



International Harvester Collectors • Chapter #23

ALABAMA

Summer 2014

Tractor Shows Attract Chapter #23 Members



Keith Manning (#140) and his wife Dianne with the "Hershel Needham Trophy" they were awarded at the Hanceville show in June.



Chapter #23 members at the Tennessee chapter's state show at Gray, TN in April. (L-R) Randy Bodine, Jana Bodine, Gary Bell, Conrad Bell, Jane Roberts, Sherman Roberts, Donnie Wedgworth, Karen Wedgworth.



(Left) Carl Pletcher (#471) and his wife Shelby accept the "Best of Show" award at the Snead show in April.



Jimmy Kilgore (#262) and Flora Kilgore (#398) at Snead on their recently completed "Tri-Cub" two-seater parade tractor.

Next Meeting — Boaz Show • July 19 • 11:00 a.m.

Randy's Ramblings

• President's Letter from Randy Bodine •

Tractor Show season is now in full swing and it's been a great year so far. We had a wonderful turnout for the Birmingham Zoo Farm Days and, just as the previous year, there were a lot of kids and adults who got to learn first-hand about farm life.

Alabama Chapter #23 has continued to expand our presence, not only around the Southeast, but around the country. We were well represented at the Tennessee State Show in Gray, TN, the Louisiana State Show in Franklinton, LA, as well as having a large group that made the trip to the National Red Power Roundup in Huron, SD. Those that attended RPRU helped promote "a cotton-picking good time RPRU Alabama 2018".

As you may have heard, Alabama Chapter #23 will put in a bid at next year's RPRU in Sedalia, Missouri, to host the National Red Power Roundup in June of 2018. Please start planning now to attend next year's RPRU in Sedalia and support our efforts to secure the bid to host. Also, it's not too early to start thinking about what committee or area you may serve. I know a lot of our members have expertise that can be very helpful that most of us don't even know about. We see people at the tractor shows and we can identify them by what tractor they have or maybe even what truck they drive – but each member has unique talents in their every day jobs



or past experiences that will need to be put to good use. Please be thinking about what you enjoy helping with and let me know – call or send me an email. Committees will have to form soon and we want to showcase our state in a great manner.

Our next chapter meeting will be at Boaz, on July 19. This is always a great show with plenty of parking lots around the grounds, farmers market beside the show, all the tractor games, and a parade through town. Also, Charles Weigel, from Pennsylvania, will be presented the Cub Farmall he won from our fundraiser.

Our final two chapter meetings of the year will be at the Alabama State Show in Eva, AL, on September 27 and Orrville on November 8. As I usually say, I expect our directors to be there and hope all our members will come and bring something to the show.

Check out the schedule for all the wonderful opportunities for upcoming shows.

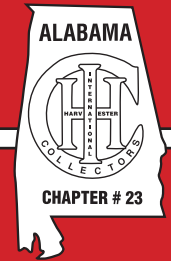
Invite or tell someone how to become a member of Chapter #23 – a lot of tractor enthusiasts don't know about us unless you tell them.

Let's keep Chapter #23 growing. There are a lot of exciting times ahead!

Randy



Chapter #23 stops for a photo at Mount Rushmore in South Dakota.



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**Minutes of AL Chapter #23
International Harvester Collectors
Directors Meeting at Snead Show
11:00 a.m., April 19, 2014**

8 Directors present

Gary Bell
Joe Criswell
Roger Heath
Hal Hoaglin
Larry Lemmond
Clay Nordan
Sherman Roberts
Donnie Wedgworth

2 Advisors present

Charles Allen
Conrad Bell

5 Visitors present

Ray Kilgore
Dwane Bowen
Todd Hoaglin
Jayson Greer
Don Harris

26 Members present

Larry Allen
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Bobby Blankenship
Jana Bodine
Kasey Bodine
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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 \$21,981.93. He reported that our membership currently stands at 255.

Next on the agenda, Randy brought everyone up to date on the conclusion of last year's successful fundraiser and reported that the Christmas party and fundraiser drawing was a huge success. The final amount raised by the fundraiser was \$22,160.

