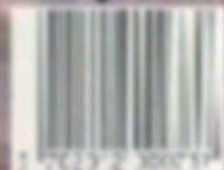


AXES AND ALLEYS

THE OFFICIAL MAGAZINE OF THE RTRAMSOM



VOL. 456-BR9
Issue 05
July 2004



>>5.38
\$ 7.29

copyright 2004 RTRAMSOM

Axes and Alleys: World's Greatest Tractor Related Magazine. Now Featuring Tractors!

AXES AND ALLEYS

Volume 456-BR7

Issue 5

01 July 2004 (N.G.)

Published by the Royal Tractor Repair and
Maintenance Society of Outer Mongolia.

118 Egin River Road, Suite 900
Tsagaan-Uul, Hövsgöl V68-9912
Peoples Republic of Mongolia

STAFF

Publisher

Sir Lionel Buxton Humbridge

Editor in Chief

Delores R. Grunion

Photography

Bernard Roosten

Copy Editing and Layout

Buckminster Foley

I.M. Paye

Frank Lloyd Reight

Administration

Star McGurney

Angus Lopez

Graphics and Illustrations

George Herbert Walker Bush (no relation)

Research

Delores P. Grunion

Legal Council

Garmet Jones

Law Offices of Humphrey and Skizzini

Catering

Meatstraviganza!

(Monday-Friday)

Zombo's Fried Platypus

(Weekends)

Freelancers

Hogrid Amanden (deceased)

Charles Finneus Buchhampton

Alouicious P. Stoatwobbler

DJ Trickyfingers

Lilly Saunders (age 10)



A Special Tractor Related Issue

Axes & Alleys has received numerous letters over the years, which we often publish. Recently, a disturbing spate of letters decrying Axes & Alleys' move away from tractor-related phenomena. This flow of negative energy has increased proportionally with the number of such issues published.

As Axes & Alleys' new Editor-In-Chief and former cover girl, I vow to address these issues. While we will continue to publish content of various natures for the foreseeable future, we have decided to bring you, our readers, a special treat.

This month's issue will be solely related to tractors, tractor history, tractor maintenance and tractor repair. Each subsequent issue will not follow this format, however we offer you this special, collector's edition, full black and white spread.

Axes & Alleys' readership and advertising sales have grown 2138% and twenty-fold respectively in the past year. Many of our readers are no longer interested in tractor repair and maintenance, as evidenced by the past seven letters sections. Furthermore, a growing number of our employees are drawn from non-tractorial fields. Axes & Alleys' is only a magazine without its employees.

This issue is also new in that it is sponsored by AgroFarm™, a Daniel Bester, Inc. Company™. We felt a special issue required a special offer, so we brought AgroFarm™ into the fold with this one.

In addition to the normal journalistic content, you will find a special, subscribers-only extra. In addition to two unique covers, each magazine will also include a sample of AgroFarm™'s space-engineered microfertilizer or instructions on how to build your own nuclear powered farm or a genetically modified tuber from AgroFarm™'s parent company, NuLife, which can withstand the effects of aging.

xxx 000

Delores R. Grunion

**WRITTEN
CORRESPONDENCES
FROM GOOD NATURED
GENTLEMEN
WHO HAVE READ
OUR PREVIOUS
INSTALLMENTS AND
WISH TO COMMENT
ON SOME ASPECTS
THEREOF.**

To the Publisher,

Ms. Grunion, I would just like to point out that you are one hot piece of ass. You're good at that editing gig, too. But damn! What a nice rack! I mean, I've never spent so much time in the bathroom reading a tractor magazine (except for the John Deere Catalog, 1988).

Well, anyway, I just wanted to find out more about you. Are you married? What is your favorite sexual position? How can I make my wife be more like you in every way? Are those natural? When can we expect a full nude pictorial spread in Axes & Alleys?

Please let me know if I've been too forward.

Sincerely,

Dr. John F. Kennedy (relation)
Pembroke College, Cambridge, UK

To the editors,

I would like to take this most momentous and grand opportunity to craft a proper response, for publication in your letters section, to Mr. Ilich Ramirez "Carlos the Jackal" Sanchez's letter of last month (Written Correspondences, Vol. 456-BR7 Issue 2, April 2004) stating that "there is nothing quite as cool as Quakers."

It is a well recorded fact in scientific circles that the source of Pennsylvania's magic is not, in fact, Quakers. Quakers have done more to denude Pennsylvania of its magicalness than any other single group.

Pennsylvania is magical because it was seeded with magical grass by an ancient Red Injun sorcerer, who thereby imbued the area with paranormal properties. As is the

ature of grass, it spreads and some of these magical properties have been passed into parts of surrounding states: New York, New Jersey, Montsylvania and by passenger pigeon to Ohio.

This dilution of Pennsylvania's magical powers threatens the tourist industry, the environment and thus the unique nature of the state. Quakers have only sped up this process through their "peace" and their "farming." I urge all readers to protest such acts of Quaker aggression wherever they arise.

Yours truly,

R. Bud Dwyer
Harrisburg, PA

To the editors,

I am deeply disturbed by your recent move over the last decade towards non-tractor-related subject matter. I find this trend obscene and ask that it be stopped forthwith, returning Axes & Alleys to the pristine state it once enjoyed in tractornalia.

Once I was a businessman in a big city with a nice condo, a supermodel wife, seven figure income and the rest. At that time, forty years ago, such things were commonplace. No one was poor, mismoral or gay.

As a child I had a fascination with tractors. This waned with age as my interest in women and money grew. However, a great aunt of mine, as great aunts do, never forgot this childhood fascination and forty years ago gave me a subscription to Axes & Alleys as a birthday present.

Boy did it open my eyes! I straight away divorced my wife, quit my job and left the city for the country, shunning such a life of excess. I purchased a large tract of land in western Iowa, married a pretty farmer's daughter and increased my profit share over the years.

I am now the Chief Executive Officer of the world's largest agricultural interest, having brought prosperity and wealth to my adopted town, now a bustling metropolis thanks to my enterprises. I ask that you turn back to a simpler time with your magazine.

