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International Harvester Collectors
The Club For All IH Enthusiasts

Members of Chapter #23:

Congratulations to your Chapter being 20 years old. For a Chapter to achieve 20 years is a testament to all your great members and leadership. It is the people who make an organization. When you have great members who share a passion for International Harvester, preserving its products and history, you have a recipe for success.

Every member should be proud of the great Chapter you have become. Chapter #23 has become a well-respected Chapter nationally. The enthusiasm and spirit you have shown in attending and supporting national International Harvester Collectors Club events ranks up there. Hosting a Red Power Round Up, in your 20th year is special and will be rewarding. This will be something that you will be proud of for years into the future.

I want to thank each and every one for your membership, work and dedication. The National is certainly proud of what your Chapter has accomplished and being a part of our great organization. I look forward to Chapter #23 achieving more great things for many years to come.

Regards,

Bob Buxton

Bob Buxton, President, IHCC

On March 10, 1998, the hard work and preparations of a committed group of Alabama tractor enthusiasts resulted in the news that Alabama Chapter #23 of International Harvester Collectors had been approved and sanctioned by the national club at their Omaha, NE winter convention.

The Alabama group held three formative meetings starting in October of 1997, and by February 1998, had elected officers, appointed nine directors, developed a set of bylaws,

and designed a chapter logo. This information, along with a letter from president Sherman Roberts requesting that an Alabama chapter be established and sanctioned, was submitted at that time to the national club.

March 10, 2018 marked the 20th anniversary of this "red-letter" day. And what better way to celebrate than to host this year's Red Power Round Up in Montgomery, June 13-16, 2018.

ALABAMA CHAPTER 23

How it all Began

While the idea of an Alabama chapter of IHC might have been a gleam in the eye of more than one tractor enthusiast in the state in the mid-1990's, credit must be given to Gerald Keeton, at the time a 23 year-old from Harvest, AL, for getting the ball rolling with this ambitious undertaking.

Gerald's father, Jimmy Keeton, had been a member of Tennessee Chapter #9 for several years, so Gerald already knew a thing or two

about the organization.

Gerald and his mother, Wynell, often accompanied Jimmy to tractor shows in that state and certain TN members, as early as 1996, began asking Gerald to spearhead an effort to start a chapter in Alabama.

Gerald was a student at Auburn University at the time, studying Agricultural Engineering. He became energized about starting an Alabama chapter but he didn't have much spare time to devote to finding the help he needed.

But in June of 1997 at a show in Knoxville, TN, Gerald talked with John Patterson of Chapter #9 and he gave Gerald an address to use to contact the national club about their requirements.

While Gerald waited to hear back from the national club, he made and distributed flyers seeking like-minded Alabama IH enthusiasts who were willing to get involved with the effort.

Gerald and Jimmy were at a meeting of the Southland Flywheelers in early September of 1997 where they talked with national member Sherman Roberts of Jasper who was also interested in contacting other Alabama IH collectors. They agreed that Alabama needed a chapter and to work together to get one organized.

At a show in Millington, TN on Sept. 13, 1997, Gerald spoke again with John Patterson and told him that repeated efforts to get through to the national club had all failed. Gerald and Sherman sat in on the Tennessee chapter meeting that day and after that meeting, John told Gerald and Sherman that he was going to call someone at the national club and see if he could get them engaged.

With school about to start, Gerald had to move to Auburn in mid-September for college. On September 21, 1997, John Patterson called the Keeton home in Harvest and spoke with Wynell on behalf of the national club and provided information and details about what the national club required from new chapter applicants.

Since Gerald was now occupied with school, Wynell stepped in and tried to get things going for him. Several people had told Gerald that they wanted to be members of the chapter and to let them know if things started to take shape.

Wynell called Sherman and told him what John Patterson had said, so after more phone calls to others, they were soon able to set up the first "formation" meeting for the organization.

Toward the end of September, the national membership secretary, Allen Dummler, had sent to Wynell a set of address labels for all current Alabama national members. She and Sherman put together a letter that was sent to these national members on October 7, asking them to attend this first meeting scheduled for October, 20th at the Athens-Limestone Rescue Squad

Sherman was asked to run the meeting and explain what needed to be done to form a chapter. Out of the ten people in attendance at this first meeting, only three current national members attended, Sherman, Jimmy Keeton, and Wade Knight of Athens.

building in Athens.

A second meeting was held on December 13, 1997 with twelve people attending. Three members of the Tennessee chapter were there, including president Roy Edwards and advisor Joe Carpenter. They were invited to help work through the sanctioning requirements. At this meeting, a rough draft of the bylaws was written, based on the

bylaws of the Tennessee chapter. Also, a chapter logo was discussed and designed. Nine people were nominated to be directors and it was agreed that officers would be nominated and elected at the next meeting.

The third meeting held prior to the national application submission occured on February 7, 1998, again at the Athens-Limestone Rescue Squad. Sherman Roberts presided in lieu of an elected officer. At this meeting the nine directors nominated at the last meeting were selected and their terms of service determined by a draw of lots.

These initial directors were: Regina Hargrove, Gerald Keeton, Bruce James, Billy Gene Knight, Wade Knight, Sherman Roberts, Jimmy Keeton, Clay Nordan, and Jane Roberts.

The bylaws drafted at the December meeting were approved as was the chapter logo. Officers were nominated and elected, with Sherman Roberts chosen as president, Wade Knight as vice-president, Clay Nordan as Secretary, and Wynell Keeton as Treasurer.

Now, in his official capacity as president, Sherman stated to the group that it was clear that all requirements for chapter sanctioning had been met and that he would be sending approved bylaws and logo, and the elected directors and officers lists to the national club in the next few days.

On March 10, 1998, word came from the national club that the Alabama chapter had been sanctioned and would be known as Alabama Chapter #23 of International Harvester Collectors.

We closed that first year with 36 active members and since then, the chapter has continued to grow and prosper with each succeeding year. Today, interest has never been higher, with an active membership now well over 300, including 21 of those original charter members from 1998.

And the icing on the cake in this big anniversary year is the Red Power Round Up that Chapter #23 will host in Montgomery, June 13-16, 2018.



The first "formation" meeting for Alabama Chapter #23 was held at the Athens-Limestone Rescue Squad building, Athens, AL, on October 20, 1997. Ten IH enthusiasts were on hand for this initial effort to get things started. The second and third meetings were also held at the Rescue Squad building on December 13, 1997 and February 7, 1998. At the conclusion of the third meeting, all requirements for a charter from the national club had been satisfied and the application was submitted a few days later.

October 7, 1997

Dear Old Iron Enthusiast,

An effort is currently being made to form an Alabama Chapter of the IH Collectors. If you are interested, it would be appreciated if you could attend a meeting on Monday night Oct 20th, 1997 at 6:00p.m. at Athens Limestone Rescue Squad bldg. 1401 Freeman Av. Athens, AL.

The National IH Chapter requires at least nine board members, in addition to the officers,

All women enthusiast are encouraged to participate as well. Anyone can be an officer.

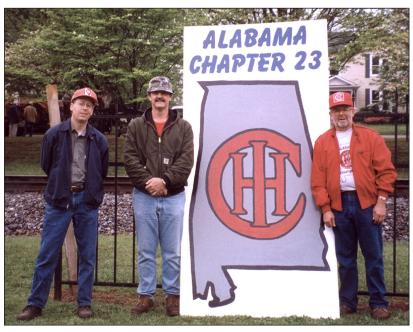
We look forward to seeing everyone at this meeting. For Further information or questions, please call:

Gerald Keeton or Sherman Roberts 205-232-6529 205-483-6508

The letter above was sent to existing Alabama national IHC members in hopes of attracting as many as possible to the first formation meeting.



Sherman Roberts (L) and Gerald Keeton were the catalysts for getting Chapter #23 off the ground.



Chapter #23 officers in April of 1998 at Madison, AL. (L-R) Clay Nordan, Secretary; Wade Knight, Vice President; Sherman Roberts, President.

Report From the International Harvester Collectors Club

(Winter Convention National Directors meeting, Omaha, NE, March 6, 1998)

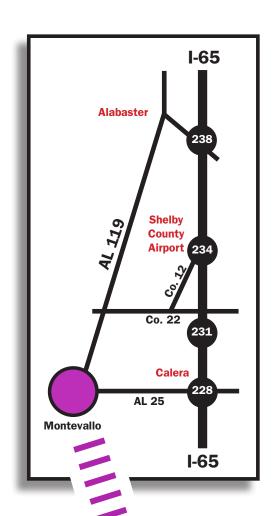
Alabama met all qualifications to become a Chapter. Alabama was sanctioned as Chapter #23 by the Directors, with Sherman Roberts, President; Wade Knight, Vice President; Clay Nordan, Secretary; and Wynell Keeton, Treasurer. We welcome Alabama Chapter #23 to our many Chapters over the United States, Canada, and Europe.

Howard Lord, Director

Re-created from the May/June 1998 issue of Red Power magazine.

20 Years of Alabama Chapter 23 in Photographs





Next Meeting

Montevallo FFA Farm Day

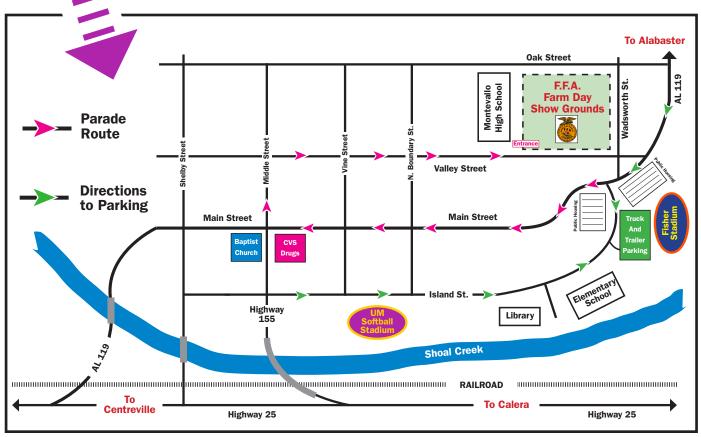
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Montevallo High School Montevallo, Alabama – 11:00 a.m



RED POWER ROUND UP MEETING TO FOLLOW AT 1:00 p.m.

Line-up for Parade at 8:30 am
Parade Starts at 9:30 am



Randy's Ramblings

President's Letter from Randy Bodine

Since this newsletter is unique, I thought my "Ramblings" should be a little different as well. Let's talk about numbers - we use numbers to measure so many things, and one of the things we measure the most is time. We count the hours, days, weeks, months and years. This newsletter is filled with some very special numbers. The first one is "20". Your Alabama IHC #23 became officially recognized as part of the national organization twenty years ago this month. We have much to be proud of as a group. Our numbers have grown and, as National President Bob Buxton noted in his congratulatory letter, our chapter is extremely active at so many of the national events. We enjoy meeting and working together as a group. We invest in our communities and work to support tractor enthusiasts across our counties, state and country. Thank you for investing and I want to encourage you to continue to participate.

The second number I will mention is "26". We just returned from the 26th Annual Winter Convention in Branson, Missouri, and I can tell you that the folks who attended this event are extremely excited about coming to Montgomery. I had countless people tell me they've had their hotel reservations for months and they just can't wait to attend Red Power Round Up 2018. I appreciate all of our members who came to Branson and worked the table answering questions and handing out information for RPRU 2018. They will tell you that the level of enthusiasm for RPRU 2018 is incredible, so we must be ready to welcome them with open arms.

The next number is "29". This year marks the 29th annual Red Power Round Up. We will be hosting this event in Montgomery, Alabama, June 13-16. We have been advertising RPRU 2018 at events and tractor shows all across the country. You should soon be seeing advertising in magazines, newspapers, as well as on "Small Town Big Deal" on RFD-TV. Be sure to invite your friends, neighbors (even your relatives) to come to Montgomery and check out RPRU 2018 for themselves. I don't think they will be disappointed.

Now let's look at the number "55". That's how many shows are on our schedule for 2018. You should have received your pocket schedule with your membership renewal. These shows give us great opportunities to join other tractor enthusiasts to fellowship,

showcase exhibits, make new friends and new memories. I hope you will visit shows you haven't attended before as well as continue to support your local event.

As of this writing, we have "90" days left before the start of RPRU 2018. We had a great committee meeting at Garrett Coliseum in January with "92" in attendance. We had members come from Georgia, Louisiana, Tennessee and Texas, as well as from all over Alabama. Our committee chairs have worked hard and set the framework, but now it is crunch time. It's time to finalize all the plans we have made and bring them to fruition. It's time to get things ordered, shipped, made and have it ready for RPRU 2018. Don't delay - everything will take longer than you think. Remember to get all purchases approved BEFORE you take action. We will meet again at 1:00 pm following our Chapter Meeting in Montevallo on April 7th.

