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President's Update

Fall 2023

Summer and Fall are the peak of the tractor show season, this year being no exception. Unfortunately, we didn't make it to Red Power, but we did get to attend our outstanding State IH show at Rushville and IH featured shows at Greensburg, Maumee Valley Show at New Haven and just returned from The Half Century of Progress Show at Rantoul, IL.

Our Chapter 7 Show at Rushville featured over 400 red tractors. I was told the Green boys only had 330 last year. The Half Century of Progress Show at Rantoul celebrated IHC's 100 years by having an IH tractor from every year, starting in 1923 through 2023. It was a very impressive line up! Our thanks to Rollie Moore, from Central Illinois IH Chapter 10, for coordinating that undertaking.

Joyce and I always look forward to our local show, the White River Valley Antique Show at Elnora on Sept. 7 - 10. Chapter 7 was also invited to the Farm Bureau Plow Day on September 9th outside of Greenfield. The ground was hard but a good time was had by all. We had a good turnout for our Chapter 7 Annual Meeting on Aug. 5th at the Rushville Show. We heard from representatives from the Osgood Show which will also be our 2024 State IH Show and Annual Meeting. Leaders from the Franklin Antique Machinery Show made a presentation that included a bid to host our Chapter 7 State Show in 2027. A motion was made and passed to accept their invitation. We still will need to find a show that will host us in 2025 and 2026.

Long time director Norman Jackson, vice president George Scherb and treasurer Jim Yoars completed their terms and asked to retire after many years of dedicated service. Their announcement was met with a resounding applause for all their hard work. The chapter then elected Dave Williamson of Economy, Mark Dieckmann of Osgood and Jason Scaggs of Brookville, to fill their rolls.

At the director's meeting that followed the annual meeting, directors then re-elected Don Villwock as president, Jason Scaggs as vice president and Mark Dieckmann as treasurer.

Secretary, Pat Schlegel, has secured the MCL Cafeteria at Muncie for our 4th quarter meeting on Sunday, November 19th at 12:30 pm. I look forward to seeing you all there.

I was given an inquiry from a potential member this past week. He wanted to know why he should join. After some thought I replied: "By joining Chapter 7, you do become a member of the National IH Chapter and receive the National Harvester Highlights magazine. But, besides giving away 2 annual scholarships to our member's children and grandchildren, we also try to encourage anyone to become a collector. We do that by helping each other find parts, locate IH tractors and machines, plus some of our members are outstanding mechanics and can offer great advice and assistance. For me, it is the lifelong friendships and general camaraderie that we share with fellow members as we visit and reminisce about our common IH experiences. Helping each other is what we do best.

If you ever have any questions please call or email me.

Don Villwock
President, IHC Chapter

Financial Report

Chapter 7 Operating Account

Date	Ck #	Payee	Memo	Amount
6/9/2023		Beginning balance		18,234.02
6/27/2023		Deposit	memberships	910.00
7/20/2023		1332 A+ Printing	newsletters	(137.00)
8/4/2023		Deposit	memberships	900.00
8/5/2023		1333 Randy Barrett	flyers	(159.30)
10/5/2023		1334 Graphiti Designs	website updates	(22.50)
		Ending Balance		19,725.22

Chapter 7 Chapter Table Account

Date	Ck #	Payee	Memo	Amount
6/9/2023		Beginning balance		5,943.52
6/27/2023		Deposit	Red Power	1,347.00
7/20/2023		1081 Tractor Mac	books	(1,194.00)
10/5/2023		Deposit	state show	374.00
		Ending Balance		6,470.52

Jim Yoars, Treasurer

Membership Update

Our membership had reached 223 members, however 32 members did not renew their membership by the end of September therefore their membership status is now inactive.

This leaves us with a current membership of 191 members.

Please welcome the following new members that have joined since the beginning of August.

Douglas Adamson of Saint Paul, **Michael Baker** of Batesville, **Chris Eaton** of North Vernon, **Ethan Fouts** of New Albany

Randy Macyauski of Greensburg, **Jason Miner** of Danville, **Doyle West** of Indianapolis, **Andrew Cox** of Romney

Inactive members can still reactivate their membership. This will be the last newsletter you receive until you renew. Contact me if you are not sure if you have renewed or if you have any questions.

Neil Rissler, Membership Secretary

**IHCC Chapter 7 Third Quarter Meeting
August 5, 2023
Pioneer Engineers Club of Indiana
Rushville, Indiana**

The third quarter meeting (2023 State Show) was called to order by President Don Villwock with forty-four members and guests in attendance. Don asked those in attendance to introduce themselves. Don turned the floor over to Mark and Dawn Dieckmann as officers for Pioneer Engineers Club of Indiana. Mark reported that as of the Saturday morning count there had been 795 tractors registered at the show. With 405 of them being manufactured by International Harvester. The remaining 309 were from all the other brands manufactured. This set a record for the most tractors ever at the Pioneer Engineers show and the most tractors on site of the show representing the featured brand. The minutes of the second quarter meeting were read by secretary Pat Schlegel. With no additions or corrections a motion was made by Randy Barrett to accept the minutes as read, the motion was seconded by Tom Smith, the motion passed.

