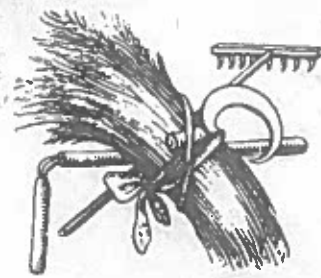


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Avery 40-80 makes trip from New York

For 20 years, Ed Winter has been making the trip from New Collins, NY to Mt. Pleasant for the annual Midwest Old Threshers Reunion. Winter has an extensive collection of tractors and steam engines, both stationary and traction, but felt that he lived too far away to bring any of them to Old Threshers.

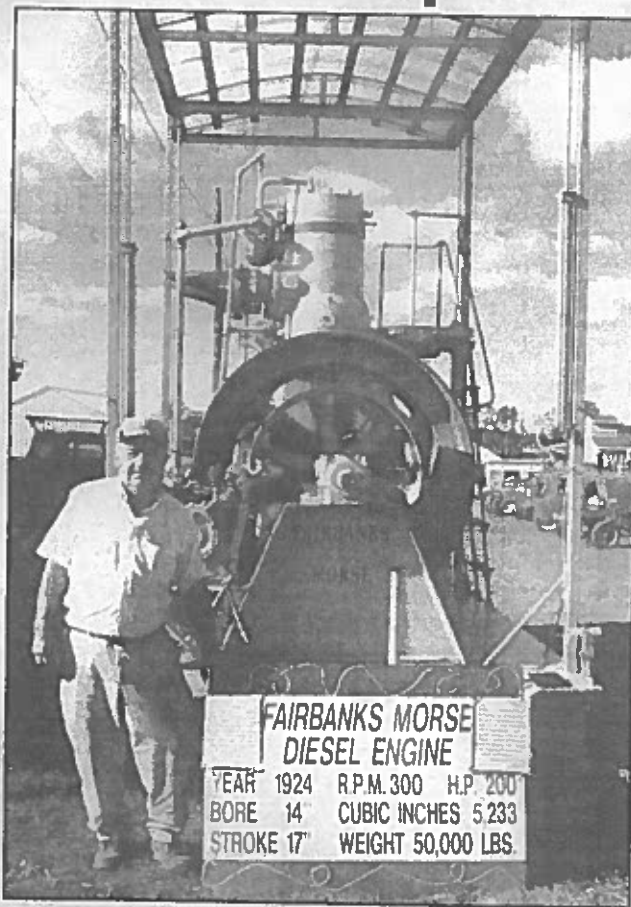
His son, Kissy, proved him wrong. Around the time Ed left for Iowa, Kissy loaded the Avery 40-80 onto a truck for the 767-mile trip west to surprise Ed for his 85th birthday on Sept. 2.

"What do you get a guy that has everything?" Kissy asked himself. "He loves a party." In a spur of the moment decision, Kissy allowed himself two weeks to figure out how to get the Avery to Mt. Pleasant.

Decked out in flags and a happy birthday banner, the Avery sat proudly along the road bordering Tractorland. The 1919 Avery features an electric starter, the only one of its kind known to exist according to the younger Winter. The tractor joined in the Noon Cavalcade of Power for two days. After gulping an amazing 10 gallons of gas for two trips around the parade route, it spent the rest of the Reunion setting idle.

Winter's collection includes seven Rumley Oil Pulls, three steam engines, an 80HP Case, 14HP Buffalo Pitts, and a Waterloo Boy as well as a 200HP Fairbanks Morse stationary diesel engine. Winter exhibits the Fairbanks engine. It has a canopy on air cylinders that allows it to be transported.

Ed also has a 1945 diesel electric locomotive and 1,100 feet of track on which to operate it, as well as a ½-mile track for a miniature steam engine he acquired



Ed Winter, New Collins, NY stands with his 200 HP Fairbanks Diesel steam engine. The 50,000 pound engine is mounted on a trailer that features a canopy on air cylinders allowing it to be transported to one of the many shows Winter attends.

from an amusement park.

The largest piece in the Winter collection is a flywheel recovered from the Bethlehem Steel Mill. The wheel measures 24 feet in diameter and weighs 140,000 pounds. The monstrous piece of steel looks like a Ferris wheel in aerial pictures of Winter's property.

(Below) This Avery 40-80 belonging to Ed Winter, made the 767 mile trip from New Collins, NY for the 2005 Midwest Old Threshers Reunion.