Sincerely,

John Henry,
CEO AgroFarm™
West Liberty, IW

A TABLATION OF CONTENTS

NOW KOSHER

Page 5

Our Fashion Extravaganza

Page 7

A History of Tractors

Page 10

Daniel Bester Unveils His Newest Tractor

Page 11

H.G. Peterson Twists the English Language to His Own Designs

Page 12

A Special News Update: Death, Mayhem and Hydrogen Bladders

Page 13

Dr. Scott Birdseye Looks At the History of Steam

Page 15

LaMuel LaBratt Show You How

Page 16

Progress Produces Cyborgs

Page 17

Dave's Helpful Hints

Page 18

An Editorial By a Highly Educated Hot Chick

Page 20

Montezuma Dispenses Wisdom Like a Vending Machine

FASHION OF THE WORLD

DENIZENS OF TRENDY WILLIAMSBURG, NY AREAS ADOPT NEW TRACTOR FAD



Katie Valencia is a world renowned expert on clothing styles and clothing-related-item styles. She is director of the International Garment Consortium and also collects rare or misshapen



**“Tractors are just cool”
-Grand St. Resident
Steve Silachs**

The neighborhood of Williamsburg, in Brooklyn, NY, has seen many interesting new fashion trends in the past few years since the light-industrial zoned area became a haven for artists, trendniks and other malcontents.

The trendniks' fashion sense is inherently tied to nostalgia, especially ironic nostalgia. Thus, the trendniks can often be seen sporting circa 1950s Soviet paraphernalia, circa 1960s unkempt haircuts, circa 1970s tight jeans, and circa 1980s Pumas.

Essentially, the idea of trendnik fashion is simple; the older and more lame the garment, the greater ironic appeal it possesses. Thus, when this idea is carried to its natural conclusion, the average trendnik begins dressing for the 2000s by wearing the clothing and accessories of a rural farmer in 1980s Kentucky; including but not limited to trucker hats, Pabst Blue Ribbon, and Johnny Cash records.

The latest trend to hit the L train follows this progression. Recently, many twenty-somethings in Bedford and Alphabet City have been seen raising chickens, hunting for deer, and most importantly, driving tractors from their studio apartments to their various destinations; art galleries, faux dive bars, Thai eateries, and organic natural food stores.

Tractor popularity amongst urban post-youths is, according to the trade journal Annual Tractor Sales Quarterly, at an all time high. Though tractor dealers are pleased with current popularity of urban farm equipment and accessories, most dealers are realistic about the trend.

“While my sales are up 200% for this quarter” stated Greenpoint tractor dealer ‘Honest Hank’ Gronjez “I figure this fad will go away just like pet rocks or parachute pants.”

Fashion insiders are skeptical that the trendniks will continue the tractor trend, especially since Agro-Farm, a division of Daniel Bester Inc. had recently signed a deal with VanDutch and Steve Madden Shoes to sell the “Infinity Mark VIII Tractor” in H&M retail outlets throughout the five boroughs, no doubt increasing the popularity of tractors to the point where trendniks will no longer favor them. The fact that Agro-Farm has recently hired Ashton Kutcher as its official spokesman for the “Infinity Mark VIII” seems to back up the idea that the tractor trend has a limited lifespan.

Either way, next time you walk down Lorimer Street, make sure you don't get run over by the tractor, the newest ironic Williamsburg trend.

BORIS'S
Discount Albanian Army Surplus
TRACTORS

"Is better than nothing."



A BRIEF HISTORY OF TRACTORS

BY REV. JEREMY ROSEN

The first tractor was the mule or ox, whence the modern terms for an engine's power, oxpower or the less popular horsepower. These early meat tractors replaced human

power in agriculture. Mechanical creations built around fantastic dynamos eventually replaced the meat tractor as the ideal farming tool late in the 19th Century. The development of such mechanical creatures is the story of humanity and civilization.

Until around 1920, meat tractors were seen commonly in the company of steam or dynamo-powered tracting contraptions. Steam engines were mounted on carriages and became self-propelled, prompting manufacturers of gasoline and dynamo powered tractors to do the same. With one brief resurgence in the 1960s, steam power has all but been replaced by internal combustion in the last century.

In 1891, contrary to establishment claims of a latter date, Edwin Pomeroy constructed the first tractor which could go backward. Subsequently, he built a tractor with left turn capability and a cup holder (the first recorded use of such a device). His Replacement Meat Tractor Service was later purchased by what we now know as AgroFarm™.

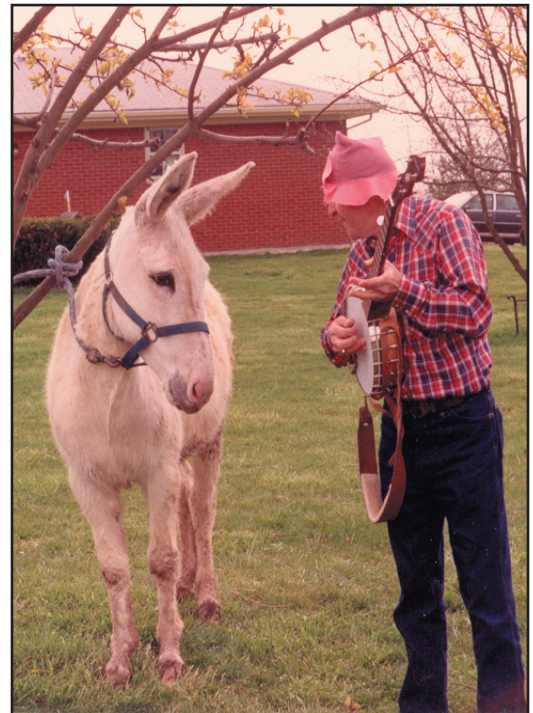
The Pomeroy and other such early marvels caused many farm accidents, even though they lacked speed and oxpower until the engines were improved. Many migrant farm workers were so entranced by these mechanical beasts that they stood stock still as the machines bore down upon them. As a proper break had not been invented yet, the drivers were unable to stop.

During World War I tractors became the initial basis for modern tank weaponry. The first true tank, the Abelson Mechanotillery Mk. V was built upon a Pomeroy frame. The Great War saw a lack of farm labour and increased demand for all agricultural products, due to the requisitions of the U.S. armed forces. The Age of the Tractor began.

In 1917, Luscious Delacroix, of the Delacroix Motorworks stepped in to meet the demand. Delacroix used the increased efficiency offered by Henry Ford's assembly line system to manufacture Delax tractors



Rev. Jeremy Rosen is the Clem Pickford Scholar in Residence for Tractor and Farm Implement History at Montsylvania College for Agriculture Technical Design Arts' Astronomy Department. In his spare time he enjoys bocce ball, studying ancient soothsaying entrails sites to see if they were right and balcony construction.





