



John Hoffman is currently serving on the Board of Directors for our club. He was born and raised in Huntley and lives there today with his wife Brenda. John was raised on a Dairy farm near Huntley milking 35 Holsteins every day. It was a very manual process as compared to most dairy farms in operation today.

As a kid he worked the circuit baling hay and showing livestock at the McHenry County Fair. He was a member of the FFA. He also participated in 4-H Shows and was a member of the Huntley Harvesters. He grew up with an Allis Chalmers D17, an International H and a Model 400.

He met his wife Brenda after high school. Her father, Harold Dobbraty had a nice collection of three L's and an LA along with a model 62. After meeting Brenda and establishing a good relationship with her father, John was hooked on John Deere.

After leaving the farm, John started a career as a concrete contractor - a trade that he still works at today. He works in the northern Illinois area supervising several job sites at a time.

John is very proud of his 1922 Waterloo Boy Model N that he purchased at the Gary Phelps estate auction that was held in Bridgeport, Nebraska in 2008. He was smiling from ear to ear when he told me how much Brenda encouraged him to buy the Waterloo. I think she was able to watch the bidding on the Internet and I'm sure both of their hearts were pounding by the time that auction was over. There were two Waterloo Boy tractors for sale that day and the other one ended up going to Germany.

John enjoys hunting and fishing but spends most of his time working on something tractor related. He likes to go to the Ohio Tractor Show, Two Cylinder Expo, Two Cylinder Days at Grand Detour, Sycamore Steam Show and as many other local events that he can make.

His favorite John Deere is his 1951 Model R Diesel. He found it listed in a Wisconsin Farmer Magazine and it was his first restoration. This tractor has been featured on Green Magazine's calendar. Also, two of his L's have been featured in Green Magazine.

John was a presenter at the 2008 Gathering of the Green at a workshop on the Model L. I'm sure he's going to be presenting another workshop at the 2010 GOG.

Next time you see John at an event, stop by and let him know it was interesting to read about his background in the tractor hobby.