



International Harvester Collectors • Chapter #23

# ALABAMA

## Early Summer 2017



Chapter #23 members promoting Red Power Round Up 2018 at the 2017 Louisiana Chapter #31 State Show at Franklinton, LA on May 6. (L-R) Randy Bodine, Jana Bodine, Rose Lea Cooper, Skeet Cooper, Jane Roberts, Sherman Roberts, Conrad Bell, Gary Bell, Royce Colvin, Charlie Stewart, Buddy Banks.



Sherman Roberts (#2) visited Stew Paquette (#400) at his IH museum in Leesburg, FL in March of 2017. Stew is getting this IH 314 cotton picker, mounted on a Farmall M, ready to bring to Montgomery for RPRU 2018.



Linda Petty (#599 – Left) and her husband Dallas with their friends Tiger and Glenda Kilpatrick at Snead. She displays her unusual blue Cub for Ovarian Cancer awareness. The tractor also is a memorial to Linda's mother, Doris Hogan, who died of the disease.



# Randy's Ramblings

• President's Letter from Randy Bodine •

As I write *Randy's Ramblings* and in keeping with the namesake "ramblings", I've been told that I tend to "ramble on" (mainly by my wife and children). I am sitting at my desk listening to four baby mockingbirds chirp from a nest in a Nellie R. Stevens holly outside my office window. Things are quiet and peaceful as the sun fades behind the horizon – another day gone by. As I was growing up, we would sit on the front porch of the old farm house as the sun went down. It was cool and peaceful until a mockingbird would light on the utility lines coming to the house. It would begin to chirp and disrupt the evening silence. Dad would then disrupt the silence even more by trying to quiet the bird with his shotgun. Then Mom would begin yelling at him to leave the birds alone. That all stopped one day when he shot the phone line into pieces. The line fell across the garden and the bird flew away. Mom had a heyday and Dad stopped shooting at the mockingbirds (at least when Mom was around).

What does all that rambling have to do with anything? It just reminded me that another day has gone by. Three years seemed so far out when we won the bid to host Red Power Round Up at Garrett Coliseum, June 13-16, 2018. However, the days have flown by, just like the mockingbird flew away, and we are approaching the one-year mark. It will be here before we know it, so don't delay in making your preparations. If you are a committee chair or a committee member, now is the time to be working diligently. The good news is that most of you have already been working and are ahead of the curve. I am so thankful for you and to have such wonderful club members who have stepped up to the task. We will have people coming from all over the world for a visit, so let's make RPRU 2018 an event we can be proud of.

Red Power Round Up in Des Moines, Iowa, June 15-17, 2017, is just around the corner. This is the last Round Up before we host next year so we will need volunteers working the chapter table, handing out information and getting folks excited about RPRU 2018. Lots

of hands makes the work easier. Let us know if you will be in Des Moines or come by the chapter table as soon as you get to the fairgrounds and volunteer for a time slot. Several have already signed up to work certain shifts but the more we have working, the more everyone has time to enjoy the show.

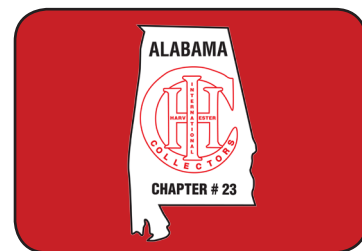
We had a great turn out at our first chapter meeting of the year at the Strawberry Festival at Loxley. I want to thank the South Alabama Antique Tractor and Engine Club for hosting Chapter #23. They made us feel very welcome. Also, thank you to everyone who attended and to those who came a long way. We are committed to bringing the chapter meetings to everyone's back door. Moving the club meeting around the state allows for members to be able to attend and bring tractors and exhibits that might not normally get to do so. As was

the case in Loxley, we got to see several new faces and signed up several new members. Some of our long-time south Alabama members were able to actually attend a chapter meeting within a short drive – a first for them. I am convinced the reason we continue to grow as a club is because we look outward instead of inward and try to do what is best for the membership over the entire state. Your willingness to travel and see new venues is one of the reasons this chapter is great! We are so close to our membership goal of 300. I know we pretend this is about International Harvester, but the truth is, it's about our valuable members and how much we enjoy being together. Continue to encourage others to become part of our wonderful organization. I believe we will exceed our goal before the fourth chapter meeting this year.

Our next meeting is at our state show on Saturday, June 3, 2017, in Moulton, Alabama. It will be held at the Moulton Lions Club Park (see map). The Lawrence County Classic Antique Tractor and Engine Club has been working hard to promote this show (even running radio ads) and they are planning to roll out the red carpet for our club. Come and bring



Baby mockingbirds wait on their next meal in a nest in a holly bush outside of Randy's Opelika office.



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**Minutes of AL Chapter #23  
International Harvester Collectors  
Meeting at Loxley, AL  
11:00 a.m., April 8, 2017**

6 Directors present

Conrad Bell  
Robert Bodine  
Buck Brown  
Wiley Johnson  
Ronnie Lott  
Sherman Roberts

2 Advisors present

Clay Nordan  
Donnie Wedgworth

3 Visitors present

Hope Banks  
Lucy Davis  
Chris Vaughn

22 Members present

Sharon K. Allen  
Buddy Banks  
Harold Beck  
Retha Beck  
Gary Bell  
Jana Bodine  
Randy Bodine  
Richard Carrier  
Michael Coburn  
Kent Davis  
Lloyd Dillon

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Ken Frost  
Marvin King  
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Ricky Robinson  
Carey Thompson

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

Randy then recognized Lloyd Dillion, Chapter #23 member #394 and representative of the South Alabama Antique Tractor and Engine Club who sponsored the tractor show portion of today's big Loxley Strawberry Festival. Lloyd welcomed us to the show and said they were glad that we had come to Loxley to hold our first meeting of the year.

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 \$17,822.15.

He also reported that the cost of the recent Early Spring newsletter, \$1234.06, was in line with what we

had projected for the first issue of the year since it contained 16 pages and a complete roster of active members that reflected the completion of dues collection at the end of January. The cost of this issue is about \$250 more than the three other 12 page issues published during the year.

He also reported that membership currently stands at 287 and that some new members had already joined today.

There was a motion and second to accept the minutes as printed in the newsletter and the motion passed.

Before proceeding, Randy took a minute to recognize and welcome Kent Davis, member # 21/484. Kent is one of our charter members and is from Dozier in Covington County. At age 85 he is probably our oldest member.

Next on the agenda was a report from Vice-President, Gary Bell, about the recent Winter Convention in Indiana. Gary said that the IHC members who attended the convention from all over the U.S. were very excited about RPRU 2018.

He said that when the Alabama delegation was recognized that they got a standing ovation from the crowd. He said that the convention was well attended and that there were lots of parts vendors on hand. And he said that he got a sense from everyone he spoke to that we should expect a crowd in Montgomery and that it's anticipated that our Red Power Round Up will offer something different for national members planning to come South.

The next agenda item was a reminder about the upcoming Red Power Round Up bus trip to Des Moines, IA. The bus will leave Monday, June 12 and return on Sunday, June 18.

Randy then welcomed three new directors to their 3 year terms of service for the chapter. They are: Robert

## Financial Report

**Net Assets March 2016 .....\$19,036.21**

Income

**Merchandise Sales .....47.00**

**Dues Collected.....255.00**

**Subtotal.....302.00**

Expenses

**Newsletter .....1234.06**

**National Dues Paid ..... 135.00**

**Subtotal..... 1369.06**

**Net Assets, June 2017 .....\$17,969.15**

Bodine, Ronnie Lott, and Sherman Roberts. He also thanked the three former directors whose terms expired at the end of 2016. Joe Criswell, Clay Nordan, and Donnie Wedgworth moved to the position of advisor and their terms are for one year.

Moving on, Randy reminded the group that our next chapter meeting will be at our State Show in Moulton on June 3. The other meetings will be at Hartselle Depot Days in September and Wedowee in October.

Next on the agenda, Randy asked everyone to pick up show schedules and posters to post and distribute in public places.

He then moved on to ask for promotions about upcoming shows. Among the shows mentioned as he went around the circle were: Hanceville in June, the Louisiana State Show at Franklinton in May, the Summerdale Plow Day in June, Greenville in October, Point Mallard in May, the Southland Flywheelers in October, Elmore in May, and Snead next week.

Before going over the major state and national shows still to come in 2017, Randy reminded everyone to take a look at the chapter website regularly and be sure to find all the additional tractor show pictures there that we don't have room for in the newsletter.

The final agenda item was an announcement that bids are now open for hosting the Alabama State Show in 2020. The host site date will be contingent on when the Red Power Round Up in 2020 will be held, but we should know that date following the Des Moines RPRU in June of this year.

Randy concluded by reminding everyone that following this meeting that a special Red Power Round Up meeting will be held at 1:00 today.

