

OVER 300 MODELS AND COUNTING

Pedal Tractor Expert Owns "World Class" Collection

"It's one of the biggest pedal tractor collections anywhere," says Stuart Deal, Zion, Ill. Stuart and his wife Helen started collecting pedal tractors five or six years ago. They now have over 300 and are looking for more.

Deal buys the tractors at toy shows, auctions, flea markets, or through newspaper ads. Included in his collection are Deere, Allis-Chalmers, International, Case, Ford, Oliver, Massey Harris, Massey Ferguson, Minneapolis Moline, and other miscellaneous models.

"Pedal tractors were first produced in the late 1940's. One of my favorites is a cast-in rear hub International M. It's one of the oldest pedal tractors and is very rare. I'm also proud of my Ford 900 which I found about a year ago. They were only made for a short while by Eska company. Ford never

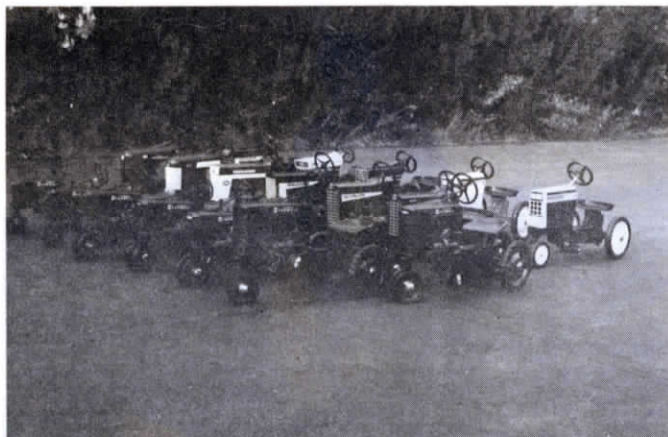
marketed them. Only two are still known to exist. The hubs were cast right into the body which often caused them to break off.

"Another of my favorites is an original Massey 44 that was made about 1947. It was one of the first pedal tractors ever made. However, no one seems to know who made it.

"One tractor that I'd like to have is a Coffin Block Deere A. It was a prototype of the first Deere pedal tractor ever built, but it never made it into mass production. One recently sold for \$20,000 at an auction. A reproduction model is on the market.

"We have restored some of our pedal tractors, but you have to be careful to maintain it as an authentic original so it won't be confused with a reproduction."

Deal has produced a series of three video



This group of International pedal tractors includes one of every IH model.

tapes that show in detail how to restore various pedal tractor models including proper decal placement, paint schemes, and parts including the correct pedals, seat, wheels, tires, etc. One video covers Deere and Allis-Chalmers, one IH and Case, and one Ford, Oliver, MasseyHarris, Massey

Ferguson, Minneapolis Moline, and other miscellaneous models. Each video sells for \$19.95 (plus \$4.00 S&H).

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REBUILT "TOYS" FITTED WITH SPECIAL-BUILT CRANKS AND REAR AXLES

Kids Love Modified Pedal Tractor Pulls

By C.F. Marley

Both kids and adults had fun last summer in Windsor, Ill., participating in modified pedal tractor pulls.

Local residents put together about a dozen modified tractors with large oversized rear wheels and special-built cranks. Some 15 "pulls" were held and more are planned for this year.

Tom Cole of Windsor is one of a group who initiated the sport in the area. He's built three modified tractors in his shop.

All of Cole's tractors started as conventional IHC pedal toys. He completely reworked them from "the engine back". The drive consists of a small chain sprocket mounted on a shaft between a pair of 15-lb. metal flywheels. The small sprocket drives a much larger sprocket between the oversized rear wheels, which were taken off a garden tractor.

Cole also built a weighted pulling sled. A good pull means traveling a distance of



Tom Cole modified three IHC pedal toys for pedal tractor pulls he helped organize.

60 ft. in about 35 sec. Weight applied depends on the age group that's competing.

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HAND-POWERED BACKHOE KIT BOLTS ON BACK OF TRACTOR

"Pedal Tractor" Backhoe

Your kids will love this "pedal tractor" backhoe invented by Kenneth Bush, Milan, Ill., that bolts onto the back of virtually any pedal tractor.

The backhoe kit consists of a bucket, two hand-operated levers, seat, foot pedals, stabilizers, and a pair of mounting brackets. To install, you remove the wheels and axle and drill a hole into the tractor's frame, then bolt on the mounting bracket and put the wheel and axle back on (using bolts about 1/4 in. longer than the original ones).

"My grandkids love it," says Bush. "I got the idea when my son borrowed my backhoe to remove a tree stump from his yard and his 3-year-old son Nathan became infatuated with it. After that, whenever Nathan would come to my farm, he spent most of his time playing with my 1/16-scale toy backhoes. That's when I decided to build a working backhoe for him. I made the first one for a Deere 420 pedal tractor and painted it industrial yellow to match the color of my Deere 400 industrial backhoe. It worked so good I made two other pedal tractor backhoes for my other grand-



Kenneth Bush's pedal tractor backhoe. Since then I made other versions to fit several different models of pedal tractors.

"The top half of the backhoe can be rotated sideways and locked out of the way so that the pedal tractor can be driven normally or it lifts off completely."

The kit sells for \$179.

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Al Smith makes down-size implements like the ones pictured for pedal tractors.

Pedal Tractor Implements

If your children have been asking you for mini farm implements to pull behind their pedal tractors, you'll be interested in the detailed miniatures built by Al Smith, Edgerton, Minn., who's started making down-size equipment several years ago. Here's a list of the implements Smith makes: disk-chisel, hay rack, box scraper, fertilizer spreader, feed wagon, dump

wagon, sickle mower, manure spreader, 3-bottom plow, grain drill and he will soon have a front-end loader. He also makes a 3-pt. hitch for pedal tractors and has some mounted equipment available. Prices range from \$58 to \$125. Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Al Smith, Rt. 2, Box 241, Edgerton, Minn. 56128 (ph 507 442-5367).