Randy announced that he had started another smaller fundraiser. It involves collecting \$1.00 donations to win the newly published book *Red Tractors* by Octane Press. The book winner will be announced at the Eva show on September 27.

Randy then reported that the Birmingham Zoo Farm Day on April 12 was successful again this year. There was good participation by Chapter #23 members and 4357 visitors spent a beautiful spring day at the Zoo. Randy said that pictures from Farm Day are now up on the chapter website.

The next agenda item was an update

on the bus tour to the Red Power Roundup in Huron, SD in June. Randy said that the bus is currently only half full and that more paying passengers are needed. He said that the trip is open to anyone who wants to go but doesn't look forward to a very long drive.

The next agenda item was to announce that the directors have made the commitment to seek the Red Power Roundup for 2018 for the Garrett Coliseum grounds in Montgomery. The proposed dates are June 14-16, 2018. Randy said that he has already spoken to the Coliseum as well as state tourism officials, and he received enthusiastic support from both groups.

Randy said that he and other directors who are present will make a big push for the idea at the South Dakota RPRU, but the formal presentation will be made in 2015 at the Sedalia, MO roundup. No other state chapters will be asked to partner with us on this event. Randy said that we will need good attendance for the Missouri presentation to show the level of our commitment to the project. The most positive aspect of this idea is that the long lead time will make the preparation a long process and that good planning and involvement of the membership will make for a great show.

Randy has heard for years that the more northern chapters have an interest in Cotton growing and harvesting and the IH equipment used in the process, so Cotton culture will be our main theme for the show.

Next on the agenda was a rundown of upcoming shows of interest. In addition to the South Dakota RPRU, June 26-28, 2014, the Alabama State IH Show for 2014 is scheduled for Eva on September 27. The Red Power Roundup for 2015 will be at Sedalia, MO, June 10-13. The Alabama State IH Show for 2015 will be held at Russellville, August 15. The Red Power Roundup for 2016 will be held in Union Grove, Wisconsin, June 16-18. The Alabama State IH Show for 2016 will be held at Piney Chapel, August 5-6. And bids for the Alabama State show for 2017 are open and will remain available until our meeting at Orrville on November 8, 2014. It was also announced that the Hanceville show in 2015 will move to the last Saturday in May for that year only.

Our next meeting will be at Boaz on July 19, 2014 and the third meeting of the year will be at the State Show at Eva on September 27.

Three new directors, who took office on January 1, 2014 were welcomed at the meeting today. They are: Roger

Heath, Clay Nordan, and Donnie Wedgworth. Randy thanked the three directors whose terms expired on December 31, 2013: Charles Allen, Conrad Bell, and Dwight Vanderford. All three of these former directors will serve for one year as advisors.

Randy then handed the microphone to Joe Criswell, member #357. Joe welcomed everyone to his dealership today and said that he was pleased to have a warm, dry day for us for a change. He said that our presence at his annual show contributes to its success and he thanked us for coming.

Randy then explained that the sound system in use today was new and recently purchased by the chapter with some of our fundraiser funds. The directors approved the purchase a few weeks back so that we would have it in time for today's meeting. It was very effective in overpowering the John Deere tractors and loud motorcycles that went by during the meeting. Everyone in attendance would agree that it was money well spent and will pay for itself in similar circumstances down the road.

As the meeting came to a close, Sherman Roberts spoke up to request a serious commitment from every Chapter #23 member as we undertake the Red Power Roundup project. He said that just a few members working hard will not be enough to make for a show that our visitors will enjoy and remember. Everyone needs to pitch in and do whatever is requested of them and make our chapter and state proud to be hosting this ambitious show.

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

*Respectfully submitted,
Clay Nordan
Secretary/Treasurer*

Financial Report

Net Assets, March 2013 \$22,492.98

Income

Dues Collected..... 325.00
Fundraiser Donations..... 100.00
Sale of T-shirts, etc. 244.00
Interest..... 61.20
Subtotal..... 730.20

Expenses

National Dues Paid 195.00
National Dues Refund 15.00
Newsletter..... 636.05
Sound System 699.99
New Caps Expense..... 189.66
Subtotal..... 1735.70

Net Assets, July 2014 \$21,487.48



Bobby Blankenship rides shotgun as Robert Bodine drives at the Hanceville show.

