

Subject: Antique Tractors Fascinate and Educate

Story Summary: Although made to work the land and to provide the power to do other farm chores, antique tractors are finding restored life as sources of enjoyment for the people who grew up on them.

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Suggested Lead: The same machines that pulled plows in the early part of the century are now pleasure vehicles. Tom Steever reports.

Suggested Supers: Harold Steele
Antique tractor enthusiast
@ :20

Kathryn Penn
Antique tractor enthusiast
@ :26

Dan Foust
Antique tractor enthusiast
@ :45

Tom Steever
Reporting
@ 1:20

Suggested Tag: For more information about old tractors one of the many internet sites to visit is www.antiquetractors.com.

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Tom Steever Reporting
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<p>Sunrise over tractors</p> <p>M/s tractor sunrise</p> <p>C/u John Deere Starting John Deere</p> <p>H Farmall From tractor</p>	<p>VO/ AS SURE AS THE MORNING SUNRISE THERE IS SOMETHING ABOUT OLD TRACTORS THAT MANY PEOPLE CANNOT RESIST. THE WAY THEY LOOK...AND THE WAY THEY SOUND BRINGS THEIR DRIVERS BACK TO A SIMPLER WAY OF LIFE AND A SIMPLER WAY OF WORKING THE LAND.</p>
<p>Harold Steele Illinois tractor enthusiast</p>	<p>SOT/ I THINK WE'RE BRINGING A CERTAIN DEGREE OF NOSTALGIA TO OURSELVES, BUT ALSO GIVING A LITTLE BIT OF THE STORY TO THE PUBLIC OF HOW THINGS USED TO BE.</p>
<p>Kathryn Penn Illinois tractor enthusiast</p>	<p>SOT/ I DON'T KNOW HOW TO DESCRIBE IT, IT'S A GREAT EXPERIENCE; I GUESS IT RELATES BACK TO MY ROOTS WHEN I WAS A FARM KID BECAUSE I ALWAYS HELPED DAD ON THE FARM.</p>
<p>John Deeres moving</p>	<p>VO/ ON THE RECENT ONE HUNDRED- MILE HERITAGE TRACTOR ADVENTURE IN ILLINOIS MOST OF THE TWO HUNDRED PARTICIPANTS DROVE EITHER THE MACHINE THEY GREW UP ON OR ONE JUST LIKE IT.</p>
<p>Dan Foust Illinois tractor enthusiast</p>	<p>SOT/ I THINK A LOT OF US HAVE DONE THAT. A LOT OF US HAVE TRACTORS JUST LIKE WE DROVE WHEN WE WERE KIDS.</p>
<p>John Deere passes</p>	<p>VO/ IN MOST CASES, THE TRACTORS</p>

From John Deere	THAT PROVIDED EARLY DRIVING LESSONS ALSO CEMENTED BRAND LOYALTY.
Penn sot	SOT/ I JUST LOVE JOHN DEERES, I JUST LOVE THE WAY THEY RUN, I LOVE THE WAY THEY SOUND; IT'S JUST A GREAT THING, IT'S JUST SOMETHING THAT I REALLY ENJOY.
Pan of tractors Z/out from Farmall B Tilt up Farmall	VO/ EVEN AFTER A CENTURY OF MASS PRODUCTION AND IMPROVEMENTS, THE ORIGIN AND DEVELOPMENT OF FARM POWER CAN BE CREDITED TO THE RESOURCEFULNESS OF INDIVIDUAL FARMERS.
Steele sot Pan w/tractor moving	SOT/ MANY OF THESE TRACTORS REALLY CAME FROM THE FARM SHOP. THE FARMER SAID, "THERE IS A BETTER WAY," WENT IN THE SHOP AND CAME UP WITH A WHOLE NEW INNOVATION OF AN EASIER WAY AND A FASTER WAY AND A MORE EFFICIENT WAY TO CARRY OUT THE MISSION OF FOOD PRODUCTION.
L/s of tractor parade L/s of tractor parade Deere passes/child waves	VO/ ALTHOUGH MANY ANTIQUE TRACTORS ARE RESTORED SHOW PIECES, MANY ARE STILL IN REGULAR FARM USE. IN LA SALLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, I'M TOM STEEVER.