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Steve Ploesser [00:00:00] Hi, my name's Steve Plosser. I've grown up in Vermont. Biggest deer hunter you know back here in Vermont. You know, I grew up that way, parents taught me that, brothers. My son took off to college in 2000 and I just was lonely. Didn't have my son hunting with me no more. So I took up turkey hunting. Self-taught, didn't have a clue of what I was doing. Just bought a shotgun, couple decoys. Thought I knew how to call turkeys till I've listened to Ron and his crew. But I've been able to bring birds in here and there and harvest some birds over the years. That first year was pretty exciting. I mean, I got up at 2:30 in the morning, had to travel to the central Vermont to beat the crowd to the areas. Sat out there, watched a number of hens walk by, finally brought in a couple of toms, got really excited, you know the time happened, shot that bird, rolled it over, swore, screamed, cried. And tagged that bird out and had a great time. But over the years, it's just been even better. You know, I've become part of the Longbeard crew. The Vermont biologists have done a fantastic job, Fish and Wildlife. I've made food plots for deer, but now my food plots are for turkeys. And the other animals too. So I think it's just, it's growing bigger for me, and I think has for a lot of other people. It's not just about harvesting an animal, it's being with other people, having some fun, and having stories like this. <applause>