



Fall, 2023

**Welcome to
Northern Indiana
International Harvester
Collectors' Club
Chapter #33**



Greetings from all of us here at IHCC33!

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A word from our President, Rob Meyers.....

Greetings to the membership of Chapter 33! I hope and pray that this newsletter finds everyone happy and healthy. Summer has come to a close and the trees have begun to change colors. As I sit writing this article, the forecast is for 35° this morning. Since our last newsletter, we have some chapter happenings on which to comment. The IHCC #33 Summer Picnic took place on July 29, hosted by Stan and Brenda Studebaker of South Whitley. Several generations of the Studebaker clan worked very hard preparing for the Chapter. The Chapter again came out in force in support of the Studebaker's efforts. Again, attendance was in the 80 something range. A big thanks goes to those who made the trek to South Whitley! Stan is a charter member of IHCC and has been collecting for a long in time. The Studebaker family worked hard and had an excellent display. "Thank You" to the Studebaker's! We know it's not easy hosting an event and your efforts were greatly appreciated. Again, good food and fellowship were on full display. And for the second time in 2023, the membership of Chapter 33 was in no hurry to go home. Making memories with friends is what makes life rich and fulfilling. Thanks to the membership for your participation and support!

The next event on the calendar was a new one. The pop-up show took place at the Tractor Supply store in Goshen, Indiana on August 12. It was a one-day event reaching into the community. I personally was not able to attend due to visiting my son in Seattle, Washington, but reports from the event were good! The idea for this event was a collaborative effort spearheaded by Jeremy and Nikki Robbins and Kevin and Sheri Miller. Thanks to them for their hard work which made the event possible. This event was different, being only one day. In today's world, summer can be very busy. This show was not a big time commitment and those attending were pleased with that factor. I must give a big commendation to Chapter members in attendance. I got a report from one of our newest members who attended the show. He said he, "felt welcomed and right at home!" That is what it's all about folks! My Dad always told me to "just be nice." Good advice; Thanks, Dad! I want to encourage every member of Chapter 33 to be nice, friendly, and ever mindful of new people. It sounds like that's what happened at the pop-up show, so give yourselves a big pat on the back.

At our most recent gathering in Nappanee, Indiana we ate brats and chili on Friday night, September 15th. Although the crowd was much smaller than in 2022, we were pleased with the turn-out. The weather was perfect, with a big fire burning and friends gathered for the breaking of bread. The food was good and plentiful. Thanks to everyone who made this possible. A big thanks goes to Marlene Peterson for her hard work! Her servant's heart was on full display once again. As the sun was setting in the west, my lovely wife Kelly and I sat around the fire with Dave, Kay, Roger, Mary, Ed, Tammy, and Marlene. There's something intangible about sitting around a fire. We sat there together visiting, until the fireworks started; then it was time to call it a night. I consider it a privilege to sit and visit and get to know new people. Our world has become so divided and disconnected. I contend that a full and abundant life is found in connection with other people. I look forward to sitting around the fire in the same place in 2024, and I am hopeful that others will join us. As I evaluated attendance, I came to the conclusion that it's not a small thing to attend. There were three members...one from the west, one from the south, one from the east... each over an hour's drive away... and also a young couple with little kids who live very close to the Ohio and Michigan State lines. I want to thank everyone for going the extra mile to attend, I hope it was worthwhile for each of you.

There's an old adage you can't plow a straight furrow looking back. So let's talk about what's coming up. By the time this newsletter gets to you, Tractors-n-Toast will be in full swing. We hope that as many of you as possible will participate. Remember we expanded this last year to better serve the entire region. Please feel free to offer any suggestions or ideas to make this endeavor more successful. I want to make a special plea if you're new and have never come to one of our breakfasts, please do. I know sometimes it can be intimidating trying something new. Please feel free to bring your wife, kids, or a friend along if you'd like. To those who are regulars to the breakfast, please be sure to be on the lookout for new people and be sure to make them feel welcome. Remember, there's only one first impression. I want to challenge every member of Chapter 33 to make a new friend this year at Tractors-n-toast There are three things that go together Farmall, friends, and food! The Tractors-n-Toast breakfast is where those things all come together.

