



International Harvester Collectors • Chapter #23

ALABAMA

Early Spring 2019

Good Shows Close 2018 Season



St. Florian

(Right) Donald and Dawn Thorn at St. Florian near Florence with their Japanese made IH 274 diesel "offset" tractor.



Robert Bodine made use at Eva of a bench seat added to his Super H for his tractor-buddy grandsons Logan and Will.



A good showing of Farmalls at Jean's on the River in October. (Above) Larry Allen in the parade at Eva.

Next Meeting • Snead Equipment Show • 11:00 am • April 20, 2019

Randy's Ramblings

• President's Letter from Randy Bodine •



Growing up in the Bodine family, Spring meant one important thing – time to turn some dirt and get ready to plant. While everyone else headed to the beach for Spring Break, Dad, Robert, and I turned land all week. The aroma of freshly plowed dirt is a unique smell that you don't encounter any other way except to plow the earth. When I went back to school after the break, I had a better tan than the ones that went to the beach.

Spring is a wonderful, magical time of year. It is a refreshing change from a cold, dull, wet winter. Spring also ushers in show season! It's time to get the pollen dusted off those tractors, engines, Scouts and trucks and take them to a show. They want to blossom and be shown off just like spring flowers.

The show schedule is out with lots of great opportunities to enjoy some wonderful shows. In the midst of all the shows, we have our four chapter meetings. The first meeting will be at the Snead Equipment CASE/IH show on April 20. Joe Criswell and his crew always ensure we have a great time with lots to see and do. We have good food, fellowship, and some of the best homemade ice cream around.

Our second meeting will be at Summerdale on June 1. I am always excited when we plan to have a club meeting at a location where we have never had one before. Summerdale is called a "Plow Day" but it is a lot more. The South Alabama Antique Tractor and Engine Club plans for all types of demonstrations. If you want to plow, bring one hooked behind your tractor and enjoy the fun. They will have plowing, threshing, corn grinding, food, music, and vendors. I think one of the main events that everyone enjoys is potato digging. Yes, they grow a patch of potatoes, dig them with vintage

equipment and you can pick them up from the field. Also, Summerdale is close to the beach and you may want to make a beach trip in conjunction with the show. I know that's what my family is planning to do.

The third meeting of the year will be at Piney Chapel near Athens on August 3. This is always a well-attended show and we look forward to returning and hope you will join us.

Our fourth meeting of the year will be our Alabama IH State Show at Hartselle – Southland Flywheelers on October 26. I want us to put special emphasis and, starting this year, begin making the State Show a big annual event that people will want to come to from all over. Let's see if we can't take it up a notch or two. Bring out your best/most unusual displays and help the State Show become something special.

I want to welcome our three new directors, Steve Allen, Conrad Bell, and Hal Hoaglin, that were elected at our fourth meeting in 2018. Thank you to retiring directors Buck Brown, Charlie Grimmitt, and Dean Higgins who are now advisors. Also, congratulations to Sherman Roberts on his election to the IHC National Board. We wish him well in his new leadership role.

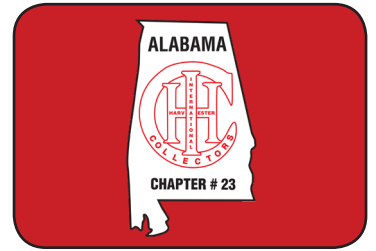
We are saddened by the loss of several chapter members (see page 9). Several years ago, we decided to remember them by including their names as deceased members along with our membership list. Unfortunately, that deceased list gets longer every year as we all age. Let's continue to reach out to the younger generation so our love for IH tractors and equipment will continue even after we're gone.

If you have not seen or purchased a Red Power Round Up 2018 show book, you will want to do so. Clay Nordan and his team have produced a wonderful book and it is getting rave reviews from all over the country. They will be available for sale at the chapter meetings if you want to save on shipping costs or you can contact Clay and have yours shipped to your door. We also have a few cotton picker toys, belt buckles, and other RPRU 2018 merchandise that you can buy at each chapter meeting.

