

Tractor pullers sponsor Toy Show and Auction in Carlisle

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NEWVILLE — Sleek and shining, the tractors stood in rows.

John Deeres, Whites, New Hollands and Olivers by the hundreds. New tractors, old tractors and some vintage makes long forgotten. A veritable army of farming equipment.

But don't try to do the spring plowing with them. These tractors are all miniatures.

"The problem is nowadays a lot of farming is big business," says Harry Barrick. "With the economics of it, farming is hard to get into but people have farming in their blood."

"So now they're farming the kitchen table instead of in the fields."

Barrick should know. He is vice president of the Cumberland Valley Tractor Pullers Association. He and his wife Revena run a dairy operation at their R.D. #4, Newville farm. And

they have a collection of toy tractors numbering in the hundreds.

They and their neighbor and fellow toy tractor collector Brandon Weary have been instrumental in organizing the First Annual Toy Tractor Show and Auction, to be held Saturday, March 15 at the Holiday Inn in Carlisle. The show will run from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. with the auction scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m., auctioneer Mark K. Keller presiding. The organizers also plan an in-room toy swap for Friday evening, for both vendors and the public.

"This is something for the community to come and see," says Brandon. "Especially since this is a farming area."

The show and sale are sponsored by the Cumberland Valley Tractor Pullers Association. "Harry has wanted to do a show for about two years," recalls Revena. "This is something that really interested us and the Tractor Pullers are using it as a fundraiser."

Harry had first introduced the idea to the other Association members at the annual banquet January 4. He says interest was strong by the February meeting but adds, "Their interest is really going to come at the auction, as they see the miniatures of their favorite tractors."

Response to the sale has been excellent. Brandon says vendors



Brandon Weary, one of the show organizers, admires a Sheppard diesel model, one of only 1,500 made.

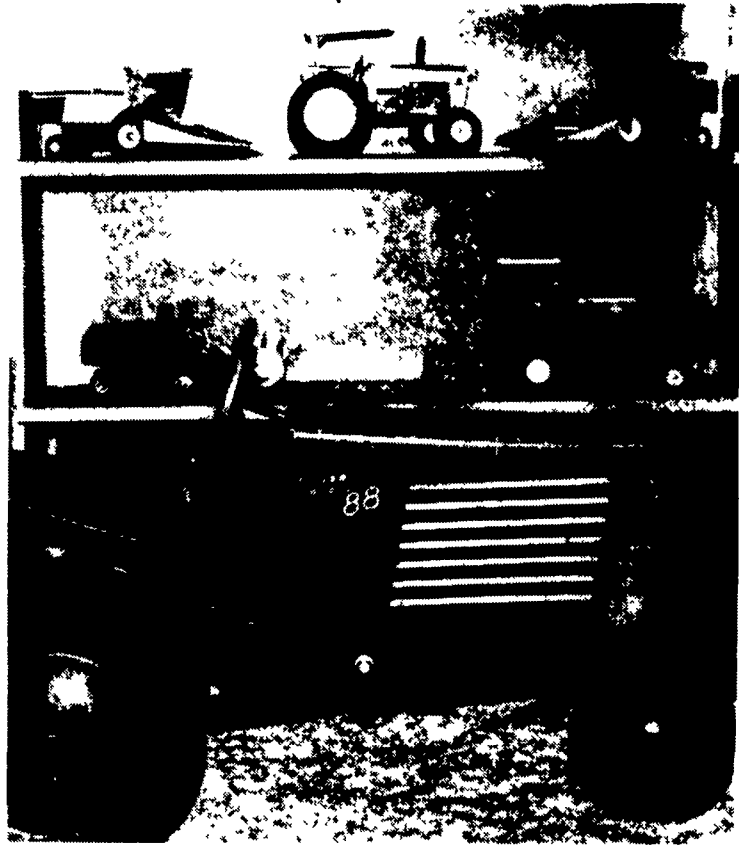
will be traveling to Carlisle from Delaware, Virginia, West Virginia and other areas of Pennsylvania. One Iowa vendor contacted him about the possibility of shipping in some of his models for the auction. Sale tables are sold out but anyone can consign toy tractors to the auction.

about collecting until two years ago," says Revena. "We collected Olivers previously because we liked big Olivers." Their collection of several hundred tractors includes over 100 miniature Olivers.

Two years ago they started to go

"We didn't really get serious


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An Oliver 88 closed grill pedal tractor, from about 1952.



A fleet of toy tractors stands ready to roll. And that's just a part of the Oliver tractor collection at the home of Harry and Revena Barrick, Newville RD 4.

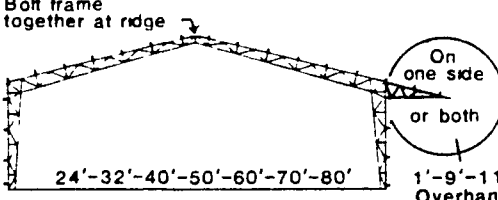


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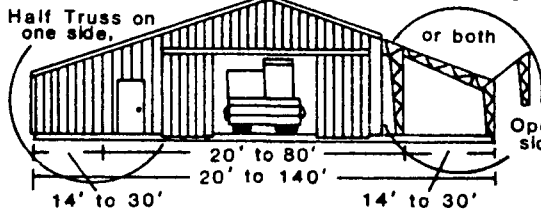
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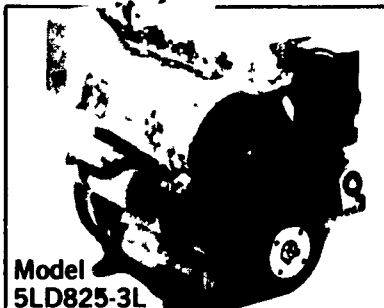
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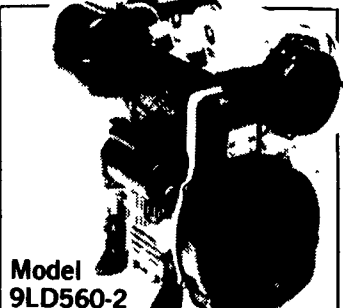


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