



International Harvester Collectors • Chapter #23

# ALABAMA

Spring 2016

## First Meeting of the Year at Snead



Joe Criswell (#357), owner of Snead Equipment, welcomes Chapter #23 members to this year's show on a warm spring day for a change.



The show at Snead was well attended by Chapter #23 Officers, Directors, Advisors, and members. This photo shows part of the sizable crowd paying close attention to the discussion.



Vice-President Gary Bell gives a report on the national Winter Convention he and several other members attended in O'Fallon, Illinois in March.



Ray Best (#97) offers a brief remembrance of Faye Bodine (#340) who passed away in January.

# Randy's Ramblings

• President's Letter from Randy Bodine •

If you haven't attended a tractor show yet this year, you have missed some great ones. Many are highlighted by pictures in this newsletter and on the website. I want to encourage all of our members to attend at least one new show that you have never attended. One of my first new shows for this year was the Strawberry Festival held in Loxley. There were about 100,000 people who attended this three-day event so it was certainly a great venue to display a tractor. Be sure to check out the show schedule, load up a tractor, and visit someplace new.

Our first quarter club meeting of the year was held in Snead, Alabama, at Snead Equipment, the Case/IH dealership owned by Joe Criswell. We appreciate Joe hosting our chapter meeting and we had a perfect day for the event. We even made history on that Saturday! I have been informed by Clay Nordan that this is the first meeting ever with perfect attendance by the entire leadership. All the officers, directors, and advisors were present. I want to thank everyone for the extra effort and hope you keep up the good work. It is very encouraging to me that the enthusiasm of the club is at an all-time high with our efforts to host Red Power Round Up 2018. I have had an overwhelming response from all over the United States and from around the world from people who are planning to come to Alabama for RPRU 2018.

I need to make sure that everyone understands that this is a NATIONAL Red Power Round Up hosted by Alabama Chapter #23 and is an exclusive International Harvester show. This means it is a single-brand show. We have many members and friends that like and collect other brands and colors of tractors and even have members that don't own a red tractor, or even own any tractors. They are still our friends and members and are welcome with open arms in our club and at Chapter #23 and local events. However, since RPRU is a national show, it is only for IH products, unless for a related purpose. This is nothing new. It has been this way since the first RPRU in 1990. Other collector organizations do the same thing. They host Mustang-only shows, or Harley-Davidson-only motorcycle shows, or

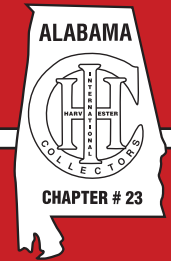
Corvette-only shows, etc. So, you can display anything IH at RPRU if you have it, or you're welcome to attend as a spectator. Better yet, if you don't have anything IH, you have over two years to acquire something to display at the show. Also know that "barn-fresh" and "working clothes" displays are welcome. Sometimes these are the ones that get the most attention – a good original.

I also want to mention that you need to be a member of the National IHC in order to display at RPRU. This is true for all RPRU's, including Union Grove, WI, coming up in June, Des Moines, IA, next year and in Montgomery, Alabama. If you are a member of Chapter #23, you are already a member of the National IHC. You don't have to do anything else. Each November when you pay your \$25 dues, \$15 of that goes for your national membership and \$10 stays with Chapter #23. If you are getting this newsletter, you are in good standing with Chapter #23 and therefore, you also receive your "Harvester Highlights" from the national organization because you are in good standing with them.

Please encourage everyone you know that may want to display at RPRU to join Chapter #23 today and avoid the rush. If you are like me, and are a member of other local tractor clubs, please encourage your members who may not be part of Chapter #23 to join. We would welcome them as members and would love to have them display at RPRU 2018 and join us as we make this the best RPRU ever.

Our second quarter club meeting will be on the beautiful campus of Wallace State in Hanceville, June 11 at 11:00 am. At 1:00 pm we will have our RPRU committee meeting as we continue to work on the details of the Round Up. This will be the weekend prior to Red Power Round Up 2016 in Union Grove, Wisconsin, June 16-18. We are looking forward to a great meeting in Hanceville and then leave with much enthusiasm as we head to Union Grove to promote RPRU 2018. Hope you will plan to join us for these events.

