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## 2023 Calendar of Events

**May 6- Saturday, Elba Plow Day at Lew Esten's farm, Rt. 98 & Edgerton Rd.** Directors Meeting at 1 PM and General Membership Meeting at 2 PM. Food available on your own. Contact: Gene Preston 585-690-8005. Lew Esten 585-409-8308. *Please take note that this is on a Saturday.*

**June 11- Annual Picnic & Meeting at Tom & Georgia Macauley, Merrimac Farm, 3920 E. Groveland Rd, Mt. Morris, NY. Rt-390, Exit #7.** PLEASE R.S.V.P. Gene Preston 585-690-8005. Starts at 1 PM, picnic followed by Directors and General Meetings. Bring your lawn chairs and **WEAR RED** for group photo for Harvester Highlights Magazine.

**June 15-17- 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Red Power Roundup**, hosted by Nebraska Chapter 12 at Grand Island, Nebraska. See details in Harvester Highlights.

**July 9- 12<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL TRACTOR SHOWDOWN**, at Charcoal Corral, Perry, NY. 11 to 3 PM. Set-up starting at 9. Contact Randy or Becky at 585-493-5158.

**July 24-25 - 17<sup>th</sup> Sanborn- Lewiston Farm Museum Festival.** Tractor/equipment show a major part of festival. Tractor parades are planned. Fun for the whole family including food, farmer's market, and music to name a few of the activities. FREE ADMISSION.

**August 9-12- 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Pageant of Steam, Canandaigua, NY. NOTICE!** Meeting previously scheduled for 8/11/23 has been CANCELLED. Chapter 35 meeting at the Steam Show determined no longer needed as noted in meeting minutes of 4/16/23.

**September 7-10- 56<sup>th</sup> Annual WNYG&SEA Rally.** Chapter meeting Saturday, September 9, 2023. Directors Meeting at 2 PM followed by General Meeting. This is our State Show, "**Red Power Charge 2023.**" Food available on grounds. Contact: Dale Rissinger at 585-584-3886.

**November 12,-Reorganizational Meeting** at the clubhouse. Directors Meeting at 12 noon, Potluck lunch at 1:00 PM followed by General Meeting. Election

**Sunshine Notes:** Becky Broughton will send cards or notes to our members who are ill, in distress, recuperating or who have lost a loved one. If you know of anyone needing some TLC at these times, please contact **Becky at (585) 493-5158**



## From the President .....

The passing of Charter Member # 015 Robert H. Erdmann January 18, 2023 got our new year off on a sad note. See our tribute to Bob on our website Memorials section. Also see my report on our trip to Roanoke, VA and the IHC Winter Convention. It was another fun time.

Recently we learned of the horrific accident at our state show site, the WNYG&SEA grounds on Gillate Rd near the clubhouse. Their past president and BOD member John Hanobik lost his wife Kate, according to troopers, as a tree was being cut down killing her the morning of February 20, 2023. On behalf of our chapter, our prayers are for the Lord to grant peace and comfort to John and his family. May Kate rest in the eternal peace of the Lord and heaven's everlasting happiness.

My spring tractor "seat time" is building up again as I fit my ground again and plant my early crops on what remains of our family century farm here in Greece, NY. After sitting around the house during winter months, occasionally performing a maintenance project on one of the Farmalls, changing oil and filters, greasing up the plow, checking the air in the tires, and crawling up on the mighty 400, it is once again show time, time to fit the ground so the Lord can make my crops grow like crazy. Having grown up here and moving back to the site, building a new home

where the homestead once stood, my head is often filled with fond memories of working the land with my parents and brothers using all International Harvester tractors and machinery, well, there were 3 little gutsy Persian Orange Allis-Chalmers tractors that worked here too.

We were saddened to learn of the passing of a truly grand gentleman, Jim Shutt, March 5, 2023. Jim was my friend from back when I belonged to Western PA Chapter 16 for 5 years before Ray and Anita DeGlopper got our NYS Chapter 35 organized. Jim was their president for many years and then became national director and vice president until he became ill. His wife Mary Kaye was very active with their state shows and newsletter. I remember attending their 8<sup>th</sup> Annual July 19-21, 2002 Harvester Dreamland State Show. They recognized me by using a colorful photo of my 1961 Cub Cadet Original on their show magnet awarded to anyone registering and showing a tractor. At the Winter Convention I was asked by National Vice President Sherman Roberts to place Jim's name into nomination for the IHC Hall of Fame. I just completed a biography and proudly sent it in.

Not to bore you with family stuff, but recently my brother Ken has received word that he has incurable cancer in numerous organs. Please keep him in your prayers as our family helps him battle this dreadful disease.

