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## 32 WELDED-TOGETHER CARS LOOK LIKE THE REAL THING

# Nebraska Farmers Build "Salute To Stonehenge"

Drive two miles north of Alliance, Neb., on highway 385 and see a sight in the middle of a wheat field that you might not believe - 32 cars arranged in a circle to look like England's world famous Stonehenge monument which is thought to have been built by sun-worshipping natives in pre-historic times.

The cars are laid out exactly the same as the stones at Stonehenge, except that they're at a different latitude so the sun strikes them at a different angle.

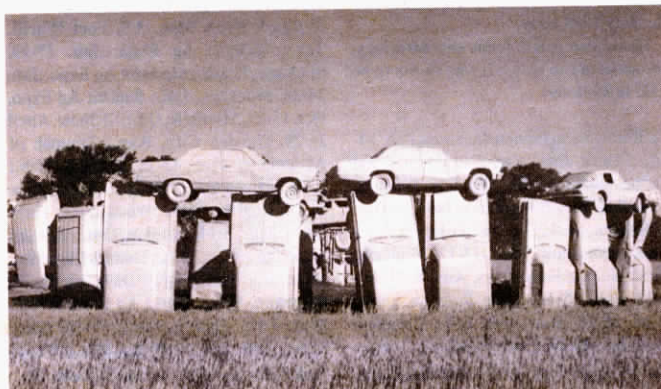
The unusual rural exhibit was named "Carhenge" by James Reinders who erected the "work of art" on his farm in 1987 with the help of a number of relatives. Reinders, who lived in London from 1975 to 1981, has long been intrigued with Stonehenge. He says his family made "Carhenge" a family project, spending \$10,000 in all.

"I wanted to replicate Stonehenge on our farm but we didn't have stones as big as those in Stonehenge. We couldn't have moved them anyway. So we got the idea of using cars instead."

The original Stonehenge consists of a series of vertical grey stones, some of them supporting horizontal stones. All of the stones are arranged in a 96-ft. dia. circle.

Reinders also arranged his cars in a 96-ft. dia. circle. Most of them are in an upright position, buried 5 to 7 ft. in the ground. Five or six cars at the center of the circle are welded to the tops of pairs of upright cars. A forklift was used to lift the cars, which range from a 1957 Plymouth to a 1968 Cadillac ambulance.

Once erected, a coat of "Stonehenge grey" paint was applied to the cars.



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## "CHEAPER TO MAINTAIN AND JUST AS EFFICIENT AS A TRACTOR"

# He Still Farms With A Six-Horse Hitch

You can buy a tractor in 20 min. but it takes a lifetime to train a six-horse team and even that might not be enough time, says Buck Buckles, a farmer in the sandhills of Nebraska who's one of only a few cattlemen left who works a six-horse team every day.

Buckles hitches his team of off-white "mostly Percheron" draft horses up to a big hay sled seven days a week to feed his 900-head of beef cattle. In the four hours it takes to feed the animals the horses cover 5 to 6 miles, responding obediently to gentle commands and waiting patiently during loading and unloading.

The hay sled, which Buckles loads with about 3 tons of loose hay, is equipped with a "hydrofork" loader powered by a 9-hp. Briggs & Stratton motor. The big fork is controlled by three hydraulic cylinders and is used both to load and unload hay. Buckles stands on a platform next to the fork controls, tying the reins loosely to a rail behind him. Most of the time the horses respond to verbal commands. Often they need little or no direction because they perform the same task every day. Hitched six abreast, the horses are driven by only two lines. The farm is designed with extra-wide gates to accommodate the big team.

Buckles says he couldn't handle the horses as easily if he hitched them in pairs. He says he'd have to spend more time driving a

smaller team while the six-horse team pretty much takes care of itself. Feeding 900 head of cattle by himself in 4 hrs. gives him enough to do, he says, without having to pay attention to the animals.

It took many years to develop the team but breaking in a new horse is relatively easy. He simply hooks the newcomer up

with the team. Sometimes he even hitches up a high-strung saddle horse that is otherwise hard to handle. The experience usually has a settling effect on a skittish horse because there's not much he can do when hitched to five well-broken horses.

It's more economical to feed with horses, according to Buckles. He can easily fix

virtually anything that goes wrong with his haying equipment and he doesn't have to buy fuel to feed a tractor. He also thinks horses provide "more of a challenge" than a tractor, making his work more interesting.

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Buckles pulls a 3-ton hay sled with the six "mostly Percheron" draft horses, using a hydraulic-powered hay fork to unload.

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