

TWO WHEEL TRACTOR NEWSLETTER – LATE JULY 2011.

This is a short newsletter to let you know that the two wheel tractor seed drill was on national TV in Australia last Wednesday night 20th July.

Have a look at the links below. Some of you with slow connections may have difficulty with some of the links.

Here is the link.

<http://www.abc.net.au/tv/newinventors/txt/s3273783.htm>

This gives a 2+ minute summary of the invention.

If you want to see the whole program (which goes for 30 minutes) the links are:

<http://www.abc.net.au/iview/#/view/802488>

or you can download the full show at:

<http://www.abc.net.au/tv/newinventors/video/video.htm>. Episode 24.

However the whole show is 100 MB, which can take some time depending on your download speed.

Another print article appeared in ‘Land’ newspaper the next day- Thursday 21st. This can be seen at: <http://theland.farmonline.com.au/news/state/machinery-and-equipment/general/twowheeled-charge/2232921.aspx>

I have had some positive feedback from some agricultural colleagues, but nothing yet from other sources. We live in hope.

The next step is to demonstrate to the delegates at WCCA5 – especially those from nations where there are significant numbers of two wheel tractors – and show them the merits of this technology.

We have now progressed to the hard part of the research and development project – marketing of the seed drill. I know that it works, and there is a Chinese manufacturer who can sell to the farmers at an affordable price. All reasonable means possible must now be used to let the two wheel tractor owners of the world know that such a seed drill exists. For this exercise I may ask for advice from members of this forum, and if you have any ideas, let me know.

Jack Desbiolles has sent me the link to another video regarding the AFDI/CEMAGREF angled single disc seed drill. They are now fitting it to a four-wheel tractor.

See:

http://www.agriculture-de-conservation.com/Semoir-monograine-type-AFDI.html?id_mot=7

Note that all of the text is in French. If you would like to translate, go to ‘Google translate’ and paste the link in there, and it will translate into your language. There is also a Youtube video embedded in the link.

I think that we can do more on this single disc principle to adapt to a two wheel tractor seed drill, to sow say two rows of crop into heavy residues, cover crops, mulch crops and the like.

National Agro. of Ludhiana, India, now have a Youtube video of their four-row seed drill for two-wheel tractor. Have a look at:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H6g1v8ojBF4>

This unit was described in the last newsletter, and details are available at the National Agro website. The seed drill has promise. However it is unfortunate that they are using in a traditional rotary tillage situation.

In another development with the National Agro seed drill, Jack Desbiolles is hoping to import a unit, and have it on display at WCCA5. However much depends on the time taken for the seed drill to come from India to Australia.

I am looking forward to meeting many of you at WCCA5. I think there has been discussion regarding a formal session at WCCA5 devoted to the various aspects of conservation farming using two wheel tractors. If this comes about, it will be an excellent opportunity to swap stories and have a good chat about all things 2WT.

For those of you who are attending, introduce yourself at the mid week field day, and you can have a free 2WT cap. See picture below.



I am still occupied at the challenge of a good seating system for 2WT zero tillage seed drills. More in further issues.