We look forward to seeing you soon at a show!

Happy Tractoring!

Randy



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**Minutes of AL Chapter #23
International Harvester Collectors
Meeting at St. Florian, AL
11:00 a.m., October 6, 2018**

5 Directors present

Robert Bodine
Charlie Grimmitt
Clay Nordan
Sherman Roberts
Donnie Wedgworth

1 Advisor present

Conrad Bell

1 Visitor present

Karen Wedgworth

18 Members present

Sharon K. Allen	Eugene Hill
Stephen Allen	Hal Hoaglin
Gary Bell	Gary Moore
Jana Bodine	Arvel Newton
Randy Bodine	William J. Newton
Jerry Briley	Joel Parris
Sally Grimmitt	Cody Shadrix
Nick Hauser	Dawn Thorn
Todd Hendricks	Donald Thorn

The meeting was called to order by president Randy Bodine and he began the meeting with an invocation.

The first agenda item was Clay's report. He had no additions to the minutes as published in the recent newsletter and said that the chapter balance was now \$10,871 following payment for the newsletter. He made a motion to accept the minutes as printed, there was a second, and the motion passed.

With regard to membership, he reported that our active member number currently stands at 356. No new members have joined since the Fall newsletter came out.

Next on the agenda was the selection of four meeting sites for 2019. Randy explained that he had looked at our options with the usual considerations. The pre-determined host for the state show automatically reserves one meeting date and location. The remaining potential meeting dates need to allow enough time between meetings for Clay to produce and mail out a newsletter.

An additional consideration has been that it has been good for the chapter to move our meetings around all over the state so as to make the drive shorter for some members and also get some exposure to potential new members.

Finally, consideration is given to how long it has been since we have been to an established show before visiting them again.

With all this in mind, Randy proposed the following locations for next year: (1) Snead in Blount County on April 20; (2) Summerdale in Baldwin County on June 1; (3) Piney Chapel in Limestone County on August 3; and (4)

Southland Flywheelers near Hartselle [State Show] on October 26.

There was a motion to accept Randy's recommendations, then a second, and the motion passed without objection.

Next on the agenda was the selection of three new directors to replace the directors whose terms expire December 31, 2018.

Nominations for the following members came from the floor: (1) Conrad Bell, (2) Steve Allen, (3) Hal Hoaglin. There was a motion to close the nominations and accept these nominees. Following a second, the nominees were voted on and accepted without objection.

Randy thanked our retiring directors, Buck Brown, Charlie Grimmitt, and Dean Higgins for their service to the chapter and for their regular attendance at meetings and significant contributions to RPRU 2018 during their terms.

Next on the agenda was a reminder that membership dues notices for 2019 have been sent out and everyone should make an effort to respond in a timely fashion with their payment.

The next agenda topic was the 2019 show schedule, which is in the process of being finalized. Randy asked that everyone associated with a show take a look at the master schedule sheet today and confirm or amend the information as needed.

We know that our host for the 2019 State Show will be the Southland Flywheelers in Hartselle on October 26. The show at Boaz had been selected as host for the 2020 State Show, but we learned a few months back that this show will not take place in 2020. The Hanceville show stepped up and asked to be the replacement for Boaz, so Randy asked for a motion to this effect. There was a second, and the motion passed. Hanceville will host the 2020 Alabama IH State Show on June 13.

As is our custom at the end of each meeting, Randy went around the circle and asked for anyone who wanted to promote an upcoming show to do so. The October shows that were mentioned were Jean's on the River and Wedowee. The Florida Flywheelers show in early 2019 was also recommended.

Randy then reminded everyone that the national club Winter Convention is scheduled for Feb. 28 - March 2, 2019 in Kalamazoo, MI.

He is organizing a bus trip to RPRU 2019 at Bloomsburg, PA and spent some time talking about the route and attractions that will be visited along the way.