As a member you should make it a habit to check our website at [www.ihcc35ny.com](http://www.ihcc35ny.com) for the latest word on meetings and events of our chapter. Photos are constantly being updated by our member webmaster Dave Meacham. Thanks to Dave for all the time and work he puts in keeping the website fresh, and also his duty as our membership secretary.

**Cub Cadet Corral.** Member Gary Hill has offered to organize a Cub Cadet Corral at our "**Red Power Charge 2023**" State Show. What a great idea Gary! That will be our first organized CCC in

years, the most successful chaired by member Jim Bagley at our very first State Show at Hemlock, NY, July 28-29, 2006. At that CCC we had 41 Cubbies registered and on display, nearly one for each of the 20 years IH built Cub Cadets.

We held up this issue of Farmall Flyer so we could report on the April 16 meeting at member Steve Sondericker's farm. I am so glad we did as it may go down in Chapter 35 history as one of our finest days. What a lovely farm family; Steve, Susan, Katie and Will. What a lovely farm! Read all about it elsewhere here in our newsletter.

Speaking of the newsletter, Farmall Flyer is YOUR newsletter and club officials would like nothing better than to have readers submit stories and photos of your IH tractors and collectibles. I am certain that seeing most articles provided by me is boring and often repetitive. PLEASE take some time to write us about a repair job or experience you have had with your Farmalls. Consider having one of the kids do it as a school project.

Our May 6 Plow Day at Lew Esten's (see details elsewhere in FF) will have a special attraction for us to see this year. They have purchased several tractors from the Stew Paquette's Auction and will be on display. I cannot wait to see that stuff. In closing, as we rev up and become active again in the nice weather, keep safety in mind at all times. A sudden accident coming out of nowhere can happen to any of us while playing with our big heavy tractors. Get serious and pay attention whenever backing or driving where people may be distracted and not watching what is about. Hope to see you at our next event, Plow Day Lew Esten's place, Saturday, May 6 in Elba, NY.

As my friend and president of my other membership, Alabama Chapter 23, Randy Bodine likes to say in closing his reports,

**Happy Tractoring !**

*Gene Preston*

## Treasurer's Report By Tom Macauley First Quarter, 2023

<b>Opening Balance</b>	<b>\$16,709.98</b>
Income:	
January membership dues	40.00
February membership dues	.00
March membership dues	122.00
50/50 Raffle	<u>37.00</u>
Income total	\$ 199.00
Expences:	
January:	
Pedal tractor tickets	\$ 182.95
National dues	10.00
Jan. Newsletter postage/printing	570.60
WNYG&SEA clubhouse rental	50.00
February:	
Lamont Awards name plate	15.00
Gene Preston drinks/paper goods for	
Feb. Mtg and to restock club tote	46.21
March:	
National dues	<u>60.00</u>
	\$ 934.76
<b>Ending balance</b>	<b>\$ 15,924.22</b>

## **General Membership Meeting Minutes for 11.13.2022:**

**Time:** 1:43pm

**In attendance:** Gene Preston, President/Director; Dick Monkelban, Vice President/Director; Dale Rissinger, Director; Bob Andrews, Director; Dave Meacham, Membership Secretary/Director; Sandra Austin, Secretary; General Membership; Anita DeGlopper, Ray DeGlopper, Jack Hall, Carol Monkelbaan, Tim Hagen, Butch Christ, Jay Fullerton, Sharon Fullerton, Don Delude, Brad Banks, Dick Schuessler, Debbie Mazur, Allen Mason.

**Meeting called to order by:** Gene Preston, President

**Pledge to the Flag led by:** Ray DeGlopper

**Invocation by:** Gene Preston, President

**Reading of Minutes:** deferred; minutes were in the previous newsletter. Motion to approve printed notes made by Ray, seconded by Carol; the motion was carried.

**Treasurer's report:** We had \$710 in income, expenses of \$420 to National and \$298.10 to our website domain. There is currently a balance of \$17,744. Motion to approve treasurer's report made by Anita DeGlopper, seconded by Alan Mason. Carried.

**Membership Secretary Report:** Renewal started out strong but dwindled; 187 members have currently renewed. 37 have not; Gene placed calls to those members. National dues are increasing by \$5 effective 01.01.23; memberships received after that date will see the increase. At this time, National is not permitting any multi-renewals; our renewals can only be for one year. Motion to approve increase made by Dick, seconded by Jay; motion carried.

