

## Charlie on the Devil Deere



OEM chassis of Wisconsin's Lemke family became available, and the decision was made to purchase it and begin pulling it in the 2008 pulling season. Now in their third year of pulling the 4010 known as "Cruel Intentions" the Capozzos are a staple of the NTPA Grand National circuit as well as state and regional events where Super Farm is contested.

When not competing at events where Super Farm is a part of the show, the arsenal of antiques is still at play, especially on the NATPA indoor circuit. The original 60 is a Division II tractor while the A and 70 are Division III tractors. The

allegiance to John Deere is no accident as Tony was heavily influenced by the green and yellow machines at an early age. Tony's father Mel had a TV business in the early fifties, and split the use of the building with Richmond Farm Supply, the local John Deere dealer. By virtually growing up in a Deere dealership, Tony would go on to work for the dealer off and on for ten years in addition to working on farms that used Deere equipment. In a sense, sons Charlie and Nick bled green from the very start!

While for many pullers the joy of competition, the ability to make equipment run well and compete well are all important drawing points, Charlie commented, "I think what keeps us coming back is the new friends and people we meet along the way. No matter where you are traveling through it seems we know someone there and at events we travel to every year we come across the same people over and over again. It's pretty neat to have friends all over the country." The move to Super Farm may for some have signaled a move "up" in pulling but for the Capozzo family the reality rang true when Charlie further commented, "We have pulled in everything from disorganized brush pulls with the farm tractors all the way up to NTPA Grand National with the Super Farm and we really enjoy them all they all have something different to offer. We enjoy the big ven-

ues and competition of the Grand National and enjoy the winter pulling with the NATPA and everything in between."

The Capozzo family operates an excavation business when not busy pulling. From the beginnings of the business in 1970 by Tony, Capozzo and Sons Excavating has become a business that performs a wide array of residential services and also performs contract work for the MDOT. They also serve as a dealer for



**Top: Nick powers the 70 up for a full pull**