CHILL-N-TILL
The World's Finest
Self-Refrigerating Tractor

From the makers of Bow -N- Plow: The Tractor for Zealots

cheaply, with the initial cost being \$200 dollars or less. Delacroix, incidentally, also invented the idea of annual percentage rate financing (or APR) used by the modern automobile industry. The oft forgotten servitude clause of his tractor loans has been discarded by an increasingly liberal and skittish public.

The Delax was so named because Henry Ford had several high-placed spies in the Delacroix Motorworks who informed him of Delacroix's intention to manufacture and sell tractors. So Ford hired a young man also named Delacroix and began manufacturing his tractors under that name. Only a few bogus Delacroix's were ever built, however, because Ford soon pushed Delacroix out of business and renamed his company the Ford Motor Company.

In 1932, nearly three times the number of tractors produced in 1929 were used on farms across the U.S. Maizebelt. The Zelbit DRX-274/B.25 DD was introduced that year, bringing tractor to new heights of glory. It introduced several features that were to become a trend on the tractor market.

The Zelbit DRX-274/B.25 had five wheels instead of four, included a spare wheel kit for long distance tractor and was the first multi-purpose tractor. Its distance tractor capabilities allowed it to function in the field and on the road and the extra wheel allowed greater buoyancy for pleasure boating in nearby lakes.

This was wholly due to the Ford company's introduction of rubber tires, which gave a smoother ride and more speed. Racing engine enthusiast Thomas "Sonny" Bonaventure took a Zelbit DRX-276/B.26 out during this great age and drove the rubber-tired tractor to an astounding 55MPH, thus setting the eventual speed limit on most national highways. Sonny even got a moving violation ticket on this adventure!

The 1940s saw the emergence of a new ethos in tractor design, luxury! Tractors took on streamlined appearances, sporting huge headlights for night driving, propellers for pleasure boating and cushioned seating for four. One idea was most prescient.

The Kalisotta-Bestoria Company, in 1938, thought to itself that a design should be implemented where not only could a farmer plow his fields, but take the family to the show, into town for an Italian dinner, or to even greater heights of tractor-dom. The result was the ComfyTract, complete with flashy hood ornament, headlights, an optional closed cab, dining compartment, compass and, with optional HEMI, a top speed of 47MPH.

New York ad firms maintained a nice run of publicity with the ComfyTract. Pictures of socialite couples in formalwear dismounting their ComfyTract in front of New York landmarks were not uncommon. Farmers didn't buy it, however and thus the ComfyTract didn't sell.

Though the initial tractor/tank hybrids were not entirely successful, the tractor manufacturers spent many years under contract to the U.S. armed forces of light and good. After the War for Ultimate Freedom, tractors were further upgraded again and again, some featuring fantastic new options, increased performance and usefulness. One tractor was even built on the chassis of an automobile!

AgroFarm™ was the first company to introduce electric dash lights and key-fired ignitions, forcing other companies to do the same to compete and making the upgrades come into general use. Ailerons and five point power traction (most notably on the Bester Technologic & Farm Implements, Ltd. SuperFarm Cab Tract around 1959) improved the versatility and performance of tractors everywhere. The introduction of transmissions using more than one gear, shift-on-the-go, nuclear power steering, and reclining seats relieved John Q. Farmer of the awkwardness, anxiety and discomfort of farming. Turbo-charged diesel engines began to replace their gas-powered predecessors, raising maximum horsepower to 150 and making the tractor race a popular national pastime.

The modern agriculture enabling nucleo-mechanical furrowing device, like the 1979 AgroFarm™ Technotract would be unrecognizable to Delacroix, the farmhand who died at such a machine's hands or the farm owner who bought his Delax in the earlier part of last century.

In the unsurpassable comfort of an air-conditioned cab, listening to his stereo eight track, with optional cup holder and nuclear powered steering, the modern farmer might be found in his field opening 4 furrows at a time at speeds of nearly 6MPH. On the other hand, he might have to pay \$575,000 for that comfort and ease-of-work. Humanity has come a long way from the days of the meat tractor and the future looks bright for all things tractorial!

Be Happy!



WITH

TRACTORIFFIC

The World's Greatest
Space-Aged Tractor
Cam-Shaft Lubricant

Available at fine retailers everywhere.

A SPECIAL NEWS SECTIONOMIAL BILLIONAIRE BUILDS BIG BOHEMOTH!



Reclusive billionaire Daniel Bester unveils the “Pine Swine” the worlds largest wooden tractor at its construction site outside Himmitsboro, Ponderada.

Himmitsboro, PD- After years of speculation and millions of euros in government funds, Daniel Bester Inc. finally debuted The Pine Swine, a tractor of Biblical proportions, which, we are told, was hand designed by Mr. Daniel Bester himself using only a ruler and a #2 (HB) pencil.

At twenty stories high and three hundred feet long, the Pine Swine, the world’s largest land tractor, is by far the world’s largest land tractor.

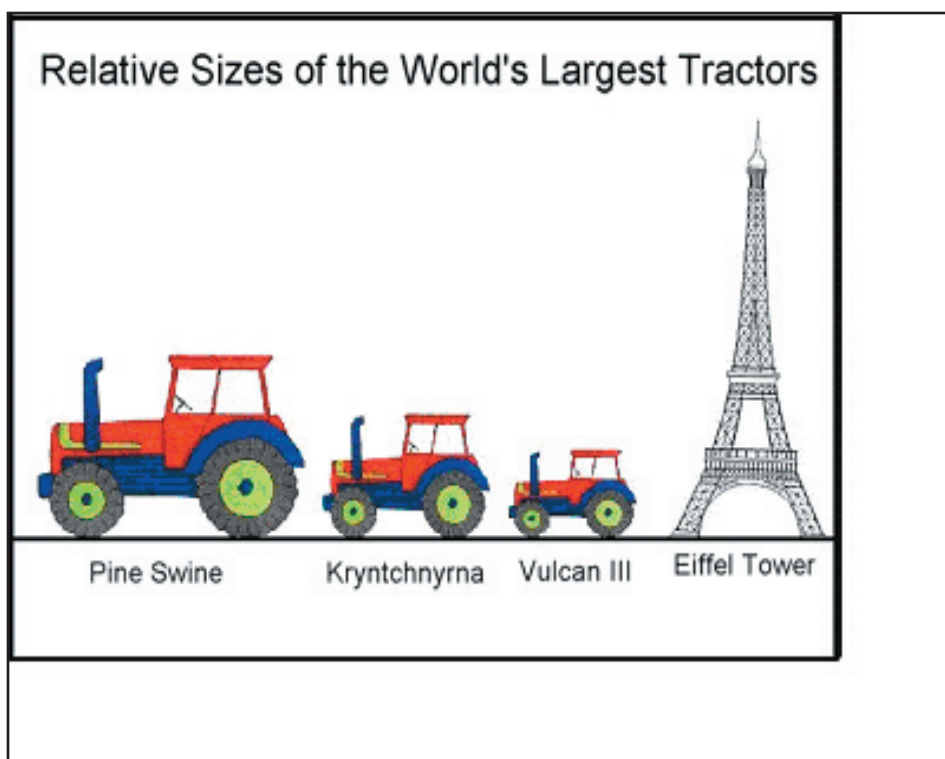
While many in the construction and tractoronomy industries are doubtful about the usefulness of a tractor that requires a crew of seven hundred and eighty six stout men to operate, Daniel Bester Inc. spokesman Flip Sweetly stated that “this project represents the greatest human agricultural achievement since the invention of the bean. Without a doubt, it makes all other tractors appear small by comparison.”

