



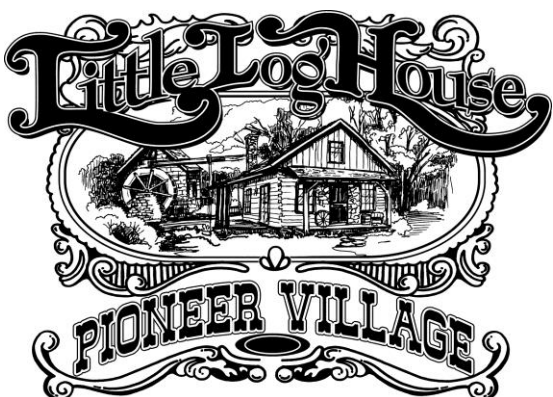
40th Anniversary Speakers Carriage Maintenance Thomas C. Olthafer

Tom grew up on a farm in southwest Wisconsin where he spent his early years playing in the farm shop tearing stuff apart. With a keen interest for anything mechanical, he soon learned why things didn't work, fixed what was worn out, and even had success in putting things back together again. His favorite high school classes were Ag Shop and Industrial Arts.



Tom joined the US Air Force and was trained as an aircraft mechanic and returned to the family farm after 4 years of service. Graduating from UW-Platteville with a degree in Civil Engineering, Tom worked in the engineering field for 20 years. Tom and his wife Sheri maintain a small farm (primarily to raise hay for their horses and flock of sheep) aside from the daytime jobs. Sheri brought horses to the relationship and all the other interests that come with them. As they became more involved in carriage driving, Tom became aware of the need for maintenance on horse drawn vehicles and quickly applied his skills to that discipline. Tom always has his tool box at hand and is currently available for carriage and trailer maintenance and safety inspections.

Tom will be able to tell us everything we wanted to know about bearings, hubs, axles, single tree bolts, and every other moving joint of a horse drawn carriage.



Our 40th Anniversary Celebration is being held in conjunction with the Little Log House Show July 26, 27, & 28 2013
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