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NEWSLETTER

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Plan on displaying your IH Tractors, Trucks and Equipment at our Annual State Show in Danville July 17-19. Let's fill the Fairgrounds. Details below.

We also have a unique opportunity to take part in a Tractor Drive on Friday the 18th to a preserved IH Dealership where lunch will be served.

Call 812-878-7942 & leave a message if you are bringing equipment for Free Admission

President's Update

IHC Chapter 7

Summer 2025

I hope this has been a good spring for you as we approach summer on June 20th. It has been extremely wet here in SW Indiana. We struggled to get our crops planted, and now with recent rains, we are flooded in the river bottoms and have suffered a lot of water ponding on some of our flat fields. Seems this may end up being another practice year.

On the brighter side, some auctions have been held, farm shows have started, and a couple of tractor drives have taken place. I got to participate in the local Carlisle tractor drive hosted by our Chapter 7 member, Rodney Pirtle. I loaded up my Super H and truly enjoyed the event. I enjoy tractor drives and did the Mackinac Bridge Crossing a few years ago. I highly recommend it, and even if you don't take a tractor, it's a 1000+ tractor show on September 6th.

Our Chapter 7 State Show is rapidly approaching on July 17, 18 and 19th at the Hendricks County Fairgrounds in Danville. Their County Fair begins on Sunday the 13th and they have invited anyone from Chapter 7 that wants to bring their IH tractor, trucks or equipment early that is fine with them. Exhibitors will be issued free passes for the entire fair. They will have primitive camping with no hook-ups available, too. Brad Beeson, (317) 432-8196 from the Hendricks County Antique club, has invited us to participate in their tractor drive on Friday, the 18th. It's from the fairgrounds to the restored IH Dealership in Coatesville. He said there will be an opportunity to take photos in front of the dealership. For those that sign up, there will also be lunch at Coatesville. Then at 1 pm, we will drive our tractors back to the Fairgrounds at Danville. **We will have our annual Chapter 7 meeting on Saturday July 19th at 1 pm, Please attend!**

Before our state show, the Red Power Roundup is June 26, 27 and 28th in Sedalia, Missouri at the State Fairgrounds. This is a must see if you like RED equipment. It is quite an exhibition and almost anything that the International Harvester Company ever built/sold will be on display. It takes a full day, if not 2 full days, to see it all. This is about as close as it will be to Indiana for a few years, so I highly recommend you put it on your calendar.

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Also, I would be remiss if I didn't remind you that this is the year for the Half Century of Progress to return to Rantoul, Illinois on August 21st through August 24th. They will be featuring Farmall 1206s and hope to get over 300+ there. I'm always excited to see this show and hope to take over my 1206 and maybe a few others. I know many of our Chapter 7 members attend, exhibit and participate in the field demonstrations.

I hope to see you at one of these events or at one of your local shows.

Don Villavock

This donated Cub Lo Boy will be Ruffled off at our 4th Quarter Meeting. It runs and drives but could use some TLC. It will be on display at our State Meeting at the Hendricks County Fair.

Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00.

Proceeds will go to our Scholarship Fund



Membership Update

As of July 1 we have 180 members. 80 of those have already renewed for at least one more year.

Membership Renewal is due now. HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP YET?

With sadness we lost 2 more members this past year, **Andy Swartz** of Indianapolis and **Jim Turner** of Noblesville.

We want to welcome our newest members, **Scott Swartz** of Franklin, **Doug Vieke** of Vincennes, **Brian Kitch** of Bourbon IN, **Donald Clothier** of Camby, **Steve Parkhill** of Nabb IN and **Paul Lewis** of West Terre Haute.

Due to increased postage rates, as of this year Membership Cards will be mailed to only those members who request a card. If you wish a card mailed to you, contact the membership secretary and sending a self addressed stamped envelope along with your payment would be greatly appreciated which will save the club money. A PDF copy of your membership card can be emailed to you if you wish. *Neil Rissler, Membership Secretary*

Attention Members

1. 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** if you can help out.
2. 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 that we can use in future newsletters to Tom Smith at **toms.pams@comcast.net**

International Harvester Collectors Chapter 7
First Quarter Meeting
March 2, 2025

Indiana IHC Chapter 7 met at the MCL Cafeteria on the south side of Indianapolis on March 2, 2025, with 35 members and guests in attendance. After a prayer, members and guests were invited to go through the buffet line.

