



International Harvester Collectors • Chapter #23

ALABAMA

Early Winter 2018

Working Hard to Spread the News



(Top) Chapter #23 members and friends gather to promote RPRU 2018 at the Jean's on the River Show in October. (L-R standing) Sherman Roberts, Tommy Richardson, Becky Johnson, (unidentified), Jimmy Kilgore, Lynn Higgins, Franklin Jones, Ed Norris, Ray Best, William Kilgore, Ray Banks, Terry Stripling, Clayton Gardner, Thomas Grzyb, (unidentified), William Stripling. (L-R seated) (unidentified), Conrad Bell, Gary Bell, Glenn Sanders.

(Middle Photo) Sherman Roberts uses his Farmall H and All-Purpose Farm Truck in the parade at Eva to display our RPRU banner to the big crowd along the route.

(Left) The first prototype of the RPRU 2018 souvenir belt buckle was revealed to members attending the meeting at the Wedowee show in October. You can find the belt buckle order form at www.alabamaihc.org or www.rpu2018.com.

Randy's Ramblings

• President's Letter from Randy Bodine •

In 2014, while attending Winter Convention in Michigan City, Indiana, I was standing in the buffet line with National IH President, Bob Buxton. We were discussing how the weather report was calling for heavy snow and many were wondering if they would be able to travel home the next day. During our conversation, Bob said, Randy, I bet the weather would be much milder in Alabama, why doesn't your chapter host a Winter Convention? I said to Bob that actually we were going to host Red Power Round Up in 2018. That is how I got us into this wonderful mess – by opening my big mouth. Bob was pleased to hear that a fresh location was considering hosting RPRU. It wasn't long that news had spread throughout the convention and so many people were excited to hear it was going to Alabama. I left that convention feeling great. There was only one thing left to do – go back to Alabama and convince Chapter #23 that they wanted to host. Fortunately for me, you overwhelmingly said yes! You really got me out of a jam – like covering a check written with no money in the bank. With your show of support, the members of Alabama Chapter #23 have said to the rest of the country and the world “We welcome you to Alabama and Red Power Round Up 2018”.

Four years ago in Huron, South Dakota, we began to promote the idea of hosting Red Power Round Up. In June of 2015 in Sedalia, Missouri, we were selected to host this event for 2018. Now, we are SIX MONTHS from Red Power Round Up 2018 actually taking place in Montgomery, Alabama, June 13-16, 2018. You have worked tirelessly over the last three years and there is still much work to be done, but I am convinced that, because of your hard work, RPRU 2018 will be a great success and one of the best in history.

These next six months are going to fly by and we are all going to need to continue to work to reach our goals for RPRU 2018. We will start the year off with a RPRU 2018 committee meeting at Garrett Coliseum on January 13, 2018. The meeting will be from 10:00 am to approximately 2:00 pm. Lunch will be served. All committee chairs need to be present and all committee members are welcome, as well as anyone interested in serving in any area during RPRU. We will send an RSVP email to each committee chair. Please contact your

committee members and respond so we can get a count for lunch. This will be your opportunity to actually visit the site where RPRU 2018 will take place and you can see your area and finalize plans for set up, display, size of area available, etc. We will meet together first as a whole committee, have lunch, then disperse to the individual areas. We are hoping to be far enough along with plans so we won't have to have additional meetings outside of the one with our regular club meeting in April. However, if we aren't as organized or close to finalization as we should be, we will have to schedule other meetings during April, May, or the first week of June.

If you haven't signed up to work during Red Power Round Up 2018, it's not too late. We will need workers from June 9 – June 17. If you're not on a committee, we can find a place for you. You don't have to be available to work the entire time, we will include you for whatever time you can serve. Please email me at randy@bodines.com or call (334) 749-4958.

