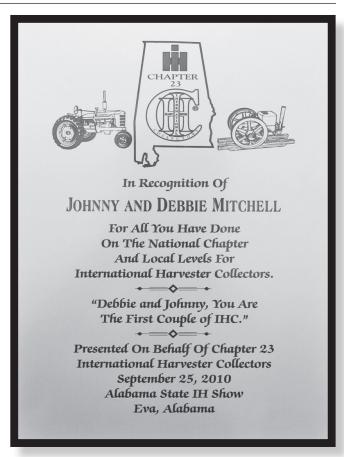


International Harvester Collectors • Chapter #23

Early Spring 2011



Sherman Roberts presents a plaque from Chapter #23 to Debbie and Johnny Mitchell in recognition of Johnny's years of service as a national director and Debbie's many contributions to the club in support of Johnny during his term. The Mitchell's are members of Tennessee Chapter #9 and live in Lebanon, TN east of Nashville. They were specially invited guests of Chapter #23 at the Chapter #23 IH State Show at Eva in September.





Lucy and Kent Davis (#21) of Dozier in Covington County at the Dothan show in October 2010 with some of his toys.



Logan, what it's all about at the Eva show. restoration at the Falkville Show.



If you are a Bodine you've got to love (L-R) Gary Bell (#367) and Conrad Bell Farmalls. Robert (#130) shows grandson, (#366) with their nice Farmall 140

President's Toolbox

by Sherman Roberts

Welcome to tractor show season 2011. This promises to be a very busy season. There are 46 shows listed on the pocket list everyone should have received February. Members should look the list over and plan the shows they want to attend. There are several new shows such as Montevallo FFA, Mt. Hope Vol. Fire, Tannehill State Park, Double Springs, Moulton Tractor Supply. The Peinhardt Show is back on the list. Please note that Piney Chapel has moved their show to a week earlier date of August the 6th. Piney Chapel will also move back to the old original show grounds. We all know that it is impossible to attend all these shows. Just a few years back, the number of shows could be counted on both hands. Most of our shows are less than ten years running. Gas

prices could reach the \$4.00 mark early in the show season. This will be an interesting year for tractor enthusiasts as we move through this enormous list of shows.

We want to thank everyone who helped to make our State IH Show at Eva Frontier Days September 2010, a great success. A special thanks to the North Alabama Antique Tractor Club for their support of Chapter 23. We worked well together to make this one of our best shows ever. A.Q. Maze was a happy man when the show was over.

Our first Chapter 23 meeting for 2011 will be at the Snead Case-IH dealership. Everyone is invited to this show. We hope that everyone that can will bring tractors and support this show. We had a great show last year and Joe Criswell will come up with something to make this show unique and fun for everyone. Last year tractors were arranged by



Sherman Roberts presents a plaque to J.R. Hamrick (member #66) and his wife, Clovis, at the annual Hanceville show in 2008. The plaque was awarded by Chapter #23 in recognition of 10 years of success for the popular show. All Chapter #23 members were shocked and saddened to learn of J.R's untimely death in October 2010 in a tractor accident.

the year they were made. This made a very interesting time line for tractor production. The Snead Case-IH show will be April 16, 2011.

Our State IH Show for 2011 will be at Hanceville on June 10, 11, 2011. J.R. Hamrick was tragically killed in a tractor accident on October 2, 2010. J. R. Hamrick was an important part of this show from its beginning back in June 1999. We want to honor J.R. by dedicating this show to him. We want everyone to attend this show to help make this Memorial Show worthy of the contributions that J.R. Hamrick made for twelve years to the Hanceville Show.

I will close the toolbox with something I have requested many times. PRACTICE SAFETY. BE CAREFUL.

Shermon

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Minutes of AL Chapter #23 International Harvester Collectors Directors Meeting at Eva, AL 11:00 a.m., Sept. 25, 2010.

9 Directors present
Randy Bodine
Gary Couey
J.R. Hamrick
Doys Jones
Preston Jones
Jimmy Kilgore
Larry Lemmond
Clay Nordan
Sherman Roberts

3 Advisors present
Robert Bodine
Rubin Haga
Glen Sanders
6 Visitors present
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36 Members present

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The meeting was called to order by president Sherman Roberts and he began the meeting with an invocation.

Clay's report was the first agenda item. He said that he had nothing to add to the minutes or financial report as they were shown in the recent newsletter. He said that our current total of active members stands at 232 and the chapter balance is around \$5600.

The first agenda item was to thank everyone connected to the Eva show for hosting our IH State Show for 2010. Sherman singled out Doys Jones for his help with the details and for assisting with getting souvenir plaques made for exhibitors.

Sherman then reminded everyone that our State Show for 2011 will be hosted by the Hanceville show in June.

He then moved on to the next agenda item, which was the selection of a host show for our 2012 State Show. He began the discussion by saying that he wanted everyone to know that he was "guilty" of wanting to keep Chapter #23 strong, and for that reason he had been a strong advocate for the Elmore show in recent weeks.

He said that he had made a bid on their behalf at Piney Chapel and felt strongly that it was time for us to have a show further south in the state to make it easier for our south Alabama members to attend. Sherman said that he will follow the wishes of the directors and members, but wanted everyone to seriously consider Elmore for the host in 2012.

With no further discussion, Sherman then asked if anyone else wanted to offer a bid to host the 2012 show. Clay spoke up and said that he had recently received a bid from Jimmy Hamrick, representing the Hanceville show, to host the show in 2012, which would be the next year following Hanceville also hosting the show in 2011. Sherman thanked Jimmy for the bid, but said that our bylaws prevent us from awarding the show to the same location two years in a row.

(The article in the bylaws reads as follows: ARTICLE 1 - SECTION 5, To hold an annual Alabama IH State Show with IH featured at a different host show somewhere in the State of Alabama each year)

Ray Best then asked about where our bylaws had come from. Sherman told him that they were based on the bylaws of the Tennessee Chapter when our chapter formed in 1998. Johnnie Mitchell, who was visiting from the Tennessee chapter spoke up to say that they had found that moving their show around had worked well for them over the years. Wayne Ussery of the Georgia Chapter, who is also a member of Chapter #23, said that having the show in a single location had hurt the Georgia chapter.

Randy Bodine then spoke on behalf of members who live south of Jefferson County and reminded everyone of how far he and other members, such as Kent Davis, have to drive to come to shows in north Alabama. He also said that our north Alabama membership is pretty saturated now and that south Alabama is our growth area. Having a show further south could offer us fresh opportunities to sign up more new members from that area.

When the discussion ended, Sherman then asked again if there were any more bids to consider. None came forward, so there was a motion to award the show to Elmore. There was a second, and the motion passed.

The next agenda item was to determine the locations for our four meetings in 2011. Clay explained that it is important to space the meetings out so that we have a minimum of six weeks between them to allow time to put together and print and mail the newsletter. With that in mind, Sherman proposed that we hold our first meeting at Snead in April, our second meeting at the state show in Hanceville in June, the third meeting at Piney Chapel in August, and the fourth meeting at the new Morgan County show in October. There was a motion, second, and the motion passed to hold the meetings at the recommended locations.

The next agenda item was the selection of three new directors to replace Sherman Roberts, Jimmy Hamrick, and Gary Couey, whose terms expire on December, 31, 2010. Three members names were nominated: Conrad Bell, Dwight Vanderford, and Charles Allen. Sherman asked them all if they were willing to serve and try to attend as many meetings as they can since our bylaws require at least 5 directors present at a meeting for us to conduct business. They all agreed to serve. There was a motion, second, and the three nominees were approved to serve three year terms, expiring in 2013.