**Committee reports:** None at this time.

**Past presidents:** We would like to welcome and recognize Anita DeGlopper, Ray DeGlopper, and Dale Rissinger.

### **Old Business:**

- At our last meeting, the BOD approved an internal audit of our books. Patty Feeney and Dick Dahmer will work with the treasurer and plan to conduct the audit at our 02.12.2023 meeting.
- At the last meeting, a fundraiser was approved by the BOD. Director Dale acquired a pedal tractor for \$300 as a fundraiser project. Motion was made by Dave and seconded by Dick to go ahead with the fundraiser as soon as we can get a committee chairperson and get tickets printed. **Gene emailed members asking for a volunteer to manage the fundraiser, and received a reply from member Jerry Taylor of Attica, New York. Jerry may select a couple of club members to help him with ticket printing, advertising, sales, and distribution to members. Thank you Jerry!**
- **State Show:** Following discussion, the BOD agreed to designate the WNYG&SEA rally at Alexander, NY as our Annual State Show site. Dave made a motion, seconded by Dale, that our bylaws be amended as such, and they will submit a bylaw change accordingly; the BOD gave their approval. Dave proposed a bylaw change to the membership at today's meeting in accordance with Article 3, Section 6 that makes the WNYG&SEA rally designated as our permanent Red Power Charge State Show Site. A two-thirds majority of members present is required from motion to pass, a call for a vote was made, and no members opposed. The motion carried and the Alexander Steam Show will be designated as our State Show.
- **Annual Membership Dues:** Many chapters are following National and increasing their dues by \$5 to ensure chapter income and pay bills for catered lunches and enjoy the activities, such as the bus trip taken to Chapter 17 a few years ago. The club does pay for quite a few things during the year, such as pizza/subs, parties, and we may look at another trip. **The BOD approved a \$5.00 increase in our annual dues. Total will be \$35 with \$15 going to the Club and \$20 going to National. Motion to approve made by Dale, seconded by Dave; motion was carried.**  
**Christmas party:** Our Christmas party is Saturday, 12.03.2022 in Batavia at the same location as last year. Roberta has a report; members should call her to RSVP at 607-423-7097 by 11.23.2023 so we can get a headcount for the church Hall staff. There is also a sign-up sheet at today's meeting. We must guarantee 30 people, as that's the minimum for them to serve. We're hoping for a good turnout; last year we paid for 35 dinners and gave a \$50 tip. Members are encouraged to bring canned or non-perishable goods to donate to the church food pantry. Gene has scheduled a guest speaker, and he and Patty will make programs, pick up veggie and fruit trays, and also pick up poinsettias for each table. Dave Meacham will get 3 dozen black, red, and white balloons.
- **Calendar of Events:** A calendar of events is listed through September of this year on our website and through June on the Farmall Flyer calendar. Dale will get our 02.12.2023 meeting marked on the Alexander calendar. Thank you Dale! Our 04.16.2023 meeting will be at members Steve and Susan Sodericker's Friendly Acres Farm

in Attica, NY. The club will provide lunch with pizza and soft drinks. Details will be in the newsletter; this will be a fun day at one of our member's farms!

- Website Domain and Hosting Renewal: The deadline for payment for our website domain was last month; the bill was paid by Dave. A motion is needed to reimburse Dave \$298.10 for paying the website domain and hosting renewal. Motion made by Dick and seconded by Gene; the motion is carried.
- Harvester Highlights: Gene apologized for missing the deadline for our Chapter Happenings Report in the current issue of Harvester Highlights. He noted that he has "too many irons in the fire" at age 81.
- Membership Drive: Continuing with our Membership Drive, Gene presented an idea earlier this year regarding making a printed handout/brochure with our club information and a membership application within to promote new memberships. While it's great to tell people about our website and Club, putting a brochure in their hand is an entirely different thing. Members can also inquire about leaving some brochures at local businesses. Patty volunteered to assist, and Gene and Patty prepared a draft. Examples were shared with General Membership. Dave obtained prices for color printing on an 8-½" x 11" handout brochure folded twice. The Warsaw Penny saver could do 200 brochures on #65 weight paper for \$143.50 plus tax. The BOD approved 200 brochures. **During discussion, General Membership suggested 500; the BOD approved the request for \$500 at the General Meeting. Motion made by Gene and seconded by Dick; the motion was carried.**
- Emailing Farmall Flyer: Starting with the next issue of the Farmall Flyer, Dave will have the Warsaw Penny Saver email him the PDF, which he will send out to members with email addresses. The Warsaw Penny saver will print and mail black and white copies to members without email.

#### **New Business:**

- Patty spoke with Luanne from the Steam Club, who inquired if we wanted to do a pancake breakfast again. We did one last April, but the date does not match up with our next two meetings. It was suggested we put off until fall and see if it will line up with any of our upcoming meetings.
- Chapter 27: Stewart Paquette's Museum in Leesburg, Florida closed on 10.15.2022 due to him passing away earlier in the year. All of his tractors and memorabilia have been auctioned off.

#### **DONATED PEDAL TRACTOR FOR 2024 Fund Raiser.**

- In keeping with the theme of our 2023 pedal tractor fundraiser, member Bradford Banks donated an F20 pedal tractor to raffle off as a fundraiser in 2024. We thank him very much for that donation which will get our 2024 fund drive off to a great start not having to purchase the prize. Dale will store the pedal tractor until we need it.

