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Early Spring 2015

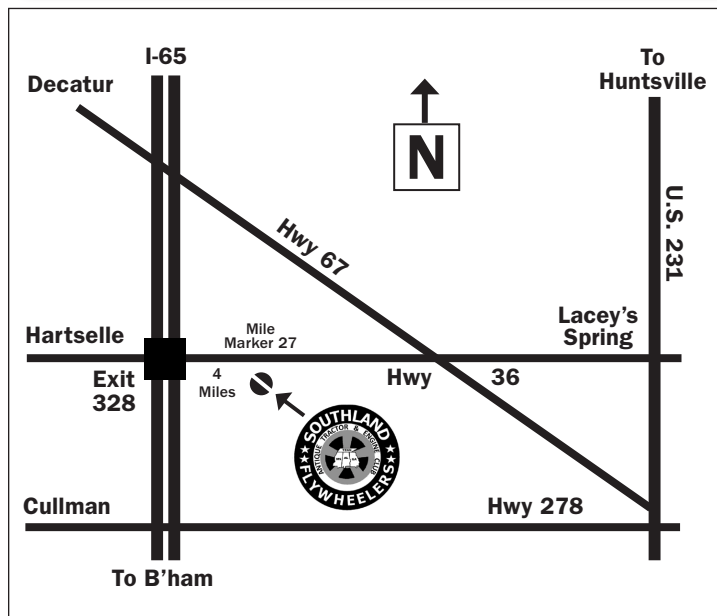
Next Meeting

**Southland Flywheelers
Spring Show & Swap Meet**

**Flywheelers Park
Hartselle, AL
March 21, 2015 • 11:00 a.m.**

SOUTHLAND FLYWHEELERS

Antique Machinery & Farm Equipment Club
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Randy's Ramblings

• President's Letter from Randy Bodine •



Chapter #23 members and guests stop for a group photo next to the comfortable and spacious tour bus that took the group to the 2014 RPRU in South Dakota.

Well, it's finally here! It's tractor show season again. We are looking forward to many great tractor show events for 2015. You should have recently received your 2015 show schedule with your membership cards. There are some new shows that have been added to the schedule and some shows that have changed their dates. For example, Dothan and Greenville will no longer be on the same weekend as in past years and, just for 2015, Hanceville has moved to May 30 so it will not conflict with the Red Power Round Up. Also, Jeans on the River has moved so it will not conflict with other shows. Please take a close look at this year's schedule. We always say, "call before you haul", just in case.

The membership voted that the show at Moulton will host the 2017 Alabama IHC State Show. This means we are set for the next three years (four if we are awarded RPRU 2018). Russellville will be the site for the 2015 Alabama IHC State Show and the 2016 show will be at Piney Chapel near Athens, AL.

We are looking forward to Red Power Roundup 2015 to be held in Sedalia, Missouri. Chapter #23 will be taking a bus trip similar to last year's trip to South Dakota for RPRU. However, because Sedalia is much closer, this trip will not be as long and the cost will be less. Be sure to see the flyer on page 11 of this newsletter for more details. Act fast – we think it will fill up quickly and there are only a limited number of hotel rooms and seats on the bus. Please don't delay in responding.

Jana and I have just returned from the IHC Winter Convention in Michigan City, Indiana where we have been busy promoting the possibility of hosting Red Power Roundup 2018 in Montgomery, Alabama. We submitted our proposal to host this event to the National IHC Committee in February and look forward to hearing from

them regarding the voting that will take place in Sedalia, Missouri. We will need as many members as possible to be at RPRU 2015 to help promote hosting RPRU 2018 in the great state of Alabama

Our membership base continues to grow. Right now it stands at 263. Let's surpass the 300 member mark this year! We can meet this goal with your help – tell someone about your club and show them how they can become a member. However, it's not just about the quantity, but about the quality of our membership. We have the best members, but some of you have been sitting on the sidelines watching and enjoying the newsletter or maybe attending your local show. I challenge you to spread your wings! Get involved and attend a show you've never been to before – maybe RPRU in Sedalia would be a great start. If we are privileged to host RPRU 2018 there will be numerous opportunities to get off the bench and into the game. When the opportunity arises, we hope you will step up and chair or serve on a committee. When asked, please say YES!

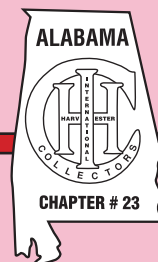
Our first club meeting will be March 21 at 11:00 a.m. at the Southland Flywheel Park in Hartselle. Our other club meetings for the year will be at Elmore on May 16, Russellville on August 15 (this will also be our State Show for 2015) and at Shelby Iron Works on October 10.

We are looking forward to seeing all of you along the tractor show trail in 2015. It's going to be a great year!

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your President.

Happy Tractoring!

Randy



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**Minutes of AL Chapter #23
International Harvester Collectors
Directors Meeting at Orrville Show
11:00 a.m., Nov. 8, 2014**

6 Directors present

Gary Bell
Brad Bodine
Joe Criswell
Roger Heath
Clay Nordan
Donnie Wedgworth

1 Advisor present

Conrad Bell

3 Visitors present

Colin Colvard
Logan Bodine
Clifford Mitchell

11 Members present

Stephen Allen
John Batson
Jana Bodine
Randy Bodine
Robert Bodine
Philip Hubbard

Wiley Johnson
Ronnie Lott
Larry Smitherman
Carey Thompson
Jonne Thornton

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 \$19,820. He reported that our membership currently stands at 280 including 4 new members who joined today. He said that 2015 dues collection notices will go in the mail on Monday, November 10, along with a ballot for members to use to vote on the state show host for 2017.

The next agenda item was the selection of four Chapter meeting sites for 2015. Since we always conduct a meeting at the state show, the schedule suggested by Randy was constructed around this already set date and location, which will be Russellville on August 15. To get a good calendar and location spread throughout the

show season, Randy proposed the first meeting for Hartselle on March 21, the second meeting for Elmore on May 16, Russellville for the third site, and then Shelby Ironworks on October 10 for the final meeting of the year. There was a motion from the floor to approve this schedule as presented. There was a second and the motion passed without objection.

The next agenda item was the selection of three new directors to replace the three current directors whose terms expire on December 31, 2014. The current directors, Joe Criswell, Hal Hoaglin, and Sherman Roberts will automatically transition to one year terms as Advisors.

Randy then called for nominations of members to fill these vacancies. Nominations came from the floor for Charles Allen, Conrad Bell, and Wiley Johnson. Randy asked each nominator if they had checked with the member they were nominating to confirm that they are willing to serve if elected. All said that they had and all had agreed to serve. A motion then came from the floor to approve the three nominees. There was a second, and the motion was approved without objection.

The next order of business was for Randy to announce that bids for host of our 2017 State Show are now closed. He said that we have received bids from two shows, Boaz and Moulton. An election by the membership using the ballots to be sent out next week will determine the host. To be counted, ballots must be returned by December 31, 2014. The winner will be announced in the early Spring of 2015.

The next agenda item was to let everyone know that the show schedule for 2015 is being finalized. Randy asked that any updates or corrections be made to his schedule sheet today if possible.

Randy then moved on to ask if anyone present wanted to plug an upcoming show.

He reminded everyone that chapter logo shirts and jackets are available and that order forms are available for special orders.

To conclude the meeting, Randy went down the list of major upcoming IH events. They were:

- IH Winter Convention, Michigan City, IN March 5-7, 2015.
- Red Power Roundup 2015 in Sedalia, MO, June 10-13.
- Alabama State IH Show for 2015 in Russellville, AL on August 15, 2015
- Red Power Roundup 2016 will be in Union Grove, Wisconsin, June 16-18, 2016.
- Alabama State Show for 2016 at Piney Chapel near Athens on August 5-6, 2016.
- Red Power Roundup for 2017 will be in Des Moines, IA, June 14-17, 2017.
- If things go our way: Red Power Roundup 2018, Montgomery, AL. The potential date is June 13-16, 2018.

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

*Respectfully submitted,
Clay Nordan
Secretary/Treasurer*

Financial Report

Net Assets, Sept. 2014..... \$20,525.79

Income

Dues Collected..... 5920.00

Sale of Hats, Shirts, etc..... 10.00

Interest..... 51.77

Subtotal..... 5981.77

Expenses

National Dues Paid..... 3420.00

Dues Collection Expenses 605.41

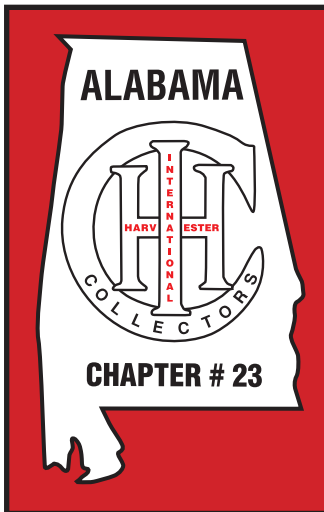
Newsletter..... 689.85

Subtotal..... 4715.26

Net Assets, March. 2015 ... \$21,792.30



This "Join Here Today" poster was used for the first time at the Orrville show to attract attention near the chapter tent. It produced applications and \$25 dues from 4 new members.



263 Active Members

11 new members added since last newsletter.

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
 Garland Dodd #261, 2011
 Bill Brock #280, 2009
 Rudy Cole #336, 2010
 Gene Young #389, 2013
 Johnny Self #427, 2014
 Richard Greer #443, 2013
 Gary Warren #486, 2014

Don and Tina McGuffin
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February 10, 2015
 Clay Nordan
 Secretary/Treasurer
 Alabama IH Collectors
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Dear Alabama IH Collectors,

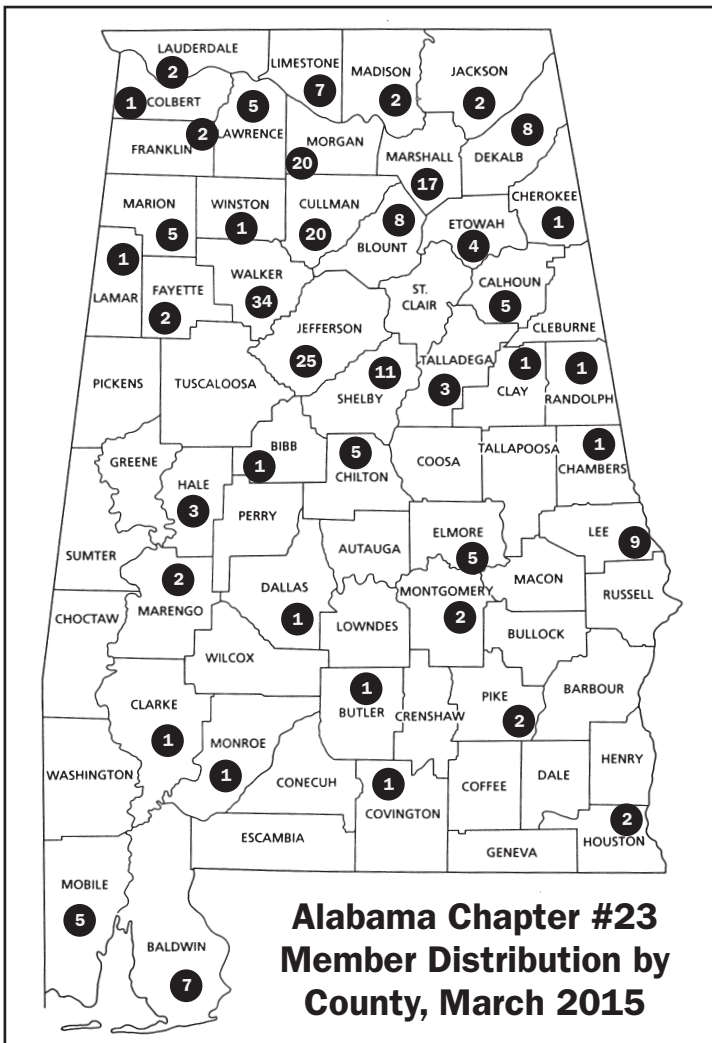
This letter is in reference to our joining the Alabama IH Collectors. We have been heavily involved with the International Harvester Collectors for almost 10 years now. I have been a national member since the 1990's, and joined the Texas IH Collectors soon after the club was organized in 1998. I have served on our chapter's Board of Directors and was just recently elected as the chapter's president for a second time. My wife joined the state and national IH Collectors several years ago. We have been to every Red Power Roundup beginning with the 2005 RPRU in Tennessee (with the exception of 2007), and have had the opportunity to meet and get to know people from all over the country.

Through the years, we have especially enjoyed getting to know several of the members of the Alabama IH Collectors. We have felt very welcomed by these members at the Alabama tent at several of the Red Power Roundups. Therefore, we wish to join your club and become part of the Alabama group.

Enclosed are membership application forms for both of us and a check in the amount of \$20.00 for our 2015 dues for the Alabama Chapter 23 IH Collectors.

Sincerely,

Don & Tina McGuffin





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Larry Cobb at 850-557-2000

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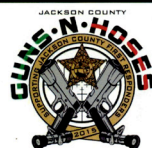
5K Run, Entertainment for all ages

Entry fee for car show is a monetary donation to the Florida Sheriff's Youth Ranches.

If you have already registered and sent in a donation for the Car Show, you don't need to call.

We have your information, just Come on Down! Thank YOU for your Support!!

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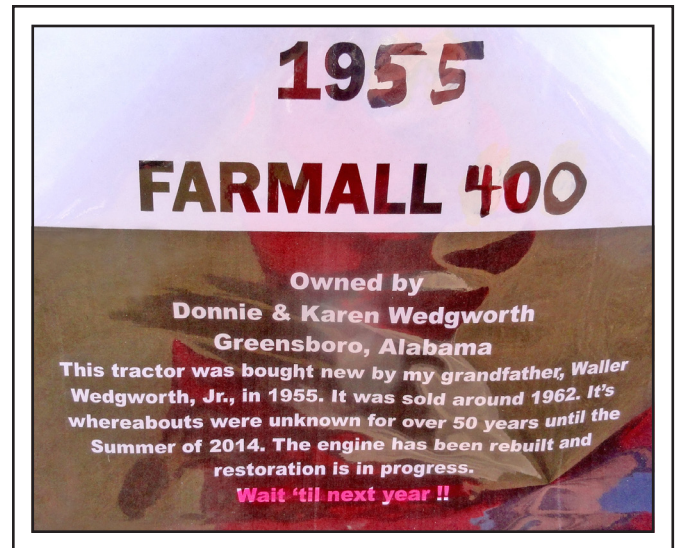
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Donnie Wedgworth of Greensboro brought this Farmall 400 to the Orrville show.
The sign posted on the tractor promises better days for this tractor:

“Wait ‘til Next Year !!”

2015 Tractor Show Schedule

Leesburg, Florida – IH State Show March 4-8
Michigan City, IN – IH Winter Conv. March 5-7
Bogalusa, Louisiana – Cub Fest March 6-7
**Hartselle – Southland Flywheelers March 21
Montevallo FFA March 21
Moulton – Alexander Lumber March 28
Mt. Hope School April 4
Tuskegee – Little Texas April 4
Birmingham Zoo April 11
Loxley April 11-12
Snead Case IH April 18
Hackleburg April 25
Franklinton, Louisiana – IH State Show May 1-2
Town Creek May 2
Chalybeate May 9
**Elmore May 16
Decatur – Point Mallard May 23
Hanceville May 30
Summerdale May 30
Auburn, KY – IH State Show June 5-6
Haleyville June 6
Moulton Courthouse June 6
Sedalia, MO (Red Power Roundup) June 10-13
Cotaco – Soggy Bottom June 20
Gadsden – Goodyear Plant June 27
Speake July 11

Tannehill State Park July 11
Boaz July 18
Athens – Piney Chapel August 7-8
**Russellville – AL IH State Show August 15
Evansville, TN – TN IH State Show August 20-22
Lawrenceburg, TN August 21-22
Fyffe August 29
Wedowee August 29
Fairview (Labor Day) Sept. 7
Eagleville, TN Sept. 11-13
Inman, Georgia – GA IH State Show Sept. 18-20
Hartselle Depot Days Sept. 19
Eva Sept. 26
Winfield Mule Day Sept. 26
Centre Fall Fest Oct. 3
Hartselle – Southland Flywheelers Farm Oct. 3
St. Florian (Old Brooks H.S.) Oct. 3
Gadsden – Noccalula Falls “G” Roundup Oct. 9-10
Falkville Festival Oct. 10
**Shelby – Iron Works Oct. 10
Dothan - Landmark Park Oct. 17
Jasper Heritage Festival Oct. 17
Cordova – Jean’s On the River Oct. 24
Greenville Oct. 31
Jasper Veterans Day Nov. 7
Orrville Nov. 14

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

Member Profile

Wiley Johnson grew up on a farm near Abbeville, GA and, with the help of a supportive FFA advisor, he began working at the International Harvester Farm Equipment Training Center near Tifton, GA in the summer right out of high school.

Starting in 1961, International Harvester would send employees and representatives from all over the United States and often from other countries to the Training Center in Tifton and have them attend classes that familiarized them with the IH products they sold and maintained back home as well as products made and sold by IH competitors.

Wiley started out at Tifton in 1963 as an apprentice mechanic, which he says meant that he was a “go-fer” for the more experienced mechanics. His job was to repair anything that needed to be fixed on the demonstration equipment as well as setting up and breaking down the tractor implements and attachments used in the training classes.

After working for a little more than a year, Wiley enrolled at ABAC, a local two-year agriculture college and started work on a degree in Ag Technology. He continued to work almost full-time at the IH Center while in school.

In late ‘64 or early ‘65, IH changed Wiley’s employee classification to “Journeyman Mechanic” and he continued in this work until the fall of 1969 when he was appointed “Service Manager” for the IH Training Center.

In 1976, IH closed the Training Center in Tifton and moved the operation to Ottawa, Illinois, where it became the Resource Development Center as part of IH’s test farm, Industrial Training Center, and Photographic Center.

Wiley left Tifton and moved to Illinois. He continued in mechanical work as an Assistant Service Manager where his department was responsible for keeping equipment repaired and cleaned up.

He was there for two years until he moved back south to Huntsville, AL where he worked as a “Service Traveler”, calling on about 30

dealers in the Atlanta Region. It wasn’t long before he was relocated to an office in Montgomery, AL where he covered just the state of Alabama.

This office remained open for only a few years, closing in 1983 just ahead of the Tenneco – CASE/IH merger in 1985. In the last couple of years of IH, Wiley continued as a Service Traveler and covered the areas of Alabama, South Mississippi, and parts of Georgia.

As a Service Traveler for IH, Wiley was responsible for keeping track of specific problems that had been seen on new pieces of equipment and made his dealers aware to keep an eye out for them in their service operations. He managed and distributed service bulletins to the dealers and also kept them up to date on recalls and other types of service related information. He also made sure that dealers’ service technicians received periodic re-training.

In essence, Wiley was the IH point person for each of his dealerships. When a new product came out, he made weekly calls to find out if the dealers experienced any problems that the company needed to know about and to offer remedies that could be handled locally.

He would often go to the field to investigate an equipment failure and see for himself the problem at hand. If he couldn’t identify the source or reason for a problem, Wiley had North American Service Managers devoted to specific types of equipment that he could call for help.

Following the 1985 merger, Wiley was retained in Service by the new CASE/IH organization and they kept him in Montgomery. Wiley worked out of his home until 1997 when his territory was divided up between two other employees and he was



Wiley Johnson (#295) (left) with his friend Gene Jones (#297) at the Elmore show in 2014. Wiley was elected at the meeting in November for a 3 year term as a Director for Chapter #23.

appointed as a “Product Specialist”.

Wiley became the planter and cotton picker specialist for the area from South Georgia to Columbus, Mississippi and would set up meetings for anyone who wanted a demonstration of how these machines operated. He had an electric powered mock-up planter unit as well as a cotton picker drum that he would send to the demonstration location that could show the equipment in action.

Wiley continued in this “Specialist” role until 2006 when a consolidation in the company offered him the opportunity to retire, which he accepted. But he wasn’t completely done. For the next four years the company brought him back under contract each fall to work the cotton harvest on new cotton pickers. He cut the cord for good in the fall of 2010.

With retirement, Wiley and his wife Patricia moved from Montgomery to Wetumpka where they currently live so they can be close to their children and grandchildren.

For the last four or five years Wiley has stayed busy in the summer mowing 6½ acres of soccer fields on the north edge of Montgomery. He uses an IH Cub 154 Lo-Boy to do this mowing, which he says still does a good job.

Wiley has a total of 6 tractors, all IH with the exception of a CASE 400. He brings most of them to the show at Elmore each May.



Tractor Parade at Orrville



Gary Bell



**Conrad Bell &
Logan Bodine**



Charlie Nelson



Robert Bodine

SPECIAL EVENT

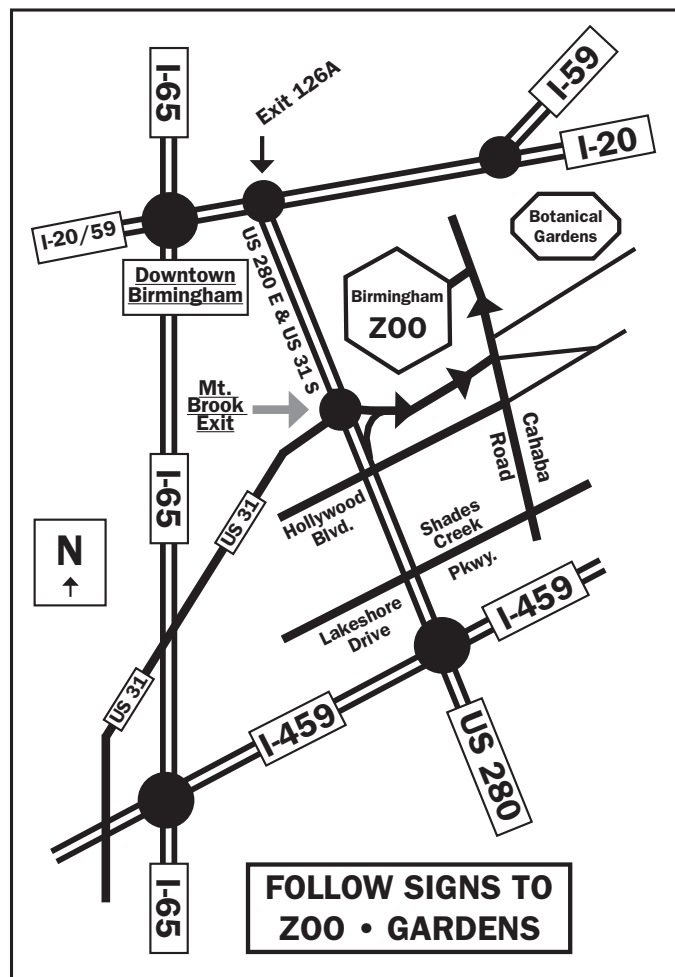


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Display Area Open at 4:00 pm for Friday Setup

Fall 2014 Cotton Picking at Bodine Farms near Guntersville.



(Left) Matt (#311) and Brad Bodine (#270) represent the latest generation of Bodines to harvest a cotton crop using the family's vintage IH cotton pickers. (Right) Randy (#171) and Robert (#170) stop the harvest for a moment to make a picture with their sons and equipment in the cotton field. This photo was one of several that appeared in the family Christmas card for 2014.



Wiley Johnson (#295) spends some time going over a mechanical point on his Super A with a visitor to the Orrville show in November.



Philip Hubbard (#455) talks to Larry Smitherman (#504) about Larry's excellent 1950 Cub restoration at Orrville.



New member Charlie Nelson (#533) of Greensboro was introduced to the chapter by Donnie Wedgworth during the meeting at Orrville.



Philip Hubbard and Jonne Thonton (#474) inspect some of the stationary engines on display at the Orrville show.

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CHARTER BUS TOUR
2015 RED POWER ROUND UP
SEDALIA, MISSOURI
June 9 – 13, 2015***



June 9, 2015 – Depart from Hartselle, Alabama
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Arrive in Sedalia, Missouri

June 13, 2015 – Depart from Sedalia, June 13
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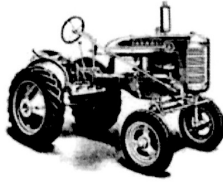
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