To end the meeting, Randy went

down the list of future events that might be of interest to Chapter #23 members. Among these were: RPRU 2020 in Huron, SD; and RPRU 2021 in Duquoin, IL.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

*Respectfully submitted,
Clay Nordan – Secretary Treasurer*

Financial Report

Net Assets, Oct. 2018..... \$10,886.23

Income

Dues Collected..... 6798.00

Interest..... 89.68

Subtotal..... 6887.68

Expenses

National Dues Paid 4005.00

Newsletter 1095.23

Pocket Schedules..... 128.81

Postage 431.20

Funeral Flowers 498.53

Adjustment to Reconcile 72.55

Subtotal..... 6231.32

Net Assets, Apr. 2019 \$11,542.59



Chapter #23 Officers and Directors were saddened to learn of the passing on October 23, 2018 of a good friend, Johnny Mitchell, of Lebanon, Tennessee. Johnny was a long-time member, officer, and director of Tennessee Chapter #9 and served for many years as a national director as well as national Treasurer. Johnny and Chapter #9 provided invaluable assistance to the Alabama chapter as we organized and applied for a charter from the national club in 1998. Sherman Roberts presented Johnny and his wife, Debbie, with a plaque at the Eva show in 2010 in recognition for all they had done for IHC on both the state and national levels.

2018 RPRU Showbooks, Belt Buckles, and Cotton Picker Toys

AVOID SHIPPING CHARGES if you attend our Chapter meeting at Snead, AL on Saturday, April 20 at 11:00 a.m. You can purchase these items and more at the red & white striped tent.

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Chapter #23 Acknowledges the Passing of Six Members

We regret to report the deaths in 2018 and early 2019 of the following members:

Vernon Culpepper (#36) Lake Park, GA. Vernon, who hosted a well regarded tractor show in south Georgia for many years, was a charter member of Chapter #23 who joined the club in 1998.

Ray Best (#97) Forestdale, (Jefferson County) AL. Ray joined the club in 2000 and served as vice-president from 2003 until 2015.

J. O. Pike (#373) Adger, (Jefferson County AL. J.O. joined the club in 2009.

Roger Heath (#475) Guntersville, (Marshall County) AL. Roger joined the club in 2013

Ron Warner (#546) Greenville, (Butler County) AL. Ron joined the club in 2015

Sally Grimmitt (#581) Sheffield, (Colbert County) AL. Sally was the wife of Chapter #23 member, Charlie Grimmitt and joined the club in 2016. Members who worked at the Red Power Round Up in 2018 will remember Sally as the colorful host of the "Hospitality Room" who kept it well stocked with snacks, drinks, and ice cream.