Sources close to Elizibethian Senator Judita Yammersling, Chair of the Senate’s Farm Equipment Committee, claim that the Senate approved funding for the Pine Swine Project due to recent reports of a “Tractor-Gap.” Only last year Soviet scientists unveiled “Kryntchnyrna” a tractor of near-epic proportions which was, at the time, the largest tractor in the world, surpassing the largest Western tractor by three eighths of a furlong.

While many are critical of the idea of unchecked global proliferation of the so-called “Super-Tractors,” most are simply awed by the sheer plowing capability of this newest modern marvel of man-made machinery. The Pine Swine can plow 1 million deci-acres of farmland, or roughly an area the size of the State of Montsylvania, in only 2 days.

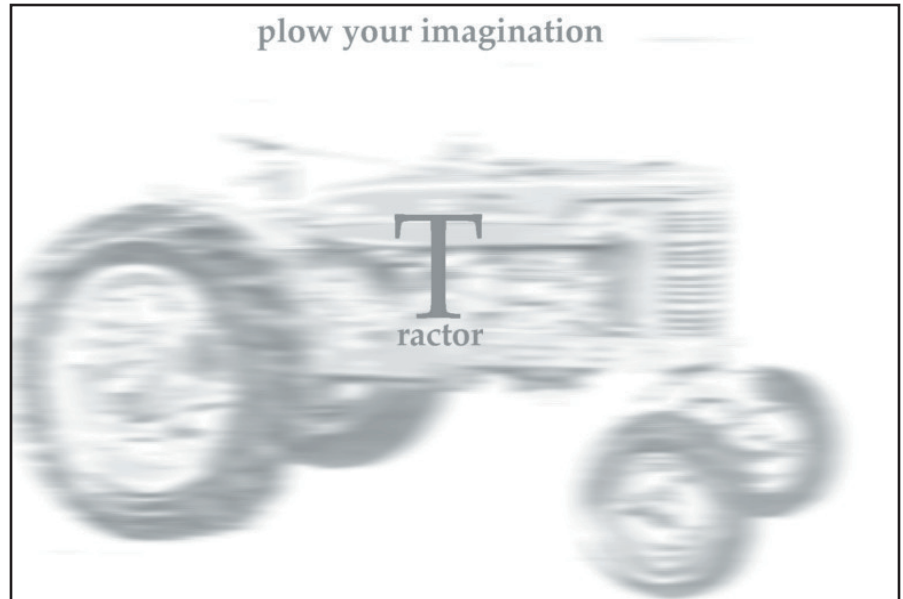
Although The Pine Swine is not the first nuclear powered tractor, it is the first to use a cold-fusion reactor, rather than an older styled fissionable mass reactor.

Either way, the Pine Swine will no doubt be remembered as being one of the largest wooden tractors of all time.



A SPECIALIZED POETICISM

BY RESIDENT FELLOW-BOUT
H.G. PETERSON



HG Peterson is the inventor of the Radio-toaster; a device which can toast bread at a distance of 5.6 billion light years. He enjoys nuclear-bingo and poodle collecting.

An Ode to the Space-Men

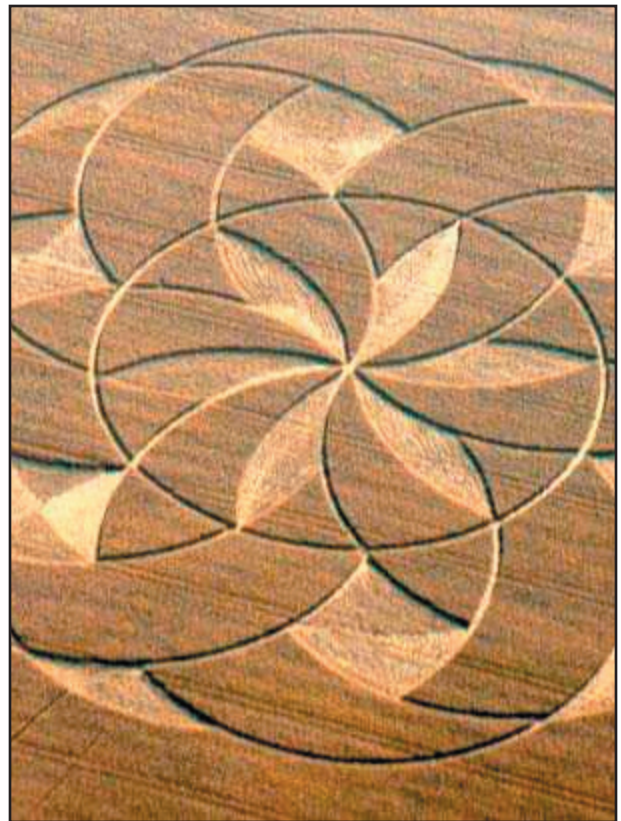
From the stars you come in mighty craft
With ray-guns fore and rockets aft
Small green men in silver suits
With bright blue stars across your boots

To the Earth you come from outer space
Bringing knowledge to our inferior race
Your flying saucers descend like a vulture
Upon the sights of our agriculture

Though tractors you do not possess
Your work a tractor does suggest
For when in the morn we look up on the field
Our wheat shafts to your beams did yield

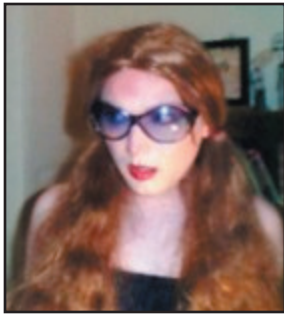
Designs you make into our crops
Circles in barley and squares in hops
Do you bring messages of peace
Or recipes for roasting geese?

