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President's Update

IHC Chapter 7

Fall 2026

It's finally cooled off a little here at the end of September. I love fall weather. This summer had too many 90+ days for me. I think I have written before that I don't really like hot and humid days, but I also don't like sub-20-degree weather either. Seems the winters are getting colder and the summers are hotter. Seems the thermostat on this 75-year-old needs some adjusting.

We had a great state IH show in Portland in August. Chapter 7 united with Chapter 33 from northern Indiana to bring in over 450 Red tractors. It was an amazing show with one of the largest vendor fields I've ever witnessed. If you need a part, they will have it there. Our thanks to the Portland officers and directors for the warm hospitality they extended to us.

I know many of you have been hauling your tractors and implements to local shows in your area. Because it was so hot, I only hauled 6 tractors to our local White River Valley show in Elnora, right after Labor Day. The 560 made 2 parades and the 660 made one. My 240, 340, and 660 made the State Fair exhibit at Pioneer Village before going to Portland. It has been a fun show season, and the best part is visiting with everyone at each show.

Our fall plow day is coming up on October 10th at Gerald Phares farm just north of Mt. Comfort and just south of McCordsville. The address is 7515 W. Lane Road McCordsville, IN 46055. It will start at 10 with a carry in lunch at noon. Meat and buns will be provided. We will have a short Chapter 7 fourth quarter meeting so please bring lawn chairs.

I hope everyone is having a good and safe harvest. I look forward to seeing you along the IH trail this winter.

Don Villwock

Chapter 7 President

Fourth Quarter Meeting

Location: Gerald Phares Farm-7515 W. Lane Road McCordsville, IN 46055

Date & Time: Saturday, October 10th from 9:00-4:00

Meal: There will be BBQ with all the fixings. Drinks will be provided. Please bring a side or dessert.

Details: This will be our annual plow day. We will start plowing around 10:00 after a short driver meeting. We will break for lunch around 12:00 and have our fourth quarter meeting following lunch. If you are bringing a plow there will be a loader to unload it and we will start unloading at 8:00. If you want to drop it off earlier in the week, please reach out to Gerald Phares at 317-695-6630 to set up a day and time. The rain date is set for October 17th.

New Facebook Page!

Please follow the new Facebook page to get updates about future events!

The new name is International Harvester Collectors of Indiana Chapter 7.

Membership Update

We currently have 171 members as of 9/24/26. 22 members have not renewed their membership and will become inactive at the end of September. 10 inactive members have rejoined this summer. We received 3 new members at our State Show. They are Joe Cloud of Beaver Creek, Ohio, Rex Smith of Hagerstown, Indiana, and Brent Ireland of Celina, Ohio.

Chapter 7 lost a Charter member and good friend to many in the passing on September 6 of Denis Schrank.

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.
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.pam@comcast.net.

International Harvester Collectors Chapter 7

Third Quarter Meeting

The general membership meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by club president Don Villwock. With 37 members and guests in attendance. The minutes to the second quarter meeting were read by secretary Pat Schlegel. The motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as read. The treasurer's report was given by Mark Dickman.

New Business

Orchard Posium

Chapter 7 member Dave Willis is organizing the Orchard Posium for the 2027 Red Power Roundup in Michigan. The Orchard Posium will be a display composed of International Harvester Orchard tractors and equipment. Anyone who owns any orchard tractors or equipment that they wish to make a part of the display are encouraged to contact Dave so space can be calculated for the display. His information is Dave Willis, email: heysiao@hotmail.com and phone: 765-527-7226.

Winter Convention 2027

Rob and Kelly Meyers made a presentation to encourage members to attend the 2027 Winter Convention, March 18-20, 2027 at the Farmstead Inn and Conference Center located at 370 S. VanBuren St. Shipshewanna, IN 46565. Rob and Kelly shared quite a bit of information and encouraged everyone to check out the Chapter #33 Facebook page or the Chapter #33 website for more information.

Plow Day

Gerald Phares announced that he would be hosting a plow day and the 4th quarter meeting at his farm on October 10, 2027 with a rain date of October 17 from 9am to 4 pm. Lunch will be at noon with pulled pork and the members are encouraged to bring a side or desert, A skid steer will be available for unloading plows. The address is 7515 Lane Road McCordsville, IN.

Don brought before the members Neil Rissler's suggestion of a one-time gift of \$100 dollars to Macy Tucker in gratitude for her work on maintaining the website and her help on the newsletter, while focused on her college studies. The motion was made and seconded to present Macy with a one-time gift of \$100. The motion was passed by the members present.

