



Richard Jensen is a familiar face at many NEITCC events year after year. He likes driving his tractors in many parades in the area and enjoys the various other club events such as the banquet and the pig roast. His interest in tractors began as his brother Wayne began to collect antique farm equipment. One of Richard's tractors came from Elmer Hecht's estate a 1950 John Deere Model 50 which he has developed a reputation for slow racing with this tractor. I know that Elmer must be smiling every time he sees Richard bring home another trophy with that tractor.

Richard has always lived in Bartlett with the exception of time serving in Vietnam in the U.S. Army. His working career was with U-46 School District helping manage the central warehouse for the school district. U-46 is one of the largest school districts in the state of Illinois if not the largest.

Richard categorized himself as a workaholic since he was the night manager at his brother Jim Jensen's Standard Station in Bartlett after working his day job for the school district. However, the night manager job was a 7 day a week job. Richard recalled several times he was called out as the tow truck driver which always presented many interesting results from critical accidents to people getting in jams by not being smart. One night he had to use all three tow trucks belonging to the station at three different accident sites, two of which had fatalities. Another more humorous event included one local squad car running into another one. He put one on the flatbed and pulled the other one behind. The funny part is the car that was originally pulled over got away!

The next time you see Richard at one of the club events please stop by and introduce yourself as a fellow club member.