

International Harvester Collectors • Chapter #23

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Early Spring 2016

New Chapter Vice-President – Gary Bell

In August of 2015, Gary Bell, of Danville, AL, near Hartselle, was appointed to succeed vice-president Ray Best, who retired after 12 years of dedicated service to Chapter #23.

Gary (#367) joined the club in August of 2009, along with his father, Conrad Bell, and they both have proven to be active and involved members ever since.

Gary completed a threeyear term as a director at the end of December and has transitioned to a single-year term as an advisor for 2016, in addition to taking office as vice-president.

Gary grew up in Hartselle and credits his father with instilling in him his love of tractors, particularly the Red variety. Conrad was raised on an all IH farm near Hartselle, so Gary's IH connection might as well be in his DNA.

Gary lives in Danville, about 9 miles west of Hartselle, on property once owned by his grandfather that came to him and his brother as an inheritance from their mother, whose childhood home was on an adjacent tract.

Conrad and Gary keep their tractors at Gary's place in Danville where they have covered storage as well as a workshop for their restoration projects.

Following graduation from Hartselle High School in 1985, Gary went on to Calhoun Junior College and Athens State University where he earned a Bachelor's degree with a double major in history and biology.



Gary Bell on his Farmall Super MTA in the parade at Eva in September of 2015.

He completed work on a Master's degree in history at the University of North Alabama in Florence. While studying for both degrees, Gary completed coursework in Education that qualified him to be certified to teach in Alabama public schools.

After graduation, Gary went directly to work as a teacher at Hartselle Junior High School where he has remained continuously for the past 24½ years.

Because of his family's farming heritage and the influence of Conrad particularly, Gary has had a love of tractors for almost as long as he can remember. At the age of 3 or 4, he was allowed to sit on the old family Super A in his grandmother Bell's front yard where he would play and pretend to drive. Within a couple of years, he was actually driving the tractor slowly around the yard on Sunday afternoons.

Believe it or not, Gary attended

his first tractor show in 1972 or '73 when he would have been no more than 6 years old. Conrad had read about the Tennessee – Kentucky Threshermen's show in the newspaper, so to encourage Gary's and his own growing interest in old tractors, they made their first tractor-inspired road trip to Adams, TN for the big event, which thrives to this day.

The Bells' interest in tractors and tractor shows became a family activity that included Gary's mother, Martha. But she fell ill in 2007 and died shortly thereafter at the age of 64.

Conrad and Gary looked to their shared hobby to help them cope with the loss of their wife and mother, so beginning with the 2008 Red Power Roundup, they have not missed a single national IH show. And their tractors are displayed regularly at many Alabama tractor shows each season.

When asked if he had any reservations about taking on the vice-presidency of the club, Gary said that the only thing he was concerned about was living up to the example set by the officers who have preceded him who have put in so much hard work to get the club to where it is now.

With the Red Power Roundup coming to Montgomery in 2018, Chapter #23 is fortunate to have a young, energetic member, such as Gary, in position to serve as Randy Bodine's right-hand man as we plan and prepare for the most ambitious event in the history of our club.

Randy's Ramblings

President's Letter from Randy Bodine

Notice anything different? I have been telling everyone how much better I look in color and now you don't have to go to the website to see. A color newsletter has been a long range goal and as color printing has become more economical, we have reached that goal. Clay does a great job for the club and we are very blessed to have him behind the scenes taking care of not only the newsletter, but the website and membership. We have so many great things to look forward to in 2016 and beyond. Seeing them in color will just add to the excitement.

We are putting together a bus trip to Union Grove, Wisconsin for the 2016 Red Power Round Up. If you want to be included, we need to know right away. We are setting up several special tours - Navistar, Burr Ridge/Hinsdale Farm Research Facility, and Racine Case IH Tractor Manufacturing. Because of security issues, these tours require a list of names. You can't just stop by and visit these facilities. These tours have been arranged because of contacts made over the years. This is an opportunity to do something you may never get to do again. Please call or email me and let me know the names of who is going and I will save you a spot. Once I turn the names in, that is all we can take, so don't delay. I have been told by several that they want a seat on the bus because they don't want to have to drive through Chicago to get to RPRU 2016. They would much rather come on the bus and leave the driving to us. This is a great way to get to know other Chapter 23 members, experience Red Power Round Up and get to see a few unique sites along the way. We want as many members as possible to attend RPRU's between now and 2018 so they can have an idea of what others will expect from us.