President Villwock called the meeting to order, and members were asked to stand, identify themselves and family members with them, and hold up and talk about any toy tractors, trucks or machinery they had brought along. Some very impressive toys were displayed, and some very interesting stories were told about many of them.

Secretary Pat Schlegel had called in earlier and was under the weather and said he would not be attending. Therefore, no secretary's report was given.

Mark Dieckman passed out the treasurer's report and made a few comments. David Sottong made a motion to approve and that was seconded. Motion was approved.

Neil Rissler, our membership secretary, gave his report. Neil reported that we have 175 paid members and recently picked up Rodney and Cathy Pirtle, Scott Swartz and Doug Vieke. He also reported members Lynn Romas and Ron Himsel had passed away this past year. Per agreement at our last meeting, he reminded the club that membership cards will not be mailed out unless requested, or he can e-mail them to a member if they want one.

Neil Rissler also reminded everyone to send any IH photos to him or Tom Smith to put in our newsletter.

Mark and Dawn Dieckman said they will be taking the Chapter 7 table to the 2025 Red Power Roundup, in Sedalia Missouri on June 26th, 27th and 28th. If you are going to the RPRU Show, please take a turn at the Chapter table so everyone can take a break and see the show. President Villwock asked for a show of hands of those planning on going and 8 couples indicated they would be attending.

Randy Barrett then gave the Scholarship report. Applications are due by May 10th. Purdue student Macy Tucker was present and received a \$1000 national IH scholarship. She is majoring in agronomy and farm management.

President Villwock reported that Mrs. Rosie Taylor had donated her family's Cub tractor and belly mower to the club. Don picked up the Cub and delivered it to Neil Rissler, who got it running after it had not been running for a few years. By coincidence, we learned at the meeting that member Matt Theime had worked on it once upon a time, in it's past. After much discussion, a motion was made to sell tickets (\$2 a ticket or 3 tickets for \$5) and raffle it off at the 4th quarter meeting. The motion was seconded and passed. It was mentioned that we could sell chances at our State Show at the Hendricks Co. Fair in July and maybe after checking, take it to the Half Century of Progress Show in Rantoul, in August. Don will check on licensing requirements and get tickets printed.

President Villwock asked about a date for the 2nd quarter meeting. After some discussion it was decided to skip the 2nd quarter meeting and combine it with the 3rd quarter meeting at our State Show on July 19.

Our state IHC Chapter 7 Show will be July 17th, 18th and 19th at the Hendricks Co Fair in Danville. Their fair starts on July 13 and runs through the 19th. Their Antique Club will be there all week with tractors and displays. IH exhibitors are encouraged to come anytime that week, but especially on the 17th, 18 and 19th. Free admission passes will be available and will be sent to exhibitors by the Hendricks County fair staff (317-718-6156) or if you contact Neil Rissler at 812-878-7942, he will forward your contact info to them. There is a camping area available at the fairground, but no hook-ups are left.

Other new business: Vice President and board member, Jason Scaggs contacted president Villwock and said due to increased job responsibilities he needs to resign as Vice President and as a board member. President Villwock asked for anyone that might be interested in becoming a board member to please contact him. The board, according to the rules of the bylaws, will then select the new VP at their next meeting.

Submitted by Joyce Villwock

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2025 Chapter 7 State Show

In connection with the
Hendricks County 4-H Fair
1900 E Main St.
Danville, IN
July 17-19, 2025

Tractor Drive
Friday July 18
From Show to
Preserved Coatesville
IH Dealership

Third Quarter Meeting
Saturday July 19

Upcoming National Events

2025 National Auction

Westminster Maryland
October 24-25, 2025

2026 Winter Convention

Clemmons, NC
March 19,20,21, 2026

2026 RPRU

Huron, South Dakota
June 25-27, 2026