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**Editor's Note:** For the first time in 36 years, the Old Threshers Reunion will be held without Lennis Moore at its helm. After a very brief but serious illness, friends and family gathered to honor his memory on June 21st. Heritage Museum B was filled with people sharing memories and stories of the man who built most of the exhibits surrounding them. Much of what Old Threshers is today can be attributed to his talents. Terry McWilliams has been appointed interim CEO and, together with the OT Staff and Board of Directors, is ready to host what will be one of the best Reunions ever. Join us Reunion Friday at 9am as we dedicate the Lennis Moore Exhibit Hall inside Museum B. In keeping with Lennis' tradition, each one of us will share the sadness in our own way. As Lennis said, individuals will pause, but Old Threshers and the Reunion will go on.

## Gilchrists Credit Friends for Successful Restoration

*Many of Penny and Bob Gilchrist's friends have had steam engines selected Engine of the Year and they remember watching those friends clean and paint their engines and really "enjoy the moment of glory." It was well deserved and it was fun. Well, that is the story most of us see. Now for the story behind the story.*

At the 2013 Old Threshers Reunion, Bob and Penny Gilchrist were honored to have their 1911-18HP Wood Bros. Steam Engine selected as the engine of the year for the 2014 Reunion. The Gilchrists have been coming to the Reunion since the late 70s. Bob is co-director of the Traction Steam Area. Penny volunteers in the office throughout the year and, prior to the Reunion, she helps get souvenirs organized for distribution out to the grounds.

After last year's Reunion, John Johnston of Springville, offered the



**Bob and Penny Gilchrist pose with their 1911 18HP Wood Bros in 2013.**

use of his large, heated shop near Bob and Penny's home in Whittier for the restoration. With the help of a Coonrod Wrecker and Crane truck and Tom Delaney, the engine was moved into John's shop.

Bob had power washed the engine several times while it was still at Old Threshers. He had also started needle scaling the boiler. (The needle scaler

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## Traction Steam Headquarters Complete

Construction is complete on Midwest Old Threshers' newest building – The Bob and Penny Gilchrist Traction Steam Headquarters. The two-story building sits just south of the Barb Heaton Pavilion in Steamland.

Replacing the small red shed, the new, larger building will not only allow visitors to go inside the building and look at photo displays, it will also provide storage on the second floor for items only used during the Reunion.

Traction Steam Directors Chris Heaton and Bob Gilchrist, began fundraising during the 2013 Old Threshers Reunion. The response was immediate and positive with many Steamland exhibitors and volunteers

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**The Bob and Penny Gilchrist Traction Steam Headquarters Building is complete. The dedication is set for Wednesday, August 27th at 6pm.**

## Foundation Nearing \$1M in Financial Support

Providing financial support to Midwest Old Threshers is the sole purpose of the Foundation. Since it was established in 1986, the Foundation has transferred \$921,466 in earnings from its permanent endowment to Midwest Old Threshers.



Nearly 150 projects have been funded by these earnings throughout the years; these projects include steam engine, tractor and trolley car restoration, museum exhibits, Bussey doll collection, trees and landscaping, campground electrical upgrades, trolley tracks, sound system, building construction for the Log Village, North Village, Printers' Hall, showers and restrooms, welcome center, food pavilion, steam carousel, and headquarter buildings for the tractor, gas engine and steam areas.

In addition, the Foundation has transferred \$151,118 in contributions from its new pass through account. With the creation of this new donor option last year, contributions can now be designated for specific needs and immediately be passed on to Old Threshers. Examples of pass through donations include the Mount Pleasant Festival of Lights, Printers Hall, Drive A Tractor and specific memorials. One such memorial was in memory of Lany Elgar, who served as a Board member for the Foundation and long-time volunteer for the steam carousel. Another was in memory of Lennis Moore, who served as our Chief Executive Officer for Midwest Old Threshers since 1978. Lennis' vision, leadership skills and artistic talents will be greatly missed. Our condolences to the families of Lany Elgar and Lennis Moore.

The new pass through account has not only been an important vehicle whereby donors are allowed to designate contributions for specific and immediate needs, but it has served as a vehicle by which the Foundation can qualify for grants. Last December the Enhance Henry County Foundation awarded the Old Threshers Foundation a \$3,000.00 grant for the Mount Pleasant Festival of Lights. These funds were used to purchase additional holiday light displays.

All gifts to the Old Threshers Foundation, either as a long-term investment in the permanent endowment or as a short-term investment in the new pass through account, qualify as charitable contributions to a non profit 501(c)(3) organization for Federal income, estate and gift tax purposes. We are always appreciative of any gifts received, whether in the form of cash, stocks or deferred giving. If you have any questions or need additional information about any of these options, please contact Alan Huisinga, Executive Director of Development, at the Midwest Old Threshers office 319-385-8937.

Please come visit us during the 2014 reunion! Our air-conditioned Foundation room is located in Museum A near the gazebo which offers free family entertainment throughout each day. Our Foundation board members and volunteers welcome the opportunity to visit with you and give free (temporary) tattoos to all the kids (of any age!). We appreciate your support and look forward to seeing you on Labor Day weekend.



Alan Huisinga—Executive Director of Development, Midwest Old Threshers

## Iowa Corvair Club to Present Chevy Corvairs

by Teresa Carver  
Mt. Pleasant, Iowa

In the past several years, The Antique Car and Truck area has had the opportunity to showcase what has become known as the "Specialty Display Tent".

In 2006, a group of members of the Southeast Iowa Antique Car Club approached Midwest Old Threshers staff with a proposal and request to set up, and direct a special display of cars. They envisioned a display of automobiles that showcased a specific theme, above and beyond the usual array of extraordinary autos.

That first year "Cars of the Fabulous Fifties" drew young and old alike as it presented a jaunt down memory lane with music and atmosphere of the era. Since then, the Specialty Display Tent has paid homage to such themes as "Ragtops", "Fins", "Mustangs", "Coupes", "Forties", "Orphans" and "Crosleys".

For 2014, Old Threshers is pleased to welcome another specialty display thanks mostly to the efforts of SIACC President Dennis Walker; This year the Antique Car Area will showcase the iconic 'Chevrolet Corvair' as presented by the IOWA CORVAIR ENTHUSIASTS, INC. (ICE), a non-profit organization, and chartered chapter #526 of the CORVAIR SOCIETY OF AMERICA (CORSA).

Dennis got the idea of hosting the Corvair group through conversations with Area Director Ron Carver and his wife, because of a mutual acquaintance, Wally Breneman of Kalona, and his mechanical affinity for all things air-cooled. He then began corresponding with ICE member Bill Mitchell and others over the past months, who agreed to provide this year's exhibit. Bill graciously supplied the following background information on ICE chapter #526;

- The chapter was formed in 1989 in Iowa City.
- Membership numbers in the 100 range located mainly in the I-380 corridor



**The Specialty Display Tent south of the Antique Car Building will be filled with Chevrolet Corvairs and hosted by the Iowa Corvair Enthusiasts of Iowa. ICE members will also deliver some of the Car Talks.**

but spread out from southern Minnesota on the north to central Illinois on the south, South Dakota on the west to West Virginia on the east.

