

# *Antique Power Show showcases WWII motorcycles among other items*

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**It all started in Minnesota** and somehow ended up in Wallsburg.

Dick Erickson has been collecting antiques and has been putting them on display on and off again for the past 10 years.

"There's a ton of stuff," Erickson said.

The R. W. Erickson Foundation will put on its annual Antique Power Show on the Erickson's farm and it's open to the public. The farm is located southeast of Heber City.

Erickson said his favorite part of putting on the show was his steam tractors and motorcycles.

"I have three military motorcycles from World War II. My oldest motorcycle is 1911. That's an Excelsior Motorcycle. I also have a 1912 Harley," he said. "My favorite is my 1955. It's been to Minnesota and back a couple of times."

Erickson said he grew up in Minnesota and gets most of the old machinery from the Midwest area.

"I would say it started back in Minnesota," said Lain Sidwell, a long-time friend of the Erickson family. "It's farm country, and he grew up around it. It's passed on from generation to generation. At least, that's how it's suppose to be."

Sidwell said the Antique Power Show is important for the younger generation to get a change to learn how it was "back in the day".

"Kids don't get that chance anymore," he said.

"Unfortunately, that's the way it is; time marches on."

Reid Saxey, Erickson's neighbor, said he has been going since the beginning and can't believe all of the things that Erickson has collected over the years.

"It's a beautiful setting," Saxey said. "Kids need to find out what the world really used to be like instead of what they think it is today. It's a very educational experience."

Sidwell, who has been helping Erickson get ready for the big day, said when they get finished the mill will be on the farm permanently for generations to come.

"That thing is meant to cut logs. Some of the wood chips are as big as your thumb," he said.

Sidwell said that he has known Erickson for close to 35 years and has learned much from him.

"We've been best friends forever, and there isn't a day that goes by that I don't learn a ton of new stuff," he said.

The show will include live music, a tractor pull and a swap meet. People are encouraged to bring their own antiques to display or sell.

Some of Erickson's items come from as far as Africa. "I have a few things from overseas," Erickson said. "Things as far away as Sweden and Denmark. I have things from all over."

He said people come to visit from as far away as his home state of Minnesota.

This year Erickson expects the show to bring in more than 1,000 people, making it the biggest show so far.

"Most people enjoy it and can't wait to come again," Erickson said.