**List of guests and speakers:** Guest Sue Delude is here and is becoming a member today.

#### **For Good and Welfare of the Organization:**

- ❖ Member Rob Mings is currently at Elderwood (corner of Eggert and Bailey in Amherst). He seems to enjoy visitors, but his speech is a bit slow; he's also having some issues with moving his right arm and leg at this time.
- ❖ Member Anita is here and looking great!
- ❖ Director Harry was at our last meeting and looks great.
- ❖ Director Sharon is in her third week of chemo; please keep her in your thoughts.
- ❖ Member Randy Turner passed away in June 2022; we became aware of this during our membership renewal calls. Gene has ordered a nameplate for our Memorial Plaque.

**50/50 drawing won by:** Bradford Banks; winnings were donated back to the club. Thanks very much to Brad.

**Next Meeting:** Our next meeting will be on 12.03-2022 at the Christmas party in Batavia. BOD meeting will be at 1 p.m., General Membership meeting at 1:30 pm, and dinner will be served at 2:30 p.m. Members are encouraged to bring canned or non-perishable donations. More information was enclosed in our newsletter.

**Motion for Adjournment:** Dick Monkelbaan

**Second:** Dale Rissinger

At 2:44 pm, the meeting was adjourned by Gene Preston, president.

*Respectfully submitted by Sandra Austin, Secretary*

## **General Membership Meeting 02.12.2023:**

**Time:** 1:32pm-2:26pm

**In attendance:** Gene Preston, President/Director; Dick Monkelbaan, Vice President/Director; Dale Rissinger, Director; Sharon Rissinger, Director; Bob Andrews, Director; Dave Meacham, Membership Secretary/Director; Tom MaCauley, Treasurer; Sandra Austin, Secretary

**Meeting called to order by:** Gene Preston, President

**Pledge to the Flag led by:** Bob Andrews

**Invocation by:** Gene Preston, President

**Reading of Minutes:** In newsletter; dispensed.

**Treasurer's report:** In newsletter; additional \$15.00 for Memorial Plaque Nameplate and \$50.00 for today's clubhouse rental.

**Membership Secretary Report:** The club now has 208 paid members. 168 members have provided an email address; 46 have not. The next newsletter will be emailed out to those with email addresses and hard copy mailed to those without. We have Membership Flyers/Brochures available; all members should take them and post them around their local stores etc.

### **Committee reports:**

- **Financial Audit committee** will have a report at the April meeting, as the secretary is currently out of town.
- **Pedal Tractor Committee:** Chairman Butch Christ reported that 1000 raffle tickets were purchased for \$182.95 and they will be passed out at today's meeting. Members will be provided with bundles of six tickets for \$5; single tickets can be sold for \$1. The option to send packets of tickets to each member via mail was discussed; however, it was noted that the postage would be quite high and many tickets might not be returned. It was decided that it would be better to pass out the tickets at meetings instead of mailing them out. When you sell tickets, please put your initials on the back in case the stub isn't legible; you can keep the money/stubs and give them to Butch Christ when you see him. The drawing will be held at the Alexander Steam Show in September; the winner will have the option to choose which tractor they would like. At this time, we have over \$500 invested in one tractor and the tickets, and we would need to sell about \$1,200 worth of tickets to make an additional \$500. Discussion on what to do with the second tractor. It was agreed that one tractor will be raffled this year, and one in 2024.
  - ◆ Motion to approve passing out tickets made by Bob Andrews, seconded by Butch Christ. The motion has been carried.
  - ◆ Motion to approve selling one tractor this year and saving the second tractor for next year made by Dale Rissinger, seconded by Patty Feeney. Motion carried.

**Past presidents:** President Gene extended a welcome to past presidents in attendance, Randy Broughton, Dale Rissinger, and Ray DeGlopper.

**Old Business:** No old business other than committee reports.

### **New Business:**

- We have added two new names to our Memorial Plaque; remember Randy Turner passed away on 06.23.2022, and member Bob Erdmann passed away on 01.18.2023. Name plates have been purchased and will be added to the plaque.
- 2023 is the 100th anniversary of the Farmall Tractor! Members were asked to give some thought to ideas to commemorate the occasion at our State Show and can bring them up at future meetings.
- The Board of Directors approved restocking our Tote Box with paper supplies and cutlery. Also, soda for today's potluck lunch. Total of all this was \$46.21.
- Our next meeting will be at Friendly Farms in Attica, NY; pizza and pop will be provided by the club. Directions will be sent out by Gene.