Over the past three years, there have been days when I think we are way ahead of the curve with our work with RPRU and then other days when I feel like we are behind. Other chapters kept telling me that there is so much that cannot be done until you get closer to the actual event. Well, we are at that point now, and it's time to get everything finalized. The cotton picker toy and belt buckle sales are going well. If you haven't ordered yours, you can get the order forms off of the websites: www.rpru2018.com and www.alabamaih.org or in the latest issue of Harvester Highlights. Also, if you haven't made hotel or camping reservations, you need to get those made quickly as hotels are already beginning to fill up. I wish you could all hear the phone calls and read the emails I get from around the country and the world from people saying how excited they are about RPRU 2018 in Alabama. They all say they “can't wait”, “already have my room booked”, “can't get here fast enough”, “can't wait to see cotton, etc”. It is very encouraging to know that the work we are putting in will be time well spent.

During the middle of December, large parts of Alabama had upwards of 12" of snow and much of the North and Midwest had not had any snow. You never know

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**Minutes of AL Chapter #23
International Harvester Collectors
Meeting at Wedowee, AL
11:00 a.m., Oct. 21, 2017**

6 Directors present

Conrad Bell
Robert Bodine
Buck Brown
Charlie Grimmitt
Wiley Johnson
Ronnie Lott

2 Advisors present

Clay Nordan
Donnie Wedgworth

2 Visitors present

Lucy Davis
Dwain Rush

24 Members present

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Sharon K. Allen
Richard Artz
Harold Beck
Retha Beck
Gary Bell
Jana Bodine
Kasey Bodine
Randy Bodine
Kent Davis
Ken Frost
Mike Gallahar

Sally Grimmitt
Bob Groves
Frank Hebert
Johnnie Lemmond
Larry Lemmond
Larcus Mayo
Glenda Mims
Joe Mims
Grady Morrow
Luther Phillips
Darwin Prewitt
David Snider

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 is currently \$12,937.44.

He reported that membership currently stands at 317. Since the newsletter went to the printer, six new members have joined the club and are included in the total. This number represents the most active members our chapter has ever had at one time.

He also offered an update on 2018 dues collection. Three weeks after dues notices went out, we have received 170 renewals and taken in \$4110.

He said that he plans to forward our first national dues payment to the national membership secretary shortly after the due date of November 1. We have until the end of January to send in our final payment and updated member roster.

He concluded his report with the news that Jane Bottoms, wife of deceased member, Edward Bottoms, has decided to take over Edward's membership in Chapter #23 and, as is the usual custom, she will assume his member number, #432.

There was a motion and second to accept the minutes and report and the motion passed.

Robert Bodine then reported on what is going on with the FFA restoration project at Asbury High School. He said that they have started working out a plan for weekly work sessions. They have started disassembly

and Guntersville Technical School has agreed to sand-blast and paint the tractor for the FFA.

The next agenda item was to select the locations for our four meetings in 2018. Randy explained that he had given this schedule a lot of thought and proposed the following sites and dates: Montevallo FFA on April 7; Montgomery (Red Power Round Up) on June 16; Fyffe on August 25; and St. Florian on October 6. With these choices, he followed our recent strategy of moving these locations around the state in support of members who live nearby. He also spread the dates through the show season to allow the interval needed to produce a newsletter just before each meeting. And, an important reason to choose the Montevallo FFA show is that we can use a classroom at the high school for one of the final Red Power Round Up meetings only two months before the show.

There was a motion to accept the meeting schedule, and with a second, the motion passed.

Randy then moved on to the selection of three new directors to replace Charles Allen, Conrad Bell, and Wiley Johnson, whose terms expire on Dec. 31, 2017. He asked if there were any nominations for new directors. Robert Bodine nominated Joe Criswell and said that he is willing to serve; Conrad Bell nominated Donnie Wedgworth who was present and said that he is willing to serve; and Gary Bell nominated Clay Nordan who was present and said that he was willing to serve.

Following these nominations, Randy closed nominations and called for a motion to accept the three nominees. He got a motion and second and the motion passed. These new directors will serve three year terms that expire at the end of December 2020.

Next, Randy expressed a need for anyone with new show schedule information to make any needed updates to the master sheet that is on the chapter table today. He then went around the circle and asked anyone with a show to promote to speak up. Among shows promoted by attending members were: Orrville on Nov. 11; Southland Flywheelers next Saturday and the third weekend in March of 2018; Greenville next Saturday; and the Alabama National Fair, Oct. 27-Nov. 5.