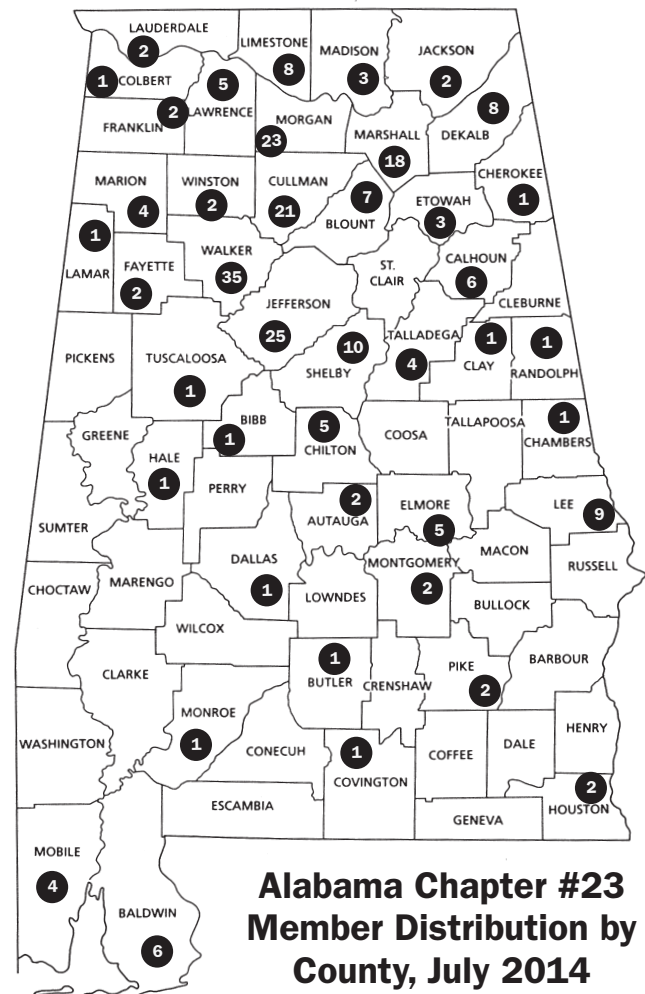


Keith Manning's nice yellow and white Cubs at the Zoo.

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
 Richard Greer #443, 2013



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2014 Tractor Show Schedule

Tannehill State Park July 12
 Speake..... July 12
 **Boaz July 19
 Paris, KY IH State Show..... July 25, 26
 Athens – Piney Chapel August 1-2
 Russellville..... August 16
 Lawrenceburg, TN..... August 15, 16
 Fyffe August 23
 Wedowee August 23
 Eagleville, TN Sept. 5-7
 Inman, GA IH State Show Sept. 19-21
 Hartselle Depot Days Sept. 20
 Winfield Mule Day..... Sept. 27
 **Eva, AL IH State Show Sept. 27

Centre Fall Fest..... Oct. 4
 St. Florian (Old Brooks High School)..... Oct. 4
 Hartselle – Southland Flywheelers Farm Oct. 4
 Gadsden – Noccalula Falls G Roundup . Oct. 10, 11
 Cordova – Jean's On the River Oct. 11
 Falkville Festival..... Oct. 11
 Shelby Iron Works..... Oct. 11, 12
 Tallassee – Friendship F.D. Oct. 11
 Jasper Heritage Festival..... Oct. 18
 Cullman – Peinhardt Farm Days Oct. 25
 Dothan – Landmark Park..... Oct. 25
 Greenville Oct. 25
 Jasper Veterans Day Nov. 8
 **Orrville Nov. 8

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

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A Zoo staffer and a group of young visitors stop by the Bodine Farms display to hear about old time farming techniques.



Faye Bodine (#340) with her family's display of north Alabama's cotton growing legacy.



A bale of cotton next to a Super H and wagon that were used in cotton culture by the Bodine family near Guntersville.



Bill Friday of the Southland Flywheelers explains the operation of his PTO driven cotton gin to Farm Day visitors.



(Above) Conrad and Gary Bell inspect the new IH museum trailer that Bodine Farms brought to Farm Day. (Left) Larry Lemmond (#25) answers a youngster's question about his band-saw and engine demonstration.



Rantoul, Illinois
Weber Wagon



(See the Weber logo in color at alabamaih.org under "Chapter Stories")

At the big tractor show at Rantoul, Illinois in the summer of 2013, Chapter #23 president Randy Bodine spotted an old Weber Wagon in original condition. Later that same year, it came to my attention that a similar wagon was available for sale on an online auction in the Mid-West. It eventually sold for \$3300.

I knew nothing about Weber Wagons before seeing these two nice examples, but when I saw the Weber logo that was on both wagons, I thought of my good friend, Chris Green, who lives in Lebanon, NJ. Since his retirement, Chris has become quite adept at using computer software to recreate old "logotypes" that are no longer available. I sent him photos of the two Weber logos, and you can see the incredible results of his labors above.

Due to the faded nature of the photos we had available, Chris had to do some guessing about his color choices, but the results certainly speak for themselves.

I have since learned that the Weber Wagon Company of Chicago was established in 1845. In 1904, it was purchased by International Harvester Co. Weber was called "King of All Farm Wagons" and had a wide reputation for quality.

At this year's tractor show at Snead, AL Randy and I met Donnie Speer, of Glencoe in

Etowah County, who had brought his recently completed wagon restoration to the show that day. All Donnie knew about the wagon was that it had been driven to Etowah County in the early 1900's by someone who migrated to Alabama from Kansas.

Randy examined the wagon very closely and came to the conclusion that Donnie's restoration was indeed a Weber.

Donnie told us that he was able to use most of the metal hardware that remained from the original wagon, but he rebuilt all of the

wooden components of the wagon.

Some of the wood undercarriage and axles were too big a challenge for Donnie, so he was able to locate an Amish wagon builder in Tennessee who fabricated some of the heavier parts.

I told Donnie about the recreated Weber logo that I had available and later sent him a computer file of the graphic for him to use on his wagon. Donnie has since become a member of Chapter #23, so we hope to see him again at future shows with his wagon and Weber logo in place. *Clay Nordan*



Donnie Speer (#511) with his Weber Wagon restoration at the Snead show in April.



Jana Bodine (#457) greets a visitor to the Chapter #23 table at the National Winter Convention in Indiana in February.



Ray Best (#97), Preston Jones (#227), and Sherman Roberts (#2) get involved at CUBFEST in Bogalusa, LA in March.



Larry Lemmond (#25) operates an IH cotton picker in a demonstration at the Southland Flywheelers Swap Meet at Hartselle, in March.



Chapter #23 members and friends at the Louisiana Chapter #31 state show in Franklinton, LA in May



Charlie Grimmitt (#339) rests in the shade with his wife at the Point Mallard show on the Saturday before Memorial Day.



Sherman Roberts at Hanceville in June with the rare 1977 RED International Cub that he located and purchased recently.

There are many more color photos to view from these recent shows at www.alabamaihc.org under "Tractor Show Photos."



Ken Frost (#507) showed his Case VAC restoration at the South Alabama Antique Tractor and Engine Club show at Summerdale in Baldwin County at the end of May.



Kent Davis (#21) and Melton Dearing (#487) joyriding at the Elmore show in May.



Roger Heath (#475) gives young Logan Bodine a ride on his 1948 Farmall Cub at the Falkville show in May.



For the 4th year in a row, Sherman Roberts managed to get his picture made with the new Miss AL, Caitlin Brunell, at Nauvoo.



(Left) Hal Hoaglin (#332) with a friend at the Hanceville show. (Right) Conrad Bell (#366) and Gary Bell (#367) stand with their Farmall 200 at Point Mallard at the end of May.

From Alabama to South Dakota

Chapter #23 Members & Guests Travel by Bus To
The 2014 Red Power Roundup

*Crazy Horse Memorial
South Dakota*



(L to R) – Vicki Lott, Ronnie Lott, Lonnie Allen, Nina Allen, Rubin Haga, Chloe Willis, Mary Haga, Doris Brown, Frank Brown, Ken Tapley, Maurene Tapley, Harold Beck, Retha Beck, Carroll Hicklen, Charlene Hicklen, Matt Bodine, Johnnie Lemmond, Gary Bell, Larry Lemmond, Conrad Bell, Jana Bodine, Logan Bodine, Hal Hoaglin, Robert Bodine, Gary Moore, Faye Bodine, Joe Criswell, Debra Criswell, Randy Bodine.