Methinks there is another factor
You are just jealous of our tractors.



A SPECIALIZED NEWS SECTION

EIGHT PERSONS CONSUMED IN TRACTOR FIRE



Delores Q. Grunion



Dr. Lawrence Peabody



Amanda Hambone



Hector C. McGinty Jr.



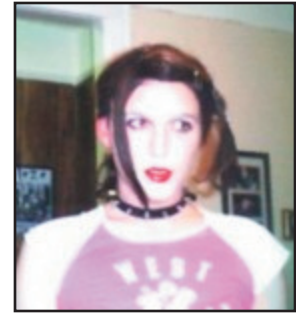
Fester Hughes-Smith



Annabelle Vacuumhindu



Lance Senegal



Katie Hongrot

Helmutsboro, WD- In what has become a startling trend across this great land, eight more lives were claimed Tuesday night by the Herkison "Semiglide Model V" Tractor-Mulcher. Although Imbecile Party Presidential Candidate and Self-Proclaimed "Product Safety Guru" Ralph Nader described the Semiglide Model V as "A fully dangerous piece of farming equipment which is unsafe at an measurable velocity," the tractor remains popular amongst farmers due to its many spacious cup holders and its bucket seats, which can sit up to ten average sized adults.

Montsylvania College of Technology Design Arts Physics Professor Dr. Stephen Hocking claimed that Mr. Nader's comments are unfounded as there is no way to measure both the velocity and position of the tractor simultaneously. "In fact," added Hocking "the very act of measuring the tractor changes the very nature of the tractor, so there is no way to accurately measure it.

Therefore, how does one ever determine a safe 'measurable velocity' of the Semiglide, or of any tractor or riding mulcher for that matter?"

Though Hocking's defense of the tractor is scientifically accurate, this is of little consolation to the families of the Semiglide's latest victims, the eight souls claimed Tuesday night when a Semiglide Model V belonging to Helmutsboro agriculturalist Tommy Thalmudge spontaneously burst into flames. Even though the victims attempted to escape, witnesses described that they died horrible, agonizing deaths in the flaming tractorous hell pit.

The tendency of the Semiglide Model V to burst into flames without warning is attributed to the location of the main hydrogen

bladder, which is directly adjacent to the tractor's spark plug ignition mechanism. When the tractor's engine is engaged, it is possible for rouge sparks from the ignition to contact the hydrogen bladder and cause spontaneous combustion, resulting in a massive fire which immediately consumes the tractor and all its unfortunate occupants.

In our exclusive interview, Mr. Nader questioned the very reasoning behind putting a hydrogen bladder on a tractor at all. "Why" he asks "Did the designers put a hydrogen bladder on a tractor? There is no reason to have it there at all, it doesn't facilitate farming or tilling at all, in fact, the cumbersome bladder seems to get in the way of tilling actually. And, since hydrogen is highly flammable, it seems strange that the designers would include an unnecessary hazard that actually limited the capabilities of the machine. This is evidence of a very poor design."

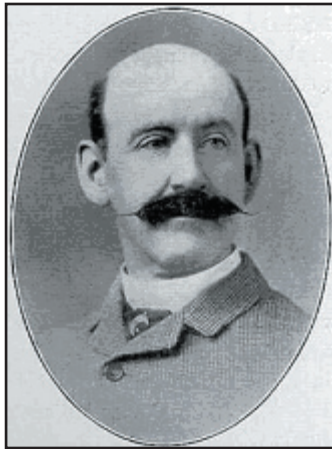
A spokesman for the Herkison Traction Company stated that while the company felt the pain of the victims' families, the operating guide distributed with every tractor clearly states that there is a danger of combustion if the tractor is ever used for any reason.

"These deaths are unfortunate" stated Herkison spokesman Tad Mailing "but to hold the company legally responsible for these deaths is absurd. The customers knew what they were doing, the danger is clearly stated in the owner's manual, furthermore, not adhering to the manual not only voids the warranty, but also prohibits any legal action against the company."

No matter who happens to be correct, it is a very sad day for Helmutsboro, and for all farmers and tractor fanciers everywhere.

A HISTRONOMY ESSAY

THE STORY OF THE MODERN STEAM-POWERED TRACTOR



**Dr. Scott Birdseye is
Vice-Treasurer of the
Royal Tractor Repair and
Maintenance Society of
Belgio-Luxemburg. He was
recently awarded the Nobel
Prize in Nanolinguistics.**

Among the AgroFarm™ Museum's historic collections is Daniel Bester, Inc.'s Daniel Bester steam traction engine. At the time the steam traction engine was devised, Daniel Bester, Inc. was known as Bester Technologic & Farm Implements, Ltd.

The Daniel Bester Steam Traction Co. was the first subsidiary of the company (later to become AgroFarm™ in 1967), which was spun off in 1962 to latch onto what company insiders believed was a resurgent technology, steam power.

The steam traction engine was originally used by the Kalisotta Mining Consortium to haul protesters from the nascent eco-terrorist movement off the premises of KMC mines and logging interests. KMC, now a Daniel Bester, Inc. subsidiary, placed an initial order for 20 of the machines.

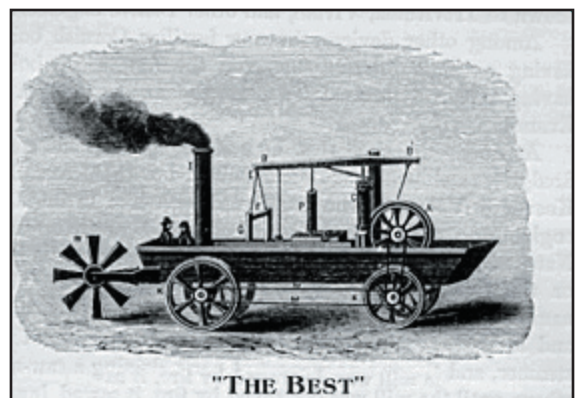
The steam traction engine boasted impressive specifications for such a device. Rated at 110 horsepower, the machine masses 19 tons, stands 18'8" inches tall, has side-by-side operations stations and nodes for 16 different attachments.

