INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER COLLECTORS CLUB- OHIO CHAPTER 6

# THE BUCKEYE BINDER

A QUARTERY NEWSLETTER

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WINTER 2024 EDITION

### **2025 Winter Meeting**

#### Saturday January 11, 2025

Der Dutchman Restaurant 445 S. Jefferson Ave Plain City, Ohio

Please RSVP for the meal by calling Steve Smith 419-618-0017 by January 4, 2025 (we need an estimated number of meals to give the staff)

Please sign in at the door and get your name tag

Plan to pay for your meal at that time. Cash or check only please.

Member's meals will be \$10.00 each (the Chapter pays the balance) Non-members (guests) \$23.00 each

Come early for the seminars, visit with friends, bid on silent auction items and check out the vendors. Chapter 6 will also have merchandise available. Donations to the silent auction are welcome. Join us for a buffet-style lunch at noon followed by our membership meeting at 1pm. We look forward to seeing you on January 11th.

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	9:00 AM	Set Up		
100	9:30 AM	Educational Seminars	Guest Speaker-Doug Guthrie Topic-Tractor Restoration	
	10:00 AM	Silent Auction Begins	Guest Speaker #2-TBD	
NIK.	10:30 AM	Repeat Educational Seminars	Guest Speaker #2-100	
Sec. 1	11:00 AM	Directors Meeting	300	
	12:00 PM	Silent Auction Ends/Buffet-Style Meal	The second s	
	1:00 PM	Membership Meeting		
	2:30 PM	Enjoy the Rest of Your Day		

# FARM SCIENCE REVIEW

This year's Farm Science Review was a very successful event for Ohio Chapter 6.

The show had 51 members bringing 72 exhibits that ranged from small memorabilia items to completely assembled pipeline milking set-ups to stationary engines to some of the largest tractors made by International Harvester. It was a grand show with something for everyone.

As I am writing this article, my mind wandered back to seven years ago when the chapter agreed to return to the show after being on hiatus for several prior years. I pulled up the summary for that show and here are some facts for comparison to this year.

<u>2018</u>	<u>2024</u>
18 EXHIBITORS	51 EXHIBITORS
29 EXHIBITS	72 EXHIBITS
20' x 20' TENT	20' X 40' TENT
NO MEMORABILIA	8 CASES + FREE-STANDING ITEMS

ALC: CARLENDER CONTRACTOR

One of the highlights for chapter members attending the three-day show was member Garry Smith and his wife (Melissa) churning up 5 gallons of delicious homemade strawberry ice cream with his restored Cub Cadet providing the power. There was plenty for everyone including several of the Case/IH Corporate folks coming by to take us up on the invitation to join us as we finished off the entire 5-gallons.

The merchandise trailer was present. Chairperson Deb Lantz reported a very successful show with sales of clothing, fabric, and IH-themed items bringing added revenue to the chapter.

Another facet of the show that went well was the signing up of new members. Membership Chairperson, Mary Ruppert's report showed 10 new members and 10 people who had allowed their membership to lapse were renewed.

The unique "O"IH"O" sign that Director Jim Walters brought to the show was a hit with many visitors as they posed around it for pictures. Jim got it in Indiana from a man who specialized is similar signs for various tractor groups.



#### The following members brought exhibit items to the show

Wayne Atwood	Jerry Connolly	Ken Bohman	Bruce Brudzinski	Tom Cline
Joe Davlin	Paul Dowler	Doug Etzkorn	Joe Evans	Mike Evans
Keith Fahncke	Doug Fisher	Dale Gallimore	Dave Garrett	Jim Gilkey
Gary Haulman	Tom Harp	Gene Hart	Willard Himes	Gary Jones
Rob Keener	Ron Lantz	Lars Larson	Jerry Leek	Dan Lynch
Maynard Moody	Todd Morehart	Patrick Neer	Steve Neer	Rob Newland
Tom Rausch	Erich Reiselt	Mike Ruppert	Dennis Savage	Pat Severt
Vickie Severt	Roger Schafer	Steve Smith	Garry Smith	Bill Swope
Tom Vaughan	Tom Vaughan III	Jim Walter	Danny Walter	Jason Whalen
John Willmott	Worley Wilson	Dennis Wuertz	Duane Yates	

#### The following worked the merchandise sales area:

Diana Bohman	Ken Bohman	Sherrie Fisher	Doug Fisher	Jim Gilkey
Lenny Holdheidi	Marilyn Holdheidi	Deb Lantz	Ron Lantz	Mary Ruppert
Mike Ruppert	Vickie Severt	Pat Severt		

Because the people listed above gave of their time and effort, our 2024 FSR show was a success.

