



Larry Ohlsen has been an active member of NEITCC for many years. He was born and raised in Belvidere and still lives there today. Larry has 12 tractors with most of them being JD two cylinders. He managed to mention a couple of orange ones and a red one but I wasn't listening at that point! Larry also owns several pieces of equipment such as plows and mowers. One of his John Deere A's has a 227 Mounted Corn Picker. He was especially proud of the rear mount manure loader in his collection. His favorite tractor is the 1944 D. This is because it's the same model and year that his Dad drove while Larry was growing up. That's one thing that is common among collectors is having a tractor or piece of equipment that made an impact when that person was growing up.

Larry is active in many events throughout the year. He's always a regular at the Annual Banquet. He comes with a large family contingent to the Genoa Parade each year. It is always fun to see that group roll into the parking lot with the twelve or so green tractors creating an impressive line of restored tractors. They really represent the club very well on that day. Larry also really enjoyed the corn picking event at Bob Johnson's.

Larry has been a part-time Boone County Sheriff's Deputy for several decades. I believe he said it was in excess of 30 years perhaps close to 40 years. He also works full time for the city of Belvidere as the Department of Streets Supervisor. Sounds to me like Larry is well grounded in his roots since he has lived in Belvidere all these years.

Larry's favorite food is a good meal of turkey. I bet he's very happy on Thanksgiving!!

The next time you see Larry at an event please stop by and say hello and talk some "tractor talk" with him and let him know it was nice of him to share his background with the club.