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# **Fundraiser Cub Goes Home to Pennsylvania**



Chapter #23 Officers, Directors, and Advisors pictured with the fundraiser winner, Charlie Weigel and his wife Barb. (Left to Right) Randy Bodine, president, Donnie Wedgworth, director, Roger Heath, director, Larry Lemmond, director, Charles Allen, advisor, Sherman Roberts, director, Gary Bell, director, Conrad Bell, advisor, Joe Criswell, director, Hal Hoaglin, director, Charlie Weigel, Clay Nordan, director & secretary/treasurer, Barb Weigel.

A highlight of our meeting at Boaz in July was our much anticipated introduction to the winner of our 2013 fundraiser Farmall Cub. Charlie Wiegel and his wife, Barb, traveled the 733 miles from their home in Seven Valleys, Pennsylvania to Boaz, Alabama to feast their eyes on and take home the handsomely restored 1948 Farmall Cub they won just by making a \$5 donation to our club.

Charlie made his donation and pocketed the winning ticket stub at

the Red Power Roundup in Lima, Ohio in July of 2013. His ticket was pulled from more than 4000 entries in a random drawing held at our Christmas party in December of the same year. When president Randy Bodine called Charlie to tell him about his good fortune, Charlie actually didn't remember making the donation in the first place, but he had hung on to the stub and, for good measure, handed it to Randy during the presentation at Boaz.

Charlie works for a materials

handling company in Seven Valleys, an old German community, which is just across the Maryland/ Pennnsylvania line and not far from Gettysburg where the pivotal Civil War battle was fought.

Charlie has IH in his DNA. His father was a mechanic for an IH dealer in the Seven Valleys area. In addition, the Weigels are no strangers to the South, having one daughter who lives in Clarksville, Tennessee and another daughter who lives in Crestview, Florida.

# Randy's Ramblings

President's Letter from Randy Bodine

The Fall tractor show schedule ahead is exciting. Sometimes there are three or four choices each Saturday, so you should not have any problems finding a show to attend. My biggest problem is trying to decide which show to choose. I have been known to go to more than one show a day.

I was in Lawrenceburg, TN, for the show on Friday and Saturday, but on Saturday morning, I left there, made a trip to Russellville, Alabama - scouted the site, then returned to Lawrenceburg, TN, just in time to see one of our members, Charles Allen, win the tractor they gave away at the show. I was scouting out the Russellville site because it will be host for the 2015 Alabama State IH Show. Russellville is the home of the Watermelon Festival. Everyone is going to enjoy this show and should be making plans now to attend. I had heard there were 30,000 people and hundreds of exhibitors, and that was not an exaggeration. The ladies are going to love this show as well. The entire downtown is lined for blocks with arts and crafts, vendors, entertainment - and free watermelon from 11:00 - 2:00.

However, I have gotten ahead of myself because the 2014 Alabama State Show is coming up on September 27 at Eva, Alabama. This is always a great show, but this year it is the STATE SHOW. The entire town comes out to support this event with lots of vendors and arts and crafts, as well as the car show and, of course, TRACTORS! It's always important for our chapter members to put their best foot forward and bring their tractors and other IH exhibits for everyone to see.

State shows always draw attendees from many areas. Many people travel great distances and we don't want to disappoint them. So please come and bring something to add to the festivities, even if it's only your smiling face.

We have worked to expand the locations of our chapter meetings and state shows. Having these meetings at new and varied locations, gives all our membership an opportunity to attend those meetings close to home, as well as venture to new places and meet new friends. Each time we have a club meeting at a new location, we gain members and expand our club.

After our state show meeting at Eva, our last chapter meeting of the year will be at Orrville, Alabama, on November 8. It normally is beautiful fall weather for this show and they always have a good crowd of people. My wife, Jana,



Advisor, Charles Allen (#334) and his wife Sharon (new member #523) with the IH Cub Lo-Boy 154 they won in the drawing at the Lawrenceburg, TN Crossroads of Dixie show in August.

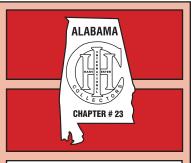
says this is one of her favorite shows because she does some of her Christmas shopping with their wonderful arts and crafts vendors. They also have rusty iron vendors, working agriculture displays, an antique car/truck show, and TRACTORS, as well as some great food.