Happy Tractoring!



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**Minutes of AL Chapter #23  
International Harvester Collectors  
Directors Meeting at  
Snead Equipment Show  
11:00 a.m., April 16, 2016**

9 Directors present

Charles Allen  
Conrad Bell  
Buck Brown  
Joe Criswell  
Charlie Grimmitt  
Dean Higgins  
Wiley Johnson  
Clay Nordan  
Donnie Wedgworth

3 Advisors present

Gary Bell  
Brad Bodine  
Larry Lemmond

5 Visitors present

Hannah Cox  
Tamara Crofoot  
Harold Culbreath  
Reed Johnson  
Phares Grey Madison

35 Members present

Luvorn Adams  
Larry Allen  
Sharon Alen  
Richard Artz  
Jake Beams  
Harold Beck  
Retha Beck  
Ray Best  
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Franklin Jones  
Ronnie Lott  
Larcus Mayo  
Carl McMurray  
Gary Moore  
Grady Morrow  
Carl Pletcher  
Sherman Roberts  
Glenn Sanders  
Cody Shadrix  
Eric Smith

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 \$19,531.08. He reported that our membership had increased by 2 to 261 since the publication of the recent newsletter, but one additional renewal had been received today and several new members should join before today's show ends.

Randy called for a motion to approve the minutes. There was a motion, second, and approval of the minutes as printed in the newsletter.

The next item on the agenda was a report on this year's Winter Convention given by Vice-President, Gary Bell.

(Read the text of Gary's report on page 8 of this newsletter.)

Randy then moved on to discuss the bus trip to this year's Red Power Roundup in Wisconsin. He said that as of today he could probably take a few more passengers, but he will have to cut it off in the next couple of days. He reminded everyone that this year's trip will be more than just transportation to and from the big IH show. It also includes tours of the Racine CASE/IH tractor plant as well as the Hindsdale/Burr Ridge proving grounds and a Navistar truck plant that is on the bus route.

The next agenda item was to recognize the three new directors whose terms began on January 1 of this year. Randy welcomed Buck Brown, Charlie Grimmitt, and Dean Higgins to their first meeting as directors. He also thanked Gary Bell, Brad Bodine, and Larry Lemmond for their service the past three years. At the conclusion of their terms, all three former directors were automatically appointed as Advisors for one year.

The agenda then called for an overview of the locations for our remaining three meetings for the year. Our second meeting will be at Hanceville on June 11. The third meeting will be in conjunction with the state show at Piney Chapel on August 6, and the final meeting will be at Greenville, south of Montgomery, which is a new show for most of us.

Randy mentioned that the Piney Chapel show has told him that they are interested in selecting a feature tractor each year now that they have a second field available for display. They are hoping to fill that field up with red tractors this year, so we need a good turnout of IH products for this year's state show.

Randy also announced that following the meeting at Greenville at 11:00 a.m. on October 29, he has scheduled a Red Power Roundup 2018 committee meeting for that afternoon back in Montgomery at Garrett Coliseum. He said that the Alabama National Fair will be going on at that time, so we'll also get an opportunity to inspect the RPRU site while a big event is in progress.

Next on the agenda was an update of the 2016 show schedule. Randy said that the show at Hackleburg had been cancelled and that the date for the Summerdale show has been moved to May 21. In addition, the south Georgia show at Lake Park, put on by one of our members, Vernon Culpepper and his family, was not included on our pocket schedule, but it is a show worth going to and will be on October 22.

Randy also said that he has show

schedule posters, flyers, and cards available for posting in feed stores, repair shops, and tractor dealerships, etc. and encouraged everyone at the meeting to take some and get them distributed.

The next agenda item called for plugs from anyone with an upcoming show to promote. Among the shows getting mentions were: Elmore, Shoals/St. Florian, Hanceville, Winterboro, Fyffe, Point Mallard, Boaz, and Montevallo FFA.

Randy then called on Joe Criswell, one of our directors and the owner of Snead Equipment, the site of today's tractor show and Chapter #23 meeting. Joe welcomed everyone and said that he appreciated the good turnout today. He said that he was thankful that the weather cooperated and gave us a nice day this year for a change.

At the conclusion of Joe's remarks, he awarded Harold Beck a plaque for having the oldest running tractor at the show, his 1940 Farmall H.

Randy then announced that he has decided to conduct a meeting devoted to Red Power Roundup 2018 at 1:00 p.m. following each of our regularly scheduled chapter meetings during this year's show season. He said that the first of these extra meetings would be held today, so he encouraged everyone to get some lunch, courtesy of Joe Criswell, after we adjourn, and then re-convene at 1:00 to discuss where we stand on RPRU planning.

The meeting ended with Randy going over the dates and locations for the next several years of upcoming state and national events and shows.

He also spoke about a lesson we learned from the Tennessee chapter this year regarding the selection of host shows for state shows. It turns out that Tennessee will hold their state show this year at exactly the same time, the weekend of June 18, as the national Red Power Roundup. This happened because they selected their 2016 host before the national club had set a date for this year's national show.

We have already selected Boaz for our 2019 show, but the national club will not have a host and date for 2019 until the conclusion of this year's RPRU. Randy recommended that we take a pause in our state show bid process and not solicit bids for 2020 until we know the date for that year's RPRU.

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

*Respectfully submitted,  
Clay Nordan  
Secretary/Treasurer*

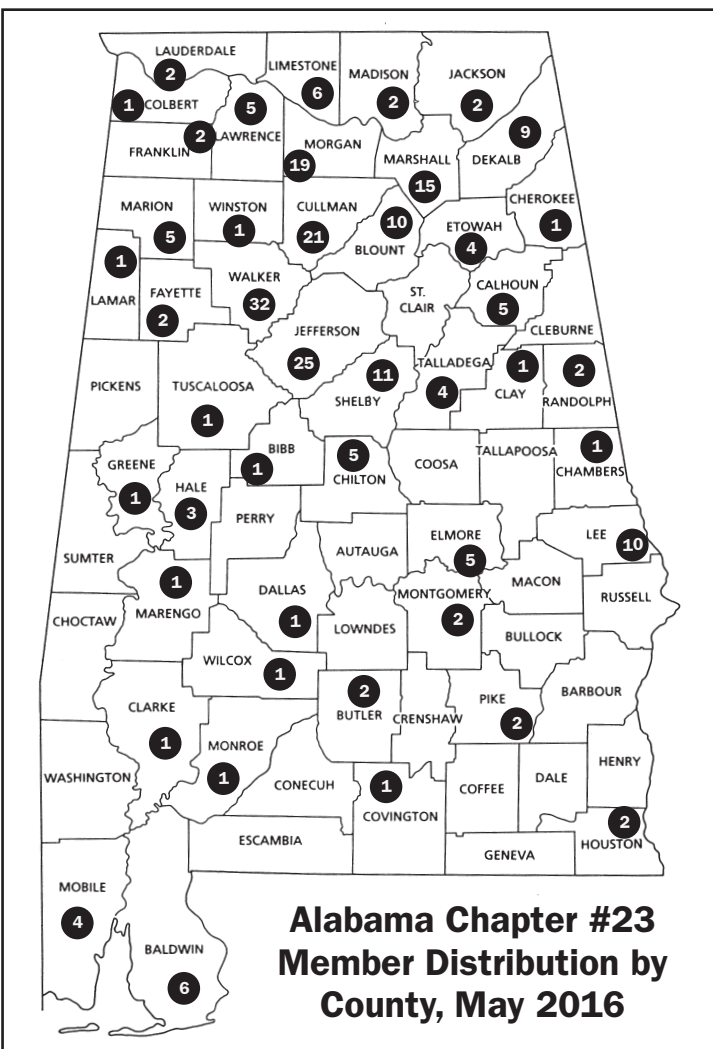


Larry Lemmond (#25) uses the microphone to remind Chapter #23 members at Snead about the Southland Flywheelers' show near Hartselle in October.