Randy then gave a summary of major state and national IH events coming up in the next two years. The closest are the 2018 Winter Convention in Branson, MO, March 8-10 and 2018 Red Power Round Up and Alabama IH

State Show in Montgomery, June 13-16.

To conclude the meeting, Randy announced that bids for the 2020 Alabama IH State Show will close at the end of today's meeting. So far we have only one bid, so if that show is the only bid we get, they will be announced as the host in a future newsletter. If another bid comes in, we will conduct an election by mail.

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

*Respectfully submitted,
Clay Nordan – Secretary/Treasurer*

Financial Report

Net Assets, Oct. 2017 \$13,961.77

Income

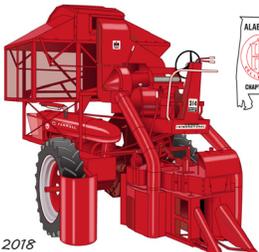
Merchandise Sales 298.00
2018 Dues Collection 5790.00
New Member Dues 210.00
Subtotal 6298.00

Expenses

Newsletter 1024.33
Dues Overpayment Refund 25.00
Merchandise Expense 753.46
2018 National Dues Renewal 2760.00
New Member National Dues 120.00
Subtotal 4682.79

Net Assets, Jan. 2018 \$15,576.98

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Ed and Karen Norris line up for the Jasper Veterans Day parade.



Gary & Conrad Bell in the parade at Eva in September.



Red Power Round Up 2018

Special Planning Meeting
Jan. 13, 2018

Garrett Coliseum
Montgomery, Alabama
10:00 a.m – 2:00 p.m.

Lunch Will be Served

322 Active Members

11 New Members Added Since Last Newsletter

42 Out of State Members

Florida	5	Nebraska	1
Georgia	13	Pennsylvania	1
Indiana.....	2	Tennessee.....	6
Louisiana	8	Texas	2
Mississippi.....	4		

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what kind of weather you may get in Alabama or when you will get it. Typically in June, Alabama is mild, especially when you consider that last year during RPRU in Des Moines, Iowa, it was hot and in the mid 90's. During that same time period in Alabama, it was in the mid 70's – over 20 degrees cooler. The weather can be very favorable in Alabama in June.

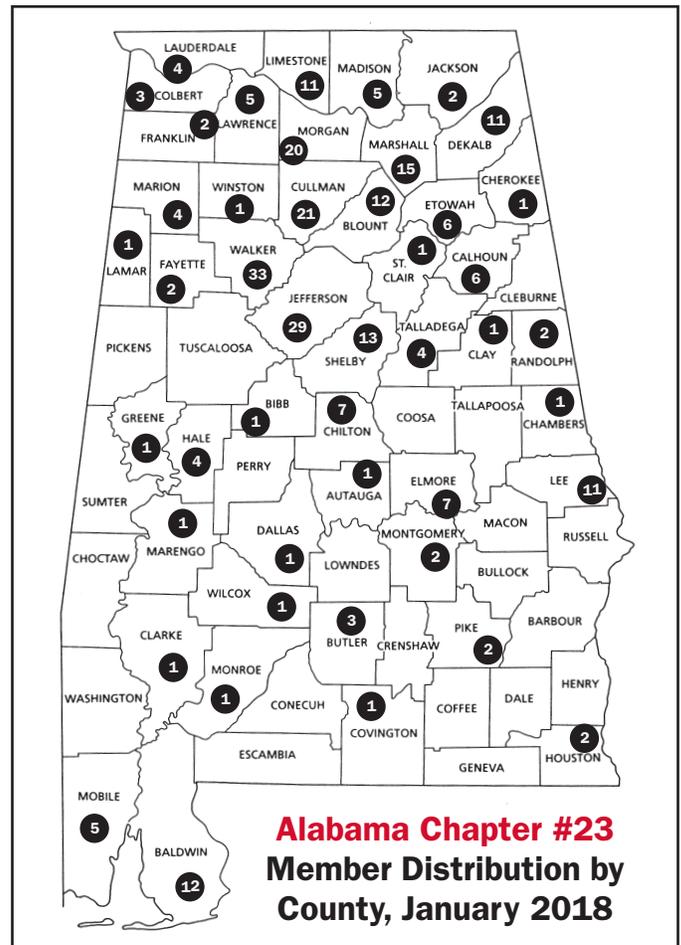
We had good weather for our last chapter meeting for 2017. It was held for the first time in Wedowee. The East Alabama Antique Farm Equipment Club did an excellent job preparing for us and we had a great show. They also provided a room for our RPRU 2018 committee meeting. We had an informative session and the committee chairs were able to share the progress they have made.