The number "318" is very significant. It is the number of current members in our club. I am excited that people are getting involved and joining Alabama Chapter #23. I hope that each of you will take an active role in your chapter and will continue to support our club in the days, weeks, months and years ahead.

The largest number I am going to use in this newsletter is 57,346. My wife and children gave me a new truck for my 50th birthday in January of 2015. I have driven the truck only for tractoring and promoting RPRU 2018 and as of today. Jana and I have been in the seats of that truck for 57,346 miles. Everyone has a role in RPRU 2018 and mine has been to promote and cast the vision. Even during the past two months, we have traveled to Leesburg, Florida, for the Florida IH State Show, to Ft. Meade, Florida for Florida Flywheelers, to Memphis, TN for the Gin and Farm Show and then to Branson, MO for IHC Winter Convention. We have tried to use every opportunity to promote RPRU 2018, not only by attending those shows, but by leaving behind banners and flyers that those organizations will continue to distribute between now and June.

Lastly, the most important number is "1". The number one represents you - the one member. The way to build an organization or put on an event like Red Power Round Up is with one member at a time. Numbers are important, but they mean nothing compared to the individual. Alabama Chapter #23 started out with



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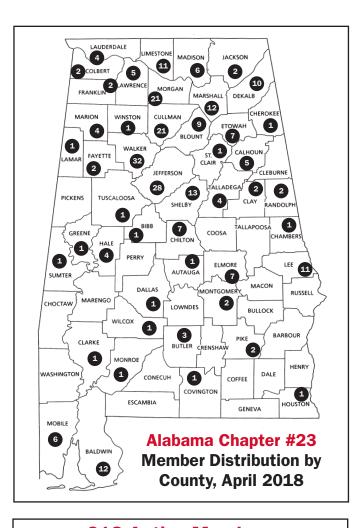
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318 Active Members

12 New Members Added Since Last Newsletter

44 Out of State Members

Florida5	Mississippi4
Georgia17	Pennsylvania1
Indiana2	Tennessee5
Louisiana7	Texas3

Deceased Members

Wynell Keeton #5, 2009 Billy Gene Knight #7, 2017 Hershel Needham #40, 2007 Lloyd Gilreath #49, 2006 Billy Sparks #51, 2011 J.R. Hamrick #66, 2010 Carey Ayers #68, 2002 James T. Ballard #80, 2013 Jessie German #90, 2002 Don McGough #93, 2006 Edward Harris #113, 2017 **Bob Banks** #136, 2010 A.Q. Maze #144, 2011 James Williams #150, 2005 Jimmy F. Smith #155, 2016 Bobby Brown #162, 2012 Jack Neal #169, 2009

Waymon Pesnell #175, 2006 Joe Willis #181, 2010 James H. Turner #188, 2013 Lavern Parker #198, 2011 Charles Barnwell #235, 2015 Garland Dodd #261, 2011 Bill Brock #280, 2009 Rudy Cole #336, 2010 Faye Bodine #340, 2016 Gene Young #389, 2013 Vincent Baham #401, 2017 Johnny Self #427, 2014 **Edward Bottoms** #432, 2017 Richard Greer #443, 2013 **Alan Eisenberg** #476, 2016 Gary Warren #486, 2014 James D. Hamby #492, 2015

Financial Report

Net Assets, Jan. 2018	\$15,576.98
Income	
Dues Collected	1075.00
Interest	82.40
Iowa Showbook Sales	<u>140.00</u>
Subtotal	1297.40
<u>Expenses</u>	
Newsletter	876.38
Pocket Schedules	115.21
Membership Card Postage	151.63
National Dues Paid	<u>1230.00</u>
Subtotal	2373.22
Net Assets, Apr. 2018	\$14,501.16

one person having the idea and adding members one person at a time. It's like building a brick house - you start with one brick at a time, then add another, then another. Each brick is just as important as the next and when you step back and look at all of them collectively, you have a strong, dependable structure. Each one of you are important to make this a successful event. If you are not already on a committee, please don't wait to be asked - volunteer. We will find a place for you. We need workers from June 9 - June 17. You don't have to work the entire week. We can schedule for whatever time you are available. If you haven't made hotel reservations,

