

# INDIANA HARVESTER NEWSLETTER

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## President's Update

## IHC Chapter 7

## Winter 2024

Our family just finished celebrating a great Christmas. Luckily, for me and grandson Oscar, there were several RED toys under the tree. Oscar got a toy 1206 that has lights, makes engine noises and has detachable duals. My mechanic got my Cub Cadet 100 running and we put a pink bow on it and gave it to granddaughter Georgia. She wants a pink tractor, but I'm hoping the bow satisfies her. Then the whole family enjoyed the 4 - 500 piece Farmall puzzles, based on Charles Freitag's prints. They are really beautiful! Santa brought me the new Lee Klancher's book, Farmall Century, 1923-2023. It looks like a great book, and I look forward to reading it this winter. My photographer neighbor made me a beautiful, panoramic shot of my tractor collection that he took recently. That is a very cherished gift. Joyce took a photo of my recently acquired 460 and 706 and said that was my Christmas present from her. However, she also gave me a 100 Year Anniversary Precision, 1066 toy tractor. A 1066 was the first new tractor we purchased after we got married. I hope you got some red toys, big or small, too!

Looking back, your IHC Chapter 7 had a great 2023. We enjoyed a good first quarter meeting on the south side of Indianapolis in March. It is always good to see everyone after the dreary days of winter. As I reported earlier, we had a great turnout at our 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter meeting and luncheon at our farm in June. It was a great excuse to get my tractors out and I know the local NAPA dealer liked the new battery business. The highlight for me this past year was the record turnout of RED tractors we had at our Chapter 7 State Show near Rushville. The Pioneer Engineers Club put on an outstanding show, and we set a record with over 400 McCormick/Farmall/International tractors on display. We had our 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter meeting at the Rushville show and elected officers and directors. Our 4<sup>th</sup> quarter meeting was held on November 19<sup>th</sup> in Muncie, with a good crowd in attendance. For me, the highlight of that meeting was a report from charter and founding member Norm Jackson on the formation of our Chapter. Many thanks to him and the others who got us up and running back then.

I am excited to announce that IHC Chapter #33 in northern Indiana is hosting the IHCC Midwest Regional Spring Gathering. It will be March 14-16 at the Kruse Plaza, 5634 Opportunity Way, Auburn Indiana. Ron Myers, Chapter 33 president, gave us a presentation at our meeting in Muncie. Everyone seemed really impressed with the outstanding agenda they have put together. Our Chapter 7 board voted to support this event. For details, See page 5 or read the full-page ads on pages 60 and 61 of your January – February, Red Power magazine.

Our 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2024 meeting will be at the MCL Cafeteria, 3630 S. East Street, Indianapolis, on January 28<sup>th</sup>. Lunch will be at 12 noon with the meeting starting at 1 P.M. We look forward to seeing you there.

I wish you all a healthy and happy New Year!

*Don Villwock*

IHCC Chapter 7  
Fourth Quarter Meeting  
November 19, 2023  
MCL Cafeteria, Muncie, Indiana

The fourth quarter meeting of International Harvester Collectors Chapter 7 was called to order by President Don Villwock at 12:55 pm. Twenty eight members were in attendance with several of their spouses. Introductions were done by those in attendance.

The treasurer's report was given by Mark Dieckmann and Jim Yoars. Mark has taken on the position as treasurer and at the time of the meeting information on the accounts were still being transferred from Jim and Cheryl to Mark.

The minutes were read by Pat Schlegel. Dwayne Hansford made mention of the date that was listed at the end of the minutes for the 2024 state show At Osgood, Indiana. Within the minutes the show dates were listed as June 20-22, 2024. But in a list of upcoming events at the conclusion of the minutes the date had been incorrectly listed as June 27-29, 2024. The minutes were accepted with that correction being made.

A presentation was made by Ron Myers, the president of chapter #33 president for the IHCC Midwest Regional Spring Gathering, March 14-16, 2024. At the Kruse Plaza, 5634 Opportunity Way, Auburn, Indiana.

Norm Jackson gave a history of International Harvester Collectors Chapter 7.

**New Business:**

There was a discussion on items to hand out to promote the chapter to prospective members.

Don called for a directors meeting following the membership meeting. With no other business to discuss at this time the meeting was adjourned.

**Directors meeting:**

Don said he would look into scheduling the first quarter meeting at the MCL on the Southside of Indianapolis for January 28, 2024. This date has been secured for the meeting at the MCL Cafeteria, 3630 S. East Street, Indianapolis, Indiana. Members and guests will meet for noon dinner and the meeting will be at one pm.

Discussion with regards to the spreadsheet Neil had prepared pertaining to preparation cost of the newsletter.

Duane Hansford questioned the required liability insurance clause by the host club of the state show. After much discussion it was decided to start the process of removing the article from the by-laws with the membership and update the by-laws

The directors voted in favor of Chapter 7 to be involved with the IHCC Midwest Regional Spring Gathering.

With no other business the directors meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted Pat Schlegel, Secretary

Greg Hughes is looking for 25-30 **Photo 3** planter seed plates similar to the photo. Size can vary.

Please contact Greg at 260-750-9271 or Hughes@frontier.com if you can help him out.



## Membership Update

We currently have **192** members.

Please welcome new member **David Willis** of Middletown IN.