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

*Respectfully submitted,  
Clay Nordan – Secretary/Treasurer*

an exhibit. They will have entertainment under the covered stage. There will be plenty of level parking for spectators, trailers, and most importantly, room for all the tractors and exhibits you will be bringing. We will have our regular club meeting at 11:00 a.m. We will also have our Red Power Round Up committee meeting at 1:00 p.m. in the air conditioned building!

Our other two meetings of the year will be at Hartselle Depot Days on September 16 and our fourth meeting of the year will be at Wedowee on October 21. The entire show schedule is on the website [www.alabamaihc.org](http://www.alabamaihc.org). If you haven't visited it lately, you should. Clay does a great job of updating it with the latest news. You will also see

a lot more pictures that are not in the newsletter.

As of this writing, we are less than 380 days away from Red Power Round Up 2018. Be sure to visit the website [www.rpru2018.com](http://www.rpru2018.com) and if you have Facebook, please be sure to "like" and "share" our page, Red Power Round Up 2018. If you're not on a committee but would like to help, please contact me and we will get you plugged in serving somewhere. You don't want to have FOMO (Fear Of Missing Out). I look forward to seeing you in Moulton!

Happy Tractoring!

*Randy*



## 293 Active Members

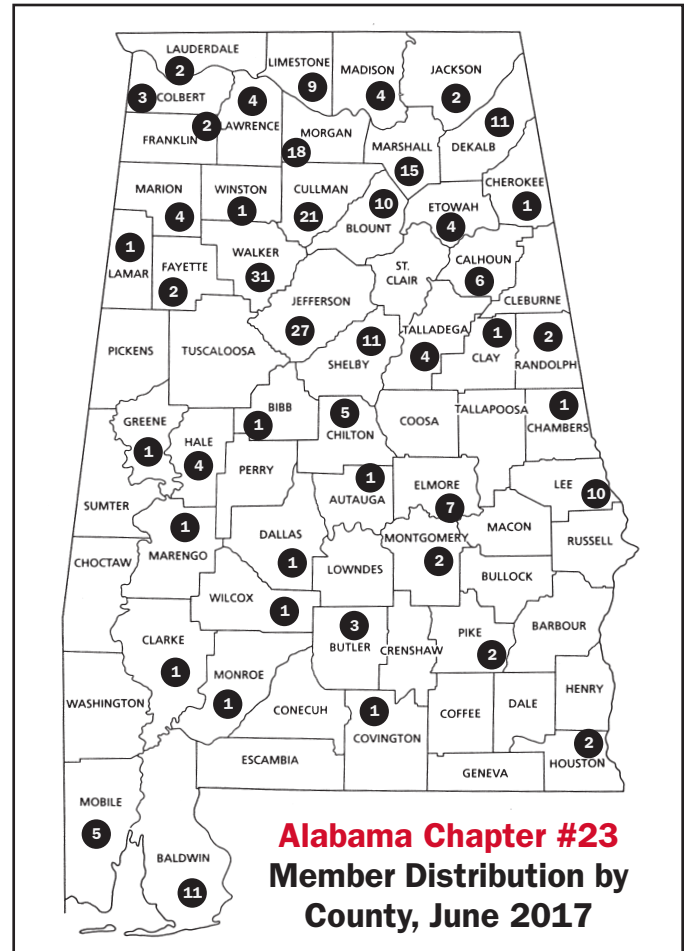
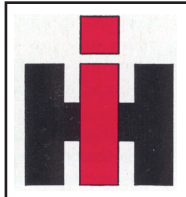
5 New Members Added Since Last Newsletter  
2 Former Members Re-activated

## 36 Out of State Members

Florida .....	4	Mississippi .....	3
Georgia .....	12	Nebraska .....	1
Indiana .....	2	Tennessee .....	4
Louisiana .....	8	Texas .....	2

## Remaining Chapter #23 Meeting Locations for 2017

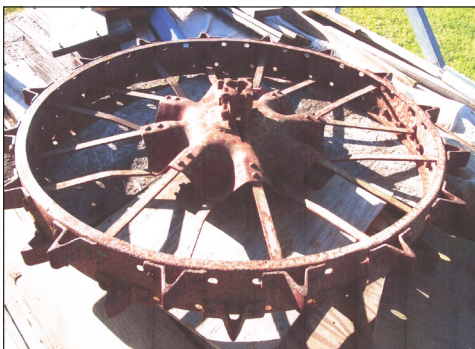
Moulton .....	June 3
Hartselle Depot Days.....	Sept. 16
Wedowee.....	Oct. 21