rooms are still available. Also, be sure to order your Cotton Picker Toy Replica and your belt buckle. Order forms are available online at www.rpru2018.com or we will have them at our chapter meeting. Also, we need help hauling. We have several members that have great collections and pieces that need to be displayed in Montgomery, but they don't have a way to get them there. Offer to haul for your fellow members - combine loads. Make sure you have a full load on your trucks/trailers when you come to Montgomery and make multiple trips if necessary. I may be calling on some of you to help haul items for the Round Up. Please be willing to help during this time

to insure that we have a great showcase of Alabama exhibits. It may be a once in a lifetime opportunity.

The days may be getting longer, but the time for RPRU 2018 is growing shorter. It's almost time for us to have an "Open House" called Red Power Round Up to show off what we have built over the last twenty years. I look forward to seeing all of you at our next chapter meeting in Montevallo on April 7.

Happy Tractoring!

Randy



(Left to right) Buddy Banks, Sherman Roberts, Roselea Cooper, and Skeet Cooper at the Sneads, Florida Cub Fest in February.







(Above) At the Branson, MO Winter Convention (L-R) Randy Bodine, Jana Bodine, Joe Mims, Glenda Mims, Grady Morrow, Tina McGuffin, Jane Roberts, Don McGuffin, Sherman Roberts. Not pictured: Conrad Bell, Gary Bell, Skeet & Roselea Cooper, Ronnie & Vicki Lott. (Left) Red Power Round Up 2018 gets some publicity at the JM Wood Auction Co. spring sale in Montgomery. JM Wood will conduct the RPRU auction just prior to the national meeting on June 16 at Garrett Coliseum.



More than 90 IHC members, friends, and family from five states gathered for a very productive Red Power Round Up planning meeting at Garrett Coliseum in Montgomery on January 13, 2018.





As Randy and Jana Bodine traveled to the Winter Convention in Branson, MO, they located the "Memphis Works" plant where the IH cotton pickers were built. While in operation, it was the newest and most modern IH plant in the U.S. and was also the largest farm equipment manufacturing facility in the South. The plant opened in 1948 and closed in 1985. The UAW Local 988 hall still stands on the other side of Harvester Lane. The plant eventually closed as a result of a strike vote taken here.



2018 Tractor Show Schedule

** 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
Chalybeate May 12
New Market May 12
Lebanon, Tennessee – IH State Show May 18-19
Town Creek
Wetumpka (previously Elmore)
Decatur - Point Mallard May 26
McCalla - Tannehill State Park May 26
SummerdaleJune 1-2
HaleyvilleJune 2
MoultonJune 2
Montgomery, AL – Red Power Round UpJune 13-16
** Montgomery, Alabama – IH State Show June 16
Cotaco - Soggy BottomJune 16
Gadsden - Goodyear PlantJune 23
HancevilleJune 30
GuntersvilleJuly 21
SpeakeJuly 28
Athens – Piney ChapelAugust 3-4
Lawrenceburg, TN
Russellville – Watermelon Festival August 18
** Fyffe
Fairview (Labor Day) Sept. 3
Eagleville, TN Sept. 7-8
Nicholasville, Kentucky – IH State ShowSept. 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
** St. Florian
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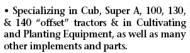
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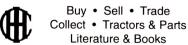
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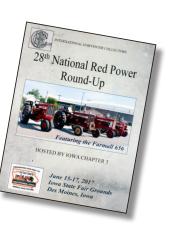
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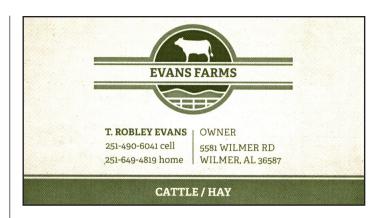
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Red Power Round Up Show Book Des Moines Iowa



There are a limited number of these show books available for sale at a discount by Chapter #23. They will be available at the April 7 meeting at Montevallo for \$30, \$5 off the regular price. If you want to order your copy by mail, send your check for \$30 plus \$5 postage, payable to AL Chapter #23, to Alabama IHC, 2907 Virginia Road, Birmingham, AL 35223.









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