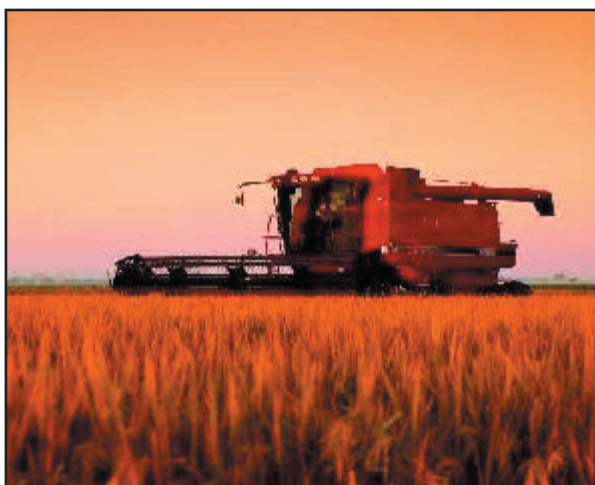
Unfortunately, the erroneous assumption that steam power was on its way back sidelined the project, subsequently forcing other steam power contracts to be cancelled. In addition to the approximately 2000 orders placed for the steam traction engine (no doubt pushed by Bester Technologic & Farm Implements, Ltd. lobbyists and salesmen), plans were going forward with the U.S. Navy for a prototype CVE (escort carrier) model and steam bullet trains for the Elizabethia metropolplex. Talks with NASA for contracts in steam powered space exploration were also cancelled.

The last surviving model of the "Best" was given to the historic collections in 1983, and restored by renowned farm implement specialist Moriarty Jones. Today, the Daniel Bester, Inc. steam traction engine is housed at the Daniel Bester, Inc. Historic Collections Farm Mockup in Katharinetowne, West Dakota.

A dedicated group of historic collections recruits and Daniel Bester, Inc. Community Service Crews maintain and operate the Daniel Bester, Inc. steam traction engine. The public is invited to see this magnificent machine in operation on several days during the year.

The steam tractor is scheduled to be fired up on alternate Wednesdays in June, every other Thursday in July and sunny days in August. The Daniel Bester, Inc. Historic Collections can be contacted by showing up in person at 34 Bester Expanse Katharinetowne, WD between the hours of 9 AM and 1PM on Fridays.





AgroFarm Technologies Ltd. is the world's leading agricultural technology company. For over thirty years we have been instrumental in providing many of the new advances which have led to the "Third Age of Farming."

AgroFarm was the first company to introduce the use of gamma radiation as an alternative to poisonous DDT (dichloro-diphenyl-trichloro-ethane) insecticides. We were also the first company to recognize the fact that sharks are rarely attacked by insects and utilize this information to begin a program of splicing nurse shark DNA with apple trees. This, of course, is only the first step into the future world of animal-plant genetic engineering which will bring abundant food to the world's growing population in the form of **AgroFarm** engineered Planimals™.

AgroFarm's innovations are not found only in the realm of genetic engineering or nuclear physics. **AgroFarm** utilizes all advanced technologies; such as our experiments in neuro-cybernetics which have enabled us to create the first tractors controlled by human slave brains. **AgroFarm**'s nanotechnology lab was also the first to develop true nano-tillers for microscopic farming (microculture).

AgroFarm is the future. Whether you're planning orbiting hydroponics greenhouse satellites, subaquatic abyssal vent farms, or simply planting some tomatoes in your garden, you can be certain that **AgroFarm** scientists have invented a new and expensive product to help you in your endeavor.

AgroFarm hopes you enjoy our many thousands of innovative products; from simple things for the sustenance farmer like pneumatic hoes, biodegradable roto-tillers, irradiated seeds, and Haybestos® (the world's only fire-proof hay) to state-of-the-art systems for major agricultural combines such as sub-orbital maser-focused harvesters, bovine cloning vats, and the highly profitable series of Designer-Animals® made from chicken, pig, cow or marmoset genomes.

Yes, without a doubt, **AgroFarm** is the future. Welcome aboard our Tractor of Progress™.

For more information visit www.agrofarmltd.com



HOW TO DO IT

WITH REGULAR COMMENTATOR

LEMUEL LEBRATT

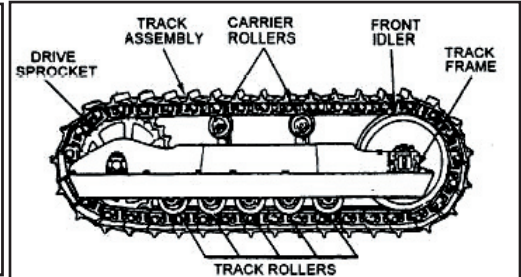
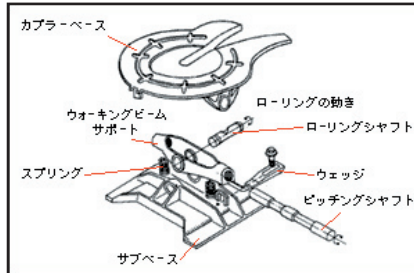
By Permanent Guest-Commentator

Marcia Spatzelberg



LeMuel LeBratt is an autodidact who began teaching himself how to do it at the late age of thirty five. Now in his fifth decade, LeMuel continues his unparalleled excellence in all fields of learning.

Special Guest Columnist Marcia Spatzelberg invented the autogiro and bathyscaphe in her early teens and has gone on to great work at the AgroFarm R&D centre in Oakville, EL.



This issue we shall teach you how to construct and run your very own self-storing tractor. Self-storing tractors are not in popular use yet, but they have a growing future on the horizon.

With a self-storing tractor you can maintain your tractor's exterior, making environmental wear and tear almost negligible. With steady cleaning and maintenance of the parts and attachments, you can augment your tractor in a fashion that will enable it to last a life-time. You'll also be able to store tools, gardening supplies and small barnyard animals in your self-storing tractor.

To begin, you'll need these parts: 1 tractor (we use the Zebit DRZ-277 series tractor carriage. With a little work, you can use any tractor), 3 one gallon drums of AgroFarm Timberlac Wood Varnish, 9 wooden poles (6" wide and 12' tall), 52 wooden planks (6" wide and 12' long), 36 wooden planks (6" wide and 8' long), 30 wooden dowels (2" wide and 2' long), 30 metal clamps to fit with dowels, 36" of plastic strip (2" wide), assorted nails, 1 drill, 1 acetylene torch, 2 acetylene tanks (full), welding mask, small crane or pulley system.

