

Hello, my name is David Ritenburgh and I'm honored to be nominated for the Minneapolis Moline Collectors Club board of directors. I live in Ortonville, Michigan with my wife, Sonia, and two children, Justin and Andrea. During the week I work as a service engineering manager for General Motors and my weekends are spent working on my latest tractor project.

My interest in tractors probably began when I helped during summer vacations on my grandfather's farm. As a former Minneapolis Moline dealer, there was never a shortage of tractors to drive or tinker with. I continued to spend vacations and weekends farming on the Cotton family farm even after I began my career with GM. And you can still find me driving or helping with repairs during planting and harvesting seasons.

My own collection of primarily Minneapolis Moline tractors has grown through the years, and I'm currently in the midst of two of my most challenging restorations.

I think the club is doing great things for promoting the heritage of the Minneapolis Moline brand. I think being located in the Great Lakes region and in the manufacturing technology center of the major U.S. automotive companies, I have a unique opportunity to share my interest in these great tractors. While telling someone from southeast Michigan that I own old tractors sometimes results in some strange looks, more often than not, it sparks a conversation and an opportunity for me to share my hobby.

If re-elected to the board of directors, I look forward to encouraging younger people to recognize the great history of the MM brand and to continue to preserve the knowledge and promote the heritage that makes Minneapolis Moline great.

Thank you.

David Ritenburgh