



THE BUCKEYE BINDER

A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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FALL 2025 EDITION

2025 Fall Meeting

Saturday September 27, 2025

Hosted by Wendell Kelch

3727 Starling Rd

Bethel, Ohio 45106

Wendell will open the doors to his collection for members to view beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday September 27.

Lunch will follow at noon.

Please note: There will be NO PLOWING this year.

The Chapter will provide the meat for the meal.
We are asking members to bring a covered dish to share.

To ensure we have enough seating and food, we are asking everyone to RSVP to: Steve Smith at 419-618-0017 or by email at sllco@bright.net Please RSVP by September 21, 2025.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 27, 2025

9:00 am	VIEW THE DISPLAYS AND BUILDINGS
11:00 am	DIRECTORS MEETING
12:00 pm	LUNCH
1:00 PM	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
2:30 pm	SAFE TRAVELS HOME



Summer Meeting Review

Forty-six Ohio Chapter 6 members came together on Saturday, August 2, at the Old Mill Stream Center at the Hancock County Fairgrounds. Lunch began later than scheduled, which delayed the start of our summer meeting.

At approximately 1:24 p.m., President Steve Smith called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Steve thanked Directors Doug Fisher and Doug Etzkorn, who brought their grills and prepared hamburgers and braut patties for lunch. Members brought covered dishes to share, and the chapter provided ice cream. A special thank-you goes to Diana Bohman and Brenda Kennedy for helping serve food. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

Steve announced the passing of Director Ed Kranz. Ed was very active in Chapter 6 and is best remembered for his many years of dedication to the Farm Science Review display. Former National Director Larry Meservey was also remembered. A moment of silence was held in honor of those we have lost.

Secretary Dan Lynch read the minutes from the spring meeting, which were approved as read. Dan also shared a flyer and information about the equipment sale of former member John "Dewey" Hetzel. He mentioned that there would also be an upcoming sale for the estate of Herb Huddle.

Doug Fisher gave a detailed Treasurer's report, which was accepted as read.

Membership Secretary Mary Ruppert was unable to attend the meeting, so Doug Fisher provided an update on membership. As of now, Chapter 6 has 405 members; however, over 200 members have not yet renewed their memberships. The fall issue of *The Buckeye Binder* will be the last one they receive unless they renew. Doug also reminded members that in order to receive a medallion for bringing a display, a paid 2026 membership is required.

We're happy to welcome five new members who signed up during the Findlay show, and twelve current members renewed their memberships at the event.

Steve thanked Deb Lantz for her service as Merchandise Secretary. Deb did a great job and received a round of applause. The new Merchandise Secretary is Ken Bohman. Ken gave a report on sales from the 2025 Red Power Round Up (RPRU) in Sedalia, Missouri, and other events. New "O-IH-O" shirts are available and selling well. Lighted signs have been restocked and are available for purchase from the trailer. As far a sales in Findlay, Thursday thru Saturday merchandise sales totaled \$2,148.00. Steve thanked everyone who helped sell merchandise in Wauseon and Sedalia.

Bill Swope gave an update on the Trust. TRACTO is now owned by the Trust. Repairs are ongoing, and the audio system is now functioning. He thanked Chapter 6 again for their \$5,000 Platinum-level donation to the Trust.

Steve announced that, due to the passing of Ed Kranz, we now have an open Director position. Per our bylaws, this position must be filled. More information will be included in the next issue of *The Buckeye Binder* — see page 10 for details.

The Farm Science Review is coming up quickly, and Ron Lantz and Doug Fisher will be taking over for Ed Kranz. If you plan to bring a display, please contact Ron at 937-206-3879 or Doug at 419-230-4889.

PLEASE DO NOT SHOW UP WITH A DISPLAY WITHOUT CONFIRMING WITH RON OR DOUG.

A NOTE TO THOSE WHO SIGNED UP EARLY: ED HAD A LIST OF EXIBITORS STARTED , BUT WE DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO IT. PLEASE CALL TO CONFIRM THAT WE HAVE A SPOT FOR YOU.

