#### MCI Newsletter

#### **FALL 2013**











#### WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Sitting here writing this letter makes a person wonder where the summer has gone. This year I have attended 3 Massey Shows here in Illinois, and they all have been a lot of fun. I have met a lot of new people, and like the saying goes, Massey Collects the nicest people.

The Armstrong's from El Paso, IL, did a bang up job for the Massey Summer Days Reunion. The hillside north of their home was covered with red and their collection of Massey tractors and equipment is out of this world.

Next on the agenda was the IL State Show at Harry and Diana Bowen's in Orangeville, IL. This was the first year that I have been to Harry's Show and I can honestly say, boy what I have missed out on the last 9 years. Harry and Diana have an awesome collection of tractors and equipment. Their Massey self-propelled picker and self-propelled combines are in their original unrestored condition. I really believe that the 21A, Super 26 or 70 could have been driven off their lot and directly to the wheat field.

Talking wheat field, I've been trying for 3 weeks to get my 8 acres of wheat cut. Running a business full time and attending shows have kept me very busy. I started to the field with my pull type AC 72 hooked to the MF 1652 tractor and they did a good job until the combine unhitched itself from the tractor, under a full load. Good bye PTO shaft! I used the AC because I thought I would be able to get to the field quicker since the MF 300 combine needed some work. When I got home from the Penfield show I got the MF 300 out of the shed and got it going. Our grandkid's, 6 yr. old Kenzie and 4 yr. old Kaden came to spend the week and it was Kaden's plan to help Grandpa cut wheat. Ask Kaden and he will tell you Grandpa took way too long to replace brg. belt, lubricate and whatever adjustments needed and get to the field. I didn't tell him, he was right. My mind thinks I'm 25, but with a 69 yr. old body everything I do takes longer. We finally made it to the field (Kaden seated in my lap), and the old gal, 1966 model, performed flawlessly. I hour to finish and the cylinder belt breaks. Enclosed are some pictures of me having fun with my grandson. Our granddaughter wouldn't ride, but she did help change flat tire on the wagon.

I am going MCA national show in Paisley, Ontario on Aug 16 & 17. Then on to the Half Century of Progress show in Rantoul, IL on Aug 22-26. MCI will have a tent at the Half century of Progress show, so come on by and see us. The hats and clothing for the club will be for sale. If anyone has ideas or suggestions to make MCI better and to add new members, please make mention to any officer or board member. I believe I've rambled on long enough. I'd better get to work and get that cylinder belt put on or Kaden might fire his Grandpa.

Make sure and have some fun with your equipment before summer is over.

Until next time

Charlie Gerson





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### UPCOMING EVENTS

2013

August 15-17 Massey Expo of North America Paisley, Ontario

<u>2014</u>

June 12-14Massey Days 20 - Dale LawranceSt. James, MOJuly 18-20MCI State ShowCharleston, IL

July 31, Aug. 1-2 Massey Expo of North America Rushville, IN

<u>2015</u>

June 11-13 Massey Days 21 - Mike Popp Baraboo, WI

2016

June Massey Days 22 - John Bush Shelbyville, IN

## With Deepest Sympathy

We would like to extend our sincere sympathy to Floyd and Bev Moore from Wellington, KS, their son passed away from cancer. They had a private family service. If you would like to send them a card their address is: 1125 N. C. Street, Wellington, KS 67152

## ILLINOIS STATE MASSEY SHOW BY LARRY NORDMEYER

ORANGEVILLE, IL - JULY 6 & 7, 2013

"Hello Massey Collector's"

Fun, Friendship and alot of Massey stories were exchanged at Harry Bowen's, Illinois State Massey show July 6 & 7, 2013 at Orangeville, IL. 88 Tractors and alot of equipment was on display. People came from 8 states to enjoy the show. Toys, memorbilia, and parts were on display and for sale. Harry had a 3 bottom pulverator plow on display, all clean, painted and looking beautiful and very rare. There were alot of old or rare tractors, bailers, rakes, plows, combines and lawn equipment. Saturday night was a ham and chicken dinner (Very Good). Followed by Harry's jokes and stories, and a live auction, which turned out some very nice pieces, fun was has by all and alot of stories were exchanged by all. Harold Pohl of Plano, IL was also there with his 1/2 scale Massey's, really something to see because they work just like the big ones. We also had some Massey Hit and Miss Eng's working. I hope and think everyone enjoyed themselves, seeing all the old equipment and tractor's. I'd like to say "Thank You" to everyone who showed and to everyone who came to the show.

P.S. Here's a couple of pictures of the show.



