

Plow Day 2022

At the farm

It was a pleasant day out at the field when Tractors from the Arizona Early Day Gas Engine & Tractor Association showed up to plow on Saturday, October 22nd.



The machines followed one another around the strip of land so it was a simple matter of standing in one spot and wait for each tractor to make the turn at the end. Here Randy Waddle drops the plow on his IH 560 wide front Farmall, built from 1958 to 1963 and approximately 66,000 were built.



Here Tom rounds the end of the row on his Farmall Super A. The biggest change over the Farmall A was that the previous Lift-All system was replaced with the new Touch Control hydraulic system. This was in response to the Ferguson three-point system used by Ford.



This beautifully restored John Deere Model 70 of Dan Whitehead with its matching plow moves right along the row. The 70, considered a “Lettered Series” of John Deere tractors had 45 horsepower at the drawbar.



Tom’s Brother Bill on the McCormick-Deering was the oldest tractor at plow day, and the only one on steel.



Leon Lawson pilots his big Case down the row. Clearly the largest tractor at plow day. This example has the modern ROPS (Roll Over Protection System) installed. As a historical note, in 1900 in the United States, ¼ of all families lived on farms. Today less than 1% do. In 1900, the leading cause of deaths in the United States was tractor roll-overs.



The John Deere 620 wide front is driven by John Fletcher. 20,848 were built from 1956 to 1958.



A very nice Allis Chalmers beginning the next row. Here Sel Larson pilots the AC east towards the end of the row.



A nice John Deere Model R diesel of Ed Savage driven by Mike Westfall rounds the end of the row ready for the next. The 10-foot disc is owned by the club.



This parcel of land yields a good crop for the club, and gives the club members a chance to use their machines like they were meant to do. Here Dan Whitehead is followed by Leon Lawson.



Ed Savage, (L) Event Director for plow day and owner of this John Deere Model R is discussing the days event with driver, Mike Westfall.

I apologize for the lateness of this report as I just returned from another trip up north. I'll report on that event in the next couple of days. Thanks to Jerry Geiger, and Ed Savage for contributing to this article.

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