The annual Chapter 33 Christmas party is coming up quickly. So mark your calendars for Sunday, December 3rd. The location is the Blue Teal Event Center at 600 Maple Lane in Wakarusa, Indiana. Doors open at 11:30 with lunch served at 12:30 Eastern time. We will have a brief membership meeting with the election of officers followed by the auction. This event is always well-attended. We encourage all of you to come out and have a good time. The cost is \$20 per person if you bring an auction item; \$25 per person without an auction item. Please be generous with your auction items. We had some amazing hand-made items last year that brought some considerable money. I want to say a big thanks to those of you who went the extra mile. The proceeds from the auction help defray the cost of the banquet. I can't wait to see you all on December 3rd!

The 2024 Farm Power Club show in Auburn, Indiana will take place from March 14 - 16th and the feature this year is International Harvester. We've been working to make this show extra special. We will do a "100 Years of Farmall" display. We have commitments from the owners of a #501 Farmall Cub and #501 International Cub lowboy that they will be in attendance. Sarah Tomac has also agreed to come and do a seminar. We've arranged for group rates to the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum and the National Auto and Truck Museum. After some discussion with the presidents of Chapter 6, Chapter 7, and Chapter 11 about the opportunities in Auburn, we all agreed to try to promote the show to our respective Chapters as a Midwest regional IH Collectors gathering. The idea was received with considerable excitement. The feature tractor last year was John Deere and there were over 100 John Deeres in the center ballroom. I'm sure we can top that number. There will be more information about this event at the Christmas party.

Personally, I love to hear a good story. By now you know from reading my writing that I enjoy telling good stories as well. This story is about the Rader brothers. That's what they are known as in the Bremen, Nappanee and surrounding area. Richard and Thelma Rader had two sons Dave and John. Two brothers, two veterans, two friends who became business partners, and they are still friends today. Dave and John both worked at Bremen Farm Center, the local International Harvester dealership in Bremen, Indiana. In the mid 70's, John was the service manager at the Bremen Farm Center, and Dave was the Parts Manager . John approached the current owner about the possibility of purchasing the business. Dave's account of this discussion

was something like this, “Yeah, John, sounds like a great idea but where are we going to get the capital?” To answer that question, I will quote John Rader, “We could not have done what we did without Mom and Dad.” Richard and Thelma Rader put the family farm on the line because they believed in their sons. The idea was met with some hesitancy from their father. Dave found out later that his mother was the one who encouraged her husband to have a change of heart. So on October 1st, 1976, Bremen Farm Center became Rader Equipment.

During their first month in business Dave said, “This is pretty tough but if we put five in this, we'll figure it out.” 1976 plus five equals 1981. We all remember the high oil prices, high interest, and low commodity prices of the 80's which made for very tough times in agriculture. John remembered telling his family that they might lose their house. Tough times will either make you or break you. It obviously made the Rader brothers because John said, “34 years in business and we're still friends!” Dave and John credited their business success to the fact that it was based on Christian principles and ethics. Dave, who at first was reluctant about the venture, shared some advice he was given by another businessman. “If you're going to be in business with your brother, don't take it home.” Dave and John had each other's backs in business and that continues to this day. They joined together to form a team capitalizing on their individual strengths proving that their parents' investment in them was a wise decision. “Thanks Mom and Dad, we couldn't have done it without you!”

The Rader brothers recently took a trip together. John was a combat medic in Vietnam who was also awarded a Purple Heart. Recently John had an opportunity to take an honor flight to Washington. The flight was exclusive to Purple Heart recipients. Naturally John chose his brother Dave to accompany him on the trip. For those not aware of what an honor flight is, the vision of the honor flight's network is, “*A nation where all of America's veterans experience the honor, gratitude, and community of support they deserve.*” Their Mission is, “*To celebrate America's veterans by inviting them to share in a day of honor at our nation's memorials.*” The honor flight's network to date has helped over 260,000 veterans make the trip.