The 2025 Farm Science Review will be September 19-21.

Submitted by Director Ed Kranz

# FARM SCIENCE REVIEW





# FALL MEETING REVIEW

Saturday, September 28, Ohio Chapter 6 held their fall meeting at the farm of Keith and Diane Fahncke, east of Wapakoneta. We had hoped to plow but Hurricane Helene had other plans. This area received approximately 3" inches of rain over just a couple of days prior to the meeting.

Our meeting began at 1 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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President Steve Smith thanked everyone who brought a dish to share, He also acknowledged Diane Fahncke and Diana Bohman for their organization and prep for the meal as well as cleanup. We had a very nice meal with a large variety of covered dishes and desserts.

We had 41 people sign in for the meal and meeting. Steve asked if we had any new members attending for the first time, which we did.

A moment of silence was held for member Barb Kranz who passed away August 3, 2024. Barb was the wife of Director Ed Kranz. Barb was active with the merchandise sales.

Dan Lynch gave the Secretaries report. It was accepted as read.

Doug Fisher gave the Treasurers report. It was accepted as read.

Doug Fisher was the liaison for the tractor restoration project between Ohio Chapter 6 and St Henry FFA. He reported 725 raffle tickets were sold. Doug delivered the tractor to the raffle winner in Yorkshire, Ohio on September 19th. Proceeds from the raffle after our chapter was reimbursed will go to the Ohio FFA Foundation. Doug also reviewed the expenses of the restoration.

There is already a new youth restoration project happening with Mechanicsburg FFA and Chapter 6 for the 2024-2025 school year. A Farmall H was donated to the school and will be the project tractor.

Doug Fisher gave the membership report on behalf of Mary Ruppert who was unable to attend. At this time we have 443 members, 73 of those members had their memberships expire 6-2024. Mary will be sending another note to those 73 to see if they want to renew. We had 10 new members sign up at Farm Science.

Deb Lantz gave the Merchandise report. She reported that the they brought in close to \$3,000 during Farm Science. She said the plan is to focus more on Chapter 6 merchandise in the future. There is a fabric special happening. Buy a bolt of burlap print and get another bolt for half price. A new item we have for sale are Chapter 6 flags. They will be listed on the website if you would like to order. They are prepaid pre-order only.

Steve thanked everyone who worked at Farm Science. He said it was great to see so many people stay around and helped with cleanup and tear down on Thursday afternoon. He praised Director Ed Kranz for all of his time and dedication to the event.

Sherrie Fisher, editor of The Buckeye Binder, said the next Binder will go to the printer by November 15th. Anyone who has anything to include such as a Director biography for the upcoming election should submit the information to fishereliteservices@outlook.com by November 1st.

Sherrie Fisher was also informed at the end of August that Tonya Shank would no longer be taking care of the Chapter 6 website. Tonya was the webmaster of the website for 14 years. Sherrie took care of the 2022 Red Power Round Up website. Changes will be happening on the website in the future. We will have a "for sale and wanted ads" page on the website again. Ads will only be accepted from members of Chapter 6. There will be a 6 month limit on each ad unless it is renewed.

Our 2025 State show will be in Findlay July 31-August 3 at the Northwest Ohio Antique Machinery Association. The Wauseon show would like Chapter 6 to have a presence at their show even though it will not be our State show in 2025. Steve lives in that area and thought he would be able to attend.

Our winter meeting will take place on Saturday January 11, 2025. We will again met at Plain City at the Der Dutchman Restaurant. Directors have agreed that if <u>members</u> pay \$10 per meal the Chapter will pay the balance. Thank you Directors.