Red Power Roundup 2027

Michigan Chapter #11 made a presentation for the 2027 Red Power Roundup. Matt Weesies and Sarah Tomac gave details and answered questions about the show. More information will be available on the Chapter 11, Facebook page and the National website as it comes available. Dates for the show are June 17-19, 2027. The location is St. Joseph County Fairgrounds, 316 Charlotte St. Centerville, MI 49032.

2027 Chapter #7 State Show

Mark Lee from Franklin County Antique Machinery Club was present to encourage members to come to their 2027 show when they will be hosting the 2027 Chapter #7 State Show at Brookville, IN. The dates are September 28-31, 2027. The address of the show site is 11225 County Park Road Brookville, IN.

Don relayed the membership report left by Neil Rissler who was not able to attend the meeting. The chapter has 161 members with 112 of them renewals.

Election of Directors

After some clarifications on the nomination process. A nomination committee of Tom Smith and Mark Dieckman were appointed. They reported back with nominees Andrew Tucker, Pam Clemmons, and David Williamson for Directors. Tom Smith then made the motion to close nominations and vote in the slate. The motion passed and the nominees were elected. With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Pat Schlegel
Secretary

**Chapter #7 Directors Meeting
Portland, IN
11am**

Plow day

Gerald Phares offered to host a plow day at his place October 10, with a rain date of October 17. The address is listed in the minutes of the general membership meeting.

The chapter still owed the individual who did the laser engraving on the canes that are sold at the chapter table. Andrew Tucker had suggested to Don in his absence paying \$2.00 a cane for the laser work. According to Don it would be roughly \$200. Mark Dickman said that the canes currently sell for \$5.50 and at that price they sell. Mark stated that even though we are non-profit, we needed to make money to cover the cost of the scholarships. The club has agreed to hand out three scholarships this year with the treasury covering the cost of the third scholarship. The motion was made and passed to pay \$2 a cane for the laser printing.

Neil Rissler had suggested a one-time gift to Macy Tucker as a thank you for her work on the club website and help with the publication of the newsletter. No action was taken on this at the time so Don planned on bringing it before the members at the general meeting.

With no further business at this time this meeting was adjourned. The directors met again following the general membership meeting and reelected Andrew Tucker as Vice President and Pam Clemmons was elected treasurer. With no further business this meeting was adjourned.

Pat Schlegel
Secretary

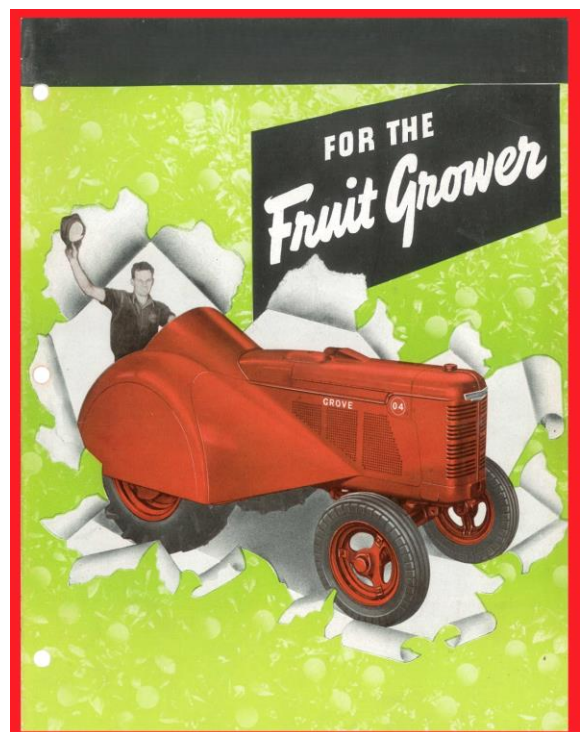
Orchard Posium

Chapter 7 member Dave Willis is organizing a display at the 2027 Red Power Roundup in Centreville, Michigan. David is calling the display Orchard Posium because it will be a display of McCormick Deering, International Harvester Orchard equipment. David wants to get as much orchard equipment as possible on display. Orchard tractors and orchard tillage equipment manufactured by IH. IH did not manufacture orchard sprayers but hitched to an orchard tractor might add to the display. Dave desires to assemble a list of orchard equipment that will be part of the display so they can calculate the space needed for it. So, if you wish to bring an item for the display please contact him to add it to the list.

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INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER COLLECTORS CLUB

2027

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IHC Chapter 7 Events

Fourth Quarter Meeting/Plow Day

McCordsville, Indiana

October 10, 2026

***See newsletter, Facebook, or website
for more information**

Future Events

2027 Winter Convention

Shipshewana, Indiana

March 18-20, 2027

2027 RPRU

Centreville, Michigan

June 17-19, 2027

2027 Chapter 7 State Show

Brookeville, Indiana

September 23-26, 2027