- ICE's Mission: To promote the preservation and enjoyment of the Chevrolet Corvair line of vehicles.
- ICE has been known for organizing Spring and Fall driving tours, drivers education track events and hosting Regional and International Corvair member meetings.
- Our driving tours have radiated out from Iowa to Minnesota, Wisconsin, Quincy, Ill, St Louis, and this fall will journey to Branson.
- ICE hosted a Midwest Regional Corvair Convention in Cedar Rapids in 2005 that gave us experience and confidence to host the CORSA International Convention in Cedar Rapids in 2010.
- ICE participates in as many car shows as possible that dedicate their proceeds to needy charities.

Approximately 1.8 Million Corvairs were produced in ten model years (1960-

1969) by Chevrolet. Model year examples of most types will be on display and club members will be on hand to discuss their experiences and Corvair adventures.

For those who are unfamiliar with the Corvair, it is a member of the Chevrolet lineup; manufactured from the 1960 model year until the 1969 model year. The Corvair houses a rear-mounted, air-cooled engine. The Corvair body styles include a two-door coupe, convertible, four-door sedan, and four-door station wagon, and truck-like passenger vans, commercial vans, and pickups.

During the five days of the Reunion, ICE members will be in attendance with their cars at various times throughout the day, and even will be conducting informational panels during the regularly scheduled "Car talks" held in the Car Area. Some of the topics the I.C.E. members have planned include:

### 1) The Corvair- Ten years of production

Few would argue with the conclusion that the Ford Model "T" is the most important car in American history. This presentation will suggest that the Corvair is the most "influential" of the rest.

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## 2014 Button Showcases Wood Bros.

by Carolyn Sidebottom  
Plymouth, Minn

This year's Reunion color theme is black and gold (or rich yellow). The 2014 Souvenir button features a 1911 18 hp Wood Brothers Steam Engine SN 266 owned by Bob and Penny Gilchrist, from Springville, Iowa.

In addition to Lennis Moore's engine art, the 2014 button design contains the full Reunion date and the familiar identifying Reunion information circling the central vignette. The design is not signed this year, as far as I can tell. The new Traction Steam Headquarters is prominently mentioned on the button. Bob and Penny Gilchrist are standing near the rear wheel of the engine.

Sometimes, the button features additional artistic designs like this year's "circle - stars" (the trademark of the Wood Brothers Company from Des Moines, Iowa) appearing on either side of the motif. The yellow background fading from bottom to top behind the engine design is quite attractive—an addition that adds depth to the design.

The 56mm diameter button is constructed as many previous buttons have been—a plastic coated paper formed over a metal shell and held together by a silver color metal backing. The attached wire loop style pin is silver in color. At press deadline, no varieties have been reported. However, that doesn't mean varieties won't eventually be found. I always rely on my sharp-eyed collecting buddies to keep me up to date on existing varieties for the

current year.

Bob and Penny Gilchrist became involved in Old Threshers in the late 1970s when a friend, George Bare, encouraged them to visit the reunion. Bob's father, John, used to run engines and separators for a "threshing ring" established by George's father. In my e-mail interview with Bob Gilchrist, Bob mused that George told him more than once, "Why would you buy an engine when you can run someone else's, and they pay the bills?"

Bob says that he must not have listened because he and Penny now own four steam engines and eight tractors! Bob joked that Penny bought all of that stuff—he isn't that crazy! You can ask Bob all about his iron menagerie at the new Traction Steam headquarters this year.

Bob and Penny bought their Wood Brothers engine at the Barbaglia Family auction on their 45<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary! The engine was running at the time that they bought it. Bob says there are not many Wood Brothers engines in running condition anymore—twenty-seven if the rumors are correct; but there weren't many Wood Brothers Engines made to begin with. This engine has always been shown at Old Threshers since the Gilchrists acquired it.

The Barbaglia Family donated a Wood Brothers threshing machine to Old Threshers and this year the two will be paired up for display at



the 2014 Reunion. Bob has been running the engine with his crew of friends and family including his children; but this year, Penny took the steam class, so I expect she will be taking her place on the "crew."

With the help of many good friends and family, the Wood Brothers engine underwent a major restoration this year. It was dismantled, needle scaled, sandblasted, and painted. Most importantly, it was reassembled, is running, and is ready for its debut in August.

Bob Gilchrist was elected to the Old Threshers Board of Directors in 2000. He is still serving and has held the offices of President, Vice President, and Secretary. Bob and Penny are very honored to have their engine chosen as Engine of the year as well as having the new Traction Steam Headquarters named for them, and yet they are saddened that their engine design will be the last one done by Lennis Moore. In Bob's words, "Lennis was a dear, dear friend and the CEO who helped build Old Threshers and the Reunion into the Greatest Steam Show in America."

## The End of an Era

Since 1978, when Old Threshers hired Lennis Moore as their Administrator, Lennis has designed the annual Reunion button. His first button was the 1979 red and white button with a 1900 Westinghouse engine. Lennis thought this design was good, but was surprised and panicked to learn that several Board of Directors members were disappointed that the button did not contain the name of the town as part of the design.

The button was quickly redesigned, the portion of the order not yet delivered was cancelled, and a rush order of 1979 "Mount Pleasant, Iowa" buttons arrived just in time for the opening of the 30<sup>th</sup> Reunion! Lennis survived this first misstep, and in my opinion, went on to become the best Ambassador, Administrator, and CEO that Old Threshers has ever had.

Sadly, we lost Lennis in June this year after a short, but valiant battle with a devastating illness. Before his death, Lennis was able to design the 2014 Old Threshers button, his final design in a series that spanned thirty-six years. We have been privileged to watch Lennis' style evolve over time from that first red and white 1979 button to more detailed designs culminating in this year's miniature masterpiece.

Lennis always said his favorite button was the 1986 because it looked so much like the first 1950 button. He also had supplemental favorites and seemed to like any button he was currently working on the best.

Lennis once said that his design style consciously changed over the years; but new technology in the way the button was designed and manufactured also played a role in making more detail possible in miniature. The addition of owners' names or recognizable people was another favorite way his style changed through the

years. This change began in 1992 with the Reeves 2-cyl. Undermount owned by Virgil Coonrod.

It took Lennis about six to eight hours to complete the initial black and white drawing for the button designs. Then the final design became a collaborative effort between Lennis and Steve Mendenhall, as the two worked on the final digital layout together.

Old Threshers will continue... Old Threshers buttons will continue... We await a new era in Old Threshers button designs.