The 2018 tentative show schedule is in this newsletter on page 5, and the pocket guides will come to you in early February, along with your new membership cards.

I know that 2018 is going to be the best year ever for Alabama Chapter #23 and I am excited seeing how well we're working together to make a successful RPRU 2018. Also, on a personal note, this is going to be a great year for my family as Jana and I welcome the arrival of our first grandson, Owen Samuel, who is due January 25! We get a new tractor driver and get to host RPRU all in the same year!

Please continue to recruit new members. We want our chapter to keep growing this year. I am asking all of our members to tell everyone you come in contact with about RPRU 2018. Explain to them what Red Power is all about and personally invite them to come join us. I'm looking forward to seeing you January 13, 2018 at Garrett Coliseum in Montgomery, Alabama as we shift RPRU 2018 into road gear.

Randy



Alabama Chapter #23
Member Distribution by
County, January 2018

2018 Tentative Tractor Show Schedule

Leesburg, Florida – IH State Show	Feb. 15-17
Bogalusa, Louisiana – Cub Fest	March 2-3
Branson, MO – IHCC Winter Convention	March 8-10
Hartselle – Southland Flywheelers	March 17
** Montevallo FFA	April 7
Snead – JD Ag Supply	April 7
Tuskegee – Little Texas	April 7
Loxley	April 14
Snead Case IH	April 21
Moulton – Alexander Lumber	April 28
Moulton – Lawrence Christian School	May 4
Franklinton, Louisiana – IH State Show	May 4-5
Chalabyeate	May 12
New Market	May 12
Lebanon, Tennessee – IH State Show	May 18-19
Moulton – Lou Allen Farms	May 19
Town Creek	May 19
Wetumpka (previously Elmore)	May 19
Decatur – Point Mallard	May 26
McCalla – Tannehill State Park	May 26
Summerdale	June 1-2
Haleyville	June 2
Moulton	June 2
Montgomery, AL – Red Power Round Up	June 13-16
** Montgomery, Alabama – IH State Show	June 16
Cotaco – Soggy Bottom	June 16
Gadsden – Goodyear Plant	June 23
Hanceville	June 30
Guntersville	July 21
Speake	July 28
Athens – Piney Chapel	August 3-4
Lawrenceburg, TN	August 17-18
Russellville – Watermelon Festival	August 18
** Fyffe	August 25
Fairview (Labor Day)	Sept. 3
Eagleville, TN	Sept. 7-8
Nicholasville, Kentucky – IH State Show ...	Sept. 14-15
Hartselle Depot Days	Sept. 15
Inman, Georgia – IH State Show	Sept. 21-23
Winfield Mule Day	Sept. 22
Montgomery – AL National Fair	Sept. 28 - Oct. 8
Eva	Sept. 29
Boaz	Oct. 5-6
Centre Fall Fest	Oct. 6
** St. Florian	Oct. 6
Gadsden – Noccoalula Falls “G” Roundup ...	Oct. 12-13
Cordova – Jean’s On the River	Oct. 13
Falkville Festival	Oct. 13
Shelby – Iron Works	Oct. 13
Dothan - Landmark Park	Oct. 20
Jasper Heritage Festival	Oct. 20
Wedowee	Oct. 20
Hartselle – Southland Flywheelers	Oct. 27
Greenville	Oct. 27
Jasper Veterans Day	Nov. 3
Orrville	Nov. 10

****Alabama Chapter 23 Meeting at 11:00 a.m.**



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 Joe Criswell






Glen Mlnarik (#94), in red shirt, with another satisfied customer at the 2017 Red Power Round Up in Des Moines.