- RFD TV has been broadcasting tractor shows; they are aired on Saturdays at noon and Thursday afternoons.
- Member Gary Hill called everyone last year regarding bringing tractors for the Alexander Steam show. That was a fine success. This year he suggested that we add a Cub Cadet Corral to the State Show this year. Gary will stake it out.
- A discussion about old bylaws regarding location change of the State Show. Club bylaws were amended on 11.13.2022 and ratified on 12.08.2022.
- From Harvester Highlights: there have been Tractor Restorations through FFA programs. Pioneer/Arcade has a big FFA group and Spencerport will be starting an AG Science program that will become part of their FFA in Springdale. At some point, the club May reach out to them.

**List of guests and speakers:** After today's meeting, Member Doug Harke discussed a variety of toys that were brought in. As always Doug, thank you for a wonderful presentation!

**For Good and Welfare of the Organization:**

- Member Rob Mings is currently at Elderwood (corner of Eggert and Bailey in Amherst). He looks well but continues to have issues with speech and control of his right arm and leg. We will continue to keep Rob in our thoughts.
  - Member Louis Buckner also had a stroke in September 2022; he is up and about and continues to do well.
  - Director Sharon Rissinger is present today and it is great to see her; we have missed her! All gave her a standing round of applause for coming today.
  - Member Anita DeGlopper is doing better at this time.
  - Director Harry Pankow has been doing better as well.
  - Member Jim Bagley has health concerns, but no update was available.
- \*\*Please keep all of our ill members in your prayers.

**50/50 drawing won by:** Jerry.

**Next Meeting:** Our next meeting will be on 04.16.2023 at Friendly Farms; directions will be provided in an email.

**Motion for Adjournment:** Sharon Rissinger

**Second:** Gary Hill, Carried.

At 2:26pm, **the meeting was adjourned** by Gene Preston, President/Director.

Gene wished everyone a safe drive home.

*Respectfully submitted by Sandra Austin, Secretary*

## **22<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL PLOW DAY at ELBA, NY**

**Saturday, May 6, 2023, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM**

**They have purchased some tractors from the Stew Paquette's Florida Auction and will be on display.**

***Come join the fun. Food available on your own.***

***Plowing is not Chapter 35 Sanctioned.***

**BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS**

**Note that we are meeting here on SATURDAY this year.**

**Directors Meeting at 1:00 PM. Followed by General Meeting**

**5 miles N. of Batavia on Rt 98, 7411 Oak Orchard Rd, Elba, NY 14058, 2 ½ Miles N. of Exit 48 off I-90.**

**Contacts: President Gene Preston 585-690-8005 & Past President & Host Lew Esten 585-409-8308**

# ANNUAL “BRAGGIN’ RIGHTS” FARM TOY SHOW FEBRUARY 12, 2023

By Gene Preston, show coordinator.

Our Chapter 35 Annual Farm Toy Show was a fun winter afternoon event as numerous members displayed their favorite farm toys in creative displays on tables set aside from our meeting area. Forms were available for members to take credit for their displays and describe toy histories.

An unexpected treat took place when we learned that our nationally famous well-known writer and farm toy guru Doug Harke of Geneseo, NY would be attending. He and his wife were unable to winter in Florida this year because of surgery. We took advantage of his presence by having him share more of his farm toy expertise with us. Always a meeting and show hit, Doug’s display this year included a McCormick WD-40 tractor on an International K-8 dealer truck from his huge collection.

Another show highlight was Louie Buckner’s awesome McCormick Model 55W Hay Baler. A limited production piece, it demands all the extra attention it gets whenever he shows it. Also, he displayed his other farm toy specialty, a variety of crawler tractors. Gene Preston’s 1/64<sup>th</sup> scale model (457 wooden pieces) of an 1950’s prototype IH dealership building with trademark red pylon made a nice diorama. Farmalls being serviced and repaired in the rear shop area, a fully stocked parts department, and a showroom with new Farmalls, IH appliances, and Cub Cadet tractors all show what a dealership looked like when we were kids. We are most appreciative to everyone that made our show a success this winter. At a time when classic tractors are in storage in the Northeast, a 1/16<sup>th</sup> scale tractor show in the warmth of our Alexander, NY clubhouse makes spring feel a little closer. Enjoy the pictures below showing some of the toys.





# 31<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL IHC WINTER CONVENTION

By Gene Preston, President

The 31st Annual IHC Winter Convention at Roanoke, VA. is now history and we made many new friends while there. This report will be brief so not to take away from my report I was asked to write for our national newsletter Harvester Highlights. They extended the deadline until the day the convention ended so I could get the group pictures and everything included and emailed to them from our hotel room.

The bus tour to the McCormick Farm in Raphine, Virginia was a highlight of the convention in my opinion. This is the actual site where 22-year-old Cyrus McCormick demonstrated the world's first mechanical reaper in the fields nearby to neighbors and onlookers on a hot July day in 1831. A grist mill and other structures still remain in working order. The family farm house is now a museum and main office.

