



## From the President .....

Springtime is my favorite time of year as everything wakes up and begins the big show for the growing season. My Farmall 400 and its Number 8 McCormick

2-bottom 16" plow accomplishes the first step in fitting my ground for another year of fun growing produce for my roadside stand. Of course, I will get my annual kidding from our Geneseo, NY gentleman, Doug Harke about how the 400 is a 3-plow tractor. I can hear you now Doug.

Just after we went to press with the last issue of *Farmall Flyer*, we got the sad news that our beloved director, Sharon M. Rissinger 58, passed after a battle with cancer. A tribute for Sharon can be found elsewhere in this newsletter. Charter Member # 014, Jim Bagley also passed away February 17, 2024. See tribute in this issue of Farmall Flyer. He did much to help our chapter get going in early years. He was 83.

Our next event is Saturday, May 4, 2024, the Spring Plow Day at Lew Esten's place in Elba, NY. See insert. Our next meeting is May 19 at the John Langless Classic Tractor Barn. See details in this newsletter.

Speaking of the newsletter, we are asking members to submit articles and photos of a tractor restoration project or related story for our newsletter. A big part of the fun of belonging to a club such as ours is the opportunity to tell our story and network with members. It often results in an exchange of helpful information. I have made new friends from these.

We are looking forward to our Annual Family Picnic scheduled for June 23 at Butch and Cindy Christ's Farm in Kent, NY. Great food, wagon ride, Butch's IH trivia show, and guest speaker Chad Klotzbach of Allegany Farm Services, LLC, Basom, NY, speaking on their site preparation and farm drainage operations

will make for a fun afternoon. Our new meeting schedule no longer includes a meeting at the picnic allowing more time for all to socialize.

In closing on behalf of my vice-president Dick Monkelbaan and the Chapter 35 leadership team, I wish all reading this a most enjoyable summer show season and safe trips for those of us traveling to the Chapter 17 SHOWDOWN at Bloomsburg, PA. Give this some thought as Bloomsburg is as close as any big IH show will ever get to us here in NYS, certainly more doable than the Chapter 5 hosted Roundup at Spencer, Iowa.

**HAPPY TRACTORING!**

*Gene Preston*

**PLEASE TAKE NOTE...**

**Did your address, phone number or email change?**

**If so, please email Dave Meacham our Membership Secretary/Director at [ihcc35ny@roadrunner.com](mailto:ihcc35ny@roadrunner.com) to have all your records updated so you do not miss out on any Farmall Flyers, Harvester Highlights or important Chapter 35 email communications.**

## **SEEKING CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

By Order of Board of Directors

Our Nominations Committee is seeking candidates to run in the fall election for the vacant position created on the board of directors by the passing of Director Sharon Rissinger. Interested members shall prepare and send a written biography of at least 150 words explaining how they feel they could add value to the board and bring new growth to the chapter. Candidates must be able to attend director and general membership meetings on a regular basis and agree to lead and/or manage special projects assigned by the BOD or president. Please submit bios to Chapter 35 Secretary Sandra Austin before September 1, 2024. After reviewing applicants by the committee, the fall election process will begin.