

Greetings all,

As this Bare comes out of hibernation, I'm gradually starting to get things done outside. Good news – I got the snowman down today and the garland off the house. Those are big steps in my life! Yes, it's been a great Canadian winter: snowmobiling, blowing snow, and lots of white stuff. Oh, and I almost forgot the cold, which meant we missed three or four Tuesday nights working at the AMC, as it was too cold, so the guys had a night off. But we're back in the swing of things now and making progress.





Here are some shots of the floorboards and side rails going on the Maple truck. Our Greg St. Amand has spent many hours in his shop manufacturing the boards, rails, and staining them to perfection. Great job Greg.

Meanwhile, Ivan Elford has been busy working away on anything chrome and making it sparkle. If you want to learn how to polish and shine anything, talk to Ivan – he has the products and skills to bring old metals back to life. Do not worry everything Ivan cleans for the truck is boxed away and kept away from the floor action.

A Good News Item

Hi Barry,

*I was asked if I could let the club know about a 90th birthday party for **Bob Tinney**. It's just a drop-in at the Cobourg Legion on March 23,2025 from 1-4. I was wondering if you could send a quick email out to the members to let them know, in case anyone wants to stop by and wish him a happy birthday. This is supposed to be a surprise, so hush is the word. Thanks!*

Doug Tinney. Sorry Doug I am a little slow.

Our next meeting is Monday, March 31, at the New Hope United Church, Welcome. I am told our speaker is confirmed, but details about him have not been provided to me yet. I was told he will be bringing coffee and donuts, so that sounds good. More to come soon, I hope!

Spring brings on "Float Your Fanny Down the Ganny" (April 12, 2025), and the first showing of this years lottery-draw tractor: a little 1948 Ford 8N.



The boys have been working hard at getting it pretty.



Earl is working on the paint, but the dampness in the air isn't letting it shine, so he's repainting. Maybe it will come with painted parts missing if the weather doesn't cooperate. That would be exciting – NOT. Come and see, and be the first to buy a ticket! OK the photo are before Earl started to paint,

As the weather breaks, there's lots to do at the Antique Machinery Center. So come on out on Tuesday nights and get your hands dirty, or just chat with the guys. (After this cold winter, they are all good at chatting and storytelling, much to Earl's chagrin. He's got things that need to get done, and the open house is coming quickly.)

A couple of years ago, we received a milk bottling machine and capper. This wonderful machine is to the left of the door in our new building. Great! Everyone heads right because that's where the big stuff is, haha. But really, this is an amazing machine. Along with it came this story, which I never had time to put into a letter to send to you. But today's the day you get a bit of history from our milk industry.



Farny and the Bottle Capper

By Ailyno Van Dyke

Recently, our NVDHS Member Farncomb "Farny" LeGresley was cleaning out one of his large sheds on his property on Metcalf Street and George Manners in Bond Head. He had an old Milwaukee Milk Bottle Filler and Capper from his family's "Newcastle Dairy" business many years ago.

Farny advised that when he was about 10 years old he would use this machine to fill (with fresh milk) and then cap the milk bottles at the dairy. He said that he would probably do about 300 bottles in a day and it was tiring work for a young fellow.

He wondered if NVDHS would be interested in having the item so gave me a call. I went down with my friend, Greg St. Amand and we decided that it was a large, heavy item and not suited for display at our Historical Room in Newcastle. Greg and I are also both members of the Hope Agricultural.... and after checking with Earl, it turns out they do not have one of those at their Museum. They were glad to receive it and also indicated that if NVDHS ever wants it for a display, they would be pleased to loan it to us at any time.

In 1928 they and a few other associated and affiliated companies merged to create the Cherry-Burrell Corporation. At the onset of World War II, four out of every five milk bottles in the country were filled by Cherry-Burrell equipment. After the war, the company expanded its dairy product line to include homogenizers, freezers, and other equipment, along with its filler machines. Since then, Cherry-Burrell equipment has been placed in factories in more than 70 countries.

This Antique Milk Bottle Filler & Capper was made by the Cherry Burrell Dairy Corporation, who actually patented the first the first centrifugal cream separator in the United States in 1881. The machine was used to bottle and cap quart and pint bottles of milk and milk products, with the capping mechanism using the last patent date of November 30, 1920, and the filler using the last patent date of June 11, 1929. This appears to be a smaller Model "BB" machine serial number "5938" . This particular unit would only fill and cap 2 bottles at a time. The larger units could fill up to 30 bottles a minute. I am sure Farny would have preferred the larger model.

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That it for now. Snow is going quickly and here comes the rain and out comes the rubber boots.

Stay Healthy and safe till next time

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