



Jeff Flippo was born and raised in Marengo and now lives in Belvidere. Jeff and his wife Trudy have been married for 33 years. His interest in tractors started with his toy collection. He has a nice toy collection that includes 50 Shell tanker trucks from his earlier days of managing a Shell gas station. Currently, Jeff maintains school buses for the local school district. All of that toy collecting eventually prompted Jeff to jump into the ownership of antique tractors. He and fellow member Larry Ohlsen co-own several tractors and equipment.

Jeff and his dad went to an NEITCC plow day event at Bob Johnson's several years ago. Fellow club member, Lanny Gray offered to let them plow using his tractor and plow. Because of Lanny's friendly and open gesture at a club event, Jeff and his father decided to join the club and have been active members ever since.

Jeff has always preferred the two-cylinder John Deere when it comes to antique tractors. He has a 1945 John Deere LI that he is especially fond of. This tractor is still waiting for that care and feeding of a complete restoration but I think I could tell from the look on Jeff's face that he has plans for this tractor some day.

Jeff enjoys several tractor events during the year including the John Deere Expo in Waterloo. He would like to see more implements displayed with the tractors

and also in the parades when possible.

The next time you see Jeff at an event please stop by and say hello and tell him you are proud of him for introducing his father to the antique tractor hobby and being an active participant in many of our club events.