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President's Updates**Spring 2023**

It has been a busy spring for our Chapter 7 members. Our Indiana winter for the most part was mild, but spring has seen some unusual weather. As always farmers continue to find ways to deal with the unexpected events.

On March 5th we had our 2023 First Quarter meeting at the MCL Cafeteria on the south side of Indianapolis. Approximately 30 members and guests enjoyed the always outstanding meal and service provided by MCL. Minutes of the last meeting and the treasurer's report were read and approved. Neil Rissler, our membership chairman reported that we have 207 members. Unfortunately, we only have 141 good phone numbers that our call reminder service can reach. Therefore, updating phone numbers and e-mail addresses needs to be a priority this year. Tom Smith, our newsletter editor reported through President Villwock that the printing and paper costs of publishing our newsletters are exceeding the costs of our dues. He is asking for suggestions on how to lower the expense as some members still like getting a printed copy. A good discussion followed, and some of the members were going to research a cheaper source for getting the newsletter sent out. A similar discussion was held on the cost of our licensing agreement to maintain our website address. All agreed that they like our website, ihcin7.net, but some thought we could find a more reasonable price from another licensing vendor when our contract expires. We applauded the outstanding job our webmaster, Tonya Shank, does for us and the promptness and accuracy of anything we send her.

Scholarship chairman Randy Barrett believes we may be getting 4 applications for our scholarship this spring. Finally, we had a good discussion on the insurance requirements for exhibiting at the 2023 Red Power Roundup, in Grand Island Nebraska this June. It was reported that there has been some confusion on exhibitor/vendor insurance requirements at the show. It was expressed strongly that requiring additional insurance above and beyond what the National IH Collectors Club has, could greatly diminish those wishing to exhibit. It was agreed that any members wishing to exhibit at RPRU this year should contact those in charge directly before going.

Our use of postcard reminders is getting so expensive, we are continuing our plan to use the automated calling service. Neil Rissler our membership chair coordinated with the calling service and said that the biggest challenge is getting our membership's phone number listing updated. Neil also said he would work with the company to get his number listed on the caller I.D., instead of the calling service's number in Oklahoma.

Mark and Dawn Dieckman, co-chairs of our Chapter 7 table reminded us that the State IH Show will be held in conjunction with the Pioneer Engineer Club's 75th Anniversary Show near Rushville on August 3,4,5 & 6. Since Mark is the show chairman and Dawn is also a critical part of the show, they will need volunteers to man our table since they will be extra busy during that time. Mark says since this is the 100th anniversary of the Farmall Regular, they would like to see a big turn out of Regulars that will be in a special section. Dawn also issued a challenge that she would like to see the number of RED tractors exceed the 300 mark set last year by John Deere collectors. They expect over 600 tractors of all colors at the show this year.

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The next Chapter 7 meeting will be our Second Quarter meeting and will be hosted at Don and Joyce Villwock's farm on June 10th. Everyone is encouraged to come from 10 to 3 with lunch and drinks being provided at noon by the Villwocks. Their address is 11600 N Freelandville Road, Edwardsport, IN 47528.

Please RSVP to Don by June 1st if you plan to attend the dinner. Cell# 812-881-8034

Our Third Quarter meeting and State IH Show will be at the Pioneer Engineer Club Showgrounds near Rushville on Aug 3-6. The Chapter 7 meeting being at 11 A.M. on the 5th.

I wish everyone a great spring and safe planting season. Hopefully, our paths will cross, and we can swap some IH stories.

Don Villwock
President, IH Chapter 7



A sample of President Don Villwock's collection

Membership Update

Since January 1 We have 4 new members, **Jason Misiniec** of Bickell, IN, **Mike McConnell** of Francisco, IN and **Jason and Brandi Skaggs** of Brookville IN.

I also was informed that Chapter #7 members Douglas A Young #810 of Monroeville, IN passed away on November 14, 2022 and David Lutes # 1236 of Bloomington, IN passed away in October of 2022

Our current membership count is at 209

IHC CHAPTER 7
FIRST QUARTER MEETING
March 5, 2023
MCL Cafeteria - Indianapolis, IN

The Chapter 7 first quarter meeting was conducted at the MCL Cafeteria at 3630 South East Street, Indianapolis, Indiana on March 5, 2023. The meeting was called to order by President Don Villwock at one pm. Member introductions followed with seventeen members, ten spouses and family members in attendance.

The minutes of the fourth quarter meeting for 2022 were read by Secretary Pat Schlegel. Neil Michel made the motion to accept the minutes and seconded. The motion was passed.

Jim Yoars, treasurer was not in attendance, the treasurer's report was given by president Don Villwock, which led to discussion of the cost regarding the renewal of the resignation of the chapter website. Duane Hansford made a motion to investigate reasonable options for the Chapter website. Mark Dieckmann second the motion, and the motion passed.

Membership secretary Neil Rissler reported that the club currently has 207 members. Neil went on to report that of 207 members he has only 141 good phone numbers, no doubt due to landlines being dropped for cellular service. Neil gave an update on the messaging service being used to send out reminders to the membership just prior to upcoming meetings. Neil also stated that he was running low on the decals that he sends out to new members. These are the same decals that are available at the chapter table, so Neil and Mark in the past have worked together with their supplies. Neil had shopped prices with a printer that he uses and was somewhat surprised by his cost. A motion was made by Neil Michel for Randy Barrett and Neil to work on getting a new source for decals and magnets to be produced. The motion was seconded so moved by the membership.

Don Villwock read the report from Tom Smith regarding the newsletter. Tom reported that the cost to produce and mail the newsletter using their source per copy four times a year exceeded the chapter membership fee. Discussion was opened up as to options to bring the cost of the newsletter back within reason. Possibilities included going to an electronic newsletter, subsidizing cost through the treasury, or even raising the dues to cover the cost. Dawn Dickman made the point that a local printer could most likely beat the current cost the club is paying. Neil Rissler had checked the price with a local printer that he uses, and it was indeed cheaper. Duane Hansford made a motion that the chapter do some cost shopping to obtain a more reasonable price for the printing of the newsletter. Randy Barrett second and the motion passed.

Mark Dieckmann asked if anyone was planning on attending the winter convention and if so would want to take table items with them for sale at the convention. It was apparent that no one at the meeting had plans to attend the convention. Mark also stated that they had a limited supply of items with them from the table inventory if anyone needed anything.

Scholarship committee chairman Randy Barrett reported that he had received one application and was expecting to receive three more in the future. The application is available on the chapter website as well as the winter 2023 newsletter.

New business, Don Villwock announced that the second quarter meeting will be held June 10, 2023 at their farm. Details are still being worked out but Don is expecting an RSVP will be necessary so to have an idea on how many to expect for the meal that will be planned for the event. The address is 11600 North Freelandville Road, Edwardsport, Indiana.

Duane Hansford discussed the appearance and disappearance of required pre-registration for Red Power Roundup and the additional liability insurance fee on top of the insurance provided through the national membership fee to exhibit at Grand Island. Duane said that the pre-registration and additional liability had since been taken off the Red Power Roundup site but believes that this is the course the national is heading and if it does the states will be forced to follow.

Mark and Dawn Dieckmann explained what exhibitors can expect as far as the state show. There is a \$10 gate fee and once inside the gate registration is handled inside the grounds. There is a \$10 gate fee for golf carts unless you have a handicap placard. There is a limited amount of camping.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Schlegel, Secretary

Plan to attend our Second Quarter Meeting

June 10th at 1:00 pm

Hosted by and Dinner provided by Joyce & Don Villwock of Villwock Farms
11600 N. Freelandville Rd.
Edwardsport, Indiana

The menu is:

- Beef Brisket
- Pulled Pork
- Au Gratin potatoes
- Cole Slaw
- Broccoli/Cauliflower Salad
- Baked Beans
- Tea and Lemonade
- Apple/Peach/Pecan pie

Everyone is welcome to come and see
the tractor collection and farm museum 10 am -3 pm
Lunch will be at noon and the Chapter 7 meeting at 1PM

Upcoming National Events	
RPRU 2023	RPRU 2024
Grand Island, Nebraska June 15-17	Spencer, Iowa June 20-23

We Need your contact information

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. **Do you Text?**
2. **Would you be satisfied with and Emailed copy of the Newsletter only?**
3. **What is your preferred method of contact? Call, Text or Email? Please provide an up to date cell number and email address**

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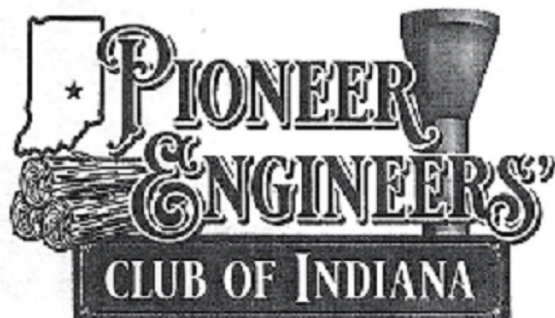
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Call & leave a message or Text to 812-878-7942

Any member that sends in the updated information asked for above will have their name put in a hat at the Second Quarter Meeting and a drawing will be held. The winning name drawn will get their State and National Dues paid for 1 year.

Compliments of our Chapter 7 President.



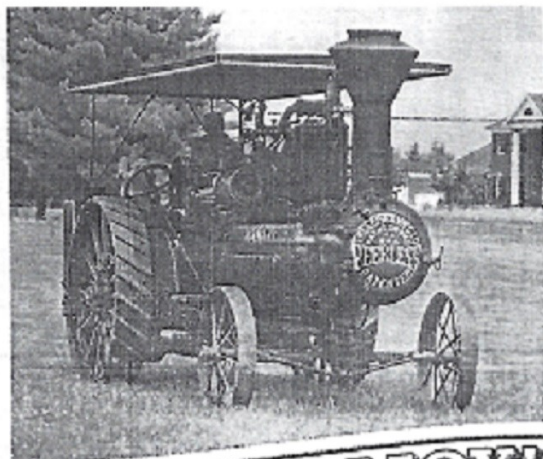
75TH ANNUAL REUNION

CALDWELL PIONEER ACRES
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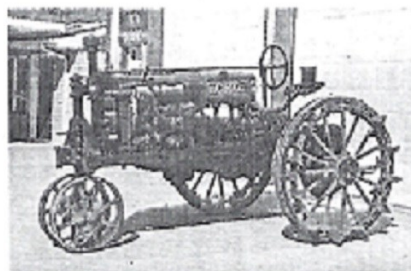
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Help Preserve Some IH History

At a price that can't be beat

Chapter # 7 member, John Deihl of Waterloo IN (which is about 30 miles north of Ft. Wayne) has 3 pieces of IH history that he needs to part with. He had acquired them from his father-in-law and would like to get them in the hands of a collector that would be interested in preserving them and possibly taking them to shows. He has 2 IHC corn shredders and 1 binder. They appear to have been kept in a shed all their life, but he needs the shed space very soon.

One shredder is an IHC model and is all steel, on steel wheels. It has 2 rolls that are about 12" wide and it is in decent shape. The other shredder is a McCormick Deering. It is of wooden construction with 8 rolls and on steel wheels. It is solid and not rotten. The third item is a McCormick Deering Corn Binder. It is in good condition, and it even still has twine in the box. See photos below. The 2X4s in the photo 1 are 8 feet long to show size reference. The binder is not shown.

John does not want anything for these except to find them a good home with someone who will preserve and show them. He will load them for anyone who is able to haul them.

John can be reached by calling or texting at (260) 460-0333.



