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Chapter #23 Launches Restoration Project

Visitors to Red Power Round Up 2018 in Montgomery, will recall seeing the unusual and rare cotton picker prototype on display that was designed by IH to be mounted on and powered by a Farmall B tractor. The tractor/picker combination was loaned to Chapter #23 for the RPRU by the State of Mississippi Agiculture and Forestry Museum in Jackson, MS. The machine has remained in Alabama since the close of the show and Alabama Chapter #23 president Randy Bodine has developed and spearheaded a plan for the restoration of this unique piece of IH history. Chapter #23 members will do the work, and upon completion,

the restored machine will be returned to the Ag museum and put on permanent display in a new building recently constructed on the museum's campus. Randy has consulted with national officers and directors and has submitted a proposal for funding assistance that includes the amount of money he estimates our chapter will need to raise to complete the restoration.

Much like the project a few years back that was very successful in raising money from individual state chapters for the restoration of display cases at the Cyrus McCormick Farm in Virginia, we are working through the International Harvester Charitable Trust to get the word out to the IHC family and to ask state chapter presidents to seek approval from their members to make a substantial contribution to this worthy cause.

Individual contributions are also more than welcome. You can send your check for any amount, payable to The International Harvester Collectors Charitable Trust to the attention of: Mrs. Debbie Mitchell, 150 Center Hill Road, Lebanon, TN 37087. Please note on your check that your donation is for "Restoration of IH "B" cotton picker".

To ask questions or for additional information, contact Chapter #23 president Randy Bodine at (334) 749-4958 or IHC Trust Chairman, Donald Henderson at (906) 632-3760.

We will keep you updated on our progress with the fundraising effort as well as on the tractor/picker restoration work once it begins. We look forward to seeing the preservation of this very special example of IHC engineering creativity and ingenuity.



This"one-of-a-kind" cotton picker prototype designed by IH to mount on a Farmall "B" was one of eleven cotton pickers on display during Red Power Round Up 2018. Alabama Chapter #23 is seeking donations to a fund that will be used to restore this unique piece of IH history. When complete, the tractor & picker combination will be returned to the Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum in Jackson where it will be housed in a new building and kept on permanent display.

Randy's Ramblings

President's Letter from Randy Bodine

I usually don't casually "chit chat" about the weather and by the time you read this, I hope it has cooled off somewhat. However, weather certainly affects us all and is especially important to those that farm in some way, whether it be planting corn, harvesting cotton, spraying soybeans, cutting hay or growing a garden.

As I write this "Ramblings", Jana and I have just returned from the Auburn vs. Florida game in Gainesville, Florida and I will have to say it was one of the hottest, if not THE hottest game I have ever attended. I thought I was beginning to melt – because as we all know, sugar melts. Since we have been keeping weather records starting in 1880, there has never been a September where every

single day has been above 90 degrees – until this year. For the first time ever, every single day in the month of September in

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my area was over 90 degrees and a lot of those days reached 100 degrees or more!

We have had hot, dry years before. The way I remember which years were wet and which were dry was based on our bush hogging of the pastures. We have some low areas on our farm that can't be planted in cotton, so those areas are left in pasture. Each year, about the time Goldenrod starts to bloom, is the driest time of the year. Growing up, we would take an H Farmall with a pull behind sidewinder bush hog with a rubber drive wheel that turned the blades driven by the Power Take Off (PTO) from the tractor and cut the low, wet areas of the pasture. The tractor had an override clutch (slip clutch) because it didn't have a live PTO. Without a slip clutch, the tractor would not stop until the bush hog stopped turning. Sometimes it would push you through the fence, into a tree, in a ditch, or through the barn - if you weren't careful. Don't ask me how I know that information. However, I would recommend slip clutches. We used an H Farmall because it was light and easy to pull out when we got stuck - not "if" but "when". We gauged how wet or dry the year was on how many or how few times we got stuck. One of the side benefits of cutting the weeds in the pasture was that as children, we had the best bug collections each year in school. When you were cutting Goldenrod,

Ragweed, Sumac, Willows, etc. as tall as the tractor, you could find every insect known to man. Many years, we would have the only preying mantis, walking sticks, lunar moths, or cow ants in the entire school.

What has any of this to do with anything? Well, actually nothing other than I am thinking that we need to get the pasture cut before our state show on Saturday, October 26, 2019. It will be held at the Southland Flywheelers' "Flywheeler Farm" on Highway 36 in Hartselle, Alabama. We will have our club meeting at 11:00 am. Since it is our fourth meeting of the year, we will be electing three new directors, setting our chapter meetings for 2020 and taking final bids for the Alabama State Show for

2021. Please make plans to attend and show your support for Chapter #23.

I have been asking that, beginning

this year, we make our state show each year just a little extra special from our other shows. Please plan to do this by bringing that special IH item or bring a few more tractors, trucks or scouts than you normally would. Friday, October 25, is set up day and Southland Flywheelers always has an appreciation dinner on Friday night around 6:00 p.m. for those who come early and set up. They have asked that Chapter #23 members help out by bringing desserts to share. Here's a thought – if you live relatively close to Hartselle, you could haul a load over on Friday afternoon, enjoy the meal, then bring another load with you on Saturday morning.

As you will see in the newsletter article and the deceased list, we have lost a lot of devoted members this year. It seems that we have lost more than normal in a short period of time. My Dad would always say "we are not promised tomorrow", so we should be prepared and we should wake up each morning to make the most of that day. So, live a little and come enjoy the State Show! Lord willing, hope to see you October 25-26 in Hartselle.

Happy Tractoring!

Randy



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Minutes of AL Chapter #23 International Harvester Collectors Meeting at Piney Chapel Athens, Alabama 11:00 a.m. – August 3, 2019

6 Directors present

Steve Allen Ronnie Lott
Conrad Bell Clay Nordan
Robert Bodine Sherman Roberts

25 Members present Nick Hauser Larry Allen Dennis Johnson Sharon K. Allen Gerald Keeton Harold Beck Johnnie Lemmond Retha Beck Larry Lemmond Gary Bell Brandon McCulloch Jana Bodine Jason Moore Kasey Bodine Russell Pinyan Randy Bodine Carl Pletcher Michael Browning Glen Sanders Gerald Bussell Larry Smitherman Mike Coburn Dawn Thorn Charlie Grimmitt **Donald Thorn**

Our third meeting of 2019 was called to order by president Randy Bodine and he began with an invocation.

The initial 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 \$7840.49 following the payment for the Summer newsletter. He made a motion to accept the minutes as printed. There was a second, and the motion passed.

He reported that our active member number currently stands at 328. This total includes one new member added since the newsletter came out and one re-activation.

Randy then moved on to the restoration plan for the Farmall "B" prototype cotton picker. He said that since our last meeting he had sent a grant proposal to the IH Collectors Charitable Trust requesting a \$10,000 grant earmarked for restoring the "B" cotton picker.

He said that following receipt of his proposal, the Charitable Trust had recently sent a letter to all IHC chapter presidents asking them for funding support for this project. He said that he is hopeful that chapters will respond the same way they did for the restoration project for the showcases at the McCormick Farm in Virginia.

Charlie Grimmitt made a motion that Chapter #23 "prime the pump" with a monetary donation to the Charitable Trust dedicated to this project. The motion was seconded and passed without oppositon.

Randy then returned to the idea that we need to develop a plan for how

we will get started and complete the restoration of this unique machine. He said that there are several ways we could approach it, but we need to have the discussion and make a decision about how to get the job done.

He suggested an approach that has worked for the Louisiana Cub Fest where we would gather up everything we need and get together somewhere over a weekend and disassemble the machine and see how much progress can be made.

He said that it may take several weekends once the machine has been gone through, and that it would be great if someone who has a big shop where this kind of work is done on a regular basis would volunteer their building for the project. He said that we have never done anything like this before as a club, so we need to get together soon and put together a plan.

Ultimately, the restored tractor and cotton picker will be returned and donated to the MS Ag Museum and they already are planning for it to be one of the showcase displays in a new building they will open soon.

The next agenda item was a report on the bus trip to the Pennsylvania Red Power Round Up. Robert Bodine was called on for a brief report and he described the trip as "wonderful and educational". He said that it was a good bunch of folks that went on this year's trip and many new friends were made within the group. He said that "words can't describe" how much he enjoyed the trip and being with everyone who came along.

Randy then asked Vice-president Gary Bell to report on the RPRU itself. Gary said that RPRU 2019 was a good show. That he believed that they ended up with a little over 500 tractors, 221 Cub Cadets, and around 30 Scouts. He said that the facilities were very good, the turnout was great and that he saw a lot of friends and met some new people while there.

As the next agenda item, Randy announced that the new Mississippi chapter's first state show is coming up on August 17 at the Ag Museum in Jackson. Even though this show will be the same day as the big annual show at Lawrenceburg, TN, he hopes that some of our members will travel to Jackson to support our new neighbor, MS Chapter #44.

Next on the agenda was a reminder that our final meeting of the year will be at the 2019 Alabama IH State Show hosted by the Southland Flywheelers at their farm park near Hartselle on October 26. As he spoke about the show, he asked the question: "What are you bringing to the state show?" "What are you doing to make this year's show special?

He then issued a challenge to everyone to bring that rare or hard-tohaul IH item to Hartselle and help us make this year's state show unique and different and one that visitors won't soon forget.

At this point in the meeting, Randy called on anyone who wanted to promote an upcoming show. Among those who spoke up were:

Larry Lemmond promoting the Southland Flywheelers on Oct. 26; Sherman Roberts promoting Jean's on the River on Oct. 12; Ronnie Lott promoting Wedowee on Oct. 19; Charlie Grimmitt promoting St. Florian on Oct. 5; Harold Beck promoting Fyffe on August 24; Brandon McCulloch promoting Spring Hill, TN on Sept. 13 & 14.

As the meeting came to a close, Randy made sure that everyone was aware that the 2020 IH Winter Convention is scheduled for Clemmons, NC (near Winstor-Salem) which is only a drive of a few hours from Alabama. He said that it would not be a bad idea for some of our members to attend a Winter Convention because he believes that we could put on a pretty good one at Huntsville, AL. Chapter #23 members shouldn't be surprised if we hear more about this as time goes on.

Finally, Randy said that now that we know that the Red Power Round Up for 2021 will be at Du Quoin, IL over the 4th of July weekend, bidding is now open for the Alabama IH State Show for 2021.

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

Respectfully submitted, Clay Nordan – Secretary Treasurer

Financial Report

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Net Assets, Aug. 2019 \$9291.11			
Income			
Dues Collected135.00			
Merchandise Sales <u>200.00</u>			
Subtotal335.00			
<u>Expenses</u>			
National Dues Paid60.00			
Dues Collection Postage 330.00			
Funeral Flowers (Craft, Hill)145.14			
IH Memorials (Darst, Nelson)190.00			
Newsletter <u>1115.62</u>			
Subtotal1840.76			
Net Assets, Oct. 2019 \$7785.35			

330 Active Members

4 New Members Added Since Last Newsletter

McCormick Minor #689/NEW Joppa, AL (Cullman County)

Gerald Bussell #690/NEW Lewisburg, TN

Dan Earnest #691/NEW Cordova, AL (Walker County) **Joshua Aycock** #692/26415 Muscle Shoals, AL (Colbert County)



46 Out-of-State Members

Florida	6
Georgia	11
Indiana	2
Louisiana	8
Mississippi	8

 North Carolina
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 Pennsylvania
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 Tennessee
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 Texas
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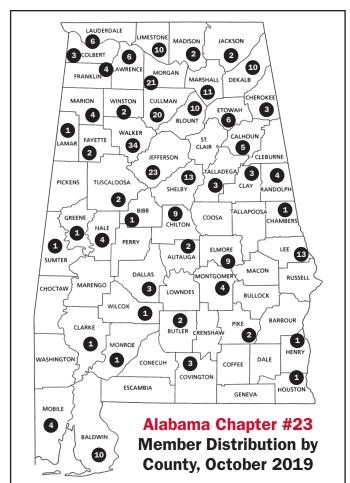
























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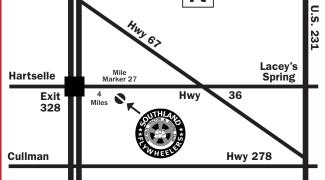


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Fall Festival • Hartselle, AL

11:00 am • October 26, 2019

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2019 Tractor Show Schedule

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Greenville	Oct.	26
Jasper Veterans Day (NEW DATE)	Nov.	11
Perry GA, National Antique Ag Show No	v. 1 4	-16

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



W.H Box (#237) lines up tractors for the 2019 Winfield Mule Day show, a well attended annual event in Marion County.



Chapter #23 RPRU bus stops in D.C. (Front row) Doris Brown, Larry Lemmond, Jana Bodine, Kasey Bodine, Logan Bodine, Randy Bodine. (Second row) Frank Brown, Retha Beck, Johnnie Lemmond, Gary Moore, Karen Wedgeworth, Donnie Wedgworth. (Back row) Harold Beck, Dawn Thorn, Donald Thorn, Regina Moore, Conrad Bell, Luther Phillips, Carroll Hicklen, Robert Bodine.





In Memoriam



Jimmy F. Hill 78, of Lexington, ALCounty Lauderdale died at his residence on Monday, August 19, 2019. Jimmy was a member of Chapter International #23 Harvester Collectors Club. HeChristian who served on many mission trips, foreign

domestic, and worked as a deacon and Sunday school teacher while at Woodmont Baptist Church, Florence. He was currently a member of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Lexington. Jimmy is survived by his wife, Frances Hill, two children, five grandchildren, and his faithful dog, Molly. Jimmy was Chapter #23 member #154 and had been active since 2002.



Darrell Darst, 70, of Madison, MO died Saturday, September 21, 2019. Darrell was born August 10, 1949 in Madison.

A proud Veteran, Darrell served in the United States Army. He fought in the Vietnam War and received an

honorable discharge in 1971.

Darrell is survived by his wife, Kevin, four children and a host of relatives and friends.

After his family, Darrell's passion was International Harvester Tractors. As a founding member of the International Harvester Collectors Club, he devoted much of his life to the development of what is now a community of 7500+ enthusiasts worldwide. He served on the national board as a director for many years, including two terms as president. In addition to his time on the board, Darrell was known for his time as editor of *Harvester Highlights* magazine. Darrell and his wife have an International Harvester Museum at their home in Madison, MO and have traveled all over the United States researching the history of IH.

This note is from Tom Craft (#411) who lost his wife, Janet, on Aug. 18.

I want to thank our club members for the flowers that were sent. Please tell everyone I am thankful for their prayers.

God will take care of our family, as always.

Respectfully,

Tom Craft



Charlie Nelson, age 95, of Greensboro, Ala., passed away Thursday, September 26, 2019, at DCH Regional Medical Center.

Charlie lived in the state of Alabama all of his life. He served

in the United States Navy during WWII. During his military service he sailed from the shores of England on an LST (landing ship tank). That LST came ashore on Omaha Beach on the coast of Normandy France.

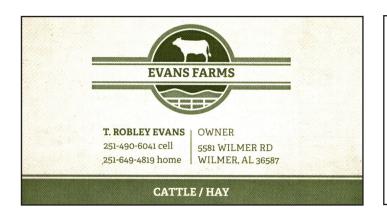
After his service, he returned to Alabama and began farming. In the late 1950's he took a job with the United States Department of Agriculture and was employed by the Soil Conservation Service. During his time with SCS, he was involved in the establishment and design of ponds which was the beginning of what is now the catfish farming industry.

He studied at the University of Alabama, earning his surveying license, and began his second career. Charlie was one of the founding members of what is today, the ASPLS (Alabama Society of Professional Land Surveyors). Charlie was Chaper #23 member #533 and had been active in the club since 2014. He enjoyed restoring old tractors to working condition, hunting, model trains, Braves baseball, good Southern cooking, and a good nap.



Carl Pletcher. Just before this issue went to press, we learned that Carl passed away on October 5, 2019, at Riverview Hospital in Gadsden. Carl was from Altoona in Etowah County and was member #471. He joined Chapter #23

in 2013. He was known for the "cutaway" 1945 Ford Model 2N that he displayed at tractor shows around the state as well as a unique "Baby Ford Model N" that he also brought to shows. Carl was also active in the Farmall H restoration project that Chapter #23 and Bodine Farms initiated in 2017 with the FFA program at Asbury High School in Marshall County. Carl did a great job managing the main gate at the 2018 Red Power Round Up and was often the first person visitors encountered upon arrival.









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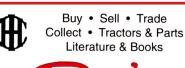


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MS Chapter #44 enjoyed a strong turnout for their meeting held in the auditorium of the Ag Museum in Jackson in conjunction with their first state show. President Guy Nix was able to proudly proclaim they had already reached the 200 member mark in their first year.

Mississippi Chapter #44 State Show 2019

The one-year old Mississippi IHC Chapter #44 put on its first state show on August 17, 2019 on the grounds of the Mississippi Forestry and Agriculture Museum in Jackson, the state capitol. Alabama Chapter #23 officers and directors who made the trip as a show of support for our IHC neighbors were: president, Randy Bodine; vice-president, Gary Bell, Secretary/Treasurer, Clay Nordan; national and chapter director, Sherman Roberts, and director, Conrad

Bell. At an 11:00 a.m. chapter meeting, national IHC president, Bob Buxton, welcomed the MS group as the newest IHC chapter and congratulated president Guy Nix and his officers and directors on their successful efforts to become sanctioned and build membership. Among those echoing Bob's congratulations were, Randy Bodine for Alabama, Buddy Banks for the Louisiana chapter, and MS Ag Commissioner Andy Gipson, who is a member of chapter #44.







The Piney Chapel show near Athens in early August had one of its best shows in years. The number of tractors, engines, and displays this year provided plenty to inspect and admire, and plenty of visitors were on hand to see it all.



Young Logan Bodine (right), son of Brad and Jessica, having a good time with his buds, Liam and Hartley as grandpa Robert Bodine pulls them in his restored IH wagon with a Farmall tractor at Piney Chapel.



Chapter #23 members settle in under the chapter tent for the third scheduled meeting of the year at the Piney Chapel show. A loud John Deere tractor helped president Randy Bodine call the meeting to order.



Long-time Tennessee Chapter #9 member, Buddy Woodson, with his custom International "A" Lo-Boy at Eagleville.



This FRICK steam tractor, built in 1915, was on the grounds at Piney Chapel, with a full head of steam built up to run its belt-pulley as a power source for a wheat thresher demonstration.



Tom Summerford uses his IH Farmall 966 to pull a wagon full of passengers in the parade at Eva at the end of September.



Brad Bodine with son Logan on a Bodine Farms Farmall 806 in the Eva parade.





Sherman Roberts (far left) described this photo as "The Old Guard at a very good Georgia Chapter #29 IH State Show at Inman, GA" in September of 2019. (L-R) Frank Brown, Riley Hudgins, Norman Perry, Ed Yawn, and Aaron Jinks.



Chapter #23 director Conrad Bell driving his 1953 McCormick Super W-4 standard tread tractor in the parade at Eva.

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