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## President's Update

## IHC Chapter 7

Winter 2026

Harvest is over, and machinery is tucked away for the winter. As I write this update, we are expecting a major snowstorm here this weekend of January 24th and 25th. I hope you are tucked away as well and dreaming of warmer weather and an early spring, like I am. I do want to share some of the activities of our Chapter 7 from this past year and report that we are about to kick off the New Year with our first meeting on February 8th.

It was a busy summer and fall for Chapter 7 since I last shared my update. I know you have all been busy with both work and family, plus pursuing your IH restoring, collecting and displaying hobby. Seems there are not enough hours in the day to get all the things done that I would like to do. I thought retirement would be less hectic, but I've said lately, I need to retire from retirement.

I hope many of you got to visit Red Power Roundup in Sedalia, Missouri in late June. It was a great show, and I'm always amazed with all the products that IH made. This year they even had one of the first Steiger tractors there. As many of you know, Steiger made some of the first IH articulated four-wheel drives and they later went on to purchase the Steiger company. I had one of the off-colored green Steiger Panthers and then later owned a few of the Red Steigers. I sure enjoyed seeing them there.

Chapter 7 had a successful State Show and meeting at the Hendricks County Fair in Danville Indiana in late July. The Hendricks County Antique Tractor and Machinery Collectors were great hosts and even invited us to their tractor drive. We had a few members join them and luckily, my 560 made the trek with no problems. We all had a great time.

Many of us attended a few other shows, but the highlight for me was the Half Century of Progress show in Rantoul, Illinois. They featured the 1206, my favorite tractor, and had a great turn out of 263+, from all around the country. I hauled my 1206 and a few other red tractors over for the show. I saw many of our members there attending, showing and working in the demonstration fields.

I truly appreciate any tractor/machinery collector who loads, hauls, displays and unloads their prize collections to share with other farmers and the general public. It takes a lot of time, talent and treasure to do that. I'm so grateful for those that go this extra mile for all to enjoy.

Chapter 7 had our 4th quarter meeting at the end of November. It was held at Vice President Andrew Tucker's shop. We had a carry-in lunch at 1:00 pm with the Chapter supplying the meat, plates and utensils. We had a great meeting there once before and Andrew was very gracious to invite us to come back. We got to see some of his tractors in the shop. As a side note, he has one of the best IH corn picker collections anywhere. It's easy to get there, as it is just south of Brazil Indiana. Thanks to Andrew and his family for hosting us.

We also had our drawing for the unrestored International Cub and mower at the November 30th meeting. Jason Miner was the winner. Jason bought his tickets during our State Show this past summer. The Cub was a donation from Mrs. Rosie Taylor, as it had been in her family and she wanted it to go to a good home. The proceeds go into our Chapter 7 scholarship fund.

A few upcoming shows to highlight are the Florida Flywheelers, taking place February 25th, 26th, and 27th in Fort Meade Florida. I mention this as I know some of you travel to Florida in the winter months and this year they are featuring IH tractors and machinery.

Also please save the Portland Show on your calendar for August 20th, 21st, and 22nd. It will truly be a State Show, as IHC Chapter 33 from northern Indiana will be joining us for this special IH Reunion Show.

**Please come to our upcoming 1st quarter meeting on February 8th at the MCL Cafeteria, 3630 S. East Street, Indianapolis, Indiana.** The meal is scheduled at 12:30 with the meeting following. There will be a short directors meeting after that. If we have some bad weather, we will send out our phone voice broadcast and will also post details on the website at [www.ihcin7.net](http://www.ihcin7.net)

I look forward to seeing you along the IH trail.

**Don Villwock**

## **Congratulations to Jason Miner!**

He won the Cub Lo-Boy that was raffled off. All proceeds went to the Scholarship Fund.



## **Membership Update**

As of October 25<sup>th</sup>, we have 142 members.

Members, don't forget that membership renewal is due in July. You can renew now if you'd like and get it taken care of until July 2027.

*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](mailto: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.pam@comcast.net](mailto:toms.pam@comcast.net).

# International Harvester Collectors Chapter 7

## Fourth Quarter Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Don Villwock. Host Andrew Tucker welcomed the chapter and invited members to visit his collection. He also mentioned there were free boxes of IH all season cards from Octane Press and some free Steiner parts catalogs available on a side table.

Neil Rissler returned the blessing, and all were dismissed to enjoy a wonderful carry-in lunch and desserts, with the meat tray, plates, and utensils supplied by Chapter 7. Members introduced themselves, their guests, and told a short story about their favorite tractor.

