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Early Spring 2013



Bad weather kept tractors on the trailers at Morgan County in October. (L-R) Rubin Haga, Noah O'Neal, Jimmy Kilgore, Brad Bodine, Robert Bodine, Randy Bodine, Matt Bodine, Sherman Roberts, Gary Bell, Conrad Bell.



Tim Brasher of Shelby, AL (#277), next to trailer, helps feed sorghum cane into the crusher at the Shelby Ironworks Fall Festival in October, 2012. Tim used his Farmall H for belt pulley power to the mill. The juice was then cooked into syrup.

Joe Criswell (#357), right, from Snead, AL watches his Farmall F-12 power a vintage grist mill grinding grits at the Peinhardt show in October of 2012. Joe has teamed up with Larry Alldredge, (left) who owns the mill to take this demonstration to several shows in the past year.



Eva to Host 2014 State Show



In our election to choose the host of the Chapter #23 Alabama IH State Show for 2014, the show at Eva in September came out the winner.

Our State Show for 2013 will be at Snead on April 20, and the show at Russellville in August was chosen for our 2015 host at our final meeting of 2012. So the State Show host sites are all set for this year and the next two. Bids for 2016 can be made at any time by any show with an interest. Representatives can contact President Randy Bodine, Vice-president Ray Best, or Secretary/Treasurer Clay Nordan to submit a bid.

We ask that any show that has been the host in the last two years, or any show that is already scheduled as a host for 2013, 2014, or 2015 to wait until three years have passed to submit a new bid. This request is intended to give new shows a chance to be selected.

Next Meeting
Snead CASE/IH &
Alabama Chapter #23
State Show
April 20, 2013 • 11:00 a.m.

Randy's Ramblings

• President's Letter from Randy Bodine •

It is hard to believe that 2013 finds us celebrating the 15th anniversary of the Alabama Chapter #23 International Harvester Collectors Club. We were granted chapter status in March of 1998. Time has certainly flown by and it has been wonderful to see our chapter grow. We look forward to seeing what the next 15 years will bring to our club and to future growth, especially among the younger generation of IH Collectors.

Most of us consider "show season" from March to November. However, the season started off early for several East Alabama collectors. Our local Tractor Supply had their first tractor show on February 9. It was a beautiful day, especially for February, (I think I might have gotten a little sunburned) and we had a good turnout. If you throw in Christmas parties, we may stretch the season for the entire year. Even though it has only been a few months since the last show in November, you can sure get "rusty" on how to load, strap & haul tractors. It takes a little longer, but practice safety and don't take any chances. It's better to arrive late than not at all. By the end of the show season, I usually feel like I can load and be ready to go in a flash. So, start preparing now and be ready for the next show.

Speaking of the next show, by now you have received a 2013 show schedule card and the show schedule is in this newsletter as well as on the website. It would be great for you and your family and friends to attend as many shows as possible. I especially want to encourage you to attend our four chapter meetings during the year. The first chapter meeting will be at our State Show at Snead CASE/ IH, in Snead, Alabama, on April 19-20. The chapter meeting will be at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 20. This is a great opportunity to gather with other members and catch up on the latest happenings with the club. The second chapter meeting will be at Hanceville on June 8, the third at Piney Chapel on August 3, and the



The 2013 show season got an early February start with a show at the Opelika Tractor Supply.

last chapter meeting of the year at Eva on September 28.

There is also another new and exciting show taking place for the first time this year. On April 6 the Birmingham Zoo has asked us to bring our "tractor show" to their venue for "Farm Day at the Zoo". "Come experience daily life on a farm in rural Alabama!" There is plenty of parking for trucks and trailers and great access to the area. The best part is all exhibitors and their families get free admission to the zoo.

So plan to make it a family day and bring the kids and grandkids along with your tractor or display. Since this is the first time we have been invited to attend, we want to make sure to have a good "showing". If you have a choice in which tractor you bring, if you have one with an implement such as a plow, disk, planter, etc. please choose it, but all tractors and displays are welcome.

One last note, our Farmall Cub fundraiser is now officially underway. Tickets were mailed to all members with their membership cards and schedules. The fully-restored 1948 Farmall Cub will be traveling the show circuit and additional tickets will be available at many shows, so be sure to be on the lookout. Think of this as an investment in your club.

