



Dale Storck lives in Sugar Grove and owns a 1950 John Deere M. Dale has an interesting story about how he came to own this tractor. About 10 years ago he and his sister were settling their parent's estate. When it came time to decide what to do with a set of dishes that were a family heirloom, Dale and his sister began negotiating. It turns out the dishes had a fair amount of value so the discussion around these dishes needed to be fair and equitable for both parties. Dale's sister was open about wanting the dishes for herself so Dale came up with a unique method for his share of the value of the inheritance. He told his sister to go find him a 1950 John Deere M and he would swap that for his share of the dishes. After a period of time, his sister contacted Dale and informed him that her side of the deal had been completed. She tracked down a 1950 M with a cultivator and a plow and purchased those items at an auction.

Now it was Dale's turn to make his new possession into the machine he hoped for. The tractor had been used or abused in the tobacco fields in Kentucky. Dale stated that it needed a lot of work. He started by working with the Hogan Walker dealership for repairs and parts. Once the mechanical stuff was in order he used some local talent to help with the finishing and painting.

Dale has attended many local parades and also been to Grand Detour. A favorite memory of his is driving in parades pulling a restored manure spreader with his grandkids and kids riding in the spreader. He eventually donated the spreader to a local church to help raise money. The plow and cultivator were purchased by another club member. There's a good example of one of the many benefits of belonging to our club.

Dale retired after almost 40 years at Cargill Seed Company. He wanted a small tractor for a hobby and like the 1950 JD M for that purpose.

Dale's favorite food is a strip steak.

The next time you see Dale at an event please stop by and let him know if you think he made a good deal with his sister!