

# INDIANA HARVESTER NEWSLETTER

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## International Harvester Collectors of Indiana Chapter #7



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## **President's Update**

## **IHC Chapter 7**

## **Winter 2025**

We have had a snowy and cold winter in Indiana, much like the ones I remember when I was growing up. Back then, clearing neighbors' driveways, county roads, streets in our little town of Edwardsport and school parking lots with Dad's Farmall 560 and 2-point hitch IH 200 grader blade was almost a weekly event. That tractor only had a canvas "Heat Houser" that would fry you going into the wind and freeze you going the other direction. I always said they were invented by a doctor because they were sure good at giving the operator a cold. But at 10 – 12 years old it was fun pushing, plowing and piling snow. I would come up to the house looking like a snowman. Mom would brush me off with the broom outside the back door and then fix me a warm cup of hot chocolate. Dad would always ask, "Did you get the Post Office lot cleaned off really good? We don't want the old people who come to get their mail, slipping and falling!" This year's snow got cleared off with our CIH 305 Magnum with a nice warm heater, stereo, heated seat and a 12-foot hydraulic adjustable blade. However, it was not as much fun as I had on the 560.

As I write this in early February, we are having a brief warm spell. A few days in the 50s and today we are at 66. About all of the snow piles are gone along with the ice coated sidewalks. The sun is out, and I had my first case of spring fever today. Thoughts of spring planting were mentioned after church on Sunday, but in Indiana that is a few months away in early April. It also sparked other thoughts about getting some old tractors out and ready for upcoming tractor shows. Although we have a nice, heated shop, it takes some warm rays of sunshine to get me in the mood to fetch one of the girls out of the museum to start cleaning and tuning her up for the first show of the year.

As I visit with some of our Chapter 7 members, they are already working on projects. Some are getting ready to head to Ft. Worth Texas on March 6, 7 and 8 for the National Winter Convention. Some others are going to auctions and others are going online to find that special red tractor, tool or part to complete their collection.

Chapter 7 will have our 1<sup>st</sup> quarter meeting at the MCL Cafeteria on the south side of Indianapolis on Sunday, March 2nd. MCL has a wonderful buffet selection and a separate meeting room to accommodate our crowd. One of our members suggested everyone should bring their favorite RED toy tractor, implement or truck to the luncheon. What a great idea!

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I look forward to seeing what everyone brings.

As Red Power Roundup is in Sedalia, Missouri, it isn't too far from Indiana, so I expect Chapter 7 and our friends from Chapter 33 in the northern part of the state will have a large turnout there. We look forward to seeing the hard work of IHC Chapter 1 and a lot of IH tractors, trucks, tools, implements and memorabilia.

Our 2025 Chapter 7 State IH Show will be in connection with the Hendrix County Fair in Danville, Indiana on July 17-19<sup>th</sup>. We will also be having our regular meeting there on the 19<sup>th</sup> and everyone is welcome to attend. Check out our website for details. [www.ihcin7.net](http://www.ihcin7.net)

Wishing you all a safe spring and a great planting season. I hope our paths cross at one of the shows or events this year.

Don Villwock

President

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### **International Harvester Collectors Chapter 7 Fourth Quarter Meeting October 12, 2024**

The fourth quarter meeting was held near Kempton, Indiana at the plow day hosted by the Sottong family. The meeting was called to order following lunch by club President Don Villwock, with 20 members and guests in attendance.

The minutes of the third quarter meeting were read by secretary Pat Schlegel and approved as read by those in attendance.

Neil Rissler gave the membership report stating that we currently have 164 active members and 31 members were moved to inactive status due to not renewing their membership by October 1.

On behalf of the scholarship committee Randy Barrett presented scholarship checks to Caden Carpenter and Emma Clouser. The membership then voted to make available two scholarships for 2025.

Don then gave an update on the upcoming state shows. All approvals have been made for the Hendricks County Antique Tractor and Machinery Club to host the 2025 state show during the Hendricks County Fair, July 13-19, 2025. Tri-State Gas Engine And Tractor Association, Portland, is the host for 2026. Franklin County Antique Machinery Club, Brookville is the host for 2027.

The by-laws proposal that was brought before the membership at the 2024 state show and the third quarter meeting held at the Tucker Family Farm, Brazil, In. was brought before the membership in attendance. The motion was made and seconded to remove the clause requiring additional liability by clubs hosting future state shows. Those in attendance voted in favor of the removal of the clause.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted Pat Schlegel, Secretary

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**This donated Cub Lo Boy will be Auctioned or raffled off at our State Show in July. It runs and drives but could use some TLC. Proceeds will go to our Scholarship Fund**



## 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

If you have not responded please answer 3 questions and email, text or mail via USPS to my contact information below.