Larry & Pat Nordmeyer - Toys and Memorbilia



Saturday Night Banquet and Auction



Misc. Tractors and Equipment



Mike Popp Tractor Seats



Harry's 201, 202 and 203 in front. Along others



Misc. Tractors and Equipment

# ILLINOIS STATE MASSEY SHOW PHOTOS PROVIDED BY WALT WOLF ORANGEVILLE, IL - JULY 6 & 7, 2013









HISTORIC FARM DAYS BY CHARLES AND RAMONA GERSON PENFIELD, IL - JULY 11-14, 2013

I attended the Historic Farm days in Penfield, IL on July 11-14. They featured Massey equipment and we had a really good turnout of all types of Massey tractors and equipment. I believe that Wes and Damond Armstong hauled in ½ of their collection. It was really great that members of our club hauled in a lot of all different types of Massey equipment. Tom and Cindy Jansen had a whole trailer full of MH engines and equipment that they ran, plus their beautifully restored MH 25 and Wallis tractor. There were 2 really rare tractors that were brought to the show. Gary Emsweller brought his MH I 330 Navy tractor. There were only 6 built and this is the only one in existence. Grandson Kaden and I were blessed to have been able to drive it in the parade of power. Tom and Joyce Willcox had the other rare tractor. It was a MH I 244 magnet tractor that was built for the air force. It collected metal off of the runways. Tom gave several demonstrations with at the show. It is the only restored one I know of. The Winterroths also had several MH pieces there, among them was his MH 44 propane with 2 row mounted picker. There was a MF 1100 western tractor that you don't see much of that had been nicely restored. You couldn't have asked for any better weather for this show. Cool and Sunny, an unusual combination for July. Thanks to everyone who hauled in any Massey tractors and/or equipment to support MCI and MCA. The total pieces displayed at Penfield were: 113 tractors, 21 Implements,3 models made by individuals,14 MH single cylinder engines, 6 MH pieces of equipment that were powered by the engines and 1 snowmobile. All in all it was a pretty great show.

# HISTORIC FARM DAYS CONT. BY CHARLES AND RAMONA GERSON PENFIELD, IL - JULY 11-14, 2013



Very sharp MF 1155



Very sharp MF 1155



5 MF98's owned by Dwayne Stone from Waverly Illinois



Have you ever seen an MF 1100 Western?



President Charles Gerson and his grandson Kaden driving Gary Emsweller's Navy I330



Have you ever seen so much manure? Left to right Presidents daughter Michelle, granddaughter Kenzie, and Larissa and Doriska

## HISTORIC FARM DAYS CONT. BY CHARLES AND RAMONA GERSON PENFIELD, IL - JULY 11-14, 2013



Tom Wilcox's US AF I244 magnet tractor with Opie at the controls

## ORANGEVILLE AND PENFIELD BY DEBBIE ARMSTRONG

Penfield, IL was a very good show with 109 tractors with a total of 211 pieces of machinery. All present had a very good time. The ice cream man was there from Massey Days and treated all his Massey Day friends with free ice cream during the show. For the evening tractor drive through the woods led by Max Armstrong Massey had the most of one brand represented. The new President Charlie had a nice ride in the parade pulling the ladies in the manure spreader. We decided the guys can't have all the fun!



Wes Armstrong in the Penfield parade driving a Massey Harris 33 with a Massey Harris #33 roll over plow



View of the field.

#### ORANGEVILLE AND PENFIELD CONT. BY DEBBIE ARMSTRONG



View of the vendor and meal tents.



Massey quests eating a meal under the tent.



Dale Lawrence receiving his "donkey" from Damond Armstrong.



Steve Miller and Brian Heiken shelling corn preparing to make corn cob jelly.



Damond Armstrong pulling a full people mover returning from the "American Picker Shed" tour.



The parade on US251 in Kappa.

#### ORANGEVILLE AND PENFIELD CONT. BY DEBBIE ARMSTRONG



Mike Whalen's three four wheel drivers.



View from the hillside.



Display of #35 combines.



Brian Heiken in the Penfield parade driving a Massey Harris 44 pulling a #15 manure spreader. Riders are Dorliska Armstrong, Larissa Keifer, Charlie and Mona Gerson's daughter and grandchildren.



Brian Iverson driving the Massey I 244 Air Force magnate tractor owned

By Tom & Joyce Wilcox from Wabash, IN.

#### Orangeville and Penfield cont. BY DEBBIE ARMSTRONG



Eight miles of Ag-tiques at Orangeville, IL was enjoyed by everyone. Harry quoted "I wanted to go out with a bang and it was a boom!" With 88 tractors displayed it was a pretty sight lining the BP gas station.. The farm and silo look good in the background. It's some of the prettiest country in IL around Orangeville. Harry and Diana had a wonderful banquet meal and very nice auction Saturday night. We enjoyed the air conditioned comfort of their church. With all the tractors and machinery and a building full of vendors it made it a

show you didn't want to miss.

## Thank You!

To our Massey friends,

We would like to extend our sincere thank you. Each and every one of you helped and supported us to make the 20th Annual Massey Days a huge success. Your many kindnesses were greatly appreciated. We loved having you at our home and you helped make Massey Days 2013 special.

Thanks again,

Wes, Debbie, Damond and Dorliska The Armstrong's



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MASSEY COLLECTORS OF ILLINOIS (MCI) is a chapter of the Massey Collectors Association, a national organization dedicated to the preservation and promotion of the Massey product line for collectors and enthusiest. MCI was formed to advance the hobby in Illinois and neighboring states. It affords its members additional opportunities to gather with fellow enthusiasts. MCI sponsers an annual Spring Gathering and during the summer to promote Illinois show featuring Massey-Harris, Massey-Ferguson and Wallis machinery. A newsletter is published on a quarterly basis. Annual dues for MCI membership are \$30, which also covers your annual membership to MCA. Join MCI/MCA and add good friends to your collection!

# \$30 Membership fee includes your MCI & MCA dues. Do not send to MCA, MCI will do it for you.

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#### MCI Board of Directors

The purpose of MCI is to promote the preservation and interest in the historical value of the Massey and Ferguson product lines for collectors and enthusiasts.

DEADLINE FOR WINTER NEWSLETTER: OCTOBER 8TH, 2013



Do you have an article or picture to share? Do you have something for sale, or are you looking for a part for a tractor? Then submit it to your MCI newsletter.

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