As part of the annual state show, Sherman then awarded plaques to exhibitors in various categories. The award for most tractors at the show went to Bodine Farms. The award for tractor brought the farthest distance went to Randy Bodine, 150 miles. The oldest running tractor award went to Richard Artz for his 1927 Farmall Regular. And the award for oldest stationary engine (1921) went to Larry Lemmond.

To conclude the meeting, Sherman went around the circle and let anyone with an upcoming show to promote speak up about the date and details. He also recognized two people who had come a long way to attend today's meeting. Eddie Bolton (member #338) of Theodore in Mobile County was thanked for coming so far to Eva, and new member Stewart Paquette of the Florida chapter was also welcomed to the club and thanked for his presence at today's meeting.

A special presentation was then made to Johnny and Debbie Mitchell of the Tennessee chapter who drove down to Eva from their home in Lebanon, TN. Johnny has been a national director and the secretary of the national club for a number of years. His wife Debbie has been just as involved on the national level and has assisted Johnny with his duties as national secretary. They were both instrumental in bringing the Red Power Roudup to the Wilson County Fairgrounds in Lebanon in 1996 and 2005 and making both shows great successes. They also helped bring the national IH auction to Cookeville, TN in 1999. Sherman presented the Mitchells with an engraved plaque recognizing their service on both the national and local levels. The plaque also declared them to be "The First Couple of IHC."

A final presentation was made by Randy Bodine to Clay Nordan. He was given a copy of the newly published book "Pacesetters in Corporate Journalism," by Angus McDougall and John L. Dengler. The book is about two magazines that were once published by International Harvester, and were presented in gratitude for Clay's work on the chapter newsletter and website.

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

Respectfully submitted, Clay Nordan, Sec./Treas.

J.R. Hamrick 1941-2010

J.R. (Jimmy) Hamrick, member #66 of Hanceville, AL was killed on October 2, 2010 when a tractor he was operating turned over into Mud Creek and pinned him in such a way that he couldn't escape and he drowned. His daughter, Bonnie Brannan said that he had a contract with the City of Hanceville to mow the banks and acreage around the creek each year, so he was fulfilling his obligations to the city when he died.

According to his uncle, Charles Allen (member #334), they had talked about going to the tractor show at the Morgan County fairgrounds that Saturday, but since the weather was so nice, Jimmy decided that he would rather work on the creek mowing and then go to his soybean field later in the day. He was alone at the time of the accident, so there was no chance for a timely rescue once the tractor turned over.

Chapter #23 members who have attended the annual tractor show in June on the campus of Wallace State Community College in Hanceville know that Jimmy and his wife Clovis have coordinated and run the show from it's beginning in 1999. Jimmy and the Hanceville show have hosted the Alabama Chapter #23 State Show twice during it's 12 year run and had won the bid to be the host for this year's show as well. In spite of Jimmy's absence, the show will go on this year under the supervision of his family, Sherman Roberts, and other Chapter #23 members and tractor enthusiasts.

Jimmy was born and grew up on the family farm in Hanceville, AL and lived there his entire life. He graduated from Hanceville High School and worked for Drummond Coal Co. in Walker County as a diesel mechanic. While working the second shift at Drummond, he and a friend started a septic tank/



backhoe business in Hanceville. In the early days of this business, Jimmy would handle this work in the morning, then get a few hours rest before going in to work at Drummond. He retired from Drummond after 30 years in order to concentrate on his septic tank business as well as his cows and farm.

Bonnie says that Jimmy's interest in tractors came naturally. He got his start as a youngster on the farm and loved to draw tractors and read tractor books. His skills as a mechanic drew him into tractor restoration, and visitors to the Hanceville show could always expect to see some

nice examples (both red and green) from "Hamrick Farms."

