



# INDIANA HARVESTER NEWSLETTER

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## International Harvester Collectors of Indiana Chapter #7



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## President's Update

## IHC Chapter 7

## Spring 2024

As I write this in early March, spring has been teasing us with a few beautiful, warm, sunny days only to shortly relapse back into winter's cutting cold. However, in southern Indiana we have a few daffodils raising their stems out of the ground and even a few in the bright sunny areas popping a few yellow flowers. As I get older, I have become less and less of a fan of winter and now understand why many head south for a few months to escape the cold. Joyce and I headed to Florida ourselves for a couple of weeks to hide from mother nature and visit with family and friends that spend their winters there. It takes us a little longer than most, as I like to drive and look at farms along the way, drive through machinery lots and stop and look at RED tractors for sale along the non-interstate highways.

We did wait to leave until after our first quarter Chapter 7 meeting at the MCL restaurant on the south side of Indy, on the 28<sup>th</sup> of January. We had a wonderful meal followed by a great meeting with a nice crowd of members, spouses and guests.

The Chapter presented retiring board member Norm Jackson with a special engraved plaque commemorating his many years of dedicated service to the board and Chapter. Norm was one of our founding members and his fondness for anything associated with IHC is unmatched.

At our last meeting we voted to help Chapter 33 with the IHCC Midwest Regional Spring Gathering in Auburn Indiana, March 14<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup>. This event opens daily at 9 a.m., all in the climate-controlled Kruse Plaza. Over 100 RED tractors will be on display with the first 1947 #501 and the last 1979 Cub #253,682 on display. Chapter 7 hopes to have our display table there with our usual assortment of promotional items and our Tractor Mac books for sale. Come by and say hi!

We also discussed our IH Chapter 7 upcoming 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter meeting at 11:00 a.m., on Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup> at the State IH Show in Osgood. The show will take place on June 27,28 and 29 at the S.E. Indiana F.A.R.M. Club show site at the Ripley County Fairgrounds, 424 E Cravens Street, Osgood. It is 2 blocks west of IN 350 and US 421. Please call Chuck Heck, 812-584-5153 with any questions. We had over 400 Red tractors including a few IH Gray ones at last year's State Show, so we hope to have a big turnout this year as well. Many thanks to the S.E. Indiana F.A.R.M. Club for hosting us.

Red Power is in Spencer, Iowa at the Clay County Fair Grounds June 20-23, 2024.

I hope our paths cross in 2024. I'd love to talk about old red tractors.

President, IHC Chapter 7 *Don Villwock*

**International Harvester Collectors Chapter 7  
First Quarter Meeting January 28, 2024  
MCL Cafeteria, Indianapolis, Indiana**

The first quarter meeting of International Harvester Collectors Club Chapter 7 was called to order by President Don Villwock, with 32 members and guests in attendance.

The Treasurer's report was given by Mark Dieckmann.

The minutes of the November 19 meeting were read by Secretary Pat Schlegel. A motion was made to accept the minutes as read. A second was received to the motion and approved by those in attendance.

The membership secretary's report was made by Neil Rissler, reporting 192 current members on the roster.

Randy Barrett made a presentation on behalf of the scholarship committee to Nick Bellush, the recipient of one of the Chapter 7 scholarships.

**Old Business:**

Dawn Dieckmann explained the procedure to go about making changes in the club bylaws.

Dwayne Hansford then explained to those in attendance what clause in the bylaws the chapter is considering changing. The proposed changes will be prepared in written form for the chapter meeting June 29 at the Osgood show.

Chuck Heck gave a report on the South East Indiana F.A.R.M. Club show, June 27-28-29 at Osgood, Indiana.

President Don Villwock gave an update report on the IHCC Midwest Regional Spring Gathering at Auburn, Indiana March 14-15-16, 2023.

At this time a presentation was made to Norm Jackson on behalf of the club by Mark Dieckmann for Norm's many years of dedication and service to the club.

**New Business:**

Don brought up the need for a host for our 2025 state show. Members were asked to help contact clubs that might be considering hosting in 2025. The need for a host for our 2025 state show will be posted on our social media sites.

