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Foreign tractors will be featured during the Antique Farm Equipment Display at this year's Willamette Valley Ag Expo..



Antique equipment fills one of the large display buildings during last year's Expo.

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Though he said he likes all kinds of antique tractors — and owns about 34 — he admits he is “kind of passionate” about foreign tractors.

He said he owns seven British tractors, five Italian tractors, one German tractor “and a whole bunch of American tractors like Oliver, Allis Chalmers, Massey Harris, Massey Ferguson, International Harvester,” he said.

But he has no John Deere machines.

“There’s plenty of them around and I wanted something someone else didn’t have,” he said.

He owns three Lamborghini tractors and said the other hyper-fast and hyper-expensive Italian sports car manufacturer, Ferrari, also made tractors at one point. He will take a Lamborghini R704 to the Expo, along with a 1961 McCormick International that was built in England, a 1972 British Leyland and 1961 Oliver.

Some of the other vintage foreign tractors Lang owns — and may bring to the Expo — include a 1961 Ford 600, a 1933 McCormick Deering crawler, a 1960 British David Brown 1200 and a 1954 Allis Chalmers.

“The foreign tractors really pique the interest of the folks who attend the Expo each year,” Lang said. “They see John Deere and other tractors every day, but they sure don’t see a Lamborghini every day.”

About 60 tractors and other antique farm equipment were on display at the Expo last year, Lang said.

Lang has lived on his grass seed farm for 40 years. He said his grandfather was a blacksmith, which is where he got his ability to work with metal in restoring all the old foreign tractors he has collected over the years.

The Antique Farm Equipment Display will be held at the Willamette Valley Ag Expo on Nov. 15-17 in the Cascade Livestock Pavilion on the grounds of the Linn County Fair & Expo Center in Albany, Ore.



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