This year's featured tractors are the 06 Series: 606, 706, 806, and 1206. We hope to have as many as possible of all four models. We also have some nice signage to display around the featured tractors. Please call early so we can plan for the space we have.

Unfortunately, we were unable to secure access to the lot next to ours, so our lot and tent size will remain the same. We will have room for approximately 50 tractors.

For our Fall Meeting, member Wendell Kelch has offered to host at his home in Bethel, Ohio. There will be NO PLOW DAY this year. It was suggested that everyone RSVP so we can better estimate how much food will be needed. See the front page for more details about the Fall Meeting.

There was no other business, and the meeting was concluded.

Thank you to everyone who stayed to help take down tables and chairs and assisted with general cleanup.



2025 State Show-Findlay







A Warm Welcome!
80th Annual Reunion

JUNE 26-29, 2025

**National Threshers
Association**

**Fulton County Fairgrounds
WAUSEON, OHIO**



Featuring
Ohio Built Steam Engines
International Tractors
International Gas Engines & Garden Tractors
Welcoming
I.H. Collectors – Ohio Chapter 6



Photos provided by Jim Walter, Steve Vollmar and Pam Clark



RED POWER ROUNDUP



SHOW-ME IH LEGACY

36TH ANNUAL

Missouri Chapter 1

JUNE 26 - 28 2025

Sedalia, Missouri

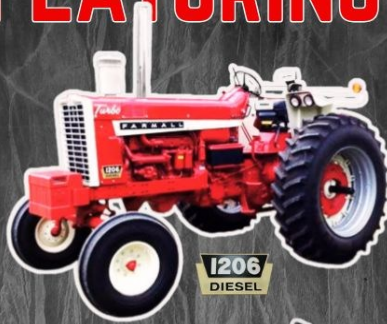


FEATURING

06 Series



706
DIESEL



1206
DIESEL

Tractors



806



606



www.ihc-oh6.com

2025

FARM SCIENCE REVIEW

IHC OHIO CHAPTER 6
DISPLAY



SET-UP DATES
SEPTEMBER 14 & 15, 2025



FSR SHOW DATES
SEPTEMBER 16-18, 2025

How to Display at FSR

- You must be a member of IHC Ohio Chapter 6.
- It is the 60th anniversary of the Farmall 1206.
- This year our feature tractor is the Farmall 06 series tractor. We would like to have as many 06 series tractors on display as possible.
- Other IH equipment will be considered as space allows.
- Locked boxes for memorabilia available.
- ★ -You must pre-register your display.★

Event Highlights

Bigger and Better Display ◀

Every year our goal is to out do last years display

Commemorative Medallion ◀

Members who bring a display will receive a medallion

Enclosed Tent ◀

Will cover memorabilia displays and provide an area for members to sit and visit

Merchandise for Sale ◀

The merchandise trailer will be open!
Hats, t-shirts, stickers, fabric and books!



Contact : Doug Fisher at 419-230-4889, or Ron Lantz at 937-206-3879

MERCHANDISE UPDATE

June Was a Great Month for Chapter 6 Merchandise

June was a successful month for Chapter 6 merchandise! The chapter hosted six tables at the 2025 Red Power Round Up, held June 26–28 in Sedalia, Missouri. A big thank you goes out to those who volunteered their time to haul merchandise to and from the event and work at the show. Special thanks to Merchandise Chairman Ken Bohman and his wife Diana, Mike and Mary Rupert and their grandson Urban, as well as Director Doug Fisher and his wife Sherrie.

Coincidentally, the Wauseon show was held at the same time—June 26–29, 2025. Thanks to dedicated volunteers, we were able to have the Chapter 6 merchandise trailer set up and open at that event as well. The trailer operated Thursday through Saturday from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

Our heartfelt thanks to President Steve Smith and his wife Leslie, Steve Vollmar and his sons Greyson and Evan, Director Jim Walter, Director Dan Lynch, and Jerry Frisch for making this possible.

We truly appreciate everyone's time and effort. Your commitment to Chapter 6 does not go unnoticed—thank you!