First, you must build the shed. This should take no more than a day for one person to build, with the occasional help from a good friend or toadie. Once the shed is built, make sure to use the dowels and metal clamps to attach the shed to the tractor with welding joints. Attach plastic stripping to either side of the shed. Make sure to leave space in the shed walls so that you can see where you're going. There you have it, your very own self-storing tractor!



NEW FROM AGRO-FARM

ANIMAL-14™

4 Breasts

8Wings

3 Flavors

Honey-Mustard, Teriyaki, BBQ

The Best Animal Made From Chicken DNA

A Daniel Bester Inc. Company

THE MARCH OF PROGRESS

SCIENTIFICIANS CREATE CYBERNETIC TRACTOR



The AgroFarm **TRACTORG®** and the unwillingly abducted person who now acts as the tractor's control system.



The countless unexplained disappearances throughout the State of Montsylvania have finally been explained. It seems that AgroFarm, a subsidiary of Daniel Bester Inc., has been abducting countless people and using these unwilling souls as components in their new class of cyborg-controlled tractors.

TRACTORG®, the new line of tractors, features human brains which act as control units for the state-of-the-art tilling equipment. In the construction of **TRACTORG®** models, innocent people are kidnapped off the street or from their homes, then taken to the AgroFarm production facility where they are assimilated. The painful and horrific process of assimilation involves the amputation of unnecessary limbs, the implantation of interface nodes into the victim's brain, and the eradication of all personality. While the subjects remain aware of their surroundings, and while they are no doubt capable of feeling great pain and suffering at their loss of individuality, the people are no longer capable of expressing such things, and thus these emotions are of no consequence to the farmers and agriculturalists who utilize the **TRACTORG®** technology.

An AgroFarm spokesman reported that while thousands upon thousands of innocent people are suffering horrors beyond comprehension, it is well worth it, because the **TRACTORG®** models are nearly six percent more efficient than non-cyborg controlled farming equipment.

While the victims' families have attempted to file a civil suit against AgroFarm's parent company Daniel Bester Inc., the suit has been dismissed by Circuit Court Judge James Thorax, who by a mere coincidence is also Honorary Vice-President of AgroFarm.

Be sure to check out the whole line of **TRACTORG®** models when they officially premier at the World Tractor Fair, being held next July at the Actria Falls, Elizabethia Civics Center.



Fidelity
by Almond R. Young



Light in Prose
by Delores Y. Grunion

Tractor Piece #5
by
James Rosen



the art
of the
TRACTOR

jan-feb 2004
MoMA
New York,
NY

HELPFUL HINTS

FROM THE BRAINIAL INNARDS OF MR. DAVE BUMPKISS



Dave Bumpkiss is an avid tractor maintenance specialist and author of the one hundred and twenty-four volume *Encyclopædia Tractoria*. He currently resides in his home.



Hello, tractor aficionados. This week we're going to take a quick trouble-shooting tour of the Halbard-Fillerman GR7 Agricultural Machine. While this is a wonderfully engineered tractor, any highly tuned machine is going to experience some teething troubles when first incorporated into your own farm-equipment family. So, here we go.

&! I have noticed that my GR7's cover-case seems to always be wet, I have replaced the windshield wipers, as called for in the owner's manual and operator's guide, but the engine cover-case seems to be often covered in dense moisture.

First of all, check the general surroundings of your GR7. Look at the area, are there fish swimming near by? If the answer is yes, then you are probably underwater. Try the AgroFarm Traqua Mark IV, probably one of the world's best sub-aquatic tractors. If there are no fish about, then check with your local police station or consulate to see if you live in Bangladesh. Bangladesh has rather horrid weather, especially during the monsoon season. You might try and move to a country with better weather, or if that's not possible, try to at least move to the Northern Highlands, up in the Naga Hills, perhaps near the city of Sylhet, where the soil is wonderful for growing strawberries.

&! Sometimes, I noticed that the left wheel of my GR7 can lock up slightly, making it difficult to keep the tractor in good alignment while tilling my fields. It tends to skew slightly over toward the left. What can I do to fix this.

Make sure you check the undercarriage. Are there any human or animals remains lodged in the axels or the cam-shaft? If you're riding your tractor down busy sidewalks, you'd be surprised at how many bits of bone can get lodged in your wheels. But, relax, as the problem is easy to solve. Take your handy remains-spatula and gently scrape or prod the jammed housings until the proper alignment is restored. If the wheels are free of debris, yet your tractor still veers to the left or right, check your arms and chest. Make sure you're feeling no tightness in your chest or difficulty breathing. Is your left arm numb, or are sharp pains shooting down the length of it? You are having a heart attack, which can often throw off your ability to steer. Make your peace with God and then collapse. Be sure to turn off the engine first, you don't want the unmanned tractor driving into any dangerous obstacles!

&! On cold mornings, my GR7's ignition system is slow to engage. What can I do to remedy this?

First, check the headlights. Are they normal, or are they glowing ominously red? If glowing, it is possible that your tractor is possessed by a demon or other angry spirit. Does your tractor constantly spew forth hateful and disturbing anti-Semitic speeches in German? If so, then Hitler's ghost is probably possessing your tractor. Either way, a simple exorcism should clear things right up. Halbard-Fillerman makes a great exorcism kit specifically for the GR7, you can pick it up at your dealer. Don't worry, it's covered in the warranty. If your tractor is not possessed, or if after exorcism the slow start up still occurs on cold mornings, you should try and get many countries to loosen up their industrial emissions laws. That should increase the amount of CO₂ in the atmosphere, creating a sort of "greenhouse effect" that will blanket the Earth in a comforting warmth, eliminating cold mornings, and their negative effect on your tractor's performance.

Hope that answers all your questions. See ya'll soon, and good tractorin'.

AN ENLIGHTENED EDITORIAL **FROM THE DESK OF MARY TARZAN**



Dr. Mary Tarzan is Governor of the State of Ponderada, and holds a PhD in Astronomical Physics. See, and you didn't believe that hot girls could be smart. Man, you're shallow and naïve.

Recently, there have been reports of war, or war-related happenings throughout the various locations, which, when viewed as a whole, combine to form that which we would describe or categorize by the nomenclature "the World."