The two days of morning and afternoon seminars always offered something of interest to everyone. *Properly Securing Equipment for Hauling* by John Roop had many important tips reinforced by photos of 3 large IH tractors shown totally destroyed and scattered into pieces when they were thrown off the trailer during a traffic mishap.

Thursday evening Vaughn Allen and Tom Clark talked excitedly on *Building IH Trucks for 116 years*. Friday evening my gathering of chapter presidents for a group photo took place. Then the IH Auction lasted for 2 hours. Our own Tom Macauley was the successful bidder on a limited-edition dealer piece, a 1/16 scale new 1987 7130 MFD Magnum tractor in the box. Each evening after scheduled events were finished a nice mix of chapter members convened in the large lobby area talking and laughing in a wonderful show of camaraderie, something President Bob Buxton remarked on during one of his talks. Saturday morning my favorite part of a winter convention took place, the National Board Meeting. I was asked to take a group photo of them that I sent to Kevin at Harvester Highlights. The recent passing of Past Vice President Jim Schutt of Western PA Chapter 16 was mentioned. A suggestion of mine to leave a blank page in the meeting minutes in honor of Jim was accepted. Our national club is in excellent health with 2 or 3 new chapters on the horizon, and talk of acquiring several acres of property for a headquarters office and storage building shared with Harvester Heritage. Hall of Fame candidates are also being addressed. Lots more will be reflected in the official meeting minutes. Saturday evening the big gala banquet took place with a keynote speaker, and lots of neat door prizes. Table centerpieces have TN Chapter 9 decals on them because host Chapter 41 purchased them when they were not used last year. You will remember that convention had to be cancelled because of a hotel booking error.

So that is a brief summary of the 31st IHC Winter Convention. We enjoyed a pleasant nearly 500-mile ride home stopping off at one of our favorite sites, Gettysburg, PA. Always something neat to see there for us Civil War buffs. Shown are some of my photos, but most will be available for your viewing on our website at: [www.ihcc35ny.com](http://www.ihcc35ny.com)





## Sondericker “Friendly Acres” Farm Meeting April 16, 2023

By Gene Preston, President

An unbelievable 85-degree April day on a truly beautiful dairy farm in Attica, NY, Wyoming County, and a handsome farmyard sign reading, “FRIENDLY ACRES, The Sondericker Family,” greeted us as we drove in the farm driveway. First impressions of seeing this

farm made me think of one of those 1950’s Saturday Evening Post Magazine front cover illustrations of everyday life by Norman Rockwell.

Before our meetings started a group of early arrivers sat around relaxing and admiring the view looking out across a valley of farmland bathed in sunshine and covered by blue sky. Stories ranged from silage making, to 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Farmall tractors, and thankfulness of God’s gift of a perfect day. This is what the true meaning of our club is all about dear readers. Having fun enjoying good company in a relaxed farm setting, with a bunch of Farmall tractors out front, and telling of farm family stories and history. We mentioned seeing Sondericker Road in the area as we approached the farm.

The Sonderickers are the fourth generation of dairy farmers. A good turnout of 33 Chapter 35 folks enjoyed a day comprised of our director’s meeting, pizza and soda lunch, and general membership meeting in a spacious and clean equipment shed with huge open doors as a hot sun beat down outside in a picture-perfect farm yard with nice lawns and gardens. A round of applause broke out during our meeting thanking Steve and Sue Sondericker and their two children, Katie and Will, for inviting us to their delightful surroundings and 1000-acre dairy farm.

Immediately following the meeting, a group photo was taken outside behind our chapter banner and below an awesome barn quilt painting with a large red and black IH in its center. Then came the real highlight of the day,

a short caravan drive down the road to the huge dairy barns operation where we were amazed at seeing numerous robotic milking facilities in action as hundreds of mooing cows enjoyed looking at us as much as we enjoyed looking at them. We were blessed to have Charter member Paul Schneible, noted veterinarian in our group who explained how the cows enter the robotic milking units by themselves when they feel a need to be milked. Making milk is the core business of the Sonderickers who have their planting, growing and harvesting of crops done by custom operators. In addition to their own land, they also rent a large acreage of other land.

Back in the yard on the side of a barn is a life size full color beautiful painting of Steve’s late father, Roger driving his awesome Super MTA tractor. Steve explained how the family agreed it was an appropriate way to honor Roger. I can only imagine how proud and excited he would have been to be part of our Chapter 35 day at his farm. Roger was an active member of NY35 who passed away February 14, 2020 and is memorialized on our plaque at the clubhouse.

So, that is part of what took place at our Chapter 35 fun time at member Steve Sondericker’s Attica, NY dairy farm. Member remarks could be overheard now and then during the day how enjoyable time played out gathering at a member’s place sitting in our favorite lawn chair, instead of the confines of the clubhouse. What a grand way to kick-off our mild weather season of club activity. Club officials agreed to further seek member hosts for future meetings.