Alabama's Lone Member From Nebraska Says Goodbye

In 2000, the second year we were chartered, the Alabama Chapter #23 newsletter listed an out-of-state member from Nebraska, the only one we have ever had. That member, Glen Mlnarik, of Howells, Nebraska, has been active in the chapter ever since.

At the time Glen joined, he was the Treasurer of the national club (national member #547) and came to the new Alabama chapter as a gesture of support. He also owned Little Red Tractor Co., selling parts for old IH tractors and equipment.

Any active member can run a free business card ad in our "Super A" newsletter as a perk of membership, and Glen has advertised in every issue since he joined.

In response to his notice for payment of 2018 dues, Glen sent a note saying, "I will not be renewing my membership. Please remove my business card ad also. Thanks for an excellent newsletter. I am retiring."

While we hate to see Glen end his membership in Chapter #23, we also congratulate him on his decision to retire and hope he finds it as rewarding and enjoyable as those of us who have made the same decision.

We assume that Glen will maintain his national membership as well as his membership with his home chapter in Nebraska, so we look forward to seeing him at the 2018 Red Power Round Up in Montgomery, AL as well as any future national events that he chooses to attend.

Chapter #23 would like to express our gratitude to Glen for his 17 years of interest and loyalty to our branch of the club.

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Progress Reported on Asbury FFA Farmall H Restoration Project

Robert Bodine sent in these photos he shot at the Asbury High School FFA workshop in November showing that the student group is well into dismantling the H and getting it ready for sand blasting.



(L-R) Carl Pletcher (#471) and FFA sponsor Jay Gibson consult on how the dismantling process is going at Asbury.



Carl accepts a \$500 check for the H restoration project from the Weiss Lake club at the Centre Fall Fest in October.



Every step in the process will be photographed and documented as a record of what had to be done to get this Farmall H back to looking like it just rolled out of an IH showroom.



Sherman Roberts (#2) and James Hubbard (#268) put on a demo in September using a CASE/IH tractor, an IH dump truck, and a vintage IH corn sheller for Eicalyn Hulsey's (#64) Valley School kindergarten class in Jasper.



A nice field of cotton at Shaw Farm makes for a fine backdrop for a tractor picture. That's Frankie Shaw (#525) standing between Adam Shaw (#623) on the Farmall A at left and Kris Shaw (#622) on the Super C on the right. Shaw Farm is in the Alford Bend community of Hokes Bluff in Etowah County.



William Kilgore (#232) shows a nice "A" at Jean's.



Terry Stripling (#428) with his Super C at Jean's on the River.



The photo at right showing Clayton Gardner (#78) and W.H. Box (#237) on their Farmall tractors in the Jasper Veterans Day parade on November 4, made the front page of the local paper, the Daily Mountain Eagle.



Jake Beams (#560) from Eutaw in the parade at Orrville on a Farmall 560 owned by Curtis Hamilton (#532).



Donnie Wedgworth (#444) with grandson William Gillmore on a Farmall 504 in the parade at the annual Orrville tractor show.



Larry Smitherman (#504) in the parade at Orrville takes his last ride on a Ford that he sold the day before.



The younger set puts on a good show with this Original Cub Cadet and utility trailer in the Orrville parade in November.



Crushing sorghum cane and cooking the juice for syrup is one of the fall harvest traditions at the Shelby Ironworks show. This year, Harry Burks' Farmall Cub was pressed into service for belt power to run the cane mill.



Randy Bodine gets pedal tractor racers on their marks at Eva.



Tom Summerford (#377) on an International 966 at Eva.



In the parade at Eva, Robert Bodine and grandson Will on a 1066 in front. Brad Bodine and son Logan follow on a 966.



Larry Allen (#282) with passengers in the parade at Eva on a Farmall B in original condition.



President Randy Bodine drove to Wedowee from Auburn the day before the show to stake out this prime spot for the chapter tent and tractor displays that were brought to the show by members on October 21.



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