



when I look around and see the kids I taught to run engines in miniature land on full-size engines now.”

Trevor Beyer has all but grown up on that hill of history. In his twenty-some years, he has only missed two shows. What does it take for a Thresholic to miss a show? A wedding? Nope, Trevor has missed his fair share of weddings to be at the show. How about brain surgery? “I had brain surgery, but if I had a choice, I wouldn’t have missed it. It will take the apocalypse for me to miss another show,” Trevor chuckled.

Trevor got his start running engines out in miniature land when he was about six and when he turned eighteen, he started running the 1913 75 hp Case engine owned by Eric “Ned” Mars. “It was the first engine to get a new boiler through the “Save our Steamers” fund. A very talented group of individuals and I helped restore it. It is probably the most active engine out there. We give rides on the engine all weekend long. There’s a sign on the back of it that says, “You wanna ride? Just

ask!” Trevor explained.

So what sparks a Millennial’s interest in steam engines? Why is the next generation so willing to roll up their sleeves and thresh in the digital age?

“It’s one thing to read about history, but to go and see and operate history is another,” Trevor stated.

Kelsey Bjornson agreed, “It was a huge part of our history. A lot of those engines were scrapped in the war and to bring them back to life is really cool.”

Kelsey Bjornson is a city girl turned not only country, but steam-powered country. “My friend, Jenna, was always showing me pictures and talking about it, but it never made any sense. So one year, she invited me out and the next year I went through Steam School,” Kelsey explained.

City girl’s family was surprised that their daughter wasn’t only passionate about steam engines, but runs the 1899 22 HP Minneapolis Return Flue engine. The engine, owned by Jeff Knutson, underwent a complete rebuild with a new

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