(He has a nice article beginning on page 71 of the January/February 2024 Red Power Magazine)

**Neil Rissler, Membership Secretary**

## Contact information still needed from many members

**Thank you to all who have responded with their updated contact information and their delivery preference of receiving our newsletter.**

We will **only** use this information to occasionally contact you to inform you of upcoming Chapter meetings, Plow Days or other events. At no time will your contact information ever be sold or used for anything other than club purposes

**Please answer these 3 questions and email, text or mail via USPS to my contact information below.**

- 1. What is your current phone number and email address?**
- 2. Would you be satisfied with a **Full Color** Emailed copy of the Newsletter instead of a black and white copy in the mail? *(If so, don't forget to check your spam or junk mail folder if it doesn't show up)***

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# It all started with a Farmall

by Greg Hughes

My grandfather was born and raised on a small farm in Steuben County, Indiana. He farmed with his father and brother and used horses, but in 1943 while WWII was ongoing, he went in front of the county war commission and was granted permission to purchase a tractor. His first tractor was a 1943 Farmall M. His father told him that he was going to ruin the farm with that machine. The Farmall proved to be quite an asset to the farm and he even purchased a Farmall B after the war. In 1948 he traded his 1943 Farmall M in on two 1948 Farmall M's. Later he purchased a Farmall C and in 1954 he traded his two 1948 Farmall M's in on two 1953 Farmall SM's, which were left over models at the dealership since the Farmall SMTA's had come out.

Those Farmall SM's are still here in Steuben County. I doubt if they have ever left the county with the exception of hauling in a load of grain to the local elevator. My cousin has one and I have the other. Those Farmall SM's are still quite an asset to our small farms.

I spent many summers with my grandparents on the farm and my grandfather even let me drive one of those Farmall SM's when I was young. After my grandparents were gone, my uncle, who stayed on the farm, continued farming with Farmalls. Every time our family went up to visit, we would head out to the barns to look at the tractors. While I was in college, my father decided to purchase a Farmall B to restore; as this was his first tractor to operate when he was young. I certainly had an interest also, and borrowed \$150 from him to purchase my first Farmall. It was a 1948 Farmall C which came out of a fence row in Huntington County. Our Farmall's interest continued to grow along with our collections.

In 1990 my father told me of a tractor show in Winamac, Indiana, which was featuring IH. The show was called the "Red Power Round-Up" (RPRU). We took some tractors and went to the show. Later at the show, we were told to head over to the fairgrounds arena for a meeting. There Fremont Hoover and others called on the show's IH collectors to form the **International Harvester Collectors Club**. We were hooked and started the planning to attend the 1991 RPRU in Edgerton, Wisconsin. The first several RPRU's were with existing shows that featured IH. Later the RPRU became an exclusive show as it is today.

I have had so many good times and great memories at the RPRU's over the years. This includes the wonderful IH collectors I have met and their collections that I have seen. Many friendships have been developed and many IH parts and memorabilia have been collected over the years. I have learned so much about IH and their large line of equipment, yet I have so much more to learn, as I continue to attend the RPRU's. To date, I have attended every RPRU and I'm looking forward to number 35 in Spencer, Iowa in June.



Left- Greg's 1953 Super M which was his grandfather's with # 37 wheel disc.



Right- His 1948 Farmall C & # 10 Grain Cart



Left- One of Greg's recent restorations. His uncle's 886 and his first tractor with a cab.

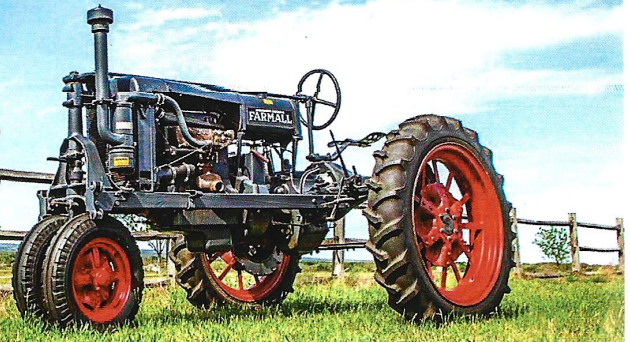


Right- Greg's collection of RPRU memorabilia . 34 years and counting.





# IHCC Midwest Regional Spring Gathering



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- Harvester Homecoming

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March 14*

**Amish Threshers  
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20 min from Auburn

**RSVP by 3/7/2024...**

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419-236-2252**

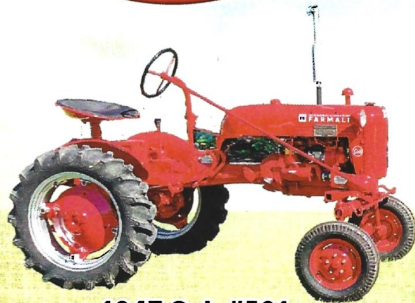


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## **IHC Chapter 7**

**First Quarter Meeting  
January 28, 12:30 pm  
MCL Cafeteria  
3630 S. East Street,  
Indianapolis**

### **IHCC**

**Midwest Regional Gathering  
Auburn, IN  
March 14-16**

**2024 Chapter #7 State Show  
South East Indiana Farm Club  
Show  
Osgood, Indiana  
June 27-29, 2024**

## **Upcoming National Events**

### **2024 Winter Convention**

**February 8-10th, 2024  
Hilton Garden Inn  
3320 South 9th Street  
Salina, KS 67401**

### **2024 RPRU**

**Spencer, Iowa  
June 20-23, 2024**

### **2025 RPRU**

**Sedalia, Missouri  
June 26-28, 2025**