

Stake Pullers or "Georgia Buggies" as they were called on the Shows were carried by all the Old Shows & RBBB were still carrying a few when they closed the "Tent Opera." Most Shows on the road now have at least one & they come in handy for the Big Top Prop Hands in pulling rigging stakes in the Big Top especially when wood has-to be used. I have this one drawn with 2' 6" wheels but RBBB had 31 wheels on the Big Top Stake Pullers, however I have seen 2' wheels on some truck shows and with shorter beams than above drawing.

The Beam can be made of 5/32" wood, preferably hard (one piece). Scribe the line to look like 2 pieces. Put piece of ribbon wire or cut sheet metal over top of beam drill & fasten with escutcheon pins. Shape piece of same material to hold ring, put ring with chain attached in piece and fasten to beam. The chain is about 6' long with ring on loose end. The axle should be 1/8" to 3/16" square; I prefer metal to wood for this and the ends can be turned and threaded for nuts or axle can be drilled and fastened to your choosing. Axle is fastened to beam with "U" bolts which are bent & threaded for nuts. (Thread first before bending) These are slipped through drilled plate (sheet metal) & nuts run on; for those not oaring for nuts the plate can be squeezed down and "U" bolts touched with solder. Don't neglect to round the end or handle part of the "Buggy." These can be painted any color; RBBB had 3 on Big Top - one red, one yellow, one blue and they were numbered B.S. 1, B.S. 2, B.S. 3. Menagerie B. 1, M. 2 Side Show S.S. 1 S.S. 2.

The Big Show "Georgia Buggies" were loaded on top of the poles & a lot of sweat and swearing went into getting them "Up Thar".

## Note:

Do to the poor quality of the copy available for scanning, this plan was re-drawn. All information is as accurate as could be obtained from the original.

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