

**INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER COLLECTORS • CHAPTER #23**

# **ALABAMA**

**Fall 2017**

## **Chapter #23 Members Promote RPRU 2018**



Members who attended Winfield Mule Day on September 23 made sure that the big crowd that always comes to the show got plenty of exposure to our RPRU banners. Sherman Roberts (left) mounted the banners on his IH trailer and drove it in the annual Mule Day parade. Pictured from left to right, Conrad Bell, Gary Bell, Ray Banks, Ed Norris.



Stephanie Adamek of Inman Farms, annual site of the Georgia Chapter #29 State Show, inserts RPRU 2018 Flyers into exhibitors bags at their September show.



Conrad and Gary Bell made good use of their tractors to stretch out a promotional banner at the show at Speake in July. Speake is a small show between Cullman and Moulton just off AL Highway 157.

# Randy's Ramblings

• President's Letter from Randy Bodine •

In the wake of two recent hurricanes – Harvey in Texas and Irma in Florida and perhaps others on their way, this thought comes to mind – “donating money does less than donating time”! We have many club members who understand this concept. Clay Nordan is a great example of this – he spends countless hours working behind the scenes for the success of this chapter and RPRU 2018. Director Donnie Wedgworth couldn't attend the meeting at Hartselle because he and a group of friends were in hurricane-ravaged Florida feeding American-raised catfish to those in need. Our hearts and prayers go out to all those affected by the hurricanes. Director Buck Brown was also missed at the meeting because he was busy helping put a roof on a Native American church in Oklahoma. Each of these individuals were giving their TIME – which is much more valuable to give than money. Your ambition means nothing without execution. Jana's dad was a preacher who had a sermon entitled “The road to hell is paved with good intentions”. Don't be one of those who “intends” to do something – be the one that follows through and does it. Get involved and share your time. Please volunteer your time to help with Round Power Round Up 2018. We need volunteers in order for it to be successful.

I want to say “thank you” to everyone who came to Hartselle Depot days. We had a great spot along the tractor-lined street. We had several Chapter #23 members who attended a chapter meeting for the very first time and also signed up some new members. Clay announced at our meeting that we currently have 310 members – the most our chapter has ever had. Once again, it just shows how moving our meetings around all over the state gives opportunities for growth and making new friends. We had wonderful participation with so many of our members bringing tractors and other IH displays. It's always fun to watch and listen to the “non-tractor” folks as they walk around and enjoy looking at all the displays.

We also had a great meeting of our RPRU 2018 committee. Special thanks to those who came so far. Your dedication does not go unnoticed. The committee chairs have been hard at work making plans and building their individual committees. We also had several people at our meetings who signed up to work. It's never too late to join a committee. Please

don't wait for an individual phone call or email. I am ASKING you personally now to volunteer. There are ways you can be involved even if you aren't going to be available to work in Montgomery during RPRU 2018. Just let me know that you are willing to help, and we will give you something to do that needs doing. Our goal is that every member gets involved in some way. You don't want to be left out or left sitting on the sidelines wishing you had stepped up.

There are still lots of good shows on the schedule to close out 2017. Our fourth chapter meeting will be at Wedowee in Randolph County, near the Georgia line, on October 21 at 11:00 am. We haven't had a chapter meeting there before and are excited for this new opportunity. Since it is the fourth meeting of the year, we will be electing three new directors, setting three chapter meetings for 2018 (the state show is already set for Montgomery on June 16, 2018), and taking final bids for the Alabama State Show for 2020. Please make plans to attend and show your support for Chapter #23.

After the chapter meeting, we will have our RPRU 2018 committee meeting at 1:00 p.m. This will be our last full-committee meeting of 2017, so I hope we can have all our committee chairs and committee members in attendance.

Don't forget about the Alabama National Fair – October 27 - November 5, 2017. The Alabama National Fair Committee is working to revitalize the Agriculture industry in the state of Alabama by showcasing farm equipment and having live demonstrations during the fair. They have dedicated a building known as “Harvester Hall” for our exhibits. Our members have had impressive displays in the past and we are asking you once again to bring your exhibits to display during the fair. You may set up your display in the October 18-25 timeframe. It must be set up no later than Wednesday, October 25 and it can be removed November 6-13. If you would like to do live demonstrations during the fair, you are welcome to do that as well. You can contact me at (334) 749-4958 or Randy Stephenson with the fair office at (334) 272-6831.

We will kick-off 2018 in full sprint at our first RPRU 2018 meeting on January 13, 2018. This meeting will be at Garrett Coliseum in Montgomery from 10:00 a.m. to approximately 2:00 p.m. Lunch will be

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**Minutes of AL Chapter #23  
International Harvester Collectors  
Meeting at Hartselle, AL  
11:00 a.m., Sept, 16, 2017**

7 Directors present

Charles Allen  
Conrad Bell  
Robert Bodine  
Charlie Grimmitt  
Wiley Johnson  
Ronnie Lott  
Sherman Roberts

7 Visitors present

Lonnie Allen  
Spencer Bell  
Logan Bodine  
Will Bodine  
John Jones  
Dawson Lindsey  
Sierra Shadrix

1 Advisor present

Clay Nordan

40 Members present

Joe Acker	James Daniel
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Adam Daniel	Dwight Vanderford

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 and said that the chapter balance is currently \$13,941.77.

He reported that membership currently stands at 310 including one new member signed today. Following the meeting, another new member joined, so at the end of the day the total came to 311. This number represents the most active members our chapter has ever had at one time. There was a motion and second to accept the minutes and the motion passed.

Noting that attendance at today's meeting was higher than normal, Randy asked for a show of hands to see how many members were present at a meeting for the first time. Seven members raised their hands. Randy then acknowledged Steve and Sharon K. Allen who drove five hours from their home in Fairhope in Baldwin County on the coast to be with us today.

The next agenda item was a reminder about our need for lots of participation in the RPRU 2018 effort.

Randy reminded everyone that this is an "All IH Show" and that we still have committees that need members assigned to them. He suggested that everyone check out [www.rpru2018.com](http://www.rpru2018.com) as well as FaceBook, Instagram, and Twitter for updates.

Next was a report on Red Power Round Up 2017 at Des Moines, which took place in June right after our last meeting at Moulton. Randy said that it was a fantastic show put on by Iowa Chapter #5 and that they attracted 42,000 visitors and 1000 tractors to their event at the impressive Iowa State Fairgrounds.

Randy then reminded everyone that our fourth meeting of the year will be held at Wedowee on October 21. He said it's a good show and a location that Chapter #23 has not been to before. He also asked that changes and additions to the 2018 show schedule be submitted soon as work is beginning on compiling the list for next year.

Next on the agenda was promotion of upcoming shows. Shows mentioned by various members were: the Florida Flywheelers on Nov. 7, 8, 9, & 10; the "G" Round Up at Nocalula Falls on Oct. 13-14; The Moulton Toy & Collectible show, Nov. 3-4; Winfield Mule Day on Sept. 23; Eva on Sept. 30; Jean's on the River, Oct. 14; Guntersville, Oct. 14; St. Florian on Oct. 7; Southland Flywheelers on Oct. 28; Falkville Fall Festival on Oct. 14.

Jana Bodine then reported that she had new order forms available for chapter merchandise such as T-shirts.

Randy reminded everyone about the Alabama National Fair at Garrett Coliseum (Oct. 27 - Nov. 5). He encouraged us to bring ag displays and demonstrations to "Harvester Hall" on the fair grounds. We had a good turnout last year and they would like to see even more this year. Move in will be Oct. 18-25 for ag displays.

Randy next went over all the major state and national shows and events coming up in 2018, 2019, and 2020. He reminded the group that bids for the Alabama IH State Show will remain open until our meeting at Wedowee when we will either make a selection or authorize an election to choose the host for that year.

Moving on to new business, Randy let the group know that we have been approached by the Asbury High School FFA (Guntersville/Albertville area) to sponsor them for the Chevron tractor restoration contest. It's a national competition and a \$10,000 prize goes to the winner. The project tractor will be a Farmall H and Robert Bodine will be our point person and coordinate with

Jay Gibson, the FFA sponsor. Randy said that Chapter #23 member, Carl Pletcher, has also volunteered to offer financial support.

They hope to complete the restoration in time for the Montgomery RPRU. Asbury also plans to make a start-to-finish video to have as a record of everything that needed to be done to the tractor and to show the involvement of the students.

Randy said that the *Sand Mountain Reporter* plans to cover the project in their next newspaper and website. We hope that this will be an on-going statewide program of support for FFA restoration projects by Chapter #23.

The meeting came to a close with words of welcome by Jeff Halbrooks who thanked us for choosing Hartselle Depot Days for today's meeting.

As the meeting came to a close, Sherman Roberts asked a question he said he has heard from members of other chapters, "How soon can you take something to the RPRU in Montgomery?"

Randy had an answer ready for him: Tractors and other displays cannot be set up on the show grounds before 8:00 a.m. on Monday morning, June 11. They also must be removed from the grounds by noon on Sunday, June 19.

However, if someone bringing a display to the show plans to go to the beach or do something else as early as one week prior to the start of the show, they can leave their RPRU display (starting on June 4) in a designated holding area on the Garrett Coliseum campus as they are passing through Montgomery. The same holding area storage option will be available for one week after the close of the show (until June 22) for anyone who might need it.

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

*Respectfully submitted,  
Clay Nordan - Secretary/Treasurer*

### Financial Report

**Net Assets, Sept. 2017 ..... \$15,353.66**

Income

**Dues Collected.....100.00**

**Subtotal.....100.00**

Expenses

**Newsletter .....1068.929**

**Merchandise Expense .....362.97**

**National Dues Paid..... 60.00**

**Subtotal..... 1491.89**

**Net Assets, Oct. 2017 ..... \$13,961.77**

## 300th Active Member Joins Chapter #23



For the first time in our history, our active members number reached the 300 mark as Hannah Bodine (#606) took us over the top when she submitted her application for membership on June 3, 2017. Hannah also became the eighth member of the Bodine clan to join the chapter. She is from Enterprise, AL and is a graduate of Auburn University. Hannah and Matt (#311) were married in December of 2016 and live in Opelika. Hannah is employed at Lee-Scott Academy in Auburn where she teaches 11th and 12th grade Chemistry and Physics.

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served. This will be the opportunity to finalize so many plans. Every committee will be able to visit their particular site and make determinations for location, size, what is available, etc. When we visited Garrett Coliseum last year, most everyone was still letting it soak in that Alabama Chapter #23 was going to host RPRU. This time, we will be focused on making it a reality. We expect to see every chairman, vice chairman and committee member on January 13, 2018 at Garrett.

Please continue to invite everyone you know to attend RPRU 2018, June 13-16, 2018 at Garrett Coliseum in Montgomery, Alabama. This is going to be such a great event for the state of Alabama and the farm collecting hobby, so everyone in the South should want to attend. Let me know if you need promotional information. We have flyers, hotel information, vendor and exhibitor registration forms available. If you are traveling to shows across the country and would like to help promote RPRU 2018, we would be glad to provide you with information. Remember to send people to the website at [www.rpru2018.com](http://www.rpru2018.com), like us on Facebook, follow us on Twitter or Instagram, or they can find a link by visiting the chapter website at [www.alabamaihce.org](http://www.alabamaihce.org). Also, if they visit the chapter website, they will find past editions of the newsletter, photographs from shows and events and great stories and technical tips submitted by our members. There are also membership and merchandise order forms available.

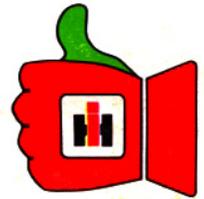
Be on the look-out for your membership renewals. They will be mailed out next month. Let's continue to grow our membership across the state.

Here's one final sobering thought – it only takes nine months to have a baby and we have less time than that before Red Power Round Up 2018.

Looking forward to seeing you in Wedowee!

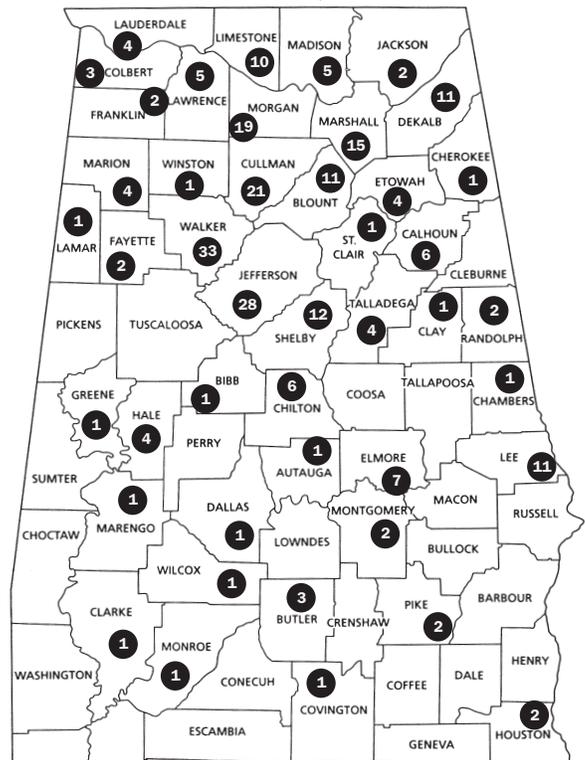
*Randy*

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**311 Active Members**

**4 New Members Added Since Last Newsletter**



**Alabama Chapter #23  
Member Distribution by  
County, Oct. 2017**

### 40 Out of State Members

Florida .....	5	Mississippi .....	3
Georgia .....	13	Nebraska .....	1
Indiana .....	2	Tennessee .....	6
Louisiana .....	8	Texas .....	2



## 2017 Tractor Show Schedule

Gadsden – Noccalula “G” Roundup ..... Oct. 13-14  
 Cordova – Jean’s On the River ..... Oct. 14  
 Falkville Festival ..... Oct. 14  
 Shelby – Iron Works ..... Oct. 14  
 Samantha (Tuscaloosa County) ..... Oct. 14  
 Dothan - Landmark Park ..... Oct. 21  
 Jasper Heritage Festival ..... Oct. 21  
**\*\* Wedowee ..... Oct. 21**  
 Montgomery – AL National Fair ..... Oct. 27 - Nov. 4  
 Hartselle – Southland Flywheelers ..... Oct. 28  
 Greenville ..... Oct. 28  
 Jasper Veterans Day ..... Nov. 4  
 Orrville ..... Nov. 11

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

## Next Meeting

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**Wedowee, AL**  
**October 21, 2017**  
**11:00 a.m.**  
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**Red Power Round Up meet-**  
**ing to follow at 1:00 p.m.**



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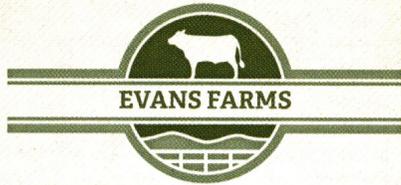


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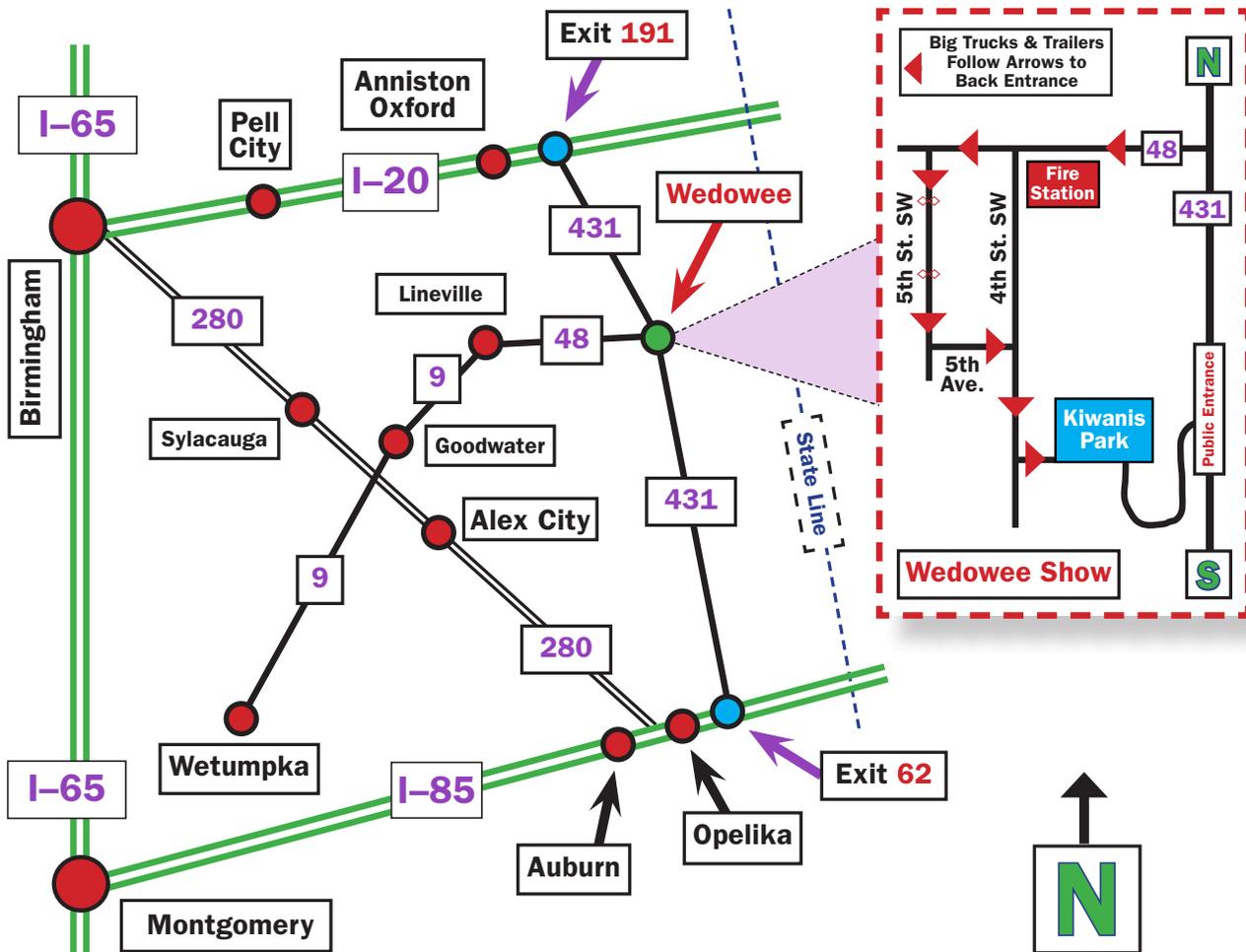
Bio Green Clean uses only naturally occurring ingredients, so it leaves no oily residue and is completely safe for contact with your hands and skin.

The best purchasing strategy is to get a gallon of concentrate and then make up your own "ready-to-use" spray bottle in 32 oz. increments. It's recommended for maximum effectiveness to mix Bio Green Clean at the rate of 3 parts water to one part Bio Green Clean concentrate.

One gallon of concentrate seems pretty expensive at first (around \$85), but you'll discover that many bottles of "ready-to-use" can be made up from a single gallon of concentrate, and its cleaning power on tractor grime is safe but unsurpassed.

Bio Green Clean can be found at Wal Mart or on their website. It is also available from Amazon.com and shipping is free for Amazon Prime members.

## Map to Wedowee Show – October 21, 2017



### 8th Annual Harvest of the Valley Farm Toy Show and Sale

- Other Items Also Available •  
(Antiques, Signs, Misc., etc.)

### Lawrence County High School Gym

102 College Street  
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**November 3, 2017**

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

**November 4, 2017**

8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

- ◆ Set up: November 3rd starting at 8:00 a.m. & throughout the day.
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**HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**



**Walton Pearce (#588) from Griffin, GA at the Georgia State Show on his highly unusual Cub Cadet model 1512 that came from the factory with a 3 cylinder 15 HP Kubota diesel engine. It was manufactured by MTD after the demise of IHC.**



**A nice IH model 274 offset on display at Winfield Mule Day.**



**Harold Beck (#107) with his Farmall H at the Fyffe show in August.**



**Tom Craft (#411) with Lo-Boy & grandson at Hartselle.**



**Jaik Jones (#480) at Fyffe with his yellow and white Cub and Lo-Boy.**



The chapter tent with banners got maximum exposure being located right in the middle of the show action at Hartselle.



Following a complimentary lunch for exhibitors, the drawing for doorprizes attracted a lot of attention at Hartselle Depot Days.



# PHOTO NEWS

## International Harvester Offset Tractors

The photographs you see on this page were donated to Chapter #23 by the Birmingham based art director of Progressive Farmer magazine, Donovan Harris. These black & white glossy prints were discovered in the magazine's photo archives when the staff was clearing out old files they no longer needed. IH routinely sent photos of this type to agricultural magazines and publications throughout the United States accompanied by the "Photo News" form you see here. In many cases, editorial copy about the product being promoted was provided on the form and the magazine was encouraged to use it in their coverage. Anticipating that IH offset tractors will be the featured tractor for the upcoming Red Power Round Up in 2018, a selection of offset tractor photos from the PF collection of vintage IH photographs is shown here. We have many more photographs in this collection of a variety of IH products that will be shared in future newsletters and other publication opportunities.



**The copy supplied by the IH Agricultural Equipment Group for this photo read:**  
**All-Purpose Farmall Cub** – The above view shows the Farmall Cub tractor and farm truck with all-steel box hauling a load of corn away from the corn shredder. This is one of many hauling jobs the Farmall Cub can do on a diversified farm, such as filling the silo, harvesting grain, picking corn, feeding livestock, and pulling loads into town.



Asbury High School received a 1943 McCormick-Deering Farmall tractor (right) from the Alabama IHC Friday morning. Pictured in front (from left) are Alabama IHC Chapter President Randy Bodine, Rose Wade, Jacklyn Garcia, Matt Berry, Cole Garrett, Tristian Clark, Alex Zamorano, Laine Moore and Hailey Cook. In the back (from left) are Dennis Johnson, Jay Gibson, Carl Pletcher, Keith McClendon and Robert Bodine. In addition to the Asbury project tractor, Bodine Farms brought from their collection a restored Farmall H (left) to demonstrate to the students the beautiful end result that is possible if they all commit to the project.

## Chapter #23 Sponsors FFA Restoration Project

By Taylor Beck

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Members of the Alabama International Harvester Collectors Club Chapter No. 23 gathered at Asbury High School to donate an antique tractor to the school's agriculture department for a student restoration project.

Asbury is the first school in the state to receive a tractor from the Alabama IHC. Seventh generation farmer and chapter president Randy Bodine said he was thrilled when Asbury agriculture teacher Jay Gibson reached out to him. He said antique tractor restoration is big in Texas and other states across the U.S. but hopefully the Marshall County school's participation, will ignite more interest.

"We've just never been able to light that fire in Alabama," Bodine said. "We've tried in other places but just haven't been able to spark any interest. But we were super excited Jay reached out to us. When they reached out, we said, 'Absolutely. As the Alabama International Harvester Collectors Club, we'll absolutely partner with you and sponsor you in any way we can.'"

After Gibson reached out in the spring, Bodine and

his brother, Robert, began to figure out which tractor to donate and soon decided on a 1943 McCormick-Deering Farmall WAR tractor that belonged to their grandfather.

Gibson and his students are thrilled about the opportunity to work on the tractor and learn about its history.

"This is huge," Gibson said. "It opens doors that they've never had to open before, and not just now but in the future. There are companies out there wanting to hire people who can work on diesel engines, and they can't find any. This could give these kids a chance to get high-paying jobs right out of high school."

With the help of local Alabama IHC members, by way of funding and hands-on assistance, Gibson plans for his students to complete the restoration project in April. Once completed, they will enter the tractor into national contests that could include the 2018 Chevron Delo Tractor Restoration Competition held for the FFA and the 2018 29th Annual Red Power Round Up that will be hosted in Montgomery by IHC Chapter #23.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The potential for Chapter #23 participating in this project was explained by President Randy Bodine at our meeting at Hartselle on Sept. 16 and is recorded in the minutes printed in this newsletter. At the presentation at Asbury High School, which is in Marshall County near Albertville, the Farmall H was donated by Bodine Farms. Carl Pletcher (#471) was also there and presented a check to the school for \$520 to be used for expenses related to the restoration. Carl donated \$500 and Charlie Grimmitt (#339) gave \$20. Robert Bodine will be the point person for Chapter #23 for the project. Additional donations may be passed on to Robert.

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