Red Power Round Up 2018 at Garrett Coliseum in Montgomery, Alabama, is on track and rolling along. I have been promoting this event on my travels from New Zealand to Australia to the Gin and Farm Show in Memphis, Tennessee, to most recently at the IHC Winter Convention in O'Fallon, Illinois. The venue has been secured, proposals for the toy have been requested, the logo is being completed, and the belt buckle design is in process. If you have not been asked to serve on

a committee—you will be. I want every member to be involved in some way. We want everyone promoting RPRU 2018 as much as possible.

You should have received your 2016 show schedule with your membership card. The show schedule has some changes on it so be sure to take a close look. Mt. Hope, Town Creek and the Birmingham Zoo shows have been cancelled, a few new ones have been added like New Market and the Montgomery State Fair and several show dates have changed. Please pay attention and don't presume that because a certain show has always been on a specific weekend or date that it still is - that's why we go to such trouble to get a schedule in the hands of our members.

Our first club meeting of the year will be April 16 at Snead Case IH – always a great show. The second meeting of the year will be June 11 at Hanceville. Our third meeting and our State Show will be August 6 at Athens – Piney Chapel. Our fourth meeting of the year will be October 29 in Greenville, and in combination, we will have a RPRU committee meeting at Garrett Coliseum in Montgomery. Please mark your calendar and make plans to attend.

Have you invited anyone to join our Chapter 23 club? I want to challenge each of you to print off some membership application forms from the website or pick some up at the shows and keep them with you as you travel around or visit shows. Give them to someone you think would benefit from being a club member. Just telling them is not always enough but putting the application in their hands puts them one step closer.

Finally, on behalf of the entire Bodine Farms family, we want to thank everyone for their phone calls, cards, kind words, flowers and thoughtfulness in the loss of our Matriarch (our Maw Maw, our Mother – Faye Bodine). She loved being a part of Chapter 23 and spending time with each of you. She is greatly missed (and so is her famous pound cake) but her legacy and fond memories will always be with us.

Happy Tractoring!

Randy



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Minutes of AL Chapter #23 International Harvester Collectors Directors Meeting at Shelby Ironworks Show 11:00 a.m., October 10, 2015

6 Directors present
Charles Allen
Conrad Bell
Gary Bell
Brad Bodine

Wiley Johnson

Clay Nordan

1 Advisors present Sherman Roberts

2 Visitors present Logan Bodine Sally Grimmitt

20 Members present

Sharon Allen John Batson Ray Best Faye Bodine Jana Bodine Jessica Bodine Kasey Bodine Matt Bodine Randy Bodine Robert Bodine Harry Burks, Jr.
Colin Colvard
Bob Ellis
Charlie Grimmitt
Frank Hebert
Dean Higgins
Carl McMurray
Joe Mims
Rodney Rushing
Doyle Sellers

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 \$18,431. He reported that our membership currently stands at 279. That number includes one new member added since the recent newsletter was mailed and one new member signed today, Frank Hebert, of Calera. The 279 number breaks our previous active member record of 278 set in 2013.

Randy called for a motion to approve the minutes. There was a motion, second, and approval of the minutes as printed in the newsletter.

Next on the agenda was a presentation by Clay of an idea he has been working on to improve future newsletters. He reported that he had not been satisfied with how photographs in the newsletter were reproducing and had looked into what would be involved in making a transition from black & white to color.

The cost to keep the page count at 16 but move to color would have almost doubled our current cost per issue, which is now almost \$700. He had the printer take a look at a 12 page newsletter printed in color, and with a little longer lead time for mailing, and the cost was only \$400 more per issue.

Clay continued to report that he and Randy had discussed whether or not it was really necessary to print the entire membership list in each newsletter. If we printed the list in the first newsletter of each year, we could only 12 pages in those editions. He said that new and renewing members would still be listed as they came in, but this would not take up much space in the 12 page newsletter.

The total additional cost related to executing this idea would be around \$1600 per year. One additional

then cut 4 pages from the remaining 3

newsletters during the year and have

executing this idea would be around \$1600 per year. One additional argument in favor of making this change is that it would be a strong statement by the chapter of our desire to grow and demonstrate our commitment to the Red Power Roundup that we will be hosting in Alabama in 2018.

Clay made a motion to approve the move to color in 2016 as well as the idea as presented for a single 16 page issue at the beginning of the year and three 12 page issues to follow. There was a second and considerable discussion about the merits and additional cost of the change. When a vote was called, the motion passed without opposition.

The next agenda item was the selection of locations for our four meetings in 2016. As Randy explained, these locations revolve around the year's State Show date, which is Piney Chapel on August 6. The other dates have to factor in enough time to put together and print an issue of the newsletter between meetings. Considering all of this, the other three locations presented were: Snead, April 16; Hanceville, June 11; and Greenville, Oct. 29. There was a motion to accept these dates. A second was made and the motion passed without objection.

The next agenda item dealt with replacing three directors whose terms expire on December 31, 2015. Randy reminded the group that Gary Bell, Brad Bodine and Larry Lemmond will transition on that date from director to a one year term as advisor. Gary Bell is already in office as our new vice-president.

As part of the effort to find three new directors, Randy also announced that current director, Roger Heath, has resigned from his term for personal reasons and that we need to find a replacement to serve out his term.

Randy called for nominations for new directors and three names were presented: Dean Higgins, Buck Brown, and Charlie Grimmitt. Randy said that he had approached Joe Criswell about completing Roger's term, and he had agreed to accept the appointment. There was a motion to approve these four nominees. There was a second, and the motion passed without objection.

Next on the agenda was a short reminder that a bus trip will be organized again this year to travel to the Red Power Roundup in Wisconsin. Randy encouraged everyone to sign up and said that more information will be made available early next year.

Next, Randy called for any final bids to host our State Show in 2019. There were no more bids offered, so Randy asked for a motion to close the bidding. There was a motion, second, and the motion carried.

With bidding closed, Randy announced that we had received only a single bid from Boaz for the 2019 host. So, with no competition, Boaz was automatically selected as 2019 show host.

The next agenda item was a request for any show schedule updates for 2016 as our master schedule is being finalized for printing and publication.

The next agenda item was a reminder of a new event, The Alabama State Fair at Garrett Coliseum in Montgomery, October 30 – November 8. Chapter #23 has been asked to provide ag displays for this year's fair and Randy said that an entire building has been set aside just for tractor and implement and related ag displays.

Next on the agenda was to ask for anyone with a show to promote to speak up. Randy went around the circle and several shows and events were mentioned and recommended.

At this point, Randy introduced Harry Burks, Jr., president of the group that operates the Shelby Ironworks Park fall festival. Harry is a chapter #23 member and he welcomed our group to the park and their annual show. He invited us to come back in future years and also introduced his successor as president, Frank Hebert of Calera. Frank joined chapter #23 after the meeting adjourned and was the new member who took us to 279 active members, which broke the previous record.

As the meeting neared its end, Randy went through a list of future events and shows of interest to all chapter #23 members, including Winter Conventions, Red Power Roundups, and Alabama State Shows.

To conclude the meeting Randy offered a Red Power 2018 update. Clay announced that he had secured the services of his friend, Donovan Harris, who is art director for Progressive Farmer magazine to assist him with the creation of graphics for the show as well as the RPRU Showbook.

Randy said that Gary Couey has agreed to handle belt buckles. He also said that we need to select an overall decoration chairman. While there is national excitement over our choice of cotton culture and equipment as a big feature of the show, we still need to

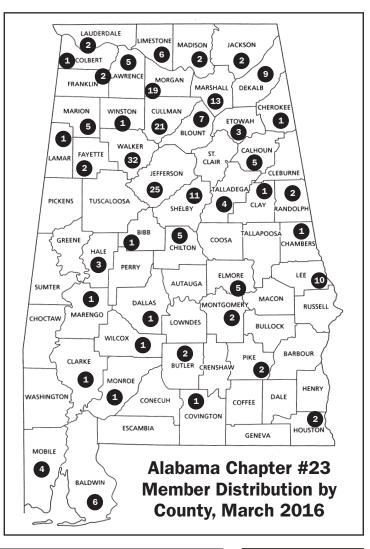
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Deceased Members

Wynell Keeton #5, 2009
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
Bob Banks #136, 2010
A.Q. Maze #144, 2011
James Williams #150, 2005
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
Johnny Self #427, 2014
Richard Greer #443, 2013
Gary Warren #486, 2014
James D. Hamby #492, 2015



Financial Report

Net Assets, Oct. 2015 \$19,117.47
Income
Interest
Dues Collected
Subtotal
<u>Expenses</u>
Newsletter695.85
National Dues Paid 3,510.00
Dues Overpayment Refund 15.00
Postage for Dues Collection 172.35
Flowers for F. Bodine Funeral 108.00
Pocket Schedules <u>122.56</u>
Subtotal4623.76
Net Assets, March 2016 \$20,642.14

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settle on a feature tractor, truck, and engine.

Two ideas for feature tractor have been presented so far: The first is to feature "distillate" tractors, or tractors that started on one fuel and ran on another. At one time there were

Out of State Members

Florida2		Mississippi3	
Georgia	8	Nebraska	1
Indiana	2	Tennessee	1
Louisiana	7	Texas	2

257 Active Members

5 New Members Added Since Last Newsletter

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many of this type tractor on Southern farms.

The other suggestion is "offset" tractors, such as the Farmall A, Super A, 100, 130 & 140 style tractors as well as Cubs, Cub Lo-Boys, and ultimately the diesel IH 274. All of these tractors had the operator's seat and steering wheel located to the right of the engine to provide clear visibility of planting and cultivation work. Most members

in attendance liked this last proposal since it offers examples from 1939-1979 and we know that there are still many of them in our region that could be brought to Montgomery in 2018.

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

Respectfully submitted, Clay Nordan Secretary/Treasurer



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NEW IDEA



Nettie Faye Bodine

OBITUARY

Her legacy was working hard, and she taught her children to do the same. Faye Bodine of Alder Springs died at Marshall Medical Center North Thursday, Jan. 7, 2016. She was 80.

She was the daughter of Howard and Pearl Guffey LaFevor. She grew up in the Mill Village in Guntersville, where her father worked for the cotton mill. She married Frank Bodine in 1950, and in 1953 they bought the farm at Alder Springs.

Mrs. Bodine helped her husband on the farm. At one time they were among the largest cotton farmers in Marshall County. Mr. Bodine died 20 years ago.

Later in life Mrs. Bodine worked for the Arrow Shirt Factory. After it closed, she retired. Her retirement was spent traveling and participating in her family's adventures.

She was known for her cooking and had made her sour cream pound cake for country music stars, her family said.

During the tornadoes in April 2011 her 100-year-old farmhouse was destroyed. Mrs. Bodine took refuge beside the double chimney and survived without a scratch, her family said.

The community, along with her family and groups such as Carpenters for Christ, rebuilt her home.

In 2013 she developed lung cancer. Doctors removed the upper lobe of one lung, and Mrs. Bodine went through chemotherapy and rehab. In 2015 she had a heart attack and underwent quadruple bypass surgery.

Mrs. Bodine is survived by a daughter, Glenese Williamson (Randall); 2 sons, Robert Bodine (Mary) and Randy Bodine (Jana); 6 grandchildren, Brad Bodine (Jessica), Chad Bodine, Amanda Williamson, Laura Williamson, Kasey Bodine and Matt Bodine; 2 great-grandchildren; a sister, Elizabeth "Liz" Morris; and 2 brothers, Charles LaFevor and Howard Earle LaFevor.

Mrs. Bodine was preceded in death by her husband Frank Bodine; and an infant son, William Arnold Bodine.

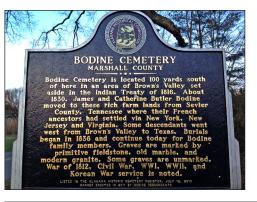
The funeral was Saturday, January 9, at Guntersville Memorial Chapel.

Chapter #23 sent a handsome flower arrangement to honor Faye Bodine's memory that included white carnations and red roses.

Shark you so much for the feartiful spray. We appreciate your thoughtfulness during this difficult time. The loved her IH friends and loved fellowshipping with all you.



Thank you sincerely
for sharing our sorrow.
Your kindness is
deeply appreciated and
will always be remembered
by the family of
Mithi Jazi Bodire





A young Faye Bodine operates an IH cotton picker.



Faye Bodine – member #340 – (left) and her Sour Cream Pound Cakes attracted a lot of attention from the crew of the TV show, "Small Town, Big Deal" at the 2014 Red Power Roundup. Go to alabamaihc.org to view a YouTube video of Faye's appearance on the show.