The brothers made similar statements about the trip. John shared that, “The real heroes are the guys who didn't come back.” Dave said, “I was in Germany; the real heroes were the ones who actually went to Vietnam.” Both men agreed that the way they were treated on their flight was top notch from beginning to end. The trip began and ended with the people of Fort Wayne on the side of the road wishing them well in the early hours of the morning and again late in the evening. There was a ‘band of brothers’ mentality on the trip. Dave spoke fondly of the moment when sitting at the Jefferson Memorial watching his brother have a conversation with another combat medic. I'm sure that conversation was healing for both men who saw and did similar things. They had a common bond, a brotherhood, and just happened to be in the same place at the same time. Was it a coincidence or just luck? I would say neither. I would contend that it was providential.

It was difficult to know how to conclude this segment. I consider it a privilege to know the Rader brothers. I have always respected veterans because some of my own relatives were World War II veterans. Writing this section has renewed my respect for those who served. It's not about an individual, it's about an attitude; about serving your country and people to defend the freedoms we all enjoy today. I would encourage all of you to be mindful of our veterans,

being sure to give them honor and respect in every way possible in your daily life. “Thanks” somehow seems inadequate, but I guess that's all we've got. So, “Thank You” John and Dave, and the rest of our nation's veterans who fought, bled, and died. Our debt to you is one we can never repay.

“At the end of the day, at the end of the week, at the end of my life, I want to say that I contributed more than I criticized.” Brene Brown

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***** UPCOMING EVENTS *****

Sunday, December 3, 2023, 12:30 PM Eastern time. Chapter #33 Christmas Party.
Nelson's Blue Teal Event Center, 600 Maple Ln, Wakarusa, IN. See P. 2 for more information.

New 2023 Members:

Tom Mast (Goshen, IN)
DeWayne Bontrager (Goshen, IN)
David Overmyer (Rochester, IN)
Karen Brubaker (Fort Wayne, IN)
Jason Harrold (Akron, IN)
Rob Hurford (Argos, IN)
Danel Fulk (Churubusco, IN)
Brian Papak (Rensselaer, IN)
James Fisher (Nappanee, IN)
Jayson Shaffer (Knox, IN)
Ira Biggs (Kouts, IN)
Mark Vendl (Lowell, IN)

Marc Dennis (Huntington, IN)
Luke Bontrager (Goshen, IN)
Delbert Johnson (Columbia City, IN)
William Auer (South Whitley, IN)
Damon Ressler (Columbia City, IN)
Theresa Cooksey (Camden, IN)
Brian Adams (Akron, IN)
Herb Ridgway (Grabill, IN)
Donald Scheffer (Russiaville, IN)
Donald Jernas (Knox, IN)
Brice Dolhover (Valparaiso, IN)
Zach Ziese (Lowell, IN)

ACTIVE #33 MEMBERS

As of October 22, 2023

208 Active Members!!!

Chapter #33 Christmas Party

Once again, our Annual Chapter #33 Christmas Party will be held at Nelson's Blue Teal Event Center, 600 Maple Ln., Wakarusa, IN on Sunday, December 3, 2023. Event begins at 12:30P., with dinner served from 1:00-1:45P., and our usual I-H paraphernalia auction following. Cost is \$20/person if you bring an item for the auction and \$25/person without. Please RSVP to Sheri Miller by 574-238-1777 by November 17 so we can have an accurate head count for Nelson's.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

As of 10/22, we have 51 members that have not renewed. A reminder, National and Chapter #33 both will drop your membership on December 1 until it is renewed. Please get your renewals in as soon as possible.

Chapter #33 is growing! Our current membership is at 208 active members. The last time we had that many members was November, 2016!

WANTED/FOR SALE ADS

Wanted/For Sale ad listings are free to Chapter #33 members, but they do not repeat unless you resubmit the ad again for each successive newsletter in which you want the ad to appear.

FOR SALE: 1954 Farmall Super M-TA. Older restoration but looks very nice yet. