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Mr. Jack Cherry
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Re: 1940 Silver King restoration

Dear Mr. Cherry:

I visited the shop in March 2013 to investigate whether I could entrust it with the restoration of my son's 1940 Silver King. My son was four years old at the time. I was impressed by the work that was underway, as well as completed projects that were still at the shop. I requested a slot on the schedule and my son and I took the Silver King to Mt. Hope in October 2013. Due to the sentimental value of the tractor, I asked Mt. Hope to proceed with a full restoration – no expense spared. It was a long and expensive process, but Mt. Hope always checked with me to confirm I wanted to go full bore when the inevitable surprises appeared. Finally, in April 2015, after almost 18 months in the shop, the tractor was done and we brought it home.

Despite Mt. Hope's extensive testing, we had a starter/ring gear lockup the first day back at the farm. After several attempts with new Bendix gears and different Bendix gears, it was clear that the tractor would need a new ring gear. Not only did Mt. Hope cover this under warranty – including all of the paint re-work needed after the tractor was split again, Mt. Hope came to N.J. to retrieve the tractor and delivered it back when it was done. We still don't know the underlying cause of the problem, and I have no proof or indication that it was due to any mistake by Mt. Hope, but Mt. Hope felt that it should make good on such problems after a full restoration.

I commend the integrity of David Shetler and Mt. Hope Tractor. They are a worthy advertiser befitting your fine organization. (Great photos/video at mthopetractor.com)

Quick family story on the Silver King. My grandfather bought it new in 1940. My dad, in his teens, ran it through a garage door at the house when his foot slipped off the clutch one snowy day. Much to my dad's consternation, when he returned after the Korean War, he discovered his father had sold the Silver King. In 1972, my dad spotted a similar Silver King parked in the weeds next to a house within 20 miles of his farm. He was able to purchase it for \$25 from the widow in January 1973. My dad sent an inquiry letter to the Fate Root Heath Company in 1976. Much to his surprise, it turned out that he had bought back the same tractor his father had purchased new.

Sincerely yours,

Daniel R. Herr

cc: David Shetler, Mt. Hope Tractor

p.s. My 8-year-old son, the Two-Cylinder member, has a 1936 AO; my 10-year-old daughter a 1936 BO; and my dad has a 3010 diesel, 4010 diesel, and 7600.