### 269 Active Members

### Out of State Members

Florida .....	2	Mississippi .....	3
Georgia .....	10	Nebraska .....	1
Indiana .....	2	Tennessee .....	2
Louisiana .....	7	Texas .....	2



**Alabama Chapter #23  
Member Distribution by  
County, May 2016**

## Financial Report

**Net Assets, Mar. 2016 .....\$20,614.84**

### Income

**Interest .....52.02**

**National Credits .....30.00**

**Sale of Caps & Shirts.....290.00**

**Dues Collected .....235.00**

**Subtotal .....607.02**

### Expenses

**Newsletter .....1118.76**

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

**Subtotal .....1253.76**

**Net Assets, May 2016 .....\$19,968.10**

## Winter Convention Report

The IH winter convention was held at the Regency Conference Center in O'Fallon, IL March 17-19, 2016. There was a large number of people attending from across the country. They enjoyed seeing a number of parts vendors and a large assortment of IH memorabilia. There was a cotton wreath Randy Bodine had made for the display table that drew a great deal of conversation from many visitors who discovered it. Several even wanted to borrow it to take and show to other attendees. The wreath was sold Friday night at auction with the proceeds going to the Illinois chapter.

There was a banquet Saturday night with a delicious meal. The guest speaker was Sherry Schaefer, the editor of *Heritage Iron Magazine*. Sherry shared a slide presentation of photos from her three week tractor trip across Australia that was enjoyed by all.

Winter convention 2017 will be in Columbus, IN. I encourage anyone who has never attended a National Winter Convention to make plans to do so in the near future. With the Red Power Round Up arriving in Montgomery, AL in June of 2018 it would be a wonderful experience to meet new people, visit with old friends, and experience IH collecting at the national level.

*Gary Bell  
Vice-President*





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## Chapter #23 At the Winter Convention



Alabama Chapter #23 at the 2016 national Winter Convention, held in O'Fallon, Illinois this past March. Above is how our chapter table looked, promoting in a big way the 2018 Red Power Roundup and the special IH Cotton equipment exhibit that is planned for the 29th annual show. Representing Chapter #23 at the banquet that is part of each Winter Convention were (above, left to right) president Randy Bodine, vice-president Gary Bell, director Conrad Bell, and member and unofficial assistant to the president, Jana Bodine.



Chapter #23 needs more members to attend upcoming Winter Conventions as the 2018 Red Power Roundup gets closer. Gary and Conrad Bell set a good example for us all by making the trip to Illinois for the annual event.



Michael Coburn shows his Farmall "B" restoration at Loxley. The South Alabama Antique Tractor & Engine Club participated in the 29th annual Baldwin County Strawberry Festival.



Randy Bodine met these IH enthusiasts at the SAATEC show at Loxley in Baldwin County in early April. Charles Poiroux and grandson Ethan Sema show off the Cub they restored together.





## 2016 Tractor Show Schedule

Elmore ..... May 21  
 Summerdale ..... (Date Changed) May 21  
 Decatur – Point Mallard ..... May 28  
 Haleyville ..... June 4  
 Moulton Courthouse ..... June 4  
 \*\*Hanceville ..... June 11  
 Crossville, TN IH State Show ..... June 16-18  
 Union Grove, WI (Red Power Roundup) ... June 16-18  
 Cotaco – Soggy Bottom ..... June 18  
 Gadsden – Goodyear Plant ..... June 25  
 Speake ..... July 9  
 Tannehill State Park ..... July 9  
 Boaz ..... July 16  
 \*\* Athens, Piney Chapel – AL State Show ... August 5-6  
 Lawrenceburg, TN ..... August 19-20  
 Russellville ..... August 20  
 Fyffe ..... August 27  
 Wedowee ..... August 27  
 Fairview (Labor Day) ..... Sept. 5