*by Carolyn Sidebottom  
Plymouth, Minn*



**Lennis Moore designing the 2008 button. He designed his first button in 1979 (below).**



## Button Collectors' Forum

Button Collectors will assemble for the thirteenth consecutive year at Button Collectors' Forum during the 2014 Old Threshers Reunion. Forum will be held Sunday morning, August 31, in Colfax School, from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. Just take the ground train to the south pedestrian gate near the trolley depot and the carousel. Walk south past the Campground Information building and straight to the little red schoolhouse. Arrive anytime, and stay as long as you like.

At approximately 10:00 a.m., Carolyn will give a short presentation on the Volunteer and Exhibitor/Staff buttons These

featured buttons are the two largest supplemental Old Threshers issues. The supplemental buttons are highly collectible, but not necessarily readily available. It takes some effort to earn these, or to seek them out in the secondary market.

This is an open-house event for Old Threshers button collectors of all ages. The serious collector and the merely curious are welcome to gather informally to learn from each other and swap stories about our interesting and rewarding hobby. Young collectors and new collectors are especially welcome.

*by Carolyn Sidebottom  
Plymouth, Minn*

This will be an excellent opportunity to show off your collections and rare finds, or to ask questions about buttons in your own collection. We hope to have a selection of available collectable buttons for sale. Attending the forum, where you will find information on ways to collect OT buttons and the variety of supplies available is an excellent way to get a good start on your new collection, or update your old one.

I get excited about this event that brings collectors together, and I look forward to seeing old friends and making new ones.

## Restoration con't from page 1

is an air tool with steel needles used to knock off the dirt and old paint.)

Bob knew that if they really wanted to do a good job, the wheels would need to come off. This is



**Matt Birky and John Johnston help Bob Gilchrist tear down his engine.**

where John's skid loader and mutual friend Matt Birky from Solon, came in. They helped Bob, or maybe it's more accurate to say Bob helped them, take it apart. Bob kept saying, "I hope we remember how it fits together." After the wheels were off they purchased machine rollers on which to put the boiler in order to move it around as John still needed the shop for his business and other work he needed to do.

Bob continued to needle scale and needle scale and needle scale. Hour after hour he would work on the engine cleaning it. Sometimes he would show up at the shop and John and Matt had taken off more gears and shields. Off came the fly wheel, the drive wheels, the axles, this part and that part. Some of the parts were small enough that Bob

could take them over to another friend's place and sandblast them.

Bob and Penny are so grateful for the friends who were there to help and loan equipment. Not only the men, but their kids and wives pitched in. Bob had parts at his place, John had parts at his place, Jay Olson had parts at his place, all in different stages of cleaning and painting. Hard to believe but all of the parts were primed and then painted in short order. Now to put them back together.

First, the boiler. After what Bob describes as two and half million hours of cleaning, the crew cleaned some more and, with two skid loaders, moved it outside to be primed and painted. Matt was the paint man. John was the moving man and Bob was the praying man. The next stage was to paint the actual engine and parts red that were still on the boiler. Then the crew started adding green to different parts. The green paint color came from a magic mixture that was provided by Chris Heaton after he did his Wood Bros engine.

There were many discussions about which part is which color. Research found a few color pictures of the engines when they



**Cole Johnston and Cole Birky help with painting.**

were first made. Not all restoration jobs mimic the original. The wheels and other large parts were taken to a company in Cedar Rapids for sandblasting and painting. "That was a great help," says Bob. "The issue with sandblasting is you must spend a great deal of time cleaning sand out of places."

"So, there were parts all over and a boiler setting on rollers and



**Penny Gilchrist tries her hand at pulling flues.**

we began putting it all together, piece by piece," says Bob. "It went back together with some needed touch up paint here and there. We really did not find any major issues with gears and such." During this same time, the governor was taken to Wayne Kennedy in New London, and he rebuilt it.

"There was a joke going around that the engine of the year would be on three different trailers for the parade," Bob says with a chuckle. "After the wheels were back on, I told CEO Lennis Moore, that it now could be pulled through the parade!"

The engine was back together a couple of days before the Seminole Valley Farm Show in Cedar Rapids in late May.

## Hillers Named 2014 Harvest Parade Marshals

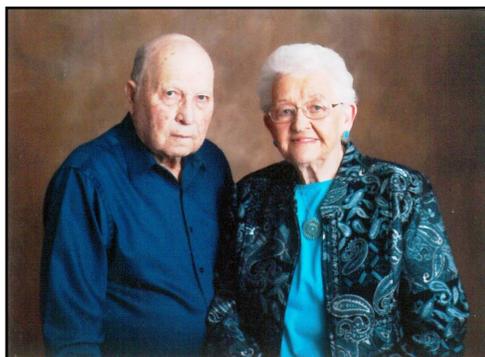
Ed and Lucy Hiller of Indianola, will lead the 2014 Harvest Parade through the streets of Mt. Pleasant on August 27th.

The Hillers have been attending the Old Threshers Reunion for almost 50 years. One can find Ed working hard in the Stationary Steam Powerhouse. Lucy starts her volunteer stint early in the Old Threshers office helping to get souvenirs priced, boxed up and ready to be distributed around the grounds. Once that task is complete she moves into the Campground Office where she and a small force of volunteers keep track of where everyone is at in the campground.

This year's Harvest Parade route will follow last year's by going west down the middle of Washington Street to Jefferson south to Clay Street.

The City of Mount Pleasant has given Old Threshers permission to allow candy at this year's parade.

Lineup begins at 2:30. Entries must have an Old Threshers or agricultural theme. Any questions call the office at 319-385-8937.



Ed and Lucy Hiller are Harvest Parade Marshals

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"That is when we found three flues leaking," says Bob. Great! He thought. That night they ran down to Old Threshers to pick up some flue pipe that he had bought years before and replaced them. The replacement held and all was good for the show. The crew knew the others needed to be replaced but that could be done later. "By the way, at this point we have not put

the canopy back on or had the final painting done but we were going to shows!"

With the first steam show over, the crew was ready to replace the rest of the flues and do some other painting and etc. and be good to go. "Then another "you have got to be kidding" happened," explains Bob. "The bottom of the front flue sheet was thin. Of course, now is the

time to repair it, before you put the flues in. So we cut out the thin area and replaced it. Now it was time to replace the other flues. It held water, so we were ready for another show.

After Brown Farm Pioneer Show in Central City, the canopy and pin striping was finished and the 2014 Engine of the Year was ready.

Bob, Penny and the crew - John and Kim and Cole Johnston, and Matt, Bev and Cole Birky are not saying much yet because you never know with a steam engine. Bob says now that the engine has been restored it will remain a working steam engine, meaning visitors to the Old Threshers Reunion will see it in the demonstration area working hard.

Bob and Penny cannot thank the many, many friends enough for all their help on this "simple" restoration. The whole project was done in memory of Old Threshers CEO Lennis Moore.



Gilchrist runs his engine at Pioneer Days at Brown's Farm in Central City.