NEW T-SHIRT DESIGN
AVAILABLE AT
Findlay Show and
Farm Science

\$20



Notice of Vacant Director Position

Due to the passing of Director Ed Kranz, we must fill the vacant position in accordance with the bylaws, as outlined in Section 9 below. The person selected to fill this position will serve the remainder of Ed's term, which concludes in December 2027.

If you are interested in filling this position, please contact a Chapter 6 Director. Names of individuals will be kept. Directors will vote privately by the Fall 2025 meeting, and the selected person will be notified. **Director contact information is listed on page 14.**

Duties and Responsibilities of Chapter 6 Directors Per the Bylaws

Section 9. A temporary Director will be appointed by the remaining Directors in the event an elected Director is unable to serve their term. *The Buckeye Binder* newsletter will inform the membership of the open Director position that needs filled. Any member that is interested in filling the open Director position must contact a Director within two weeks of receiving their newsletter. The President of Chapter 6 will contact all the remaining Directors. The new Director will be appointed by the Directors with a majority vote. The new Director will fill the remaining length of the term.

Chapter 6 Director Elections

Director elections for Chapter 6 will take place at our upcoming winter meeting on January 10, 2026. The terms of three current Directors—Doug Etzkorn, Jim Walter, and Dan Lynch—will be ending.

Dan Lynch, who also serves as our Chapter Secretary, has announced that he will not be seeking re-election.

The winter edition of *The Buckeye Binder* will include biographies of all individuals interested in running for a Director position. If you would like to be considered, please submit a photo and a brief biography by October 20, 2025—earlier submissions are encouraged. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor during the meeting.

Submit your photo and short biography to fishereliteservices@outlook.com

WITH DEEPEST
Sympathy



In Memory of Edwin Dale Kranz

On June 24, 2025, we lost our friend and one of the directors of the IHCC Ohio Chapter 6, Edwin Dale Kranz, who was 83. Ed called Plattsburg, Ohio, home with his wife Barb, whom passed away in August of 2024. Ed put his heart into every project and organization he was a part of. *This is an excerpt from his obituary.*

He spent his life educating youth, starting as a Vocational Agriculture teacher and later devoting over 40 years as a guidance counselor at Northeastern High School. He was often referred to as "The Golden Voice of the Jets" for his announcing at

Northeastern High School football games. Edwin was a longtime member of Plattsburg United Church of Christ, where he held numerous leadership positions over the years. He was also proud of the time he spent on the Heritage Center Board from 2015 to 2024, where he served as President.

Additionally, Edwin was dedicated to 4-H education, serving both as an advisor and as the coordinator for the State Fair woodworking judging. He was known in the community for his u-pick raspberry patch, farming, tractor restoration, and woodworking. His love of agriculture led to his service as a fair board member and fair manager for the Clark County Fair. Later in life, he became a director for the Ohio Chapter 6 International Harvester Collectors Club.

Ed started the Chapter 6 Youth Tractor Restoration Project. With his guidance, our chapter restored four Farmall tractors in partnership with four different FFA Chapters.

He also came up with the idea of featuring a "feature tractor" on a medallion—an idea that grew into a very popular and successful program. Medallions were given to Chapter 6 members who brought equipment or displays to a Chapter 6 show.

Ed served on the Steering Committee for the 2022 Red Power Round Up in Springfield. One of his many creative ideas was the introduction of "Heritage Tractors." He also worked diligently to arrange tours at the Springfield Navistar plant. He was a major contributor to the overall success of the 2022 Round Up.

Ed may be best remembered for his detailed displays at the annual Farm Science Review. He would write, print, and laminate a narrative for every piece of equipment in the Chapter 6 display. In 2024, he had 72 exhibits signed up. He even created a stand with a holder for nearly every exhibit.

Alongside his friend and fellow Chapter 6 director, Ron Lantz, Ed also built wooden display boxes for memorabilia. He was passionate about making sure our display represented more than just tractors, trucks, and implements. Each year, Ed found a way to make the exhibit larger and more distinctive.