Speaking of shows, remember Red Power Roundup 2015 will be held in Sedalia, Missouri on June 10-13, 2015. Please make plans now to attend and support Chapter #23's efforts to host the Red Power Roundup in 2018. We are planning, once again, to take a tour bus that will hold about fifty people. We will send out more details later, but this will be a much shorter trip, probably Wednesday to Sunday. This will basically be a trip specifically to Red Power Koundup and back with bus transportation and hotel but hopefully a surprise stop or two along the way. Go ahead and mark your calendars and make plans to join us!

There are still several months left in tractor show season, so let's enjoy as many of them as we can. Bring someone along to the State Show, the chapter meeting, or any of our shows and encourage them to join our club of tractor enthusiasts. Be a friend to someone today and invite them to go with you to a show.

Happy Tractoring!

Randy



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### Minutes of AL Chapter #23 International Harvester Collectors Directors Meeting at Boaz Show 11:00 a.m., July 19, 2014

8 Directors present
Gary Bell
Joe Criswell
Roger Heath
Hal Hoaglin
Larry Lemmond
Clay Nordan

Sherman Roberts

Donnie Wedgworth

2 Advisors present Charles Allen Conrad Bell

1 Visitor present Todd Hoaglin

18 Members present
Sharon Allen
Harold Beck
Faye Bodine
Jana Bodine
Kasey Bodine
Matt Bodine
Randy Bodine
Robert Bodine

**Buck Brown** 

Mike Gallahar Dennis Johnson Ronnie Lott Keith Manning Carl McMurray Gary Moore Jimmy Page Carl Pletcher Jane Roberts

The meeting was called to order by president Randy Bodine and he began the meeting with an invocation. A sign-up sheet was sent around with a request that email addresses also be listed.

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 \$20,804. He reported that our membership currently stands at 267.

Randy then reminded everyone that the mini-fundraiser was still going on and that a drawing for the tractor book will be held at the Eva show on September 27.

Next on the agenda was a report about the bus trip to South Dakota. Randy reported that the trip was a great success and that everyone who participated had a fine experience and enjoyed the side trips leading up to the big Red Power Roundup at Huron, SD.

Randy reminded the assembled members and directors that our State Show for 2014 will be held on September 27 at Eva, north of Cullman.

He then moved on to the Red Power Roundup for 2015, which will be held at Sedalia, MO, June 10-13. He said that they have a "Quilt Block Committee" that has asked our chapter to contribute a quilt square for a special quilting project they are planning. Gary Bell spoke up to say that Chloe Willis is a skilled quilter and we could ask her if she would be willing to make the square. He said he

would contact her and see if she can help out.

Randy said that our chapter will make our presentation at Sedalia for hosting the 2018 Red Power Roundup and that we need as many chapter #23 members as possible to attend the national meeting and vote. He said that he is planning another charter bus trip to Missouri and that there will possibly be some side trips. He said that he has already reserved 52 rooms at a hotel three blocks away from the show grounds.

Next on the agenda was a reminder that our State Show for 2015 will be at Russellville's Watermelon Festival on August 15, 2015. Randy also completed his show summary with the RPRU for 2016 at Union Grove, Wisconsin, June 16-18, 2016; the Alabama State Show for 2016 at Piney Chapel, August 5-6, 2016, and the Red Power Roundup for 2017 at Des Moines, Iowa, June 14-17, 2017.

Randy then said that bids remain open for host of our 2017 State Show. Anyone wanting to submit a bid can do so to either Randy or Clay. He asked that any show that has hosted in the past two years or are already scheduled to host in the future please wait to submit a new bid and give other shows a chance to participate.

So far, the Boaz show is the only submission we have received for 2017. Bids will be closed at Orrville and we will make our selection at that meeting or authorize an election if there are multiple bids in hand. Randy complimented the Boaz show on how they publicize their show with billboards and postcards.

The final show that Randy discussed was our hope that the Red Power Roundup for 2018 will be at the Garrett Coliseum show grounds in Montgomery, AL.

Randy then reminded everyone that our next meeting will be at Eva and the final meeting will be at Orrville on November 8.

To conclude this second chapter meeting of the year, Randy went around the circle and gave anyone who wanted to plug an upcoming show an opportunity to do so. Among the shows promoted at this time were: Southland Flywheelers on Oct. 4; Fyffe on August 23, Wedowee on August 23, Hanceville on May 30, 2015, and Jean's on the River on October 11.

The final agenda items for this meeting: reminders about caps and T-shirts, the chapter website, and articles/pictures for the newsletter, were run through quickly to conclude the business of the meeting.