Photo 1



Photo 2

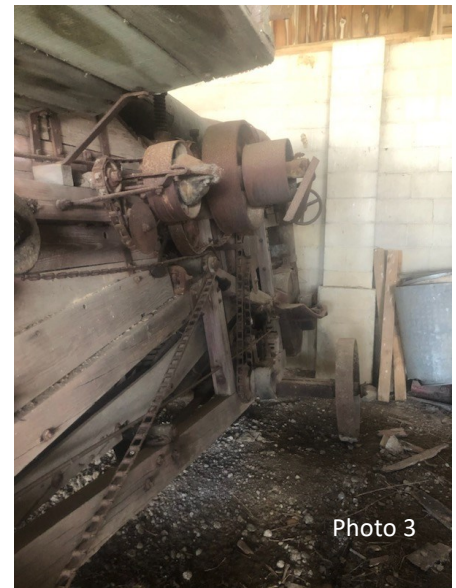


Photo 3

Photos 1-3 show the IHC all steel Corn Shredder



Photo 4

Photos 4 & 5
show the wooden
McCormick Deering unit



Photo 5

2023 IHC National Winter Convention----- Cyrus McCormick Farm

On our way back from Charleston, Pam and I stopped at the IHC Winter Convention in Roanoke, VA. We were joined by Greg and Karen Hughes from Ashley, who hosted a recent third quarter chapter 7 meeting. This year's National convention was very well organized, and attendees enjoyed great hospitality, seminars, displays, vendors, Friday night auction and a wonderful banquet. Our Virginia chapter hosted an outstanding convention.

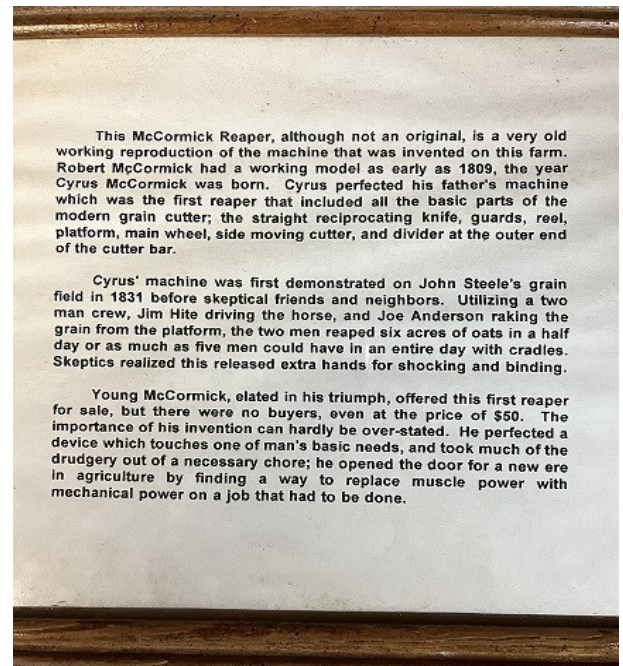
One of the highlights of the event was a trip to the home of Cyrus McCormick and his farm, which was about an hour east of our convention in Virginia's Shenandoah Valley. An area between the Blue Ridge and Appalachian Mountains in central Virginia. The McCormick Museum is part of the original farm (maintained by Virginia Tech) and located within the large 634 acre experimental farming operations.

Cyrus actually finished the design and idea his father had worked on for several years. In 1834 he patented the reaper under the name of the "Virginia Reaper". Many people considered this invention to be the beginning of the mechanization of farming. Up until this time all harvesting of grain was by hand labor and was a very slow process. The reaper won the highest award of the day---the gold medal, the Great Exhibition in 1851 in London---and Cyrus McCormick became known as "**the father of modern agriculture**" for his invention.

The McCormick Farm and museum are definitely an interesting destination to visit. The original house, blacksmith shop and water mill have all been well preserved. Several exhibits of reapers and binders are on show along with the detailed history of their developments. The horse-drawn reaper was primarily constructed from wood with a gear train and the sickle bar out of iron and steel. Cyrus' concept of the sickle bar is still being used with modern combines. Staff from Virginia Tech were on site to give us personal tours and answer questions. **Why not put this IH history visit on your bucket list?**



Tom Smith



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June 10th at 1:00 pm
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Dinner
(Provided by Joyce & Don)
June 10th at 12:00 noon**

**Hosted by:
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Edwardsport**

**Please RSVP
if you wish to join us
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**2023 State Show
and
Third Quarter Meeting
August 5th at 11:00 am**

**Hosted by:
Pioneer Engineers Club
of Indiana
August 3—6
Rushville, Indiana**