Ed made many friends and touched countless lives with his kindness, creativity, and unwavering dedication. He will be missed deeply by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

The full obituary can be found here: <https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/dayton/name/edwin-kranz-obituary?id=58748478>.

Submitted by International Harvester Collectors Club Ohio Chapter 6

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings

It has been a interesting summer with the heat and sporadic rain showers. In my area we have received to much rain this summer, crops not looking the best. The garden is producing very well with all the rain.

I was able to take the club trailer to the Wauseon and sell merchandise. It went very well with club members stepping up and helping out. They had over 300 International tractors and implements. Very nice show to visit. The club is always looking for members to help sell merchandise at shows.

Our state show was at Findlay. There was a count of 110 International tractors and some trucks. Thanks to all the members that brought memorabilia and tractors or trucks.

Looking for members to bring things to display at Farm Science Review in September.

Hope your summer is going great and you get to do some other fun activities, beside tractor shows. Hope to see you at the fall meeting.

Steve

NATIONAL AUCTION

AUCTION WILL BE HELD OCTOBER 24 AND 25

Held at Carroll County Ag Center
706 Agriculture Drive
Westminster, MD 21157

**INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER
COLLECTORS CLUB INC**



<https://mdihcc39.org/2025-national-auction>

2025 CALENDAR

August 15-17, 2025	<u>Fairfield County Antique Tractor Club/Annual Truck and Tractor Show</u> Fairfield County Fairgrounds www.fairfieldcountytractorclub.com	“ Feature tractor is IH”
August 21-24, 2025	<u>Half Century of Progress</u> Rantoul, Illinois www.halfcenturyofprogress.com	“Hope to have a gathering of 350 IH 1206 tractors”
September 16-18, 2025	<u>Farm Science in London, Ohio</u> www.fsr.osu.edu/	
September 27, 2025	<u>Chapter 6 Fall Meeting only (there will be NO PLOW DAY)</u> Hosted by Wendell Kelch Bethel, Ohio	
October 24 & 25, 2025	<u>National IH Collectors Auction in Westminster, MD</u> Hosted by IHC Chapter #39 Maryland www.mdihc33.org	IH NATIONAL EVENT

2026 CALENDAR

January 10, 2026	<u>Ohio Chapter 6 Winter Meeting</u> Der Dutchman Restaurant Plain City, OH	
March 19-21, 2026	<u>IHCC Winter Convention in Clemmons, North Carolina</u> Hosted by North Carolina Chapter 42 www.ihcollectorsnc42.com	IH NATIONAL EVENT
TBD	<u>Ohio Chapter 6 Spring Meeting</u>	
June 25-27, 2026	<u>2026 Red Power Round Up in Huron, South Dakota</u> Hosted by IHC Chapter 21 South Dakota www.redpowerroundup2026.com	IH NATIONAL EVENT
September 4, 5, 6, & 7, 2026	<u>Ohio Chapter 6 State Show in Sandusky, Ohio</u> Hosted by S.C.R.A.P.	



IH Collectors Ohio Chapter 6

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(\$20 National and \$15 State)

Memberships are June to June
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Mail to Mary Ruppert

MEMBERSHIP IS CURRENTLY 405 AS OF JULY 28, 2025



MEMBERSHIP FORM

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OHIO CHAPTER 6



You can also find membership forms on our website at www.ihc-oh6.com

Membership Status: New ☐ Renewal ☐ Reinstatement ☐

Membership Number Ohio: National:

Date :

Full Name :

Address :

City, State, Zip :

Phone Number :

Email :

Annual Membership Dues \$35.00 per year

(National dues \$20.00 + Ohio Chapter 6 dues \$15.00)

Membership information

- 4-quarterly editions of the national magazine "Harvester Highlights"
- 4-quarterly editions of the Chapter 6 newsletter "The Buckeye Binder"
- 4-quarterly meetings a year.
- A membership card will be mailed to new members.
___ I need a replacement card
- Memberships run June to June.



Return this form with a check made out to:

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This could be your last Buckeye Binder newsletter! Check your membership card for the 2026 sticker. The 2025 membership year ended in June.

Membership form on page 15



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