Intelligence system uses perception controllers to process streaming images and then relay information to the mobile device so the operator can safely and easily manage field operations. (www.caseih.com)



Solinfec is a Brazilian company with a US office in Indiana. They build a 100 percent autonomous field sprayer. It's electric, lightweight, and can run 24/7 without human intervention. We asked what happens if there's a deer in the field when it's working at night and they said it will sense the deer, stop, notify the operator, and turn on headlights. One unit can cover 500 acres. They have 20 units sold this year in the US and 10 in Canada. (www.solinfec.com)

Liberty Quotes

"In order to enjoy the inestimable benefits that the liberty of the press ensures, it is necessary to submit to the inevitable evils it creates." *Alexis de Tocqueville*

"The price of freedom of religion, or of speech, or of the press, is that we must put up with, and even pay for, a good deal of rubbish." *Justice Robert H. Jackson*

"If the First Amendment means anything, it means that a state has no business telling a man, sitting alone in his own house what books he may read or what films he may watch. Our whole constitutional heritage rebels at the thought of giving government the power to control men's minds." *Justice Thurgood Marshall*

"It does not require a majority to prevail, but rather an irate, tireless minority keen to set brush fires in people's minds." *Samuel Adams*

"One of the most pathetic - and dangerous - signs of our times is the growing number of individuals and groups who believe that no one can possibly disagree with them for any honest reason." *Thomas Sowell*

"Posterity - you will never know how much it has cost my generation to preserve your freedom. I hope you will make good use of it." *John Quincy Adams*

"The party told you to reject the evidence of your eyes and ears. It was their final, most essential command." *George Orwell*

"There comes a time when a moral man can't obey a law which his conscience tells him is unjust." *Martin Luther King, Jr.*

Free "Down Corn" Book Offers Help

Every year after summer storms move through farm country, we start getting calls from readers whose corn crop got knocked down. We normally send out a collection of articles from past issues about down corn harvesting equipment or ideas.

This year we decided to put all those ideas together in a 32-page book that's free to any reader who asks for it. No strings attached.

This is an electronic book in pdf format so you just need to have an email address to receive it. Once you get it, you can read on your phone or computer, or print it out.

To get a copy, just go to our website www.farmshow.com, and click on the image of the book.



Lundstrom's grandfather bought this Cub in 1949 when he retired from the Harvester steel mills in Chicago.

"Grandpa's Cub Still Working Hard"

"My grandfather worked at the Harvester steel mills in Chicago his entire working life. The mills fed the huge International Harvester tractor works, also in Chicago. My dad and uncle worked for IH too, and so did I during the summers while going to college. That factory was an interesting place because it was located right next to the Cook County jail and you could see inmates hanging their arms out of the bars during the day," says Barney Lundstrom, Minneapolis, Minn.

"My grandfather bought this Farmall Cub new when he retired from the mills in 1949. My dad later built the trailer shown in the picture using steel from the Harvester mills. My grandpa took good care of the tractor and my nephew still uses it on his Indiana farm. This tractor means a lot to my family."

Soon after Ole and Lena got married, Lena was baking a ham. As Ole was watching, Lena cut off either end of the ham before placing it into the pan.

Ole asked her why she did that and Lena replied, "I don't know Ole. Dat's what my mudder always did. I tink I'll call und ask her vhy."

She called her mom, who answered, "I always saw yur grandmudder do dat so I did da same."

By now Lena was determined to get to the bottom of the mystery. She called her grandmother, who explained, "Dat was da only way I could make da ham fit into my pan!"

On the eve of a big election, a politician ran into Ole and asked proudly, "Did you see my last speech?"

Ole replied, "Vell, ya, I sure hope so!"

"Ever since ve got married, my wife has tried ta change me," said Ole. "She got me ta stop drinking, smoking and running around all hours of da night. She taught me how ta dress vell, enjoy da arts, cooking, classical music, and even how ta invest in da stock market."

"Sounds like yew may be bitter because she changed yew so much," said Sven.

"I'm not bitter. But now dat I'm so improved, she yust ain't good enough fer me no more."