Jimmy loved his community and was extremely involved in local affairs. As a young man, he served a term on the Hanceville city council, and his septic tank business brought him into contact with friends and neighbors all over town. Bonnie describes Jimmy as a "great man" who was "kind, humble, and unselfish." He would pitch in on any project that needed his help and there are many stories of him helping someone out "without batting an eye,"

If someone in Hanceville died and their family could not afford to pay the fee for opening the grave, Jimmy would volunteer his backhoe and do the digging for free. Bonnie described another instance where he didn't charge for installing a new septic tank when a family needed one but couldn't afford to pay. The impressive crowd that came to Jimmy's visitation was a demonstration of just how highly he was regarded by those who knew and loved him.

Tractor show season will just not be the same this year and in years to come without Jimmy Hamrick's presence and involvement. He was as good as they come, and he will be greatly missed.



Jimmy Hamrick (seated on tractor drawbar) visits with (L-R) Clayton Gardner, Glenn Sanders, and Billy Ferguson at the Union Hall show in 2001. More color photos of J.R. Hamrick can be found by clicking on "member's stories" at www.alabamaihc.org

Bob Banks - 1931 - 2010

Bob Banks (member #136) lost his battle with cancer on November 11, 2010. Bob lived in Jasper and joined Chapter #23 in 2002. He is survived by his wife, Blanche, 3 sisters and 1 brother, 3 daughters and 2 sons, 14 grandchildren, 28 great grandchildren, and 2 great-great grandchildren.

Since children played such a large role in his life, it's no wonder that he enjoyed giving rides to kids at tractor shows on his homemade garden-tractor train made by putting wheels on wheelbarrow buckets. He was a fixture at such shows as Peinhardt in Cullman and Jean's on the River near Cordova where enthusiastic passengers lined up to grab a seat for the next running of the train.





Bob celebrated his 79th birthday with cake and ice cream at the Jean's on the River show on October 9th, just a month before he died on November 11.

Bob Banks could always find eager takers when he offered tractor rides in his homemade passenger basket. At the Chapter #23 State Show at Weaver in 2002, he made Marilyn Hare, Bob's wife Blanche, and a young tractor fancier happy as they participated in the Parade of Power.

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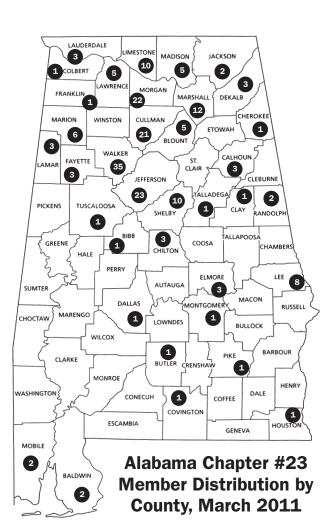
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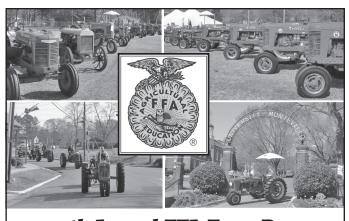
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Cullman Tri-Green	
Montevallo FFA	
Mt. Hope VFD	April 2
Snead Ag Supply	April 2
Flint River, TN	April 9
**Snead Case/IH	April 16
Hackleburg	
Elgin	
Grant	•
Somerville	•
Franklinton, LA - (LA Chapter #31 State Show)	
Cullman Festhalle Market	
Elmore	
Point Mallard	
Moulton Courthouse	
Frontier Days Double Springs	
**Hanceville - (AL Chapter #23 State Show)	
Moulton Tractor Supply	
Red Power Roundup – (Albert Lea, MN)	
Fayetteville, TN	
Tannehill State Park	
Speake	
Boaz	-
**Piney Chapel	
Russellville	
Lawrenceburg, TN	
Fyffe	
Eagleville, TN	
Shady Grove Neel	• '
Inman, GA – (GA Chapter #29 State Show)	
Hartselle Depot Days	
Greenville, TN – (TN Chapter #9 State Show)	
Winfield Mule Day	
Eva	
Bear Creek	-
St. Florian (Old Brooks H.S.)	
West Point Festival	
**Morgan County Fairgrounds	
Jean's On the River	
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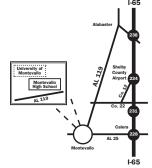
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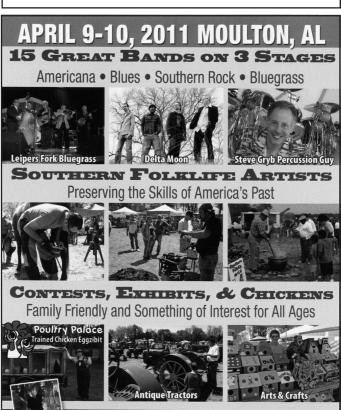
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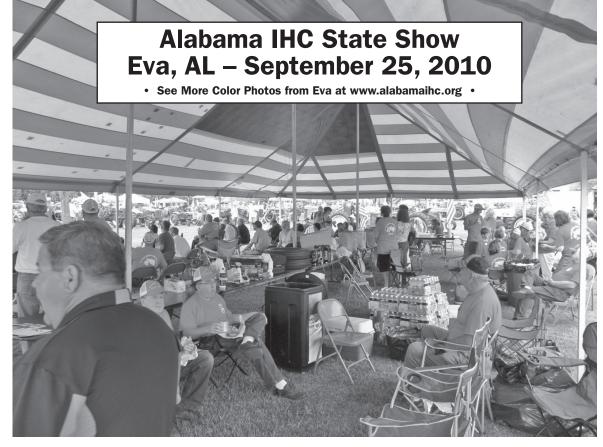
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Rain made the big tent a popular place early at Eva, but the sun came out during the Chapter #23 meeting.



