

From the President

After kicking around numerous 20th Anniversary gift ideas, the committee has agreed to mark the milestone by publishing a Special Keepsake Anniversary Spring Edition of Farmall Flyer with some additional features and a long-awaited updated Membership Directory. We hope you enjoy it.

As your president, I have always tried to show my appreciation to each and every one of you, recognizing you as a valuable part of our club. Without you members there would not be a Chapter 35.

As a result of a busy February meeting, we have some changes to announce. Greater detail is covered in the General Meeting Minutes. After weighing all the input from the membership, we approved a motion to change our meeting day at the clubhouse from Sundays to Saturdays. We will begin with the November 9, 2025 Reorganizational Meeting.

Another change of operations resulting from that meeting is the Christmas Party. It is the feeling of the membership that we charge each individual attending \$15.00 and the chapter would pay the balance toward the cost of \$23.00 per plate.

Our next meeting will be our traditional away-from-theclubhouse spring meeting, and this year it will be at my place on Sunday, May 18, 2025, at 1036 Long Pond Road. I will provide lunch and drinks at 1 pm with the general membership meeting to follow. A 20th Anniversary celebration cake will be enjoyed. We will be blessed to have Bob Melville speak about repairs he has done on IH tractors over the years. Bob keeps my fleet rolling. Bring your lawn chairs. See the Calendar of Events for details and directions.

Our annual picnic this year will be at Tom and Georgia's farm in Mt. Morris, NY, June 22, 2025. Tom has three exciting things going on this year. His mighty 1456 Gold Demo should be there for us to enjoy, and his new farm tour wagon with canopy too. Also, there will be a special guest speaker. Plan now to attend and spend an enjoyable afternoon in beautiful Livingston County. PLEASE R.S.V.P. me if you plan on coming to the picnic. Tom needs a headcount to plan the food.

Congratulations to Sallie and Dennis Miesner as they retire as Red Power Magazine editors for the past 25 years passing on the title to daughter-in-law Geneva and son Jeff. In my biased opinion that magazine has become the very best of any tractor magazine out there.

In closing, have a great summer and be careful operating your old tractors where there may be people nearby.

HAPPY TRACTORING!

Gene Preston

THANK YOU, WESTERN NEW YORK GAS & STEAM ENGINE ASSOCIATION

Ever since we started having regular meetings as a chapter, we have been blessed by our friends at WNYG&SEA because they have generously let us use their clubhouse located at 10294 Gillate Rd, Alexander, NY 14005. Their President, Bill Dellapenta has become a good friend and was our guest speaker at our 2024 Christmas Party. We pay a small amount each of the 3 to 4 times we use the clubhouse each year and we appreciate it. Our director Dale Rissinger is also a director at WNYG&SEA. Going forward we hope to continue to use the facility and proudly call it home.

