



From the President

Happy New Year to all our more than 200 members, 43 of you admired charter members. Now that we are in the winter months, it is time to snuggle up near the heater in the old barn shop with country music playing on the radio, the beagle snoring away on his blanket, and perform some overdue tractor maintenance. Some days I just slip out the back door of the house and head for the barn unlocking the door, quietly stepping inside flipping on the lights to just stand there a moment admiring my red blessings peacefully at rest, and be thankful. Life is good. Thank you Lord.

Think SPRING and it will soon be here. What's new at NY 35? Following our November 13th BOD meeting and open discussion with members at the general membership meeting that day, and with input from our membership secretary, effective January 1, 2023 annual dues will increase by five dollars. This also coincides with the recent increase in dues by the National IHC. With costs of everything going up these days, we are confident our membership will understand.

Also new to the chapter unfolding in accordance with our bylaws over the past few months as a result of BOD approval, is a bylaw change designating the WNYG&SEA Annual September Rally as our permanent site for *RED POWER CHARGE*, our State Show. Numerous other chapters have learned what

we have learned over the years that holding the show around the state only results in poor attendance. Adding the high cost of fuel and travel compounds the matter. Calling the rural hamlet of Alexander, NY and the WNYG&SEA clubhouse our home base has a nice ring to it. The idea has received approval by the BOD and member acceptance at recent meetings.

While on the subject of WNYG&SEA, I was reading in their newsletter, *The Flywheel News* that they are expanding the parking area near the clubhouse and their new office building to make more room for folks attending clubhouse activities. A tip-of-the-hat to all at WNYG&SEA for all they do to maintain their huge complex.

We nearly made it through the 2022 year without a member passing, but we just discovered that Member #259, Randy W. Turner of Jordon, NY, Cayuga County, passed away back on June 23, 2022 at age 75. He was the proud owner of a SMTA and Super-A. Failure to renew his membership resulted in me making a follow-up phone call to his residence when we sadly learned of his passing back in June. All at NYS Chapter 35 send our sincere sympathy to his family at this difficult time. Cards to: *The Turner Family, 8814 Pump Road, Jordon, NY 13080.*

Randy's name makes 44 individual name plates on our Deceased Member Memorial Plaque at the clubhouse since our chapter begun 18 years ago. Most of these folks were very dedicated active members. Their loss has been felt in our club on committees and attendance at meetings and events. In talking with other chapter presidents we agree that because of the median age of old tractor lovers, it is a fact of life all chapters must accept.

Our 2023 Calendar of Events is full as posted here in *Farmall Flyer* and on our website. It is posted well into November so you can make notes to attend meetings and events. Of special interest is our April 16th meeting at member Steve and Susan Sodericker's "Friendly Acres Farm." They have graciously invited us to come to their place in the

spring and hold a meeting and see their IH collection, including a SMTA and 656. Doing things such as this is a big part of why we are in this exciting hobby, why we do what we do, sharing and enjoying what others have discovered along this journey of saving the International Harvester Company legacy. Also please note that members Tom and Georgia Macauley have offered to host and donate expenses for our annual picnic at their farm. We are blessed with members offering to host meetings, etc., and kindly thank them.

My routine back-and-forth exchange of newsletters with other chapter presidents reflects how many have gone to electronic newsletters. After months of discussion with our BOD and members present at meetings we have agreed to email our next edition of *Farmall Flyer* to members with computers. Non-computer using members will receive their hardcopy newsletter as usual. The benefits are enormous. Most apparent is the cost savings of materials, handling, printing and postage. Mailing would be free. There is no limit to the number of pages, color, and graphics, and the ease of sharing. We are pleased that Becky has agreed to continue being our newsletter editor until we can find a replacement for her. Past FF's show Becky first asked to be relieved of editor duty back in 2017.

The big Stew Paquette International Harvester Museum Auction in Leesburg, FL is now history. Online auctions started October 11 and went until October 14, 2022. Diehard IH collectors worldwide still cannot accept what happened to that awesome museum. I am hopeful that somebody who has closely followed the auction sale will write a story about how the auction played out. We need to bring closure to losing this IH gold mine. I am so glad that I was able to take in the museum three different years while vacationing in Florida. That place was amazing, International Harvester Heaven on Earth, I tell you. A friend of mine who belongs to the Antique Truck Club of America (ATCA) told me they used to hold their winter show at Stew's Farmall Museum

and now have to settle for a lesser county fairgrounds setting instead.

Let us continue praying and offering our help to the following members who are not feeling well. Louis Buckner, Tom Macauley, Rob Mings, Sharon Rissinger, Anita DeGlopper, Harry Pankow and Jim Bagley. Jim is being treated for a heart problem. Please send a card or make a phone call to them. For us seniors, health issues often become a compromise.

There is plenty of interesting reading in this edition of *Farmall Flyer*. Make sure you read about our Christmas party, and member Brad Banks surprising us with his donation of an F-20 pedal tractor. Our Farm Toy Show is coming in February. Our recent election of directors and installation of officers has us positioned to face the New Year with hope and vigor. It is our wish that you will step up and become more active in our club such as Jerry Taylor, Brad Banks and Roberta Learn have done to help with all that we do as a family at NY35. We saw more of this during our Christmas Party meeting when member Butch Christ came forward and offered to handle the pedal tractor raffle and then Jay Fullerton, Jerry Taylor and Gary Hill too. That is the volunteer spirit our club needs. Read his notice in FF about that project and his committee's timeline. Thank you all.

Our Treasurer Tom Macauley has been in Highland Hospital with pneumonia. We will keep Tom in our prayers. A January 27th benefit for Rob Mings is SOLD OUT according to his wife Sue. Rehab is going slowly.

During our December meeting we heard that long time Case/IH dealer, Lamb & Webster of Springville, NY has been sold to Monroe Tractor.

In closing I hope you had a blessed Christmas and pray that you have a wonderful New Year filled with family, friends, exciting new IH memorabilia discoveries, and happiness and good health.

Gene Preston **RED FOREVER!**