(L-R) Jimmy Hamrick, Ray Best, and Glenn Sanders stay dry and visit with Wayne Ussery of the Georgia Chapter.



Rubin Haga talks about his nice demonstrator Cub restoration with visitors to the Eva show.













Bodine Farms won the trophy for most tractors at the show and they also won the annual A.Q. Maze "Best of Show" trophy.



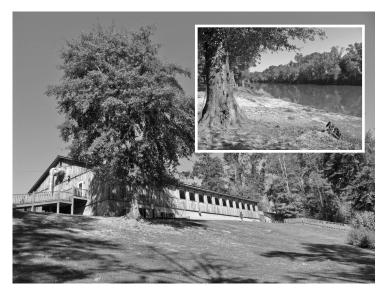








Visitors to the Jean's on the River show in October were greeted with a nice Fall day and a good showing of tractor displays.



Jean's on the River restaurant, in Walker County served a good buffet breakfast and offers diners a pleasant view of the Warrior River.



Jimmy Hill brought this recently restored Cub Lo-Boy to the Jean's on the River show.



Jimmy Kilgore's replacement for his 1949 Farmall Cub (heavily damaged in a trailer wreck) makes an impressive display when paired with his 1978 IH Cub with restored Woods belly mower.



O'Neal Samuels found this rare RED early '60's model IH Cub in Ohio and brought it home to Alabama. The previous owner used the blade to move snow when it lived up north.



Bill Bass (#345) of Milton, FL upgraded his Sinclair '67 IH pick-up to carry an IH pedal tractor. He entered it in the huge Emerald Coast show in September and won the Truck Class.



Plowing demonstrations were part of the entertainment for visitors to the Greenville, AL show on October 30, 2010.



Farmall "A" with a rare "Shawnee" backhoe installed. Spotted by Randy Bodine at the Orrville show in November, 2010.



Tom (#377) & Tina Summerford host the Falkville show.



Joe Mims (#324) on his nice I-12 restoration at the Shelby, AL Iron Works show in October, 2010.



Sherman Roberts uses a homemade sweet potato plow to dig his 2010 crop. The inset shows just a fraction of the harvest.



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