



From the President.....

Hello to everyone,

It is refreshing not to be restrained by many state and local pandemic limitations. It has been 16 months since we last attended a meeting. Looking back I believe we did the right thing by not taking any chances with the COVID-19 event.

Gathering for our picnic meeting June 13 at Tom and Georgia Macauley's Mt. Morris, NY farm is now history. Tom and I put plans on hold last year and resumed planning early in 2021 when world-wide pandemic conditions eased and the vaccine became plentiful. The picnic was wonderful and in perfect weather. Our hosts Tom and Georgia had all the tables and chairs in order along with a great lineup of classic Farmalls for all to enjoy. The catered picnic food was excellent and was delivered right on time. We took our group photo with most in attendance wearing red and standing behind our chapter banner. Photos here in our Photo section show the fun day.

Following the picnic meal our board of directors were pleased to have access to a handsome conference room with large plush

oval table for our meeting. It is part of the Macauley farm office area in the Morton Building. Our Directors Meeting agenda included approving a motion to conduct our **"RED POWER CHARGE 2021"** state show in conjunction with the Canandaigua Pageant of Steam Show August 11-15, 2021. Our meeting will be Thursday, August 12 at 2 PM in the show grounds office building conference room behind the large show grounds sign. There are two featured tractors this year because of no show last year. They are International Harvester and Massey Harris Ferguson.

Also approved by the BOD is our third meeting for this year during the Alexander **WNYG&SEA Rally** Saturday, September 11, at 2 PM in the clubhouse. That show runs from September 9–12, 2021. Feature tractor at this show is also International Harvester. Let's make an extra effort to bring our tractors to all these shows.

Following our BOD Meeting all gathered in the shade inside the new barn for our General Membership meeting. Becky and Randy reminded all of the upcoming 10th Annual "Tractor Showdown" at the Charcoal Corral in Perry, NY, Sunday, July 11. One item of mention here is the continued troublesome and embarrassing fake emails being sent from club officials seeking donations and money. Please double check any requests for funds for anything before you get caught up in a bad situation. Our I.T. person Dave Meacham is in pursuit of the source for these emails.

After our meetings members enjoyed cold beverages and sat about chatting and catching up on news from the past 16

months. Our hosts Tom and Georgia told of the interesting Macauley Farm history and how they farm 4,000 acres using Case/IH tractors and machinery. It proved to be an excellent opportunity to relax and unwind after 16 months of pandemic news and limited activity.

Patty and I attended the “Tractor Showdown” at the Charcoal Corral July 11 at Perry, NY. Always a nice show in the outdoor drive-in show area, this year it started out smoothly although a cloudy day. Then the rain started and increased steadily causing folks to start loading their tractors and the show was done.

Some member news: Our vice-president’s wife Carol Monkelbaan was unable to attend the picnic as she is recovering from surgery. We wish her a speedy recovery. We recognized three chapter past presidents in attendance, Anita and Ray DeGlopper, and Randy Broughton. We are forever grateful for the work our past presidents have done to keep us rolling along. It was good seeing Randy and Becky out and about as both of them suffered from the COVID-19 virus months ago. A birthday applause was graciously extended to my significant other, Patty Feeney. An update on Charter Member Rob Mings of Amherst, NY indicates his health has improved some and he has returned to work. Our prayers continue for Rob.

On a sad note: As we were concluding material for our newsletter *Farmall Flyer*, Becky contacted me about the passing of Charter Member Lewis VanValkenburg of Bergen, NY, Genesee County. Louie was a strong supporter in the early stages of

forming our chapter. Failing health kept him from attending meetings. Our prayers go out to his beloved Margy (also a charter member) and the entire family.

Don’t forget to visit our website at ihcc35ny.com for show dates and information. In closing I want to thank our board of directors and officers for their support in keeping the chapter alive and well in good times and bad.

Enjoy the summer and stay safe by watching out for each other when around our heavy tractors.

Best regards,

Gene Preston