

2ND ANNUAL LIST OF CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS

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It's now one year since I started writing these Page 6 articles. Thank you to everyone who reads them, and for all of your positive feedback.

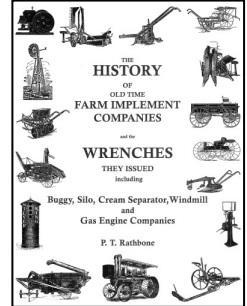
BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

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- **Buffalo Railroads** by Stephen G. Meyers & Michael J. Conner; paperback; 128 pages; over 200 B & W photos; \$21.99; ISBN 9780738573717; well written, great photos — which are a bit small.
- **The New York Central System** by Michael Leavy; paperback; 128 pgs; \$19.99; ISBN 9780738549286; many WNYers live near train tracks, and this is the story of one major railroad from our area.
- **Buffalo's Historic Streetcars & Buses** by D. David Bregger; paperback; 128 pgs; \$19.99; ISBN 9780738557502; this book has received excellent reviews at major book-selling websites.
- **Steamers of the Crystal Beach Line; A Pictorial History** by William E. Kae; paperback; 224 pgs; \$26.99; ISBN 9780979663208; costs as much as \$130 on-line; nobody doesn't like steam boats!
- **The Power Trail: History of Hydroelectricity at Niagara** by Brett Gawronski & three others; paperback; 118 pgs; \$9.95; ISBN 9781879201545; an interesting topic at a great low price.
- **Watkins Glen Racing** by Kirk W. House & Charles R. Mitchell; paperback; 128 pgs; \$19.99; ISBN 9780738556666; legendary races at a legendary racetrack — and all right here in Western NY.
- **Buffalo's Bicycles** by Carl F. Burgwardt; hardcover; 182 pgs; 160 images; \$29.95; ISBN 9780964953734; WNY once was a major manufacturing home for many bicycle makers both big and small.
- **IRV! Buffalo's Anchorman** by Steve Cichon; paperback; 148 pgs; 74 images; \$13.95; ISBN 9780982873908; if you lived in WNY in the 70's & 80's you likely watched Channel 7 anchors Irv, Rick & Tom.
- **The Western New York Weather Guide** by Tom Jolls; paperback; \$7.95; over 20 photos & charts; if you lived in WNY you'll remember Channel 7's Tom Jolls doing outside forecasts in any weather.
- **White Death — The Blizzard of '77** by Erno Rossi; 30th Anniversary Edition; paperback; 432 pgs; \$24.95; ISBN 9780920926031; beware as half this book deals with the Blizzard Of '77 in Ontario Canada.
- **National Landmarks of Western New York: Famous People and Historic Places** by Jan Booth Sheridan; paperback; 104 pgs; \$9.95; ISBN 9781879201361; an interesting book at a low price.
- **The 101 Greatest Moments in Buffalo History** by Dan Murphy; paperback; 192 pgs; \$14.95; ISBN 9781879201576; a great book for anyone who's proud they grew up in — or live in — Western NY.
- **Buffalo NY: Cool Stuff Every Kid Should Know** by Kate Boehm Jerome; paperback; 48 pages; 70 photos; for ages 7 to 12; \$9.99; ISBN 9781439600696; local-history trivia for youngsters.

History of Old Time Farm Implement Companies and the Wrenches They Issued Including Buggy, Silo, Cream Separator, Windmill and Gas Engine Companies

by PT Rathbone; Vol I (513 pgs), Vol II (314 pgs) & Vol II Supplement - Part Nos., Co. Names & Price Guide (180 pgs); ISBN 096730010X (Vol I & II), 1873671008 (Supp); Lucky Star Ranch, Attn: PT Rathbone, 6767 Pershall Rd, Marsing, ID 83639; Tel: 208-896-4478; Cost: \$105 for complete set of Vol I, II & Supp; \$60 for Vol. I only; e-mail: LSR@RLuckyStarRanch.com; RLuckyStarRanch.com; the vast number of wrenches listed and depicted in these books is mind boggling; save \$\$ by buying these books directly from the author — cost more elsewhere.



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American Truck Historical Society PO Box 901611, Kansas City, MO 64190-1611; www.ATHS.org; e-mail: membership@aths.org; Phone: 816-891-9900; yearly dues are: individual - \$42 (\$57 outside U.S.), family - \$52 (\$67 outside U.S.), youth - \$20 (sponsor req'd.), company - \$225 (5 max.); **Wheels Of Time** is their excellent bi-monthly magazine; they hold an annual convention (WNY in '94) and publish photos from it.

Buffalo Industrial Heritage Committee PO Box 506, Buffalo, NY 14233-0506; BuffaloIndustrialHeritage.com; IHCdart@Buffalo.com; yearly dues are: senior/student - \$15, individual - \$20, family - \$25, corporate - \$100; includes newsletter; they offer Buffalo River & Ward Pumphouse Tours, are involved with the Industrial Heritage Trail Marking Project along the Buffalo waterfront, and are dedicated to preserving and utilizing Buffalo's historic waterfront grain elevators.

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