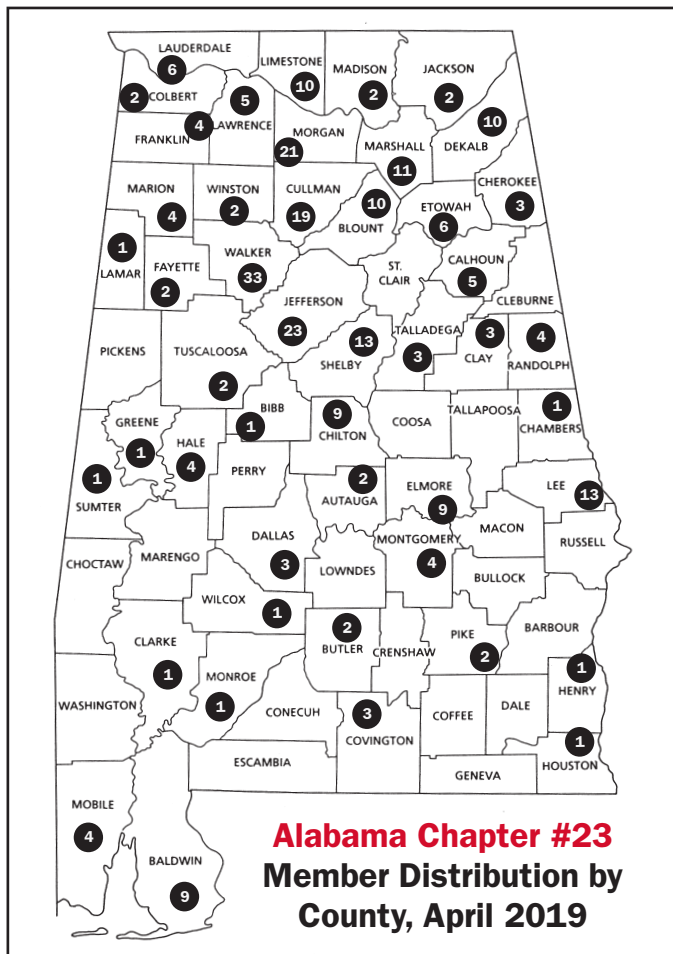


(Clockwise from above)
Sally Grimmitt, Ray Best, Roger Heath.



320 Active Members

4 New Members Added Since Last Newsletter





Eva Show September 2018

(Right) Dennis Johnson (#510) on his Super C with C-32 power loader in the parade at Eva. (Far right) Sherman Roberts' nicely restored I-4 International standard tread tractor.



Randy Bodine (with microphone) doing a good job of keeping the competitors in the Eva pedal tractor race separated and headed in the right direction.

2019 Tractor Show Schedule

Snead – JD Ag Supply	April 6
Tuskegee – Little Texas	April 6
Montevallo FFA	April 13
Loxley	April 13
Moulton	April 13
**Snead Case IH	April 20
Moulton – Alexander Lumber	April 27
Franklinton, Louisiana – IH State Show	May 3-4
Chalybeate	May 11
New Market	May 11
Wetumpka (previously Elmore)	May 18
Decatur – Point Mallard	May 25
McCalla – Tannehill State Park	May 24-25
**Summerdale	June 1
Haleyville	June 1
Hanceville	June 8
Cotaco – Soggy Bottom	June 15
Gadsden – Goodyear Plant	June 22
Guntersville	July 20
Bloomsburg, PA Red Power Roundup	June 27-29
Speake	July 27
Sevier, TN – TN State Show	August 2-3
**Athens – Piney Chapel	August 3
Jackson, MS – MS State Show	August 16-17
Lawrenceburg, TN	August 16-17
Russellville – Watermelon Festival	August 17
Fyffe	August 24
Fairview (Labor Day)	Sept. 2
Eagleville, TN	Sept. 6-7
Town Creek	Sept. 14
Paducah, KY – KY IH State Show	Sept. 20-21
Inman, Georgia – IH State Show	Sept. 20-22
Hartselle Depot Days	Sept. 21
Winfield Mule Day	Sept. 28
Eva	Sept. 28
Centre Fall Fest	Oct. 5
St. Florian	Oct. 5
Gadsden – Noccalula Falls “G” Roundup ...	Oct. 11-12
Cordova – Jean’s On the River	Oct. 12
Falkville Festival	Oct. 12
Shelby – Iron Works	Oct. 12
Dothan - Landmark Park	Oct. 19
Jasper Heritage Festival	Oct. 19
Wedowee	Oct. 19
**Hartselle – Southland Flywheelers	Oct. 26
Greenville	Oct. 26
Jasper Veterans Day	Nov. 2
Orrville	Nov. 9
Perry GA, National Antique Ag Show	Nov. 14-16
**Alabama Chapter 23 Meeting at 11:00 a.m.	



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Andrew Sparks (#12) pulled a converted 40' cotton wagon in the 2018 City of Auburn Christmas parade with this 2006 CASE/IH MX 285 owned by Lazenby Farms. Andrew is Farm Operations Manager for the diversified 2000 acre farm located a few miles south of town. This red tractor was the only one in the parade and was well received by everyone along the route.