Then the meeting ended with a

special presentation to the winner of our 2013 Farmall Cub fundraiser. Charlie and Barb Weigel of Seven Valleys, PA traveled from their home to attend today's meeting and take posession of the Cub tractor that has been waiting for them since the drawing in December of 2013. Bodine Farms has kept the Cub under cover and in good running order since the drawing, but today it was loaded onto Charlie's trailer and hauled back to Pennsylvania to start the next chapter in its life with its new owner.

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

Respectfully submitted, Clay Nordan Secretary/Treasurer

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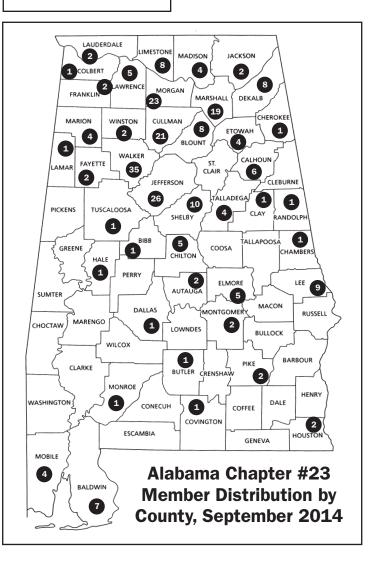
Wynell Keeton #5, 2009 Hershel Needham #40, 2007 Lloyd Gilreath #49, 2006 Billy Sparks #51, 2011 J.R. Hamrick #66, 2010 Carey Ayers #68, 2002 James T. Ballard #80, 2013 Jessie German #90, 2002 Don McGough #93, 2006 Bob Banks #136, 2010 A.Q. Maze #144, 2011 James Williams #150, 2005 Bobby Brown #162, 2012 Jack Neal #169, 2009 Waymon Pesnell #175, 2006 Joe Willis #181, 2010 James H. Turner #188, 2013 Lavern Parker #198, 2011 Garland Dodd #261, 2011 Bill Brock #280, 2009 Rudy Cole #336, 2010 Gene Young #389, 2013 Richard Greer #443, 2013

### **Out of State Members**

Florida	2
Georgia	6
Indiana	2
Kentucky	1
Louisiana	7
Mississippi	4
Nebraska	1
Tennessee	1

### **271 Active Members**

6 new members added since last newsletter.





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### **2014 Tractor Show Schedule**

Inman, GA IH State ShowSept. 19-21
Hartselle Depot DaysSept. 20
Winfield Mule DaySept. 27
**Eva, AL IH State ShowSept. 27
Centre Fall Fest
St. Florian (Old Brooks High School) Oct. 4
Hartselle – Southland Flywheelers Farm Oct. 4
Gadsden – Noccalula Falls G Roundup . Oct. 10, 11
Cordova – Jean's On the River Oct. 11
Falkville Festival Oct. 11
Shelby Iron Works Oct. 11, 12
Jasper Heritage Festival Oct. 18
Cullman – Peinhardt Farm Days Oct. 25
Dothan – Landmark Park Oct. 25
Greenville Oct. 25
Jasper Veterans Day Nov. 8
**OrrvilleNov. 8

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



Jan and Dale Shaw, members of TN Chapter #9

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brought several Cubs to Tannehill. They rescue abandoned Cubs and get them running and back in shape to sell and restore.



The antique tractor, engine, and car show at Tannehill State Park has become a great attraction in central Alabama in July. You won't find a better variety of stationary engines and engine driven devices than at this show under the trees.









There's not a prettier location for a tractor show than the big "Trade Days" area at Tannehill State Park just west of Bessemer.



At the chapter meeting at Boaz, Randy Bodine presents the 1948 Farmall Cub fundraiser tractor to the winner, Charlie Weigel, along with one of the signs used for promotion throughout 2013.



Boaz mayor Tim Walker presents the "Best of Show" award to Carl Pletcher (#471) for his 1953 Ford Golden Jubilee restoration.







(L-R) Donnie Wedgworth, Conrad Bell, Gary Bell & Logan Bodine, and Roger Heath crank up for the parade at Boaz.





Just a sampling of the many tractors on display at the NC Chapter #42 IH Extravaganza at Denton, NC, July 1-5, 2014.





Jimmy Keeton (#4) on a model 782 Cub Cadet in the parade at Piney Chapel in August.