## Doll Collection Welcomes New Additions

by Glenna Voyles  
New London, Iowa

This past year the Bussey Doll Collection has added some interesting dolls for your viewing pleasure.

Mrs. Marvin Larson of Fairfield, contacted me about wanting to give a family doll to someone since no family members were interested.

My husband Jack and I met Mary and Marvin Larson and were shocked to find the very large sized wooden box being transferred to our car, containing a doll, long stored away.

Inside was the beautiful, large Kestner (King of Dollmakers in Germany) She is an exceptionally large, 42" tall treasure, with beautiful bisque head and glowing blue eyes. Her mold is #142, a very desirable doll. She has sleep eyes and fully jointed composition body, which is marked with the red stamping of Excelsior Germany.

She had belonged to Marvin's grandmother, Ethel. As a child, she had been very ill with malaria. A local store offered the doll as a prize for the child with the most votes. Ethel was the lucky recipient! The doll was in turn, passed to her daughter Irene who was Marvin's mother. They told of Mr. Larsen's family's association with Old Threshers years before and it was obvious this is where I wanted her to now reside!

After arriving at our home and unpacking and undressing the doll who appeared beautiful was found to be in serious condition. She required nothing but expert care and restoration. Her original clothing was in tatters and the new clothing

another person had done several years ago was inappropriate for the time period. Locating anyone capable of working on this doll became my priority!

Composition is among the most difficult of doll repairs. Luckily, after many inquiries and several months, I was referred by a very reputable doll person, Alice Boyer. I was told she was a very skilled person in this type of work.

I was more nervous than a mother hen when my husband and I traveled to Davenport to pick up this wonderful doll. My worries were all for naught as people were coming past Alice's booth at the doll show oooh-ing and ah-ing over this doll! She is beautiful and I cannot stress how lucky we are to add her to the Bussey Doll Collection. Chuck Ash assisted Alice in this task.

She was introduced to the very appreciative doll collectors and visitors for the Bussey Doll Benefit day this May 24th. She was a big hit being wheeled out in an antique wicker doll stroller resplendent in her new clothing, made by Hawkeye Doll Club member, Audrey Staley of Kalona. She needs a new mohair wig as her original was fragile and falling out. These items are expensive. I do hope funding become available to give her beautiful blonde curls she deserves.

Fortunately for Old Threshers, The Bussey Doll Collection had four original Shirley Temple dolls.

As is customary with these dolls, the composition bodies become



**A restored 26" Shirley Temple doll welcomes visitors to the Doll Room with open arms.**

crazed as do the eyes. Of course, now I knew who could do the painstaking work. Alice and Chuck had another assignment for Old Threshers.

These two, re-stored our 26" Shirley Temple! She is perfect! Not only did Alice make her "new" again, her seamstress skills created an original patterned Shirley Temple dress which she donated, along with her shoes!

Please do visit the collection in Heritage Museum A when you are at Old Threshers during the Reunion or anytime throughout the year!

### Corvairs con't from page 3

#### 2) The Corvair- The Early Models ('60-'64)

2drs, 4drs, Convertibles, Vans, Pickups, Station Wagons, Spyder, Turbo, 4 wheel independent suspension, air cooled flat six. So little time; so much innovation!

#### 3) The Corvair- The Late Models ('65-'69)

Drop dead styling, refined handling evolution, Mustang/Muscle car onslaught

#### 4) The Lasting Corvair Influence on American Culture

**Ralph Nader, Safety, Specialty Corvairs, Ultra van, Corvair Cavalier, Fitch Sprints, Yenke**

And of course, nearly everyone who has memories of the '60s, has heard of Ralph Nader and the controversy he inspired surrounding the Corvair. So here is an opportunity to witness for yourself

the "Motor Trend Car of the Year for 1960 right in your own back yard.

And while you are at Old Threshers, don't forget to check out all the other great exhibits, vendors, rides, music and food that abound through out the reunion.

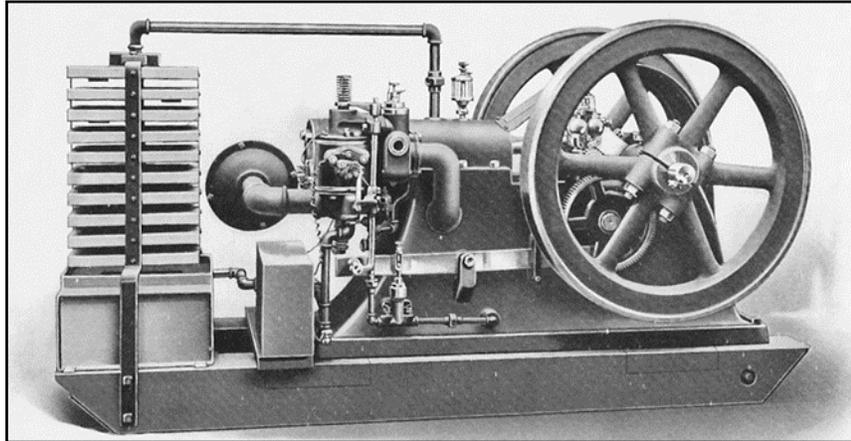
Plan to come early and stay late...  
Where Memories are Made!

## Remember the Alamo

by Barry Tuller  
Stevensville, Michigan

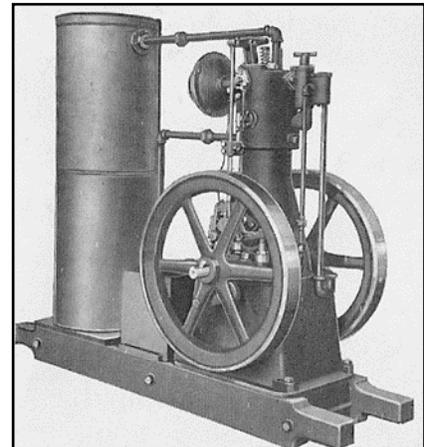
The feature gas engine for the 2014 Old Threshers Reunion is the Alamo Manufacturing Company of Hillsdale, Michigan. The first Alamo engines were made in 1900. The company was organized in 1901, and originally operated from a small factory with 35-50 men in employ. In 1902 land was purchased, and construction of a large modern factory was initiated.

The Alamo Manufacturing Company made very high quality engines and it found sales in all US states and in foreign markets as well. The Alamo Company was primarily focused on manufacturing and development, and left the sales aspects to other companies, often with the other company attaching their name to the engine with their own nameplate. Thus, the Alamo name did not gain the prominence it might have if they had done their own sales.