An unusual sight at the St. Florian show was this International 2404 Lo-Boy. These tractors were only manufactured for two years during the mid-1960's.



Ed and Karen Norris (#138 & #611) line up for the annual Jasper Veterans Day parade in early November.

Chapter #23 to the Rescue

On Sunday afternoon, March 3, 2019, a category EF-4 tornado ripped through the Lee County, Alabama community of Beauregard, just a few miles south of Auburn. The twister's path on the ground was more than 20 miles long and was a mile wide.

The devastation and destruction was widespread and extreme and, sadly, 23 people lost their lives that day.

Members of surrounding communities lost no time coming to the aid of those affected by the storm by bringing donations to quickly established distribution centers in the hardest hit areas. Providence Baptist Church was the first of these centers set up for getting supplies to everyone. Area residents could come get what they needed, but early-on had no way to carry their items away after collecting them.



(L-R) Bubba Smith, one of the full-time volunteers accepts a tote bag from Randy Bodine.

As a result, a request soon went out over FaceBook

explaining this critical need and asking anyone with spare tote bags to contribute them right away to this worthy effort.



A RPRU 2018 tote bag shown in the area where donations were distributed to victims.

When Chapter #23 president Randy Bodine and his wife Jana, who live in Auburn, saw the FaceBook post, they immediately thought of the supply of tote bags they had remaining in storage from Red Power Round Up 2018. The bags were originally intended as "goodie" bags for exhibitors and vendors, but ended up being extras that were left over from the show.

They called those in charge at Providence and asked if they would like to have them. Their reply was, "Absolutely"!

Right away, Matt Bodine delivered around 250 RPRU 2018 tote bags to the church to lighten the load a bit on these unfortunate victims of the killer storm.

Chapter #23 members can be proud that, even though not aware of it, this unexpected use of leftover supplies from our Montgomery show helped this community in a very big way and played a key role in getting residents on the road to recovery.

Our Home Pharmacy
March 4 at 1:55 PM · 📍

We got word from one of our customers that attends Providence Baptist Church that they are in immediate need of tote bags.

If you have ANY tote bags in your pantry or closet that are just taking up space, please bring them to OHP so we can get them to Providence for distributing items. In the greatest love.....we thank you!



This fine restoration of a 1935 F-20 was a winter project for Chris Vaughn (#610) of Pensacola, FL. He's the second owner of the tractor. The photo below shows the tractor, along with a 1937 F-12 on steel the day Chris brought both of them home. The curved "holders" on either side of the F-20 supported Arsenic tanks used for spraying cotton. They were installed by the dealer in 1935.



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In the spring of 2019, a story went viral on the internet and was featured on several television programs about an IH "Tug" or Shop Mule that was discovered by deep water diving equipment 3.5 miles underwater intact and sitting upright on the deck of the World War II era aircraft carrier, the U.S.S. Hornet. The Hornet was sunk somewhere east of the Solomon Islands in 1942 by Japanese dive bombers. The Hornet was known for launching the famous "Doolittle Raid" that bombed Tokyo early in the war.



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The Jean's on the River show, not far from Cordova in Walker County always attracts a lot of red tractors, and the Fall 2018 show was no exception. The show takes place on the grounds of "Jean's on the River" restaurant, which sits on a bluff overlooking the Mulberry Fork of the Warrior River near U.S. 78. Early arriving exhibitors are treated to a free breakfast if they have an appetite.



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This good looking Cub is one of Jimmy Kilgore's latest restoration projects. He had it on display at Jean's on the River in October. Jimmy is known for his near-perfect work, and this one is no exception.



Glen and Sheree at Jean's
on the River, Oct. 2009.

Sheree Sanders of Cordova, AL, wife of Glen Sanders (#15) passed away on February 19, 2019. Chapter #23 officers and directors extend our deepest sympathy and support to Glen during this time of great loss.

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