We look forward to seeing you at a show soon!

Happy Tractoring!

Randy

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Minutes of AL Chapter #23 International Harvester Collectors Directors Meeting at Morgan County Fairgrounds Show 11:00 a.m., October 6, 2012

8 Directors present

Charles Allen Conrad Bell Randy Bodine Hal Hoaglin 1 Advisor present Larry Lemmond

Hal Hoaglin
Jimmy Kilgore
Clay Nordan
Sherman Roberts

Dwight Vanderford

1 Visitor present Jamie Nobles

18 Members present
Larry Allen
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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 or to the financial report. Membership currently stands at 240 with dues collection for 2013 to begin in November.

Randy's first agenda item was to remind everyone that our state show for 2013 will be at the Snead Equipment show at Snead, AL on April 20. He asked for a motion to approve the purchase of plaques for the state show. Dwight Vanderford made the motion and Ray Best seconded it. The motion was approved without objection. Sherman Roberts agreed to handle ordering the plaques through the Awards Palace.

The next agenda item was to confirm that the 2013 national Winter Convention will be February 20-23 at Florida Flywheelers Park in Fort Meade, Florida. The Florida IHC chapter will hold their state show at Stewart Paquette's Buffalo Nickel Ranch in Leesburg the following week for those who want to enjoy the warm weather a little longer.

The next agenda item was to announce that the Red Power Roundup in 2013 will be in Lima, Ohio on June 19-22.

Randy then asked for final bids for host of our 2014 show. None came forward, so he declared the bidding closed. He announced that the bidding ended with three shows requesting the show. They are: Eva, Hackleburg, and Piney Chapel. As is our practice when there is more than one bid, the three shows will be put on a ballot and sent to the full membership in November for voting along with our dues payment notices.

Next, Randy proposed that we go ahead and approve the show at Russelville as host for our 2015 state show, since that year there will not be a conflict between their show and the big show at Lawrenceburg, TN. Sherman Roberts made a motion to approve Russeville and Charles Allen seconded. There was no further discussion and the motion was approved.

The next order of business was to name three new directors to replace Randy Bodine, Jimmy Kilgore, and Clay Nordan, whose terms expire at the end of this year. With some discussion and a little arm twisting, Larry Lemmond, Gary Bell, and Brad Bodine agreed to serve three year terms that will expire in 2015.

Next on the agenda was approval of meeting sites for 2013. Randy explained the need for six weeks between meetings to allow Clay time to put together newsletters containing minutes from the previous meeting. Randy suggested Snead on April 20. (host of our state show), Hanceville on June 8, Piney Chapel on August 3, and Eva on September 28. Sherman Roberts made a motion to approve these four meeting sites, Ray Best seconded, and the motion passed without objection.

The next item of business was to approve the purchase of pocket show schedules for 2013. Richard Greer moved that we approve this purchase and Brad Bodine seconded. The motion was approved with no objection. Sherman Roberts has agreed to continue to handle the compilation of the schedule and getting the pocket schedules printed.

Next, Randy asked Sherman Roberts to report on progress with the tractor fund-raiser. Sherman said that once a tractor is selected and ready to show, the idea is to send 10 raffle tickets to each member to either sell or purchase themselves. Randy suggested sending the tickets at the same time that we send out new membership cards, and pocket schedules in February 2013. He also asked for approval to get the tickets printed as well as a banner to use when we begin displaying the fundraiser tractor at shows. Matt Bodine made the motion. Dwight Vanderford seconded and the motion passed without objection.

The final order of business was to approve a reimbursement to Sherman

for the expense of a new bag for storing the chapter tent. The cost of the bag was \$49.80. There was no objection, and the motion was approved.

Randy then recognized Jamie Nobles who was visiting from the Birmingham Zoo. Jamie is the Zoological Manager, for the Children's Zoo. He addressed the group to tell us about the "Farm Day" that the zoo is planning for April 6, 2013.

The zoo already has a Farmall F-20 on display that they have rigged for small kids to sit on to pretend to drive and to have their picture made on. Jamie invited any chapter #23 members who could make the trip to Birmingham to bring a tractor or any kind of ag display and be available for explanations and to answer questions that visitors might have.

Jamie said that children and parents who will come to the zoo that day will probably have limited experience with farming and farming practices, so this will be a great opportunity for everyone involved to teach and learn about Alabama's ag heritage. He said that there is no limit on the number of displays that the zoo can accommodate and that they would rope off a portion of their parking lot, if necessary.

Randy thanked Jamie for the invitation and told him that we would get back with him as the April date draws closer. He said that he felt sure that we could provide the help he is looking for in order to make their farm day a big success.

To conclude, Randy opened up the floor for show promotions and announcements. Richard Greer announced that the recent Eva show was a big success with 143 tractors and 41 Cubs among them.

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

Respectfully submitted, Clay Nordan Secretary/Treasurer

Financial Report

Net Assets, Sept. 2012	\$3522.51
Income	
Dues Collected	
Interest	<u>22.25</u>
Subtotal	5957.25
<u>Expenses</u>	
Newsletter	577.47
National Dues Paid	3330.00
Stamps	362.00
Tent Bag	49.80
Pocket Schedules	110.06
Fundraiser Tickets	346.49
Subtotal	4775.82
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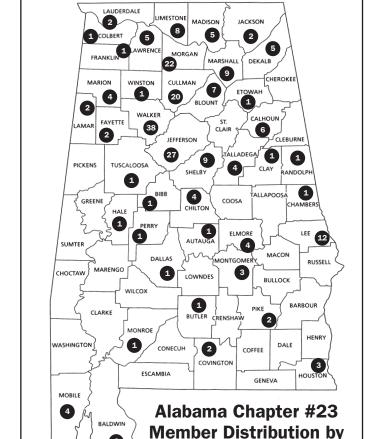
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County, March 2013



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1938 F-20, restored. \$3500.

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FARMDAY

SATURDAY • APRIL 6

Come Experience Daily Life on a Farm in Rural Alabama!

This fun event is in the Children's Zoo and Alabama Wilds areas of the Birmingham Zoo.

- + Care and feeding of Farm Animals,
- Planting and Crop Harvesting
- + Egg Collecting
- ◆ Rural Crafts
- Sheep Shearing
- + Horseshoe Making and Hoof Trimming.
- Antique Tractors & Implements
- + Early Farm Mechanization Techniques.

Special Offer For Chapter #23 Members

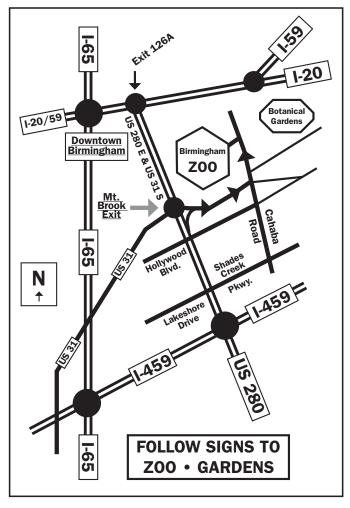
Any member who brings a tractor or Ag display to Farm Day will get FREE admission to the ZOO for themselves and their family.

Tractors and Displays Should Arrive by 9:00 a.m. on Saturday!

Display Area Open at 4:00 pm for Friday Setup







A Minor Mystery Solved

by Clay Nordan

In our Fall 2012 newsletter, we had a story about a photograph of a 1920's era International Harvester Model "S" motor truck owned by Perfection Mattress and Spring Co. of Birmingham. (You can find the complete story on www.alabamaihc.org under "Chapter Stories").

The photo was shot beside what appears to be an IH branch house building of that time. In an effort to discover where the photo had been shot, I found another photo in the McCormick-IH Collection at the Wisconsin Historical Society that was cataloged as the Birmingham branch house around 1925. The catalog information also showed that the building had been on the corner of 10th Ave. and 24th Street North. Mr. Ivy Jackson, whose grandfather owned Perfection Matress, provided the address of the mattress factory, so that proved that both businesses were only blocks from each other in downtown Birmingham.

Because the cameras used to shoot both photos were set up to take different views of the buildings, it was not possible to confirm that both were the same. To further complicate the problem, close scrutiny of the lettering on the sides of the buildings showed that they were not an exact match.

The original story left us with an unanswered question as to whether or not we are viewing the same building in the two photos. I asked any reader who might know something more to share that knowledge with us and help resolve the uncertainty.