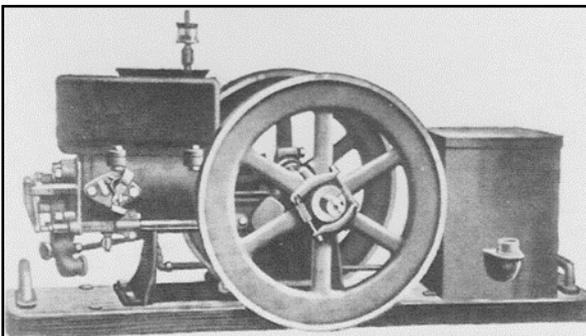


The company made engines in sizes from 1 to 120 horsepower, and in many different styles. Original offerings included very heavy horizontal tank cooled engines. Tray cooled and hopper cooled versions of these engines also were made. Alamo also made vertical engines in tank and hopper cooled styles, and also made a larger 2 cylinder vertical engine.

In 1913 Alamo launched a new engine design, the Alamo Blue Line. This was a lighter, more competitively built engine than their older design. It was offered in several sizes from 1 to 16 horsepower. This engine was very successful, and as per established practice was also sold under a number of other company nameplates. Most prolific of these was Rock Island Plow Company, but also included Empire Cream Separator Company, Lansing Company, Lindsay Bros. Company, Duplex Manuf. Company, Moline Plow Company, and others. The company was reorganized in 1917 as the Alamo Engine Company. An addition to the plant in 1917 doubled the production capacity.



Competition was coming from electric power, and the company struggled to survive in the 1920's. They tried other products, including pumps, but eventually they failed. They were dissolved under court order in August 1932. The factory building in Hillsdale still survives today in other usage.



During their run in engine manufacturing from 1900 to the early 1930's, they produced about 116,000 engines.

We are looking forward to seeing a large variety of the Alamo built engines at the show this year. We hope to have several of the early engine styles present at the show, and it will be interesting to see examples of the many different nameplates of engines from the later style.

## Needlework Activities Offered at Reunion

For over sixty years, quilting has been a featured part of the Midwest Old Threshers Reunions. Since 1983, Old Threshers has offered Chautauqua programs on quilting, demonstrations in quilting techniques, and hands-on quilting workshops presented by Carolyn Sidebottom.

After thirty one years, Carolyn Sidebottom has retired from offering workshops; but that does not mean that she has abandoned the rest of her Old Threshers Quilting activities. Colfax School, the little red one-room school in the campground, still promises to be a beehive of needlework activity. In addition, A Chautauqua Program will be presented in the air conditioned comfort of the Theater Museum on Thursday afternoon.



The Chautauqua program is a Power Point presentation entitled **"Conserving the Legacy."** The program explores the care, preservation, and restoration of family quilts. The presentation includes

professional tips from textile conservators, and low-cost common sense techniques for enjoying your quilts, while at the same time protecting them in a home setting. ***This topic should be of interest to anyone who has family quilts, not just quilters.*** The presentation begins at 3:00 pm in the lower level of the Theater Museum. Come early to get a good seat and take part in an impromptu Quilt Show-and-Tell. The program is FREE!

Colfax School will be open following the schedule below. Join Carolyn for an informal **"Stitching Bee and Fellowship"** with other needleworkers. Bring your own hand-stitching project to work on. Carolyn will be available for consultation if you wish, and she will have left-over kits for purchase if you want to try patchwork or applique and didn't come prepared.

After 31 years of quilt classes at Old Threshers, surely some of the past year's students have some projects that need to be finished! The Stitching Bee welcomes other hand-stitchers besides quilters—especially embroiderers, and yes, even knitters and those who crochet! The Stitching Bee is FREE! We look forward to welcoming YOU!

## Veterans' Day Reunion Thursday

Reunion Thursday is designated Veterans' Day. Veterans will be able to buy a one-day admission to the Old Threshers Reunion for half-price. That is \$6 for all day admission Thursday including the Country Gold Show that night. Following the concert look southwest of the Grandstand for an awesome firework display brought to you by Midwest Old Threshers, Triple Seven Trucking, Arbor Court and Moutrie Trucking.



## Featured Lawn Tractor

This years' featured lawn tractor is a 1972 Oliver 105 Town & Country. Owners Kenny and Teresa Grimm, Goose Lake, come from a long line of Oliver enthusiasts. The family has collected Oliver for several generations. Oliver only made a lawn tractor for a couple of years, Kenny said they felt one needed to be added to the collection. The Grimms have had their lawn tractor for more than two decades. When they bought it, it hadn't run for several years. Restoration involved over hauling the engine, replacing the grill, sand blasting and painting and new tires. Besides the lawn tractor, the Grimms will bring full size Oliver tractors as well as memorabilia. Kenny said he and his wife hope to be joined at the Reunion by their daughter and her family and possibly is brother and mother. "We are looking forward to seeing friends we haven't seen for a year," says Kenny.



## Featured Car

Major Watkins has been a fixture in the Antique Car Area for decades. His 1926 Model T Touring Car is featured this year. He bought the car in the 1950s just north of Mount Pleasant. He can be seen driving recipients of the Old Threshers Volunteer Awards around the grounds before the ceremony. Major also exhibits a 1911 Ford Delivery Truck.



## Featured Tractor

Dwight and Ann Copeland bought this years' featured tractor 6 years ago at an auction in Farmington. The 1946 Oliver 60 Row Crop went through a total frame-up restoration. Their boys, Jacob, Jason and Justin, helped with the project. "My wife was a great supporter through the process," says Dwight. "We couldn't have done it without her." Once the tractor was done, Dwight gave it to his wife. The Copelands have made many friends over the 35 years they have been coming to Old Threshers. Dwight is one of the announcers for the daily Cavalcade of Power, Tractor Games and Tractor Pull.

## Featured Gas Engine

Jack Folta, Laddonia, Mo., bought this years' featured Gas Engine 40 years ago in New Haven, Mo., from a salvage man. The Alamo engine was used to pump fuel off barges and put into storage tanks. Jack has spent the time since the last Reunion restoring the engine. It is waiting for a new coat of paint. He built a set of trucks making it easier to move. Jack and his son and grandson will exhibit about a dozen engines by various manufacturers during the 2014 Reunion.



## Featured Truck

Ron Magnuson bought his 1925 Ford Model T Truck four years ago from a man in Carthage, Ill. After some minor restoration it is ready to go. It is the featured truck for 2014. Ron has been attending the Old Threshers Reunion for more than 50 years. He started off in the Gas Engine Area and eventually learned to operate the big Altman Taylor. A broken hip will keep him from getting into the big tractor this year, but his son and grandson will be there to help. Ron owns a model Altman Taylor, while his son will operate the big one, his grandson will be on the model. After spending three months in a nursing home, recovery hasn't been as fast as he had hoped. "They told me I wouldn't be able to make it to Mt. Pleasant this year," says Ron. "I wouldn't miss it for anything!" Ron has only missed one day of the Reunion when he came to Mt. Pleasant with pneumonia. No one in his family knew he was sick until he passed out. He spent the rest of the day in the hospital.



## Obituaries

### LeRoy Kaufman

LeRoy Kaufman was born January 12, 1929 south of Wayland, the son of Andy and Hazel (Conrad) Kaufman. He attended Douglas school and served in the United States Army during the Korean War. He was united in marriage to Carolyn Bruegge on March 1, 1952 in Washington. LeRoy farmed the family Century Farm; Rolling Acres Animal Farm, all of his life and was known for his exotic and show animals including; buffalo, yaks, llamas, elk, camels, ostrich and many others. He was active at the Old Threshers Reunion and the Washington County Fair and drove his team of yaks in many parades. He enjoyed hunting, going to animal auctions, fishing and trapping. He also enjoyed giving tours to school and bus groups to show off his exotic animals.

Survivors include his wife Carolyn of Wayland, four daughters; Vickie (Gerry) Gonterman of Washington, Marsha (Randy) Chalupa of Wayland, Linda (Marlin) Roth of Mt. Pleasant, Janet (Kent) Davis of Washington, two sons; Steve (Risa) Kaufman of Wayland, Andy (Heidi) Kaufman of Mission, Texas, 16 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren, two brothers; Robert Kaufman of Kalona, Raymond Kaufman of Mt. Pleasant, and two sisters; Louise Piper of West Point, and Lois (Gene) Fields of Riverside. Preceding LeRoy in death were his parents.

A celebration of life for LeRoy C. Kaufman, 85 of Wayland, was held April 2, 2014 at the Beatty Funeral Home in Washington with Pastors Gerry Klopfenstein and Kelly Slagel officiating. Burial was at the North Hill Cemetery in Wayland.

A memorial fund has been established for the McCreedy Home, Hospice of Washington County and Midwest Old Threshers. LeRoy C. Kaufman died Friday, March 28, 2014 at the McCreedy Home in Washington.

### DJ Martin

Derrald John "DJ" Martin, 95, of Mt. Pleasant, died February 28, 2014 at Arbor Court.

Born February 19, 1919, in Jefferson County, Derrald John was the son of Warren and Susanna (Crenshaw) Martin. He was raised in Mt. Pleasant, and was a 1937 graduate of Mt. Pleasant Community High School. On January 6, 1942, he was united in marriage to Edna McLaughlin in Burlington. She preceded him in death on November 28, 1999.

"DJ" served in the United States Army from 1942 – 1946 during World War II. He continued his military service in the Iowa National Guard from 1948 – 1969, retiring having obtained the rank of Lt. Colonel.

In 1946, DJ was employed by the Continental Oil Company. That year he became a jobber and took over the bulk route of his uncle. In 1951, he became a jobber for Conoco. He built a service station on the corner of Washington and Cherry Streets in 1953, where the Pep Stop is now located. Derrald worked in the oil business for 33 years prior to his retirement.

DJ was a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks Lodge # 1192 in Fairfield since 1950. He was also a lifetime member of V.F.W. Post #2561 in Mt. Pleasant where he helped establish the Avenue of Flags. DJ loved working in his yard as well as being an antique car collector. Prior to his wife's passing, the Martins enjoyed spending their winters in Harlingen, TX.

Surviving Mr. Martin are numerous nieces, nephews and friends, and a special companion, Patsy Neff.

Preceding DJ in death were his parents; his wife, Edna; one brother, Herman Martin; and two sisters, Lucille Graber and Leona McKee.

Interment with military rites was held at the Forest Home Cemetery. Memorials have been established for Midwest Old Threshers and the Avenue of Flags Veteran's Memorial.

### Robert Bonar

Robert Dean "Bob" Bonar 80, of Mt. Pleasant, passed away on April 10, 2014, at his home.

Bob was born on June 26, 1933, in Mt. Pleasant the son of Royal Frank & Crystal Gauss Bonar. The family moved to

Fairfield, Albia, and Bloomfield and settled in Burlington in 1939. He graduated from Burlington High School in 1953, after graduating high school he joined the United States Army served his basic training at Ft. Sill, Okla. from there he went on to Korea and then to Japan. While he was in Japan he played basketball for Camp Yokohama. He was united in marriage to Arlene A. Henschen on August 19, 1953, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Ft. Madison.

Over the years Bob loved the game of basketball, he played for the Hawkeye Motor Company, and also played for the Bill and Jim Beverage Company for 5 yrs. and he coached basketball for seven years for St. John's Catholic School. He was involved with sports at Notre Dame School in Burlington where he served as Athletic Booster Club President while he was there he was the founder and organizer of the football program.

Moving to Mt. Pleasant in 1977, where he was the manager of Skerik Auto Parts. He was elected president of the goal line club during the construction of the Mapleleaf Athletic Complex. In 1981 Bob founded and organized the Fellowship Cup after a short term away he returned to help with the construction of the new building. Bob was in the auto parts business until his retirement. He was a member of St. Alphonsus Catholic Church where he taught 8th grade Religious Education for 15 years, was an usher for several years, and was a member of the Knights of Columbus. Bob and Arlene owned A&B Antiques. He was an Iowa Hawkeye Fan, Green Bay Packers fan and Detroit Tigers Fan. He enjoyed spending time with his family. Bob delivered medicine for Hy-Vee Pharmacy and was a funeral associate at the Murphy Funeral Home in Mt. Pleasant.

Bob is survived by his wife Arlene of Mt. Pleasant, four children: Pam Tipton (Tom) of Mt. Pleasant, Steve Bonar (Jackie) of Burlington, Mike Bonar of Mt. Pleasant and Scott Bonar (Leigh) of Phoenix, AZ. Grandchildren: Jennifer and Morgan, three step grandchildren: Chase, Brandi and David; one great-grandson Jackson and two step great-grandsons Nathan and

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Carter and his sister Mary Saathoff of Burlington.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, and two brothers: Flip and Ivan.

Funeral Mass was held on April 14, at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church in Mt. Pleasant with Father Gary Beckman and Father Joseph Phung officiating. Burial was in the St. Alphonsus Catholic Cemetery. Memorials may be directed to the Relay for Life, HCI Hospice Care Services of Southeast Iowa and St. Alphonsus Catholic Church.

### Herbert Hult

Herbert Charles Hult, age 87 of Mt. Pleasant, died April 12, 2014 at Arbor Court in Mt. Pleasant. The son of Albert and Anna (Hultman) Hult, he was born March 13, 1927 at Swedesburg. On March 15, 1952 he married Esther Holt at Belle, CA. He was a graduate of the Olds High School. He served in the US Navy and retired after 20 years of service.

He worked as a Henry County Assessor in the 1950s, served as secretary for Old Threshers for 16 years, and was a member of the Henry County Historic Preservation Commission. He also was a member of the Swedish Heritage Society and a member of the Olds American Legion. He was a member of the Swedesburg Evangelical Lutheran Church. He was a farmer in the Swedesburg community.

Survivors include: his wife, Esther of Mt. Pleasant; two sons, Dennis Hult of Mt. Pleasant and David Hult of Rochester, NY; six grandchildren; two sisters, Vivian Carlson and Genevieve Anderson, both of Davenport.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one daughter Annette Ginsberg, two brothers, Frederick and LaVerne and two sisters, Margaret and Inez.

A memorial service at the Swedesburg Lutheran Church with interment at the Swedesburg Church Cemetery is being planned at a later date.

Memorials have been established for the Swedesburg Lutheran Church, the American Swedish Museum, American Cancer Society, and the Henry County Relay for Life.

### Lany Elgar

Alanson K. "Lany" Elgar, 86, of Mt. Pleasant, died May 2, 2014 at Meth-Wick Community in Cedar Rapids.

Born September 1, 1927, in Mt. Pleasant, he was the son of Herman E. Elgar and Clara (King) Elgar. He married his college sweetheart, Barbara (Dennis) Elgar on August 5, 1950.

Lany graduated from Mt. Pleasant High School in 1945 and Iowa Wesleyan College in 1949. After he graduated from the Drake University Law School and was admitted to the Iowa Bar in 1951, he returned to Mt. Pleasant to practice law with his father and later his brother at Elgar Law Office. He became Of Counsel with the Whitfield & Eddy Law Office in 2003. He retired in 2008 after practicing law for 57 years.

He served as President of the Iowa Defense Counsel Association in 1983 and was State Chairman (1985-1986) and Regional Vice President (1986-1988) of the Defense Research Institute, Inc. He was a past President of the Henry County Bar Association and belonged to the Iowa State Bar Association, American Bar Association and the International Association of Defense Counsel.

He was elected to the Iowa Wesleyan College Board of Trustees in 1968 and served as attorney for Iowa Wesleyan College for many years. He also served on the Administrative Council and Trustees of the United Methodist Church. He was an original member of the Old Threshers Foundation Board. He and Barb helped with the fundraising for the steam-powered carousel at Old Threshers and served as volunteer coordinators for the carousel for many years.

He was also involved with the early industrial development in Mt. Pleasant. He served as a member of and attorney for the Henry County Industrial Development Commission for many years. He received the Mt. Pleasant Area Chamber Alliance Citizen of the Year Award in 1984.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara, sons Alan Elgar of Iowa City and Robert Elgar and his wife Susan Richers Elgar of Plainfield, Illinois and daughter Mary Elgar of Mt. Pleasant. He is also survived by his granddaughter, Meredith Elgar of

Warrenville, Illinois; grandson Nicholas Elgar, stationed at Ramstein Air Force Base in Germany; and cousins, nieces, great nieces, nephews and great nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, by sister Elizabeth Anderson and husband Orville Anderson, by brother John and wife Elva, and by brother Lawrence.

Visitation will begin after noon Monday at the Olson-Powell Memorial Chapel in Mt. Pleasant, where family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. A funeral service will be held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 6, at the First United Methodist Church with Pastor Deborah Stowers officiating. Interment will be in Forest Home Cemetery.

The family has established memorials for Iowa Wesleyan College, Old Threshers Foundation and First United Methodist Church.

### Lennis Moore

Lennis L. Moore, 64, of Mt. Pleasant, died June 11, at his residence.

Lennis Lee Moore was born February 20, 1950, in McGregor. He was the son of Leonard Leo and Bernita Ilene (nee Larson) Moore. He was raised on the family farm between Elkader and Elgin. He graduated from Valley High School in 1968. In the fall, Lennis enrolled at Luther College in Decorah. While at Luther he studied under Orville M. Running, specializing in woodcut printmaking. He was conferred with a Bachelor of Arts in Art Education from Luther in 1972. He met Sandra Lynn Sabin at Luther College and on September 9, 1972, Lennis and Sandy were united in marriage at the Zion Lutheran Church in Rake.

In January 1973, Lennis was hired by the Sanford Museum and Planetarium in Cherokee, where he built museum exhibits and taught classes in Cherokee Schools. In 1978, Lennis and Sandy moved to Mt. Pleasant where Lennis began 34 years of service with Midwest Old Settlers and Threshers. There he oversaw every aspect of the operation, including designing and installing many of the interpretive museum exhibits and coordinating the annual Midwest Old Threshers Reunion.

Lennis was a lifelong printmaker.

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## Theatre Museum Presents *Chain Stores*

In 1929, Neil and Caroline Schaffner wrote the play *Chain Stores* about the competition these stores brought to local businesses. Little did they know, the battle would continue for years to come. Catch the revival of this popular comedy during the 2014 Old Threshers Reunion Thursday- Sunday at 7pm. The cast has added matinee performances on Saturday and Sunday afternoons at 2pm. All shows performed in the Performance Level of the Theatre Museum.

### Theatre Under the Mini Tent

Members of the Theatre Museum will be giving away free freckles while sharing the story of Toby Tolliver and his role in Tent Theatre. Kids will also have a chance to test their acting skills and become Toby at 12:30pm and 3pm Thursday-Sunday.

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In Mt. Pleasant he worked with Iowa Wesleyan College and collaborated with artists on many woodcut and printmaking exhibitions. In recent years, Lennis' woodcuts were represented by the Iowa Artisan Gallery in Iowa City, Eckheart Art Gallery in Decorah, Lanesboro Art Center in Minnesota, and on the web at [lennismoore.com](http://lennismoore.com).

In Mt. Pleasant, Lennis was a member of the First Presbyterian Church where he sang in the Westminster Choir and was a member of the Mt. Pleasant Kiwanis Club. Lennis and his wife Sandy also owned the Iris City Antique Mall. For many years, Lennis was the announcer for the Mt. Pleasant Community High School Marching Band Invitational. He served as a Natural Resource Commissioner for the Iowa DNR and was an honorary colonel in the Iowa National Guard for his service to the State of Iowa.

Lennis loved to travel the world, especially to visit his children abroad. He enjoyed the outdoors, fishing, and photographing the Midwest and finding images for new woodcuts. He and Sandy also spent many happy hours at their home with their children, grandchildren, and friends.

Those thankful for sharing in Lennis' life include his wife Sandy of Mt Pleasant, their children; son Lucas, wife Erin and daughter Amber Rose, of Coralville; son Benjamin and wife Sarah Frydenlund of Decorah; and daughter Catie, husband Bob Scott and son Anderson James, of Kyiv, Ukraine; and many cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends. He is preceded in death by his parents.

An event honoring Lennis was held June 21, at Midwest Old Threshers in Museum

B. Memorials may be sent to Kimzey Funeral Home of Mt. Pleasant for Midwest Old Threshers or to scholarships in Art at Luther College.

### William Layne

William S. Layne, 85, of Goffstown, NH, passed away on June 15th, 2014, from complications of Alzheimer's disease. He was born on May 8, 1929, in Barboursville, West Virginia, the son of Judge and Ethel (Stowasser) Layne.

Bill graduated from Union College in Barbourville, Kentucky. He served three years in the U.S. Air Force, stationed in France. He graduated from the University of Cincinnati with a PhD in chemistry.

Bill enjoyed working with wood, making many objects, both large and small, utilitarian and artistic. He was also an accomplished musician, playing the organ for church services and the harpsichord which he built. For many years, Bill scheduled volunteers for the Center Chapel in the North Village.

Bill is survived by his wife of 52 years, Kathryn (Koerber) Layne, four children, Susan, Virginia, Stephen, and Daniel, and four grandchildren.

A memorial service was held on July 26, at Hillside United Methodist Church in Goffstown. Memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, P.O. Box 96011, Washington, DC 20090-6011, or [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org).

### Roberta Callaway

Roberta Mae Callaway, 77, of Mt. Pleasant, passed away July 10, 2014, at Park Place Elder Living.

Born October 16, 1936 in Mt. Pleasant, Roberta Mae was the daughter of Merle

O. and Mary M. Todd Scarff. She was a 1955 graduate of Mt. Pleasant Community High School. On August 17, 1955, she married Edward Callaway in Milan, IL. He preceded her in death on July 5, 2008.

Roberta worked 15 years as the office manager at Mt. Pleasant Mental Health Institute. Then for 27 years, she worked as an Administrator Assistant at Southeast Iowa Electric Association. She retired in 1998.

Roberta was a member of First Presbyterian Church. She volunteered as the Entertainment Chairman for Midwest Old Threshers for over 25 years. She loved bluegrass music and showing horses. Favorite hobbies included camping and crocheting. She especially enjoyed spending time with her family and friends.

Survivors include two daughters, Linda (Buddy) Fowler and Connie (Duane) Meth all of Mt. Pleasant, IA; a twin brother, Robert (Phyllis) Scarff of Mt. Pleasant, IA; three sisters, Helen Perrott of Mt. Pleasant, IA, Rosemary (Jim) Smith of Mt. Pleasant, IA and Patricia (Richard) Kerr of Burlington, IA; three grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Along with her husband, Ed, she is preceded in death by her parents; and a sister, Ruth Van Trump.

A funeral service was held on July 14th, at Olson-Powell Memorial Chapel with Pastor Bryan Katchay officiating. Interment was in Forest Home Cemetery. Memorials have been established to First Presbyterian Church and Midwest Old Threshers.

## 2014 Button Update

The following charts contain updated facts about the Old Threshers Button collection. Be sure to add this important information to your collector's guide. *The Elusive '54, The Complete Guide to Old Threshers Button Collecting, second edition*, is available at the Old Threshers Book Shop.

### ENGINE PORTRAITS

YEAR	MODEL	OWNER
2014	1911 18 hp. Wood Brothers	Bob & Penny Gilchrist, Springville, IA

### MEMBERSHIP/SOUVENIR BUTTONS

DATE	SIZE (Dia.)	OBSERVE COLOR	REVERSE COLOR	PIN TYPE	MARKING	VALUE
2014	56 mm	216C Yellow White Black	Silver	Silver L	-	\$1.00

### EARLY BIRD/VOLUNTEER BUTTONS

DATE	SIZE (Dia.)	OBSERVE COLOR	REVERSE COLOR	PIN TYPE	MARKING	VALUE
2014	56 mm	216C Yellow White	Silver	Silver L	-	Market, not sold by OT

### EXHIBITOR/STAFF BUTTONS

DATE	SIZE (Dia.)	OBSERVE COLOR	REVERSE COLOR	PIN TYPE	MARKING	VALUE
2013	46mm by 71mm	194C Red White Black	Silver	Silver L	-	Market, not sold by OT
2014	Likely will be: 46mm by 71mm	Likely will be: 216C Yellow Black White	-	-	-	Market, not sold by OT

## What To Do

### Ascension Quartet to Perform Wednesday

Anyone who has purchased a multi-day wristband is welcome to attend the Wednesday night concert on August 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm. Formed in 1970, and based out of Strafford, MO, this Southern Gospel group is on a mission to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ in song, something they have been doing for more than 40 years.

### Life Lessons from the Round Pen

Horse Trainer Bob Toomer from Grantsville, Utah, returns to the 2014 Reunion. His program *Life Lessons from the Round Pen* will be held just south of the Horse Barn daily throughout the Reunion.

### Sweet 16 Crowning

There are 25 participants in this year's Sweet 16. If you see any of them walking the grounds or helping in an area, take a moment to say hello. They are all wonderful young women and are there to help the visitors make the most of their time at OT. Miss Sweet 16 will be crowned on Sunday, Aug 31st at 11am at the Family Tent.

## CHAFF

### CONTRIBUTIONS

Do you have a story or photo to share? We would love to hear from you!

Email [info@oldthreshers.org](mailto:info@oldthreshers.org)

Or mail to 405 E Threshers Rd. If you are submitting photos please make sure to include a description and if possible the names of the people in the photo.

*You Gotta Love This Place!!*

## Engine in Central Park Gets Fresh Paint Job

The Nichols & Shepard steam engine on display in Mt. Pleasant's Central Park received a much needed new coat of paint recently.

The engine was first sandblasted and then primed leaving what many thought was a ghost engine in it's place.

Mayor Steve Brimhall, his wife Karen, Alan and Melinda Husinga and Tom and Marilyn Young grabbed their brushes and ladders and got to work.

Thank you to the volunteers for donating their labor and to Lynn Butterbrodt for donating the paint.



## 2014 Sweet 16 Contestants

Lydia Allen – Mt Pleasant  
Lindsey Barton – Mt. Pleasant  
Elsbeth Bacher – Mt. Pleasant  
Hayley Buettell—Morning Sun  
Ashley DeMeyer – Mt. Pleasant  
Caitlyn DePriest – Mt. Pleasant  
Bryanna Evans – Wayland  
Miranda Haynes – Mt. Union  
Megan Hoenig – Mt. Pleasant  
Mikayle Lance – Mt. Pleasant  
Ally Lowe – Mt. Pleasant  
Skye Loving – Lockridge  
Amber Manning – Brighton

Melanie Marek – Mt. Union  
Kaitie Miles – Wayland  
Madison McDowell – Mt. Pleasant  
Kailey Peterson – Mt. Pleasant  
Elizabeth Seheer – Lowden  
Andrea Shull – Mt. Pleasant  
Alyssa Smith – Mt. Pleasant  
Hannah Stater – Mt. Pleasant  
Sidney Taylor – Mt. Pleasant  
Claire Tillotson – Burlington  
Marissa Van Elsen – Des Moines  
Samantha Zeleny – Mt. Pleasant

## Headquarters

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donating before they went home. Enough money was raised over the winter to begin site preparation in February with construction starting soon after.

Finished with red metal walls and a green roof, the new Steam Headquarters building matches most of the others around McMillan Park.

# OLD THRESHERS

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