The Treasurer's report was given by Jim Yoars. A motion was made and seconded to accept the treasurer's report. The motion passed. The membership report was given by Membership Secretary Neil Rissler. Randy Barrett gave an update on the Scholarship Committee and the awarding of three, one thousand dollar scholarships for 2023. Randy said that the club would need to vote on the continuation with the scholarship program for 2024. Ben Chestnut made the motion to offer two, one thousand dollar scholarships for 2024. Randy Barrett second the motion, the motion passed. Tom Smith reported for the newsletter and said that with the aid of Neil Rissler the preparation of the newsletter had been greatly simplified. And that a more cost friendly printer had been obtained. Neil added that if members were interested in receiving the newsletter in electronic copy through their email to mark that with a yes in the margin of the sign in sheet. The electronic newsletter is a huge savings to the club because it can be sent to members email for free, saving the cost of postage. Pat Schlegel added that the photos that are black and white in the paper copy are color images in the electronic newsletter which adds a nice touch.

Old Business: A question was asked from the floor with regards to the chapter web site, because at the first quarter meeting the membership voted to look for a cheaper source. Don explained that the contract that had been renewed at the beginning of the year was a three year contract. The balance paid was for the three years of the contract. Don went on to say that toward the end of the contract the officers would compare prices for the website.

New Business: Don told the membership that an invitation had been extended to a plow day at Greenfield on September 9, 2023. The plow day is a Farm Bureau Fundraiser. Mark Deickmann reported on the chapter table, that it is getting difficult to find the denim looking caps that the club has offered in the past. And the increasing cost of purchasing caps. Representatives from F.A.R.M. Farming and Antique Related Machinery gave a brief outlook report regarding the 2024 state show in conjunction with the F.A.R.M. show at Osgood, In June 20, 21, and 22, 2024. Representatives from Franklin County Antique Machinery Show made an offer to host the chapter 7 state show for 2027. Don took note of their offer, but questioned locking down 2027 at this early date. Chapter 7 is still in need of a host for 2025 and 2026. Dwayne Hansford moved the club except the offer from the Brookville club for 2027. The motion received a second and passed.

Randy Barrett asked about the election of directors. Don asked for nominations from the floor because there had not been a slate of candidates prepared. Mark Deickmann, Jason Scaggs and David Williams were nominated and elected to a three year term as directors.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted Pat Schlegel, Secretary

Directors Meeting August 5, 2023 The directors of Chapter 7 met following the third quarter meeting for the appointment of officers for 2023-2024. The officers are as follows Don Villwock President, Jason Scaggs Vice President, Mark Deickmann Treasurer, Pat Schlegel. Secretary Pat Schlegel will be working on the location of the fourth quarter meeting.

With more information forthcoming.

Respectfully Submitted Pat Schlegel, Secretary

David Weaver can attest to the fact that surprises come with buying old tractors

My oldest son, Mark and I agreed to buy a Farmall 450 Diesel sight unseen from an online auction out of Missouri. We live in north central Indiana, Roann, and were lucky to have a friend make connections for trucking it to Indiana.

The auction folks said all it needed was a little bit of LOVE; however, their version of a little bid of love and mine is a way different. To start with the engine had a stuck piston. So, Mark and I did a complete engine rebuild: pistons, sleeves, bearings, rings, etc. We sent the head out for a complete rebuild.

We ended up with a Charlynn power steering unit because we could not get a rebuilt OEM Behlen power steering replacement after numerous tries. We upgraded from the standard drawbar to a fast-hitch. Rebuilt the disc brakes because they were both stuck, drained and replaced all fluids, replaced the axle bearings, steering wheel, and 4 new tires. The T/A needs rebuilt, but we ran out of money.

Previously, I owned another 400 Farmall diesel years ago and I really enjoy these tractors. The diesel motor will test your patience for sure if you don't get everything done right. As an example, we had a terrible time getting our rebuilt 450 Farmall diesel to run properly. Finally, we realized someone from the past had the timing off. We had not pulled that apart, so it goes to show, you don't take anything for granted when restoring these old Farmalls that need a little bit of LOVE!

Our thanks to Bates Corp, Bourbon, Indiana and Roy's Red Iron in Tennessee for their great support!

David Weaver— Roann IN
Chapter 7 member



David's work in progress and the final result

A few photos of some member's displays at 2023 shows



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?
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Fourth Quarter Meeting
November 19 at 12:30 pm
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2024 Chapter #7 State Show
South East Indiana Farm
Club Show
Osgood, Indiana
June 27-29, 2024

Upcoming National Events

National IH Auction
November 3-4, 2023
Hosted by Southern Illinois Chapter #32
Pinckneyville, IL

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