Eagleville, TN ..... Sept. 9-10  
 Inman, Georgia – GA IH State Show ..... Sept. 16-18  
 Hartselle Depot Days ..... Sept. 17  
 Eva ..... Sept. 24  
 Winfield Mule Day ..... Sept. 24  
 Centre Fall Fest ..... Oct. 1  
 St. Florian ..... Oct. 1  
 Shelby – Iron Works ..... Oct. 7-8  
 Cordova – Jean's On the River ..... Oct. 8  
 Falkville Festival ..... Oct. 8  
 Gadsden – Noccalula Falls "G" Roundup .... Oct. 14-15  
 Dothan - Landmark Park ..... Oct. 15  
 Jasper Heritage Festival ..... Oct. 15  
 Hartselle – Southland Flywheelers Farm ..... Oct. 22  
 Lake Park, GA – Alapahoochee ..... Oct. 22  
 Montgomery – AL State Fair ..... Oct. 28-Nov. 6  
 \*\* Greenville ..... Oct. 29  
 Jasper Veterans Day ..... Nov. 5  
 Orrville ..... Nov. 12

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



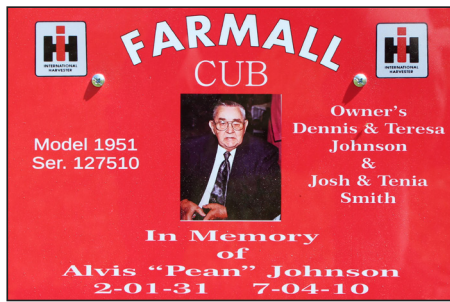
# Snead Equipment Show April 2016



(Right) a young visitor to the Snead show learns about grinding corn with a grist mill powered by a tractor's belt pulley. (Below) The crowd enjoyed a variety of tractors and ag demonstrations along with homemade ice cream and a hot dog lunch provided by Joe Criswell and Snead Equipment Co.







This nice Cub restoration was displayed at the Snead show by Dennis Johnson (#510) and Tenia Smith (#479) of Horton AL, as a tribute to Alvis "Pean" Johnson.

(Right) Robert Bodine (#170) with Bodine Farms brought to Snead this good looking Farmall Super C with a perfectly restored two-row, two-point fast-hitch C-251 McCormick International Planter attached.



Sherman Roberts (#2) paid a visit to former Texas Chapter #25 president, Warren Rhodes this past winter. In the photo above they show a collection of cast iron seats from five companies that were eventually absorbed by IH.



Chapter #23 members at the Louisiana State Show in Franklinton in early May. (L-R) Gary Bell, Jane Roberts, Stanley Jones, Ray Best, Conrad Bell, and Vincent Baham.





(Above) Chapter #23 members relax in the shade at the Montevallo FFA Farm Day in April. It was a beautiful day for a tractor show and Chapter #23 tractors made up the majority of the machines on display. Representatives of the FFA Alumni Association, which puts on the event, repeatedly came by the tent to express their gratitude for our participation. (Right) Joe Mims (#324) from nearby Clanton leads the early morning parade through town driving one of his vintage IH McCormick-Deering hand-crank tractors. He's followed by five Chapter #23 members who also came to the show.



Chapter #23 members register at the Montevallo FFA show.



A John Deere "B" and a Farmall Super H from Bodine Farms pair up to rescue the bogged down bus of the speaker/entertainer at the "Little Texas" show and barbecue at Tuskegee in April.





**Buddy Banks (#228) demonstrates grinding corn meal using an IH mill powered by a Cub belt pulley at the Deep South Cub Fest in Sneads, FL in early April.**



**There's a lot of variety in this line-up of Cub tractors on display at the Sneads FL show.**



**Skeet (#449) Cooper's beautifully restored and unusual red "flat-faced" early 1960's Cub at the Florida Cub Fest.**



**Ray Best (#97) removes a carburetor from an International 184 Cub Lo-Boy At the Bogalusa, LA Cub Fest in March. Cubs needing repair get the attention of the experts at this event.**



**This Cub is pretty much dismantled to fix what ails it at the annual Bogalusa Cub Fest.**



**Buddy and Hope Banks make sure that everyone gets some good Louisiana cooking while attending the Cub Fest.**



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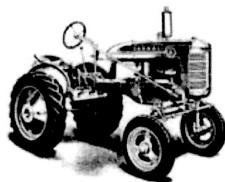
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