The group of Chapter #23 members and their guests pictured above left Hartselle, AL by charter bus on June 20 headed for the 2014 Red Power Roundup at Huron, South Dakota. The tour package included a number of attractions along the way, including: The Darst IH Museum in Missouri,

Farmall Land in Iowa, Sorenson IH Museum, Rush Antique IH Display, Mount Rushmore National Memorial, Badlands National Park, Chapel in the Hills, Crazy Horse Memorial, Bear Country USA, The South Dakota Corn Palace, a Cowboy Supper and Show, as well as an 1880 Train Ride.



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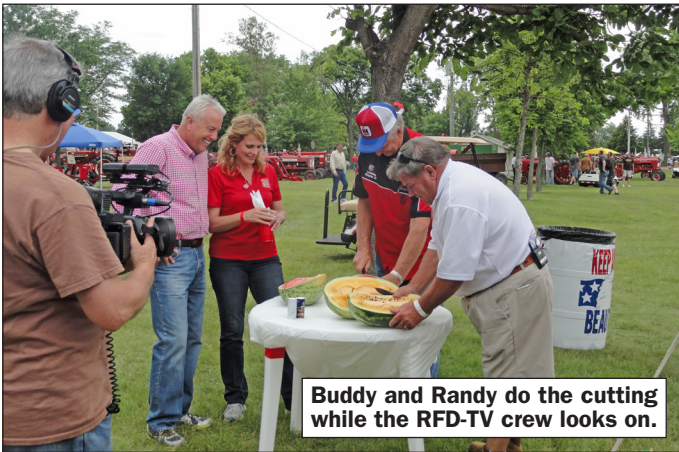
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(1) Rubin Haga (#54) talks Farmall demonstrator tractors with Darrel Darst at the Darst IH Museum in Madison, Missouri. (2) Randy Bodine (#171), Jana Bodine (#457) with their son, Matt (#311) in front of the Corn Palace in Mitchell, SD. (3) Lonnie Allen (#283) checks out a Cub Cadet display at Farmall Land in Avoca, Iowa.

Chapter #23 at The 2014 Red Power Roundup



(L to R – Front Row) Sam Braddy, Hope Banks, Robert Bodine, Logan Bodine, Faye Bodine, Jane Roberts, Vicki Lott, Ronnie Lott, Gary Moore, (Second Row) Randy Bodine, Matt Bodine, Hal Hoaglin, Jana Bodine, Buddy Banks, Doris Brown, Joe Criswell, Frank Brown, Kenneth Tapley, Maurene Tapley, Skeet Cooper, Roselea Cooper, Nina Allen, Lonnie Allen, Sherman Roberts, Rubin Haga, Gary Couey, Mary Haga, Kim Lindsey, Dawson Lindsey, Herb Willis, Conrad Bell, Chloe Willis, Gary Bell, Johnnie Lemmond, Larry Lemmond.



RPRU visitors line up for a slice of watermelon courtesy of the AL & LA chapters.



It has become a "beat the heat" tradition at the Red Power Roundup for Louisiana Chapter president Buddy Banks (AL #228) to bring fresh Southern watermelons to the show and pass out cold slices to fellow national members. This year Buddy got some help from Chapter #23 president, Randy Bodine. In addition, Rodney Miller, Jann Carl, and a crew from the RFD-TV show "Small Town – Big Deal" stopped by to shoot some video of the event for later broadcast on their satellite network.

After getting a taste of Faye Bodine's (#340) famous pound cake, Host Jann Carl and the "Small Town – Big Deal" crew did an interview for TV with Faye.





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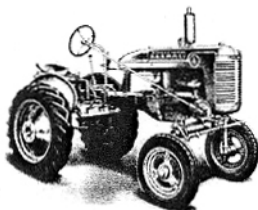
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