## Next Meeting

**Moulton, AL (Alabama IH State Show) Lions Club Park**  
**June 3, 2017 • 11:00 a.m.**

**Red Power Round Up meeting to follow at 1:00 p.m.**



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## 2017 Tractor Show Schedule

Decatur – Point Mallard .....	May 27
Summerdale .....	June 2-3
Haleyville .....	June 3
<b>** Moulton – AL IH State Show .....</b>	<b>June 3</b>
Hanceville .....	June 10
<b>Des Moines, IA (Red Power Roundup) ..</b>	<b>June 15-17</b>
Cotaco – Soggy Bottom .....	June 17
Gadsden – Goodyear Plant .....	June 24
Tannehill State Park .....	July 8
Boaz .....	July 15
Speake.....	July 22
Athens – Piney Chapel .....	August 4-5
Lawrenceburg, TN .....	August 18-19
Russellville – Watermelon Festival.....	August 19
Fyffe .....	August 26
Fairview (Labor Day) .....	Sept. 4
Eagleville, TN .....	Sept. 8-9
Greenville, TN IH State Show.....	Sept. 15-17
Inman, Georgia – GA IH State Show .....	Sept. 15-17
<b>** Hartselle Depot Days .....</b>	<b>Sept. 16</b>
Winfield Mule Day .....	Sept. 23
Eva .....	Sept. 30
Centre Fall Fest .....	Oct. 7
St. Florian .....	Oct. 7
Gadsden – Noccalula “G” Roundup .....	Oct. 13-14
Cordova – Jean’s On the River .....	Oct. 14
Falkville Festival .....	Oct. 14
Shelby – Iron Works .....	Oct. 14
Dothan - Landmark Park .....	Oct. 21
Jasper Heritage Festival .....	Oct. 21
<b>** Wedowee .....</b>	<b>Oct. 21</b>
Montgomery – AL National Fair .....	Oct. 27 - Nov. 4
Hartselle – Southland Flywheelers.....	Oct. 28
Greenville .....	Oct. 28
Jasper Veterans Day .....	Nov. 4
Orrville .....	Nov. 11



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Joe Criswell







Kent was wearing this cap at the Loxley meeting. It's a nice memento from his days working at Rose Hill Tractor Co.

## Kent Davis– Member #21

Long time Chapter #23 members were glad to see 85 year old Kent Davis at the meeting at Loxley. The Strawberry Festival meeting was not a long drive for Kent and his wife Lucy to make from their home in Dozier.

There is an extensive story on Kent and his life and career on [www.alabamaih.org](http://www.alabamaih.org) under "Chapter Stories". In addition to being a charter member of Chapter #23, Kent also holds the lowest national member number in the chapter, #484, and is a charter member of the national club.



Kent prepares the seed bed for his 2017 vegetable garden in dozier, AL with a PTO tiller powered by his Farmall C.