Ed Kranz said the 2024 Farm Science was very successful. There were 53 tractors and 72 implements and 8 cases of memorabilia. The tent was very full. There is hope that we can expand our display area into the lot to the east. A motion was made to allow the Chapter to provide funds for a larger tent next year. Motion was approved. Bill Swope commented that Ed does a really good job and should be commended. Ed was given a round of applause. Ed thanked everyone who helped with setup and tear down, everyone's help was very much appreciated.

Steve spoke about our Spring meeting in 2025. It will be at the home of Jerry Leek on April 12th. Steve did receive a few other calls that may be considered later on.

Steve reported that as of October 1, 2024 Navistar would be changing their name to International.

Member Mike Ruppert suggested the club purchase a couple fire extinguishers to have at Chapter 6 events and Farm Science. Recently a member had a fire while unloading his tractor at home. It was suggested with the drought and closeness of our displays a fire could spread quickly. The motion was approved. The fire extinguishers will be kept in the merchandise trailer. Suggestions were made about brands to consider.

Dan Lynch talked about contacting Harvester Heritage to interview Herb Huddle. Herb opened his collection to our members for the Spring 2024 meeting.

Member Bill Swope spoke on a IH national club's recent purchase of the IH "Tracto". A sales promotional tool of the 1960's. He asked the chapter for financial support. Connie Etzkorn made a motion to donate \$20,000.00 toward the purchase of the "Tracto". It was seconded by Patti Swope. A motion was then made to table the discussion until the winter meeting when more members are present. That motion was also seconded.

Meeting was adjourned.

# FALL MEETING PHOTOS





# **MERCHANDISE UPDATE**

The FSR was a great success due to so many helping volunteers. At the Merchandise trailer and tables, we sold over \$3,000 in shirts, hats, fabric, stickers, and numerous other items. Beautiful weather attracted both old and new members. The Fall Plow Day turned out to be beautiful weather. We were able to sell over \$300 in merchandise. The Chapter 6 flag, shown at the FSR, was a big item at the Fall meeting. We encourage anyone wanting to volunteer at the Winter, Spring, Summer, or Fall meetings, please feel free to join in the fun. Also, please text or email any ideas for future merchandise. We are planning to concentrate on Chapter 6 T-shirts and hats for the members. See you at the Winter meeting in January. Thanks, Deb Lantz



#### -FABRIC REDUCTION SALE-

#### BUY 1 BOLT OF BURLAP FABRIC AND GET ANOTHER BOLT FOR HALF PRICE. PICK UP AT A CH 6 MEETING OR WE CAN SHIP ( BUYERS EXPENSE)

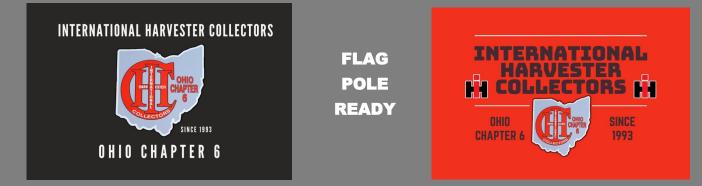
#### CHAPTER 6 FLAGS NOW FOR SALE \$30.00 EACH

#### Pre-pay and special order only. Choose red or black. Size is 3' x 5' and double-sided .

For an additional \$10 we will ship to your home.

Order and pick up at a future meeting for no added cost.

Order forms will be at the Winter meeting. Expect six weeks from order to delivery minimum.



### **MECHANICSBURG FFA TRACTOR RESTORATION**

The Mechanicsburg FFA Chapter is the 2024-2025 tractor restoration project. Chapter 6 members, Ron Lantz and Jerry Connolly, are assisting five Mechanicsburg students along with their advisor, Cole Riddle, with the restoration. A Farmall H was donated to the FFA Chapter by a local resident. Work has begun on the tractor's restoration and hopefully will be finished sometime in the late spring. Submitted by Ron Lantz



# **CANDIDATES FOR JANUARY 11 ELECTION**

Please note it should be considered an honor to serve on the Chapter 6 Board of Directors and that the positions are not "honorary ones" where a member just takes up space. While the time commitment is not overwhelming, some effort and devotion of time is necessary to get the goals and activities of the organization accomplished. (reprinted with permission from Tom Harp)



**My name is Ed Kranz,** I am a retired ag teacher, school counselor, and administrator. I worked at Northeastern High School in Springfield for 44 years.