One of the highlights of the Piney Chapel show is once again getting to see (#47) Billy Ferguson's immaculate IH KB 5 truck restoration.



Robert (#170) & Logan Bodine on a "High Cotton Clearance" Farmall M at Piney Chapel.



There's always a good crowd in the grandstands at Lawrenceburg to watch the parades and tractor pulls.



Preston Jones (#227) and assistant, Stanley Jones, had a good turnout for their workshop at Lawrenceburg. Preston has a lifetime of experience in carburetor repair and is happy to share his knowledge and expertise.









Chapter #23 members in the parade at Lawrenceburg, TN in August. (L-R) Charlie (#339) & Sally Grimmitt on a 1947 Farmall B, Jimmy Hill (#154) on a nice Farmall 100 restoration, and Sherman Roberts (#2) on a Farmall 100 Hi-Crop.

## **A Young Tractor Lover's Dream Comes True**

On August 24, 2013, the East Alabama Antique Farm Equipment Club completed a fundraiser by giving away a restored Farmall 200 in a drawing at their annual show at Wedowee in Randolph County, which borders the Alabama/Georgia state line.

Chapter #23 member Jerry Rice (#325) held the winning ticket that was drawn by a little boy with a very enthusiastic love for tractors. Six year old kindergartner Rhett Huddleston, had high hopes that he would draw his own ticket stub and take the shiny Farmall 200 home with him.

Days before the drawing, Rhett was so certain that he would win that he would ask his dad, Jerry Huddleston, how they were going to get the tractor home? Where will we park it? Will it fit in the barn?

But it was not to be for the young tractor lover, and Jerry and his wife Diane couldn't help but notice how crestfallen Rhett became when his stub was not the winner.

The next morning at church, someone asked Jerry who won the tractor, and he hesitantly replied, "Well, we did, but I would rather a little boy I know had won it."

While eating lunch following church, Diane and Jerry decided that they would be much happier if they just gave the tractor to Rhett, and that's exactly what they did.

On Monday Jerry and Diane drove the Farmall 200 over to Rhett's house in Wedowee. The



Rhett Huddleston right at home at the wheel of his Farmall 200.



(Left to Right) Jerry Rice (#325) Diane Rice, Rhett Huddleston (on tractor), and Jerry Huddleston at the 2014 East Alabama Antique Farm Equipment Club tractor show.

Huddlestons were not at home at the time, so they parked the tractor in the yard for them to discover when they returned.

It wasn't long before Rhett, his mom, April, and his 12 year old twin sisters, Emma and Abby, came home from school and found the tractor sitting in the yard. Rhett immediately knew that it was the tractor from the drawing and exclaimed, "Where did that come from? That's the Farmall from the tractor show!"

Before they could pull into the driveway, Rhett asked to be let out of the car and ran across the yard and hopped on the tractor. The Rices had left a card with a handwritten message from Diane to Rhett. The card quoted a Bible verse, "It is better to give than to receive," and invited Rhett to join the tractor club and enjoy and take care of his new Farmall 200.

Rhett immediately called Jerry and Diane to thank them for their generosity. He then started calling family and friends to tell them about the gift. Before long they had a yard full of company congratulating him and admiring Rhett's sparkling new red tractor.

Later that evening, Rhett and his dad went to see the Rices to personally thank them for their thoughtfullness. Rhett now considers Jerry Rice his friend and appreciates him as an expert on tractors and wants to spend time with Jerry and let him teach him how to work on tractors.

Since all this happened, Rhett's mom says that he will sometimes say, out of the blue, "I can't believe Jerry Rice gave me that tractor."

About Jerry Rice, Rhett's dad, Jerry Huddleston says, "I can't think of a better man for my son to admire and look up to than Jerry Rice. He is a faithful Christian man, attends church on Sundays, supports his local community, loves his family, is honest, has character and class, and is an overall genuine person ... and has a good first name."

To sum up this classic example of an application of the golden rule, we'll let Rhett have the last word: "It is a dream come true for me to have my own antique tractor."



An impressive line-up of Farmalls at the big annual show at Lawrenceburg. Tennessee in August of 2014.

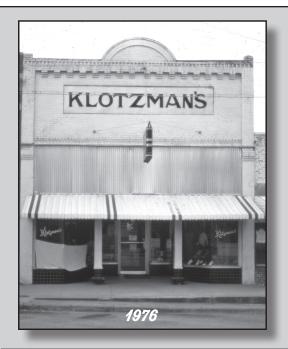


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