## **General Membership Meeting 04.16.2023 at member Steve Sondericker's Farm.**

**Time:** 1:38 PM-2:21 PM

**In Attendance:** Gene Preston, President/Director, Dale Rissinger, Director, Harry Pankow, Director, Tom Macauley, Treasurer, Dave Meacham Director/Membership Secretary, Sandra Austin, Secretary.

**Members Present:** Patty Feeney, Art Todtenhagen, Brant Sherlock, Paul Welker, Carol Welker, Steve Sondericker, Dick Schuessler, Butch Christ, Patrick Pankow, Georgia Macauley, Jerry Taylor, Judd Ewell, Alan Mason, Dean Macauley, Sharon Fullerton, Jay Fullerton, Paul Schneible and several guests.

**Meeting Called to Order:** By Gene Preston, President

**Pledge to the flag led by** Sandra Austin

**Invocation by:** Gene, President

**Reading of past meeting minutes:** Posted in newsletter, dispensed

**Treasurer's Report:** By Tom Macauley. Posted in newsletter. Motion to approve report by Harry, second by Butch, Carried.

**Secretary's Report:** No correspondence.

**Agenda:** President Preston thanked our hosts Steve and Susan Sonderickers for hosting the meeting.

- Past President recognition. Dale Rissinger only past president present.
- Next newsletter will be out in couple weeks. It was held up to include this meeting.

**Membership Secretary Report:** by Dave Meacham. Dave reports we now have 212 members.

Renewal period has closed. Motion to accept report by Harry, second by Gary Hill. Carried.

**Committee Reports:** Chairman Butch explained because of the ticket expenses, pedal tractor costs, and sale of tickets @ 6 for \$5.00 a book, we would only be profiting about \$350. He asked for a show of hands by those wishing to have more tickets printed in order to make more profit. Fewer than half the majority raised their hands. He will contact everyone that was given tickets at the February 12 meeting and see how many remain to be sold. Drawing will be at the September 9, 2023 at our State Show.

**Old or Unfinished Business:** Audit of financial books. Committee to meet in fall.

**New Business:** Reminder: All to meet following the meeting for a group photo out front.

- President Gene and Patty Feeney attending the IHCC Winter Convention in Roanoke, VA along with the Macauleys in March. Lots going on with the national organization including 3 new chapter forming. Read Gene's reports in upcoming Harvester Highlights and Farmall Flyer.
- We hope to have a 1923 and 2023 Farmall tractor at our State Show.
- BOD approved a motion to pay for today's lunch cost of \$111.66.
- June 11 annual picnic hosted by Tom & Georgia Macauley. See details in poster in newsletter.
- Pageant of Steam August 11 meeting has been cancelled and determined as not needed.
- Let's all support Gary Hill's idea for a Cub Cadet Corral at our State Show.

**Good and Welfare:** Rob Mings still in rehab making slow progress. Sharon Rissinger still very ill at home.

Jim Bagley – no update. Anita DeGlopper update was emailed last week. Keep all in our prayers.

**50/50 Drawing:** Won by Susan Sondericker, \$37.50. Thanks to Gary & Chris Hill for managing that detail.

**Next Meeting is:** SATURDAY, May 6, our Plow Day at Lew Esten's. Poster with details in Farmall Flyer.

**Motion for adjournment:** By Dave Meacham, second by Dale Rissinger, Carried.

**Meeting adjourned at:** 2:21 PM

*Respectfully submitted by Sandra Austin, Secretary*

# Please Welcome New Members!

Jacob DeLude - Marilla NY 14102-9724 (Erie)  
Dale Rosser - Holland NY 14080-9666 (Erie)  
Arthur Todtengahen - Clarence Center NY 14032-9609 (Erie)

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## Membership Report by David Meacham

This membership renewal period for 2023 has been a very busy one. We have been fortunate to have picked up members that have not renewed since 2019 and 2020. We also picked up 8 new members. The new members came in from using the newsletter application, our IHCC35ny.com website and the new tri-fold information brochure. Out of the currently active 213 members we have 74% of our members have an email address on file. So please if you have not sent in your email address, please send to David Meacham at [IHCC35NY@roadrunner.com](mailto:IHCC35NY@roadrunner.com). This gives our chapter the ability to have more timely communications with our members. By providing your email address we will never sell it or use in any way besides for chapter business. The membership renewal brought into our chapter the following donations and the Board of Directors would like to recognize those who donated above and beyond their dues:

Chuck Bauer	Robert Kier
Richard Belding	Ed Lincoln
John Brennan	Edward Mann
Walter Butch Christ	David Mark
Fred Crane	Robert Page
Robert Elwell	Daniel Park
Alan Hayes	Pierre Pelletreau
Thomas Houser	Byron Pfleuger
Douglas Irwin	David Smith

