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AEROSPACE ENGINEER PRESERVES ANTIQUE FARM EQUIPMENT

Windsor, California – During the past 30 years Chuck Elsbree has been accumulating an impressive collection of farm equipment and implements that were manufactured before early tractor development over 100 years ago. Chuck grew up working on the family ranch in Windsor, California during the 1940s and 1950s and vividly remembers some of the equipment in his collection that was then still in use although powered by tractors instead of teams of horses as in years past.

For most of his professional career, Chuck worked as a research and development engineer in the aerospace industry. In that capacity Chuck helped develop missiles used in the Apollo Space Flight Program. His last aerospace assignment was as program manager for developing the hardware used on the Lunar Lander, and since then he has been granted six different patents.

Using his engineering knowledge and documentation skills, Chuck has identified, labeled, dated and proudly displays most of his ever-increasing collection of restored and partially-restored items for visitors to enjoy at his Elsbree Family Vineyard Ranch in Windsor.

And now Chuck presents his collection in the new book ***Antique Farm Equipment: The Elsbree Collection***. This 72-page hardcover book has more than 200 color photos of over 90 items, along with Chuck's detailed analyses and easy-to-follow documentation of operating mechanisms and farming purposes. He also identifies manufacturers, models, and estimated dating where available.

Chuck says, "By preserving the implements and describing their functional and mechanical purposes, I hope that readers, and those who tour the collection on site, will better understand and appreciate the engineering talent that was required to create and manufacture antique farm equipment.

I also hope that current and future generations will recognize the great contributions of these engineering marvels in helping build a strong America. Those early farm tools were the prototypes of most modern implements in use today."

Included in the collection are Seeders (9 models), Cultivators (14 models), Harrows (9 models), Plows (20 models), Haying Equipment (9 models), and over 30 additional pieces of equipment, including Subsoil Ripper, Wood Tank Sprayer, Corn Kernal & Husk Remover, Windmill & Pump, Fertilizer Spreader, Bemis Plant Setter, Fordson Tractor, Ox-Head Yoke, Single Trees, Grader, Slip Scraper, Manual Fresno, Fresno Canal, Road Leveler, Flatbed Wagon, Steel Carriage Jack, Cargo Wagon, Hand-Drawn Fire Hose Cart, Wine Presses, Scythe & Stable Fork, Forge, Wheel Barrow Sprayer and more.

Antique Farm Equipment: The Elsbree Collection (\$27.95 hardcover) can be purchased at traditional and Internet bookstores or from Rayve Productions at www.rayvepro.com or 1-800-852-4890.

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