Two Chapter #23 members, Randy Bodine (#171) of Auburn, and Shaun Small (#430) of Mobile, working independently of each other, came to the same conclusion and reported their unscientific, but convincing answer to our mystery.

Randy and Shaun gave both photos a lot of scrutiny and concluded that both photos are of the same building. Their study revealed a complex of three buildings,

each smaller than the other. The IH building photo with the truck was shot from the south side of the complex looking north, while the IH archives photo was shot from the north, looking south. They

This photo from the O.V. Hunt collection **Birmingham** the at **Public Library confirms** Perfection that the Bedding truck photo was definitely shot in a lot adjacent to the Birmingham IH branch house, downtown 10th Avenue and 24th Street.



This is the photo of the Perfection Bedding IH model "S" truck that was shot at an unidentified location.

noted similarities between rooflines and windows, but the thing that was most convincing was that both Randy and Shaun pointed to a common rain gutter on the front of the larger building in both photos.

In an email that provided his family's connection to the truck photo, Mr. Jackson mentioned that there might be more to learn about the picture and Perfection Mattress at the Birmingham Public Library. Once I became convinced that Randy and Shaun were on to something, I did a simple search of the Library's website for "IH trucks" and easily located a similar photo of three IH trucks that was clearly shot in the same location as the Perfection Bedding truck.

The library's cataloging information stated without any question that the subject of the photo was "International Harvester Company of America



sirmingham, Ala. Public Library Archives, File # OVH 473



This photo of the Birmingham branch house is from the McCormick International Harvester Company Collection at the Wisconsin Historical Society. With a little effort you can see that there are three buildings in the complex.

(Birmingham, Alabama) and they describe the photo as a "black and white photograph of the motor truck service station at International Harvester Company and three trucks destined for different parts of Alabama, including Jones and McBrayer in Ashville (St. Clair County), Opelika Mercantile Co. (Lee County), and S.S. Strong in Birmingham.

The library also listed the photographer as O.V. Hunt and that the photo is part of the library's Oscar V. Hunt collection. It's very easy to explore the O.V. Hunt collection from within the library's website and discover that he shot many photos similar to the Perfection Bedding photo and for Birmingham dealers other than IHC.

The library's digital copy of the photo was made from a glass negative, which was still in wide use by professional photographers in the 1920's. The black "clouds" that intrude into the image from the sides and bottom were caused by the silver "emulsion" on the negatives peeling up and deteriorating due to neglect over time.

While the Jackson family does not know for sure that the photo was shot by O.V. Hunt, it would be logical to conclude that it was, given how many similar examples there are in the collection. The Perfection Bedding photo was not a part of the O.V. Hunt collection before Ivy Jackson's son, Ben, brought it to my attention, but in working with Jim Baggett and Don Veasy at the Birmingham Public Library, we are all in agreement that the chances that it is a Hunt photograph are better than 99%. As such, the Jackson family asked that the library accept a digital copy of the photo and that it be added to the Hunt collection.

So, our mystery is solved and we now have confirmed proof of where the IH branch house was in downtown Birmingham and how it looked from three sides. This was an interesting piece of detective work that has resulted in expanding the legacy of IH and our knowledge of where and how the company worked in our home state.

Birmingham Photographer Oscar V. Hunt

From 1898 until his retirement in 1953, Oscar V. Hunt documented with his camera the emergence of Birmingham, Alabama as the boomtown that it became just before the turn of the 20th century. Prior to going into business for himself as a professional photographer, Hunt was the chief photographer for the Birmingham Ledger, which was later absorbed by The Birminghan News.

According to an account of his life in Birmingham Magazine in 1996, Hunt and his pilot set a world altitude record of 5600 feet for a two-passenger biplane when they went airborne to make an aerial photograph of downtown Birmingham.

The following account of this adventure, from his editor at the time, appeared in the *Montgomery Advertiser* in 1947:

Oscar did my photographic work when I was city editor of the Birmingham Ledger. One day Oscar came to the office and I gave him an assignment that I did not think he could fill. I told him I wanted an aerial photograph of Birmingham centered on First Avenue and 20th Street where each corner was decorated with a skyscraper.

"I'll get it for you" said Oscar. I didn't think he could do it. At that time no aerial picture had ever been taken from the skies over Birmingham or any other Southern city. And my memory says no American city at that time had ever been photographed from an airplane.

To make a long story short, Oscar took the picture and it appeared in the paper, the first aerial photograph of a Southern city and I believe of any American city. The picture was taken in 1912 in the month of April. They were having an aerial circus at the Fair Grounds. The aviator was named Heath. The first day the attempt was made it was too smoky but the next day it was a success. Oscar is still taking pictures. And he is a whiz bang at it. His first aerial picture was taken with a brand new Graflex camera, the best and latest thing on the market in those days. It took nerve in those days to go up in an airplane.



O.V. Hunt died in 1962 and left approximately 1300 photographs which are now housed at the Birmingham Public Library in the O.V. Hunt Collection.





Jimmy Kilgore displays his plaque for "Youngest Running Cub & Highest Serial Numer." His IH Cub is a 1978 model.



It was a beautiful day for tractors at the Shelby Ironworks Fall Festival in October.



Sherman Roberts won the "Oldest Running Cub & Lowest Serial Number" award with his 1947 Farmall Cub.



Two of Joe Mims' nice restorations at Shelby Ironworks. (L-R) a 1937 Farmall F-14 and a 1936 McCormick-Deering 0-12.

1948 Farmall Cub!

Chapter #23 Fundraiser \$5 Donation per Ticket

Tractor to be given away
December 2013 at
Chapter #23
Christmas Party

Ticket holder does not have to be present



Tickets available at tractor shows throughout 2013 show season, or contact Randy Bodine or Clay Nordan



2013 Tractor Show Schedule

Southland Flywheelers Swap Meet	March 16
Montevallo FFA	March 30
Alexander Lumber	March 30
Mt. Hope School	April 6
Snead Ag Supply	April 6
Birmingham Zoo Farm Day	April 6
**Snead CASE/IH AL State Show	April 19, 20
Hackleburg	May 4
Elgin	May 4
Somerville	May 4
Franklinton, LA IH State Show	May 4
Cullman Festhalle Market	May 11
Elmore	May 19
Ellilore	Iviay 10
Point Mallard	•
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Point Mallard Moulton Courthouse **Hanceville Moulton Tractor Supply	May 24, 25 June 1 June 8 June 15 June 15
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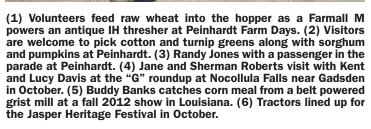
Russellville	August 1 <i>1</i>
Lawrenceburg, TN	August 16, 17
Fyffe	August 24
Wedowee	August 24
Eagleville, TN (26th Show)	Sept. 6, 7
Leesburg Day	Sept. 7
Inman, GA IH State Show	.Sept. 13, 14
Hartselle Depot Days	Sept. 14
Winfield Mule Day	Sept. 28
**Eva	Sept. 28
Centre Fall Fest	Oct. 5
St. Florian (Old Brooks High School)	Oct. 5
Southland Flywheelers Farm	Oct. 5
Waverly, TN State Show	Oct. 4, 5
Noccalula Falls G Roundup	Oct. 11, 12
Jean's On the River	Oct. 12
Shelby Iron Works	Oct. 12
Jasper Heritage Festival	Oct. 19
Peinhardt Farm Days	Oct. 19
Morgantown, KY State Show	Oct. 25, 26
Dothan	Oct. 26
Falkville Festival	Oct. 26
Greenville, AL	Oct. 26
Jasper Veterans Day	Nov. 9
Orrville	Nov. 9

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



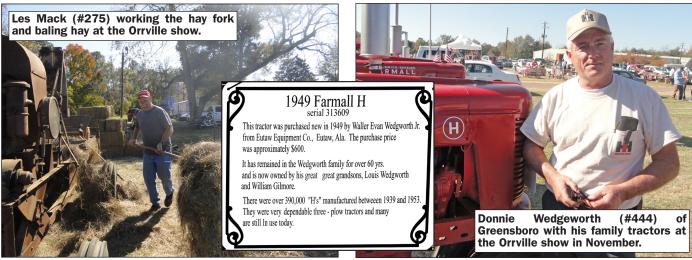




















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