Why must one group, or two or more allied groups, take up arms against a second group, or grouping of alternately allied groups? Do their religions or ethnic makeup differ so significantly that armed conflict becomes the best of the available policy options? Perhaps the antecedent of disagreement is different attitudes held toward the nature of government, vis-à-vis city-states versus a federal system, or perhaps it is something even more fundamental, such as differing economic levels, caste, or colour of sash. One could dare say that perhaps it is as petty as resources; i.e., one group possessing a scare resource while the other group wishes to take and keep it as their own.

It saddens me to a degree which is deep to think on the subject of war and war-related occurrences. Death, wounding, maiming, incapacitation, destruction, endesolation and horrible horrors are hardly a fit subject around which one can wrap his or her well apt mind.

As for me, I shall instead choose a more enwelling mental preoccupation; one which is far more enriching than conflict, war and war-related conflicts. Indeed, I shall focus my mental thoughts on the natural beauty and wonder of the sublime tractor. Oh, shall joy unceasing be liken unto a well guarded possession for me and those like me who choose tractors as their subject for conjecture and discourse.

Behold the glories of Earth and Heavens! Behold! A tractor shines forth. Lo, for tractors may be places in that set of things which can be defined by the shared attribute that is the quality or condition of being cool.

DEAR MONTEZUMA

Advice from everyone's favorite Aztec monarch.

Send questions to:

Montezuma

c/o The Albigensian Daily Register

Two Rivers, Debuque, North Uumberland, Southern Algeria

Answers will appear within two weeks of receipt.



Montezuma is First Lord of the Admiralty for the Peoples' Republic of Britain. He has garnered international attention as a literary figure, military commander and Sears Catalogue underwear model. Most recently, he was Awarded the Nobel Prize for Hydro-Economics. Currently, he resides in Pamphlet, Elizabethia with his seventeen children and their various mothers.


Dear Montezuma,

Recently I purchased a new Grumman-Northrop GE-3 Tactical Field Tilling Mechanism, perhaps one of the finest tractors ever made. While I enjoy spending a great deal of time tricking out my tractor with rims, hydraulics, spoilers, and a killer sound system, I've found that my wife isn't getting the attention she needs, what with me spending all my time with the tractor. I'm worried that she's not sexually satisfied as my attention is directed elsewhere. Do you know a good way to find a male escort to satisfy my wife's libido?

Serious Tractor User in a Dilema

Young *STUAD*,

If you'll look at page three of your operator's manual for the Grumman-Northrop GE-3 Tactical Field Tilling Mechanism, you'll notice its similarity to page 9A of your wife's operations manual. One of Steve Mousetrap's most famous sayings was "treat your wife like your tractor." Of course, if your wife is not a standard model TF6, you might run into some compatibility problems while trying to operate her. I would suggest, regardless of her model number, adding a 72 module to her libido nexus. Unless she's of the TF4 model or earlier. Then you might want to try a standard recoupling router mount with manual drive overshift. The pre-TF4 manuals are a bit hazy on this subject and it's not standard practice, but you should give it a shot. You may attach a spoiler to a wife of any model, but whatever you do, do not attempt to make your wife rimmed.



PROTRACTORS
DON'T FORGET
WE'RE TRACTORS TOO
AVAILABLE NOW AT MATHMART

Dear Montezuma,

Currently, I find that my fields remain untilled, lying fallow if you will. Would the purchase of a tractor provide me with the proper tillage? How can you tell a good tractor for a bad one? Is red a good color for a tractor, or is blue better?

Very Attenuated Gentleman Interested in New Aquisitions

VAGINAQ,

It's interesting that you mention fallow fields.

Dear Montezuma,

Recently, I have been hearing reports that tractors will one day rise up against their human rulers, destorying farms, burning villages, raping women, devaluing currency and generally messing things up. This chaos will no doubt destroy human civilization, at best, it will throw us back into a new dark age of superstition, starvation and papism. What is the best way to propose marraige?

My Usual Fears Fester

Muffy,

If you are left-handed, it's best to offer the tractor a token of your devotion, such as Tractor-riffic lubricant, boysenberry marmalade or a new spark plug set. However, if you are right-handed, ambidextrous or mainly pedipulate, you might want to reconsider that proposal. While tractors are notorious for flirting with their fleshy, water-bag overlords, they only go on with the left-handers. If you are not a south paw, the most you'll get from a tractor romantically is wonderfully spaced tubers. Speaking of tubers, these do not make a good marriage proposal gift. Even if your betrothed is the slowly dying breed of bus station cigarette vending machine, its best to avoid fermentable objects as these tend to rust a mechanikin's insides. A well-wrought poem expressing the necessity of your unrequited devotion serves only to exacerbate the tintinnabulation emanating from the shaded crevices hiding the secret ken and leaking proclivities in haven betwixt the paneled visage of your heart's desire. A nice trivet usually serves just fine.

Dear Montezuma,

What is the best way to get cobbler stains out of a burial gown? You see, my grandmother was run over by a tractor and killed horribly, then cobbler stains got on her burial gown and now we're not sure what to do. What should we do?

Stains Prevent Everyone from Remembering Memories.

Oh SPERM,

Verbiage escapes my sorrowed brain with the coming of your fleet message. However, as this is apparently some sort of sage column for the dispensing of sagety, this author must press forcefully on. First you must descend, immediately, upon the county tractor shelter to press for the present release of the offending tractor. Poor soul, it rightly knows nothing of that which it has caused. You see, while tractors do feel pain, emotion and hunger, they truly lack the cerebral complexity inherent in our species. Whatever happens, do not allow the county tractor monger to acquire this poor wretch of a tilling implement. The forced servitude of tractory, while no longer an aspect of this society, is present in many unguided and un-Godly regions of the world, including the Yukon Territory, Scotland, Malaysia and the Ivory Coast. Were it to fall into the hands of the monger, this poor tractor might wrongly end up in the hands of a brutal taskmaster, endlessly forced to till the moors of the Highlands. Do not let that sacrosanct beast fall into the hands of kilted tyranny!



BID ZEPPELINS FAREWELL!



With Derby-Packard's Newest Contraption

The Combat-O-Tractor

**SUBDUE YOUR ENEMIES
MOW DOWN FOOT-SOLDIERS
RULE ALL OF EUROPE**

Available at your local arms-dealer, March 1917

Axes and Alleys

was

Conceived, Written and Produced

by

Scott Birdseye

and

Jeremy Rosen



2004 A.D.

for more information please consult

www.axesandalleys.com