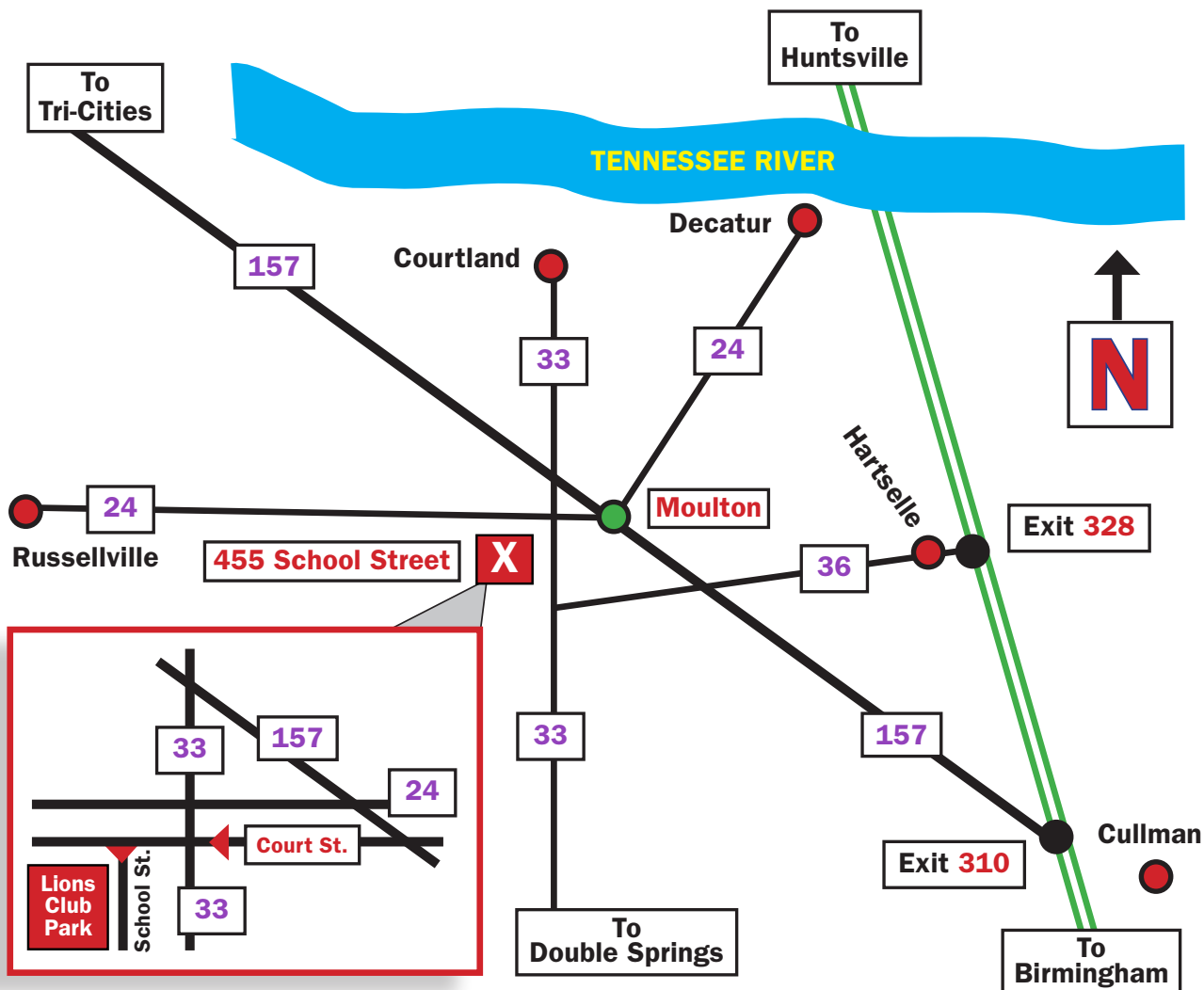
Kent uses his Farmall Cub with full IH planter set-up to make short work of planting his spring garden.





(Above) Conrad Bell promotes Red Power Round Up 2018 at the John Deere dealership show at Snead, AL. (Left) Buddy Banks with his 1906 IH Titan "portable" engine at Houston, MS. According to *150 Years of International Harvester*, by C.H. Wendel, 1906 was the first year that the "Titan" trademark was used by IHC.

## Map to Moulton and Alabama IH State Show – June 3, 2017







(1) The chapter tent was located in a good spot and attracted a lot of attention all day. (2) Wiley Johnson and Robert Bodine looking over a couple of "A" series Farmall offset tractors. (3) Sherman Roberts and Conrad Bell visiting at Loxley. (4) The merchandise table is always a gathering spot following a chapter meeting. (5) Quite a few Chapter #23 members made the long trip from north Alabama to Baldwin County, while even more local members turned out for our first-ever meeting in the area.







This impressive line-up of IH tractors was part of the display that visitors to the Loxley Strawberry Festival could inspect and enjoy. Tractors were just one attraction on April 8. Many flea market type vendors were on hand as well as live music and food.



(L-R) Buck Brown (#415), Donnie Wedgworth (#444), and Wiley Johnson (#295) inspect a nicely restored Farmall A brought to the show by Lloyd (#394) and Theresa Dillon of nearby Foley, AL.



Thousands of people come to Loxley each year to celebrate the local fresh strawberry crop. One of the big attractions for visitors is strawberry short cake.





Matt Bodine took advantage of Joe Criswell's annual show at his CASE/IH dealership at Snead near Oneonta to experiment with photography taken from a camera mounted on a flying drone. As you can see, this technology opens up an entirely new way of viewing tractor shows and tractor displays. Photos taken from drones should make for some spectacular images when the Red Power Round Up comes to Montgomery in 2018.



This photo shows that the drone can also offer a slightly elevated perspective that yields a different view from what we might be accustomed to.





Sherman Roberts was awarded the "Oldest Running Tractor" plaque at Snead for his recently completed 1939 Farmall H with IH trailer.



Matt captured quite a different view with his drone camera of Hal Hoaglin, his friends, and Hal's Cub Cadet displays.



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