As a member of Chapter 6, I have served as a chairperson for the Farm Science Review display for 7 years. Designed and oversaw the initial partnership with the FFA chapter that had the members restore a International tractor with support and financial assistance from Chapter 6, and have served as a director for the past 6 years.

Over the years, I have served as Executive Director of the Clark County Fair, as deacon in my church, three terms on the Ohio State University Freshman Board of Admissions, been active in 4-H, several decades and a long-time member of the Ohio Farm Bureau.



**Hello, my name is Ron Lantz**, and I am running for re-election for the board of Chapter 6. I have been married to my wife Debbie for 57 years. We have 2 daughters,3 grandsons and 1 granddaughter. My oldest grandson Logan is taking over farming at our farm located just outside of Mechanicsburg. I farmed most of my earlier life milking cows and grain farming. I graduated from The Ohio State University with a degree in Dairy Science and a minor in Ag Education. After selling the cows I took a job as a feed consultant for a local feed mill where I worked for nearly 35

years.

I have been a fair board member for Champaign County,4-H advisor for many years and was president of our local park board for several years.

Since becoming a member of Chapter 6, my wife and I were in charge of the outside vendors at the 2022 Red Power Roundup in Springfield. We made many new friends during several Roundups we attended. We both worked selling merchandise from the merchandise trailer. I helped with the summer show at Plain City last year, Piketon this year and the Farm Science Review the last couple of years. I am presently working with Mechanicsburg FFA on restoration of a Farmall H tractor in conjunction with Chapter 6. Your vote for the board would be appreciated. Ron Lantz



**My name is Pat Severt.** I am running for my next term as a Director. I have farmed for over 40 years. I am retired from farming and 30 years at Parkers. I have 3 daughters and 5 grandsons and 2 granddaughters. We are very active with the grandkids.

Now I am back into farming. My grandson is now farming my ground. I am now the hired hand.

We joined the Club in 2011. We worked the RPRU in 2013. We helped where we were needed. Vickie and I were in charge of camping at the 2022 Springfield. We

have attended State Shows, Winter Conventions and National Red Power . Pat



**My name is Dale Merkle** - I 've been a member of Chapter 6 for over 20 years. I was a Director for 9 years. During that time I was Chapter 6 President for 2 years, Vice President for 5 years and Co-Chair of Red Power Round Up that was held in Lima, Ohio. In the past I have done seminars at Round Ups and Winter Conventions.

My Wife Lisa and I own a Farmall H that my Grandpa purchased new in 1948. We also have an IH Cub Cadet 70 that was purchased new in 1965 by Lisa's Uncle. We have numerous other Cub Cadets and a multitude of attachments.

I would like to see Chapter membership grow. One way for the Chapter to grow is to host events like Red Power Round Up, Winter Convention and the National IH Auction. Another way is to get involved with our local tractor groups in Ohio and make efforts to have a strong Chapter 6 IH showing at these local shows. Farm Science Review is a good example of what is already happening to show Chapter 6's involvement.

Thank you for your consideration.

#### NOMINATIONS WILL ALSO BE TAKEN FROM THE FLOOR FOR THE DIRECTOR ELECTION.

### PRESIDEN'TS MESSAGE



Hopefully everyone's harvest is going well. We were dry in my area, yields were disappointing. Thanks to all the members that made the Farm Science Review great this year. Ed Kranz did a great job again. Once again fall plow day weather didn't cooperate. Maybe next year will be better. Thanks to Keith and Diane Fahncke for having the meeting and showing his nice collection of tractors and pickers. Hope to see you at the Winter meeting.

### 2027 Chapter 6 State Show Host Wanted

ntact Chapter 6 President Steve Smith for more information 419-618-0017

#### Requirements :

- Have a designated area for members to camp. Electric water and sewer are a plus.
- Provide Chapter 6 with lodging options
- Host club will pay advertising fees
- Provide tent for featured displays
- Need someone willing to be a liaison between the host club and Chapter 6. Prefer someone that is a member of both the host club and Chapter 6.
- All proposals must be made at the Chapter 6 winter meeting January 11, 2025 and be voted on by the membership.