1. What is your current phone number and 2. email address?
3. 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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## Membership Update

As of January 31 we have 173 members

With sadness we lost 2 members this past year, **Ron Himsel** of Jasper IN and **Lynn Romas** of Brazil IN.

We want to welcome our newest members, **Rodney and Cathy Pirtle** of Carlisle IN

**As of this year Membership Cards will be mailed to only those members who do not have an email address and to those who request a card. Every member with an email address will receive their card via email.**

*Neil Rissler, Membership Secretary*

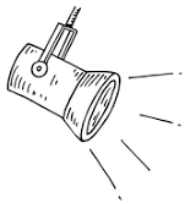
## Attention Members

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

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.
3. We also need filler items for the newsletter from time to time so send pictures with a short caption of your IH treasures and especially of your displays at various shows. Send to Tom Smith at **toms.pams@comcast.net** or to

Neil at **ch7membership@gmail.com**





## Spotlight on our newest Chapter 7 Director

Hi I'm Gerald Phares

I'm a trying to retire from farming in the McCordsville, Greenfield area.

I grew up in an IH red family with a steering wheel in my hand. The first tractor I remember driving was a 300 scattering tomato hampers, I was 4. Dad would get me started down the row then jump onto the wagon to scatter the hampers.

Most summers growing up were spent baling hay and cultivating with our Super M-TA which I still own. Dad bought it in 1960 and she's still in the family. I have since had it professionally restored along with an 806 that my father-in law bought new in 1966.

I have a nice little collection that includes a 1468, 1456 Gold Demo, a 1206 narrow front that we just finished restoring last spring. Next victim for restoration is an 826 Gold Demo that I've owned for several years.

I was fortunate to be able to buy a 1026 FWD and a 450 D from Richard Walkers collection. Richard encouraged me to join Chapter 7 before he passed.

My wife of 42 years, Lue Ann passed away in 2015. In 2018 I met and married my second wife Michele. We now live away from the farm in a nice addition on US 40 just west of Greenfield. We have 2 big pups that we adore, Walker and Roni.

We have 5 grown daughters between us and 9 grand children.

We're planning to spend 3 months this winter in Florida, we'll see how that goes! Might be tough for a farmer to be away that long!



Just a sample of Gerald's  
Nice Collection of Farmalls





# International Harvester Collector's Club Lone Star - Chapter #25

## 2025 Winter Convention March 6, 7 & 8, 2025

Dallas/Ft. Worth Marriott Hotel & Golf Club at Champions Circle  
3300 Championship Parkway - Ft. Worth, Texas 76177

*Look Forward to...*

### • Workshops

*Thursday & Friday  
at the Hotel*

*Speakers include:  
Lee Klancher &  
Sarah Tomac*

### • Live Auction

*Saturday Afternoon*

### • Banquet

*Saturday Night*

**Be sure to purchase  
your Raffle Tractor Tickets  
in the Exhibit Hall!**

**Take in the IH  
Tractor & Truck  
Exhibit just  
outside the hotel**

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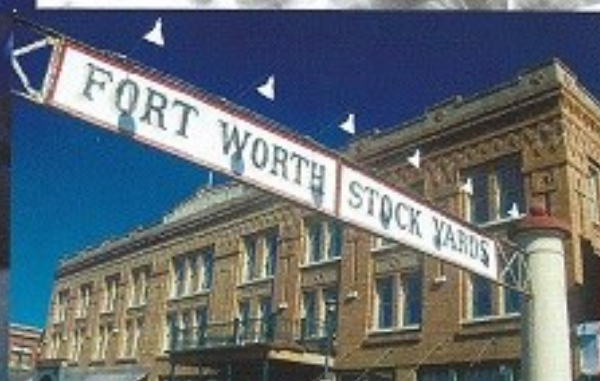
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**Hotel & Registration  
Information On The  
Chapter #25 Website**

**Plan to visit  
renowned sites  
in the  
Fort Worth Area**



**See our website:  
[lonestarihc25.org/winter2025](http://lonestarihc25.org/winter2025)**



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## **IHC Chapter 7**

**First Quarter Meeting**  
**Sunday, March 2 at Noon**  
**MCL Cafeteria, 3630 S East**  
**St Indianapolis**

**2025 Chapter #7 State Show**  
**In connection with the**  
**Hendricks County 4-H Fair**  
**1900 E Main St.**  
**Danville, IN**  
**July 17-19, 2025**

## **Upcoming National Events**

**IHCC Winter Convention**  
**Fort Worth, Texas**  
**March 6-8 2025**

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

**2026 RPRU**  
**Huron, South Dakota**  
**June 25-27, 2026**