In the absence of Secretary Pat Schlegel, President Villwock referred members to the Chapter 7 website to read the posted minutes.

Treasurer Mark Dieckman passed out the treasurer's report, including the Chapter 7 Table Account. Mark asked that all bills should be turned into him. Neil Rissler moved, and George Scherb seconded the motion to approve the report, and it was passed.

Neil Rissler, Membership Secretary, reported that we have 145 members currently paid. He sent out an email and a voice message to all unpaid members. Neil reported that membership renews in July, and unpaid members are reported as inactive in September. Dues are \$30 with \$20 going to the National Chapter, and \$10 stays with our chapter. He also reported that if he has cell numbers, he can notify members by text.

Mark Dieckman gave the Chapter Table report. He brought some items along in case anyone needed anything for a Christmas present. Mark reported that he has 150 patches for hats. He also has some blank canes, about 200+/-, and is looking for someone to engrave them with Chapter 7. Andrew Tucker has someone who might be able to burn our Chapter 7 logo on them. President Villwock said he would get the canes from Mark and take to Andrew to be engraved before Christmas.

Scholarship Chairman, Randy Barrett, reported that he hopes to have our scholarship winners at our first quarter meeting.

### **Old Business:**

All raffle tickets for the Cub drawing were placed in a big glass jar and mixed up. One of the students present drew out the name of Jason Miner. He purchased his tickets at our State IH Show at the Hendricks County Fairgrounds. Neil Rissler will contact him to pick up the tractor, which Neil has been storing. The tickets and total dollars turned in will be reported at the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter meeting. President Villwock thanked Neil for getting the tractor running, buying a grill and battery. His donation of time and materials to the scholarship fund.

### **New Business:**

President Villwock mentioned the Florida Fly Wheelers, in Fort Meade, Florida are featuring IH tractors and equipment this year on Feb 25th, 26th, 27th, and 28th for those members who head south for the winter.

He also mentioned that Chapter 7 will be joined by Chapter 33 for our 2026 joint State Show and "IH Reunion" at the Portland Show on August 20, 21, and 22.

The 2027 show is at the Franklin County Antique Machinery Show, in Brookville, in September.

Jeremy Bright from the Morgan County Antique Machinery Association, made a presentation and bid for the Chapter 7 State 2028 show to be held at the Morgan County Fairgrounds in Martinville. After some discussion the group decided by consent to table any action until the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter meeting.

President Villwock thanked the Tucker Family for hosting. The meeting then ended with a motion from Randy Barrett and second by Ron Waggoner.

**Next meeting will be on February 8th, at the MCL Cafeteria, 3630 S East Street Indianapolis.**

**The meal is scheduled for 12:30.**

*IHC Chapter 7 4th QTR minutes 2025*

*Joyce Villwock acting secretary*

## **Member's Spotlight**

### **1946 FARMALL H RESTORATION**

My Name is Ethan Fouts, and I'm from New Albany, Indiana. After I graduated from New Albany High School in 2018, my dad, Brian Fouts, suggested we work on a project together. He asked me what kind of old car I wanted to restore. I told him I wanted to get an old tractor instead of a car.

A friend of mine, Greg Mills, told me and dad about his tractor. He said he was only going to sell it to me. I went over to see his tractor. It was a 1946 Farmall H setting in the fence row behind his house. There was no hood or grill, plus the engine and the generator were locked up. In addition, the H was also stuck in mud. Dad said the H was too far gone, but for me it was love at first sight. I didn't want this old Farmall tractor to be scrapped.

In 2021, I bought the H from Greg Mills. Greg also gave me the hood and grill. My Mom, Sara Fouts, didn't know I bought the H. She said it looked like it came out of the lake. The manifold had a hole in it and allowed water to get in the 4th cylinder. Dad and I took the head off and soaked the cylinders with evapo rust. Then tapped gently on top of the pistons. Finally, we freed up the engine. We replaced the manifold, generator, rewired the tractor, and converted it from 6 to 12 volts. I replaced all the tires and then repainted the Farmall H!

It was a good project and a lot of fun. Dad and I made a lot of great memories working on it. Now, I enjoy taking my 1946 Farmall H to shows!



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**IHC Chapter 7**

**First Quarter Meeting**

**Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>**

**At 12:30**

**Location:** MCL Cafeteria

3630 S East Street

Indianapolis, IN 46227

**Upcoming National Events**

**2026 Winter Convention**

Clemmons, North Carolina

March 19, 20, 21, 2026

**2026 RPRU**

Huron, South Dakota

June 25-27, 2026

**2027 RPRU**

Centreville, Michigan