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2026 - S.C.R.A.P. Sandusky County Restorers of Antique Power (Gibsonburg, Ohio)

2025 - North West Antique Machinery Show (Findlay, Ohio) July 31st-August 3rd

2025	IHC CHAPTER 6 & IHC NATIONAL EVENTS
January 11, 2025	Chapter 6 Winter Meeting in Plain City
March 6-8, 2025	33rd Annual Winter Convention in Fort Worth, Texas
March 0-0, 2023	https://www.lonestarihc25.org
April 12, 2025	Chapter 6 Spring Meeting
	Jerry Leek's collection
June 26-28, 2025	2025 RPRU at Sedalia, Missouri
ounc 20-20, 2020	https://showmeihc.com/red-power-roundup-2025/
	Chapter 6 State/Summer Show at Findlay, Ohio
July 31-August 3, 2025	Northwest Ohio Antique Machinery Association https://nwoama.com/
September 16-18, 2025	<u>Farm Science in London, Ohio</u> www.fsr.osu.edu/
TBD	Chapter 6 Fall Meeting/Plow Day Contact Steve Smith 419618-0017 if you would like to host
TBD	National IH Collectors Auction

#### VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.IHC-OH6.COM



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**Jan David Whiteman** age 71 of Kettering passed away September 25, 2024. Our condolences to the Whiteman family.

https://www.newcomerdayton.com/obituaries/jan-whiteman

### **OHIO CHAPTER 6 OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

TITLE	NAME	<u>TERM</u>	HOME	CELL PHONE
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DIRECTOR	Ron Lantz	2022-2024	Mechanicsburg, OH	937-206-3879
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Memberships are June to June Write your check to: IHC Ohio Chapter 6 Mail to Mary Ruppert

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#### 2025 IHC Ohio Chapter 6 State Show July 31-Aug 3



<u>Craft Show, Flea Market, Consignment Sale</u> 1017 E Sandusky St. Findlay, OH



WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



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Outside Vendor - Food Vendors Flea Market Space Annette Swisher 419.722.7007

> Inside Vendor - Craft Show Sara Augustine 567.208.7658

> > Trading Post Annette Augsburger 419.889.5604



#### INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER COLLECTORS "TRACTO" PROJECT

I am following up on a discussion we had at the Ohio Chapter's Fall Meeting, related to providing financial support on the National's "Tracto" Project.

In May, 2024, through the joint efforts of the International Harvester Collectors (National) and the International Harvesters Collectors Charitable Trust, the National was able to obtain ownership of the iconic IH Sales and Marketing Robot called "Tracto". "Tracto" is a one of a kind piece of IH Company history. There is only one (1) "Tracto" that remains in existence. "Tracto" was built in the late 1950's and was displayed at various trade shows, County and State Fairs to promote a wide variety of IH products. "Tracto" spent much of his time at these shows on display with the IH 340 Turbine concept tractor. "Tracto" stands approximately 8 foot tall and weighs in excess of 1,000 pounds. He moves, lights up and had an audio system.

The IH National Board of Directors and the Charitable Trust Board of Trustees made the decision to acquire "Tracto" so that he could be preserved, for all IH Collectors, and to ensure that "Tracto" will be available for display at future "Red Power Round Ups" and other major IH Collector's and other Ag related events/shows.

With the acquisition of "Tracto" there will be a number of expenses that will be incurred. "Tracto" is operational and overall in good condition. However, he is an older restoration and he is currently in need of some general maintenance, some updates, particularly to the audio system and necessary modifications to make "Tracto's" transportation easier and safer. Among the needs will be the need to acquire a trailer which will be used exclusively to transport "Tracto". The expenses incurred in making all of these updates will require financial support from members and IH Chapters.

On behalf of the IH Collector's (National) and the IH Charitable Trust, we are reaching out to the Ohio Chapter, and its members, to help provide some financial support for "Tracto". Presently, several individuals (including one Ohio Chapter member who made a donation at the Fall Meeting) and other Chapters have contributed financially to this "Tracto" project. We would ask that the Ohio Chapter consider this matter and make a donation toward this "Tracto" Project.

If anyone has any questions, please do not hesitate to contact either Bob Buxton or Bill Swope at the numbers listed below.

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