Dwayne Hansford brought up the need for a nomination committee to make up a slate of candidates for the directors positions due for appointment. So the slate would be ready for the state show in June. Don thanks Dwayne for the reminder and said a committee would be in place to prepare a slate for the next meeting.

A brief discussion followed on the possibility of workshops and topics for workshops for future meetings.

Randy Barrett brought up the question of a possible plow day somewhere for the club. This was followed with a little discussion.

With no other business to discuss at this time the meeting was then called adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted  
Pat Schlegel  
Chapter 7 Secretary

**For Sale**

**2-150 lb rear wheel weights for a Cub or "B" \$100.00 ea**

**Drawbar for a Cub or BN  
\$25.00**

**4-100 lb suitcase weights for a Case  
\$100.00 ea**

**Contact:  
Emmett Webb  
[farmallfan1@comcast.net](mailto:farmallfan1@comcast.net)**

## Contact information still needed from many members

Thank you to all who have responded with their updated contact information and their delivery preference of receiving our newsletter.

We will **only** use this information to occasionally contact you to inform you of upcoming Chapter meetings, Plow Days or other events. At no time will your contact information ever be sold or used for anything other than club purposes

**Please answer these 3 questions and email, text or mail via USPS to my contact information below.**

1. What is your current phone number and email address?
2. Would you be satisfied with a **Full Color** Emailed copy of the Newsletter instead of a black and white copy in the mail? *(If so, don't forget to check your spam or junk mail folder if it doesn't show up)*

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Email: [ch7membership@gmail.com](mailto:ch7membership@gmail.com) (This is my new email address)

Call & leave a message or Text to 812-878-7942

## Membership Update

We currently have 194 members. We want to welcome our newest members.

Pat Kohne from Berne IN and Bob Gaetz from Hudson IN

Due to problems with my email address I have created a new email to use for all Chapter 7 correspondence.

It is [ch7membership@gmail.com](mailto:ch7membership@gmail.com) . Please change my email address in your address book and contacts if you have me listed.

I will continue to monitor my old email for any messages coming in on it. I hope this doesn't cause any confusion.

**Neil Rissler, Membership Secretary**

## Attention Members

**Your help is needed for the following club activities**

1. Chapter 7 is always looking for those willing to serve as directors or officers. Please let a current director or officer know if you are willing to serve in this capacity by June 1.
2. We always need help at our shows working the Chapter Table. It is easy and an opportunity to meet new people. Please contact Mark or Dawn Dieckmann at [markndawn@etczone.com](mailto:markndawn@etczone.com) if you can help out.
3. We are always in need of articles of your projects that you are willing to share with all of us. Please submit articles and pictures we can use in future newsletters.
4. We also need filler items so send pictures with a short caption of your IH treasures and especially of your displays at various shows. Send to Tom Smith or Neil

## Road Trip to See the Fifth Million IH Tractor By Roger Krentscher

Have you ever wanted to see something in life, but never got around to seeing it. I have and here is the story. One September 10<sup>th</sup>, after spending a week of scraping and painting my mini barn, it was time to go on a road trip. I decided to drive to Fort Benton, Montana and see the Special 5 Millionth International Tractor.



We all know this is a one of a kind tractor with its chrome grill, muffler and rims, with its special paint job. Also with its place in history, being the fifth million tractor being built by a manufacturer.

I had missed my chance earlier to see the tractor when it was in Madison, Wisconsin for the National IH Winter Convention. So on September 11, 2023 the trip began.

I would like to talk a little about the history of the tractor. On Friday, February 1, 1974 at 9:00 am the 5th million International tractor rolled off the assembly line in Rock Island, Illinois. With this tractor, International Harvester became the first tractor manufacturer to produce 5 million tractors. For the next two years, International took the tractor to special events.

On September 26, 1976, International offered to auction the tractor off to its dealers. The winning bid of \$40,086.86 was presented by 13 dealers from Montana. On June 15, 1994 with only three of the dealers left, they donated the tractor to the Montana Agricultural Museum.

The last thing I want to talk about is the route I took to the museum. When I left Indianapolis, I took I-74 to I-80 in the Quad Cities, I-80 West to I-380 North to Waterloo, Iowa. At Waterloo, I-380 turns into US 218. US 218 North to US 18 West. By Mason City, Iowa US 18 West runs into I35 North. I35 North to I90 West by Albert Lee, Minnesota. Follow I-90 West to Billings, Montana. At Billings jump on US 87 and follow to Fort Benton, Montana. When you get to Fort Benton, you will go down a hill into Fort Benton and you will see the Museum on the right.

The Museum opens at 10:30 am. They are two hours behind us in time. When you get to the Museum, the 5 Millionth Tractor is in the back of the Museum. The tractor is beautiful, it looks like it just came off the assembly line.. It was well worth the drive to Montana. There are a lot of nice displays in this museum, too.



A few things to remember when going up there. When you get into Wyoming and Montana, if you go past a gas station get fuel. In Montana, I drove six hundred miles and went through 5 towns. I also drove during the day, as the big animals come at night to play.

Thank you for taking the time to read my story.

INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER COLLECTORS

Indiana Chapter #7

2023-2024 Scholarship Form

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ HOME PHONE # \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_

YOUR CELL PHONE # \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ DO YOU TEXT? YES NO

NAME(S) OF PARENTS OR GUARDIAN \_\_\_\_\_

COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY ATTENDING \_\_\_\_\_

TRADE OR TECHNICAL SCHOOL ATTENDING \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF YEARS \_\_\_\_\_ MAJOR \_\_\_\_\_

START DATE \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ CAREER GOAL \_\_\_\_\_

High School Attended \_\_\_\_\_ Year of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_

In the blanks provided, list your primary extra-curricular activities and years involved (sports, FFA, 4-H, Honor Society, etc.)

Activity \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Years \_\_\_\_\_

Activity \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Years \_\_\_\_\_

Activity \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Years \_\_\_\_\_

Activity \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Years \_\_\_\_\_

On the back of this page or attach a sheet with a few sentences describing what winning this Scholarship would mean to you.

(Application continued on next page)

## SCHOLARSHIPS

This is a one-time award, one per applicant.

## ELIGIBILITY

Any high school senior, college or trade school student who has proof of acceptance in an accredited, post-secondary program is eligible for the scholarship. Applicant must be or have a parent, step-parent, grandparent or step-grandparent that is a current member of International Harvester Collectors Indiana Chapter 7.

Member's Name and Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Membership# \_\_\_\_\_

## HOW TO APPLY

Applicant must fill out the Scholarship Form and send proof of acceptance to an accredited institution to:

Randy C. Barrett

9611 E. State Road 46

Bloomington, IN 47401

No later than May 14, 2024.

Applicant will be notified by letter of determination of the Scholarship Committee. Funds will be available once the student has completed one successful semester with proof from the attending institution by transcript or completion certificate. Applicant will be required to attend a quarterly meeting where a check will be presented directly to the winners.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_



# SE Indiana F.A.R.M. Club's 2024 Antique Machinery Show

Battle of the Blugrass  
Championship Points  
Truck & Tractor  
Pulling Sat. 7PM!

**JUNE 27, 28, 29**

Ripley Co. Fairgrounds  
Osgood, Indiana

*Featuring - Everything  
International Harvester!*

Hosting - Indiana Chapter 7 of  
The National IH Collectors Club!

*All Exhibitors Welcome!*

SHOW HOURS 9AM - DARK

*Championship Points  
Truck/Tractor Pull Sat. 7PM*



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## **IHC Chapter 7**

**Second Quarter Meeting  
June 29, 11:00 am  
Ripley Co. Fairgrounds  
Osgood, Indiana**

**2024 Chapter #7 State Show  
South East Indiana Farm Club  
Show  
Ripley County Fairgrounds  
Osgood, Indiana  
June 27-29, 2024**

## **Upcoming National Events**

**2024 RPRU  
Spencer, Iowa  
June 20-23, 2024**

### **2024 IHCC National Auction**

**November 8 & 9  
White Pine, TN  
Hosted by Chapter #9**

**2025 RPRU  
Sedalia, Missouri  
June 26-28, 2025**