Skeet (#449) and Roselea Cooper with their optional red, not standard Federal yellow, 1963 IH Cub at the Deep South Cub Fest in Louisiana.

2016



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2016 Tractor Show Schedule

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Hartselle - Southland Flywheelers	March 19
Snead Case JD Ag Supply	April 2
Tuskegee – Little Texas	April 2
Loxley	April 8-9
Lake Park, GA – Alapahoochee	April 9
**Snead Case IH	April 16
Hackleburg	April 23
Montevallo FFA	April 23
Moulton – Alexander Lumber	April 30
Franklinton, Louisiana – IH State Show .	May 6-7
Murry Kentucky IH State Show	May 7
Chalybeate	May 14
New Market	May 14
Elmore	May 21
Decatur - Point Mallard	May 28
Summerdale	May 28
Haleyville	June 4
Moulton Courthouse	June 4
**Hanceville	June 11
Crossville, TN IH State Show	June 16-1 8
Union Grove, WI (Red Power Roundup)	June 16-18
Cotaco - Soggy Bottom	June 18
Gadsden - Goodyear Plant	June 25
Speake	July 9
Tannehill State Park	Julv 9

Boaz	July 16
**Athens - Piney Chapel	August 5-6
Lawrenceburg, TN	August 19-20
Russellville – AL IH State Show	August 20
Fyffe	August 27
Wedowee	August 27
Fairview (Labor Day)	Sept. 5
Eagleville, TN	Sept. 9-10
Inman, Georgia – GA IH State Show	Sept. 16-18
Hartselle Depot Days	Sept. 17
Eva	Sept. 24
Winfield Mule Day	Sept. 24
Centre Fall Fest	Oct. 1
St. Florian	Oct. 1
Shelby – Iron Works	Oct. 7-8
Cordova – Jean's On the River	Oct. 8
Falkville Festival	Oct. 8
Gadsden – Noccalula Falls "G" Roundu	p Oct. 14-15
Dothan - Landmark Park	Oct. 15
Jasper Heritage Festival	Oct. 15
Hartselle – Southland Flywheelers Farn	n0ct. 22
Lake Park, GA – Alapahoochee	Oct. 22
Montgomery – AL State Fair	Oct. 28-Nov. 6
Greenville	Oct. 29
Jasper Veterans Day	Nov. 5
Orrville	Nov. 12

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

There are many more color photos to view from the Eva show at www.alabamaihc.org under "Tractor Show Photos."



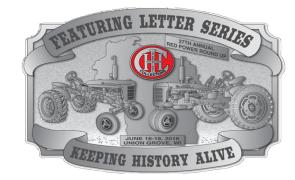
You know you have arrived in Eva when you spot the giant American Flag tent that marks the center of the show grounds at this annual show just north of Cullman. (Left) Randy Jones (#100) from Cullman drives his Super M in the Eva parade. (Middle above) Mike Gallahar (#434) and Larcus Mayo (#495), both from Talladega County, show off their immaculate Allis-Chalmers Model "G" tractors for the parade watchers at Eva. (Right) An excellent Farmall 1066 Hi-Clear Turbo restoration on display near the flag tent.





(Left) Donnie Wedgworth (#444) from Greensboro in Hale County shows off his Farmall 706 diesel widefront and 1955 Farmall 400 to Randy Bodine at Eva. (Above) Gary Couey (#271) in the September parade at Eva.

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June 16, 2016 – Red Power Round Up, Union Grove, Wisconsin

June 17, 2016 – Red Power Round Up, Union Grove, Wisconsin 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. Lions Club of Waterford Legendary Chicken BBQ

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The fall festival at Shelby

A good looking line-up of Farmalls at Shelby Ironworks, including Joe Mims' (#324) 1919 International Harvester Titan at right.



(Above left) Jimmy Kilgore's handsome Farmall Cub with belly mount disc plow gets a lot of attention at Jean's. (Center) Thomas Grzyb (#212) greets Glenn Sanders (#15), as Chris Tucker #209 and Edward Norris (#138) look on. (Right) Sherman Roberts (#2) with the one-ton 1959 model B-130 (4-speed) IH truck he brought home from the Red Power Roundup in Sedalia, MO last summer.



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