**Thank you for your generous support!**

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## **IHCC NYS CHAPTER 35 ANNUAL MEETING & PICNIC AT MT. MORRIS, NY**

Thanks to our hosts Tom and Georgia Macauley, Merrimac Farm  
3920 E. Groveland Rd, Mt. Morris, NY Livingston County  
SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 2023

**WEAR RED FOR A GROUP PHOTO & BRING LAWN CHAIRS**

**DIRECTORS MEETING AT 1:00 PM, EAT AT 2 PM FOLLOWED BY GENERAL MEETING**

**Directions: Take Rt 390, Exit #7 at Mt. Morris, turn right onto Rt 408 then continue onto Rt 63 to Abele Rd and at the first crossroads go straight through onto E. Groveland Rd. The first house on the right is Tom's. **RSVP Gene Preston (585) 225-7218 before June 4.****

## FOR SALE

Two IH OS4 Orchard tractors. Both run and drive. One has new tires. Serial numbers are 9 digits apart. Selling as a pair. \$7500.00 for both. Fred Fischer (845) 255- 5292 (Wallkill, NY) 4/22

Farmall 504: narrow front, spin out wheels, 80% rear tires, dual remotes, flat top fenders, ROPS, fresh tune-up, professional paint \$6500.

Paul M Dudley 11194 Bonta Bridge Road, Cato, NY 13033  
Phone number- (315)-209-9996 4/23

International 55T baler -motor runs excellent. \$2500.  
Harry Pankow- (585) 493-5330 4/23

Do you have something to sell or are you looking for something contact me there is space right here.

## WANTED

IH 504 Utility in any condition.  
Dale Rissinger 585-584-3886 7/22



### November 2022 Mecum Auction

- 1964- IH 806- \$30,000
- 1967 Farmall 656-\$14,000
- 1975 IH 1066 w/ black stripe, dual PTO- \$27,000
- 1959 Farmall 560D (5<sup>th</sup> one made) a steal at \$3500
- 1946 McCormick Deering W-9(new tires, rebuilt)- \$2500
- 1955 Farmall 300- \$7500 didn't sell
- 1955 Farmall Cub- \$1800
- 1954 IH Super MTA- \$3750
- IH 460 gas- \$4250
- 1952 IH Super C- \$7000
- 1956 IH W400- \$3000
- 1957 Farmall 350- \$10,000
- 1969 Farmall 400D- \$4500
- 1953 Farmall Super H- \$7500

## Classifieds

Ads are free to members- If you need to advertise something or change a previous ad please call or clip the form below and send to Becky Broughton, 5664 School Rd. Castile, NY 14427, call (585)-493-5158 please leave a message if no answer.

### "FREE AD" SUBMISSION FORM- PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Circle one    WANTED    FOR SALE

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**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION (new or renewals)**

If your address changes, please call, email, or write to Dave Meacham or you will not be receiving your newsletters. It costs the chapter money every time a newsletter or National magazine is returned, and bulk mail will not be forwarded.

Thank you for your interest in the International Harvester Collectors, Chapter 35 of New York State. Below is an application with information necessary to process your membership.

**If you are a member and questioning whether you need to renew, just look at the top left of your address on the newsletter and if it is equal to or greater than N23 you are already renewed. Anything less than N23 means you need to renew. See sample label below.**

**Please use your legal name and full address as required by your post office.** New members will receive a national membership card with your national and state member numbers. Save this, they are not reissued each year.

Club benefits include:

- membership in the National Club and NY State Chapter 35
- quarterly magazine publication from the IHC National Club, *Harvester Highlights*
- quarterly newsletter from Chapter 35, *Farmall Flyer*
- National IHC insurance policy coverage at **Chapter 35** sanctioned events
- post your equipment pictures on our website [www.ihcc35ny.com](http://www.ihcc35ny.com) for all to see!

**Dues currently are \$35.00 beginning January 1, 2023. This includes the National dues of \$20.00 and Chapter 35 dues of \$15.00.**

Please print information, **cut out application** and return with remittance payable to **IHC Chapter 35 of NYS** to the address below. Save the rest of the information for your records. We look forward to hearing from you and meeting you at one of our future events.


Chapter 35 Membership  
 David E Meacham  
 4510 Harris Hill Rd.  
 Williamsville, NY 14221  
 (716) 573-5313  
[IHCC35NY@roadrunner.com](mailto:IHCC35NY@roadrunner.com)

**Sample Label**

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**David E. Meacham**  
**4510 Harris Hill Rd.**  
**Williamsville NY 14221-6212**

<b>Your Receipt:</b>
\$ _____
Cash or Check # _____
Date: _____



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\*Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

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\*Phone # ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ \*County \_\_\_\_\_

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IH equipment that you own \_\_\_\_\_

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Skill Area of expertise you are willing to share:  
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