

TIRED IRON OF THE OZARKS

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FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Hello Tired Iron members,

In a way it seems like a year has passed since our last meeting on March 17. It would have been the meeting where we completed the plans for our Spring show. Instead, we had to cancel the show, and watch as most of the spring shows across the country also canceled.

We do not know what the future holds, but we encourage all to come to our May meeting on the 19th. We have a lot of planning to do for our Fall show that we hope and pray we will get to have.

Remember, if you feel sick do not come to the meeting. We who do attend need to please practice safe distancing.

When you make your next trip to the show grounds, you will notice some new ~~junk~~ I mean merchandise. SWEPCO has donated a lot of machinery. We will hear a report on it at the May meeting. Yours,
Jerry Friend, President Tired Iron of the Ozarks

2020 CALENDAR: (Due to the Coronavirus problem, please double check dates and times for these events.)

May 19	Tired Iron Regular Meeting at 7 P.M. at the clubhouse
June 5-6	Arkansas Valley Club 21st Annual Show, Ozark, Arkansas
June 23	Tired Iron Regular Meeting at 7 P.M. at the clubhouse
July 21	Tired Iron Regular Meeting at 7 P.M. at the clubhouse
September 11-13	Tired Iron 29th Annual Fall Show The Central States Hammer In & Knife Club will have All Day Demonstrations and Sales Saturday, September 12th at the 2020 Tired Iron Fall Show
September 17-20	Steam-O-Rama, Republic, Missouri

Items Donated to Tired Iron by Orville Bartley and SWEPCO

Orville Bartley, a long-time member and benefactor to Tired Iron, passed away October 2018. It was known that he wished our club to take possession of items he owned and collected over the years upon his death. A factor in the distribution of his estate was that he had sold all his real property to SWEPCO with the stipulation that the company would gain possession of the property but Orville could continue residence there until his passing. After Orville's heirs had taken all they wanted of Orville's remaining personal property, Tired Iron was allowed to take what was left. This bequest included many vintage items.

Perhaps most awe inspiring of all are two International crawlers. The name tag identified one unit as a TD14A with a four cylinder diesel main engine with a separate gasoline engine for starting. Research at tractordata.com rated the main engine as (tested) 71.79 hp at the belt and 62.68 at the drawbar. The serial number reveals that this unit was a 1950 model. On the second crawler the big surprise came when Johnny Burger cleared away a motor and two hoods and discovered that it was also a TD14A. That unit was without a motor, blade, etc. and simply looked smaller. The main good news is that that second crawler might serve to provide parts for the restoration of the first.

The website listed the "shipping weight" for a TD14A as 18,300 pounds. It is not clear how much the two crawlers weighed together, but it was immediately clear that Tired Iron did not have the ability to move the units to our land. It is also obvious that SWEPCO wanted the land cleared because they hired independent movers to do the job. The two crawlers were loaded, transported, and unloaded for no charge to Tired Iron. Thanks, SWEPCO.

The photographs below reveal many of the remaining donated items. They show John Deere and Ford hay balers, small engines, a Gravely walk-behind, a fore-runner of zero turn mowers, a Jay Hawk hay stacker, and many more. Health issues considered, come out to the May 19 meeting to help decide the fate of these treasured items.



The first International TD14A crawler



The second International TD14A



John Deere and Ford hay balers



Jay Hawk hay stacker



Miscellaneous Items



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