

We are approaching cooler weather and a busy season ahead Harvester in the Holler coming up in September, we will attend International Harvester day in October (Benham, KY), and our 4th quarter meeting is in November, along with Thanksgiving and Christmas. Thankfulness, Gratitude, and blessedness a trio of attitudes that we should all have in the coming season but also year around. Thankful to be involved in a community of collectors and now family that stretch around the world. Gratitude for the ones who founded and formed this organization to preserve a brand but more so to preserve the stories from the people who lived it. Blessedness for all that we have and are able to accomplish for the betterment of future collectors and generations.

I humbly ask each member who reads this newsletter to consider attending our events and gatherings and take an active role in choosing your leadership. I am thankful that I've been allowed to serve as president, but I don't feel like I have excelled in this position I'm sure many of you would do a much better job. I would like to see our quarterly board meeting happen with a gathering for our members. I realize many of you consider a long drive to sit at a board meeting that you have no vote in probably a waste of time. I would like to see us have gatherings each quarter just for fun and fellowship of course have our business and keep everyone informed about what the board you elected are doing for you our members, but just to get to know one another and create those lasting friendships. I never thought as a young man going to tractor pulls and shows I would gain friends all over the United States through it. If you have any suggestions or ideas about place we could meet or gather for these things let me or any of our directors know.

In the upcoming issue of Harvester Highlights you will find a ballot for national directors. There are 7 nominees to fill 3 positions. I am included on these ballots and would appreciate your vote. Jerome Ripperda and John Moon are up for re-election and have done a great job along with all of our national board. They really work hard to ensure we can function and operate without any disruptions. Steve Masat and I were asked about being nominees prior to the Roundup. The other 3 candidates were nominees from the floor during the national membership meeting in Huron, South Dakota. Please read each bio look up the current roster of directors and cast your ballot for 3 that you believe will do the best job.

Sincerely,

Josh Roach