



THOUGHTS FROM THE MODEL T GARAGE...

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Lynn Shealy's Model "T" Tractor

Back in 1928 or 29, Frank Shealy's father, Lynn, needed a tractor to handle chores around his farm in the Saint Andrews area of South Carolina. Times were hard and the twenty-five year old Lynn was a "Jack of all trades" so he decided to build a tractor from a Model T that had been wrecked, parts of a Case tractor and wheels from an old reaper.

He started with a couple of heavy old hardwood beams for the frame and bolted on the



"T" engine. The Case tractor supplied a gas tank which was mounted over the engine. Lynn also added a centrifugal governor which is still there but no longer operating. The old Case also supplied a four cylinder high tension magneto. The reaper supplied the rear wheels after they were modified to fit. The original Model T radiator was bolted to the front and the Case Tractor seat brought up the rear.

The magneto was mounted on the side of the engine and run by a jackshaft which was powered through gears off the camshaft.



Lynn's tractor was used for just about any job around the farm. It pulled logs and hauled firewood, dirt and feed. It served as a stationary engine through a pulley rigged as a power take-off on the rear. This was used to turn a sawmill and to grind meal.



The tractor performed faithfully until the 1980's and was finally stored in a shed in the early 1990's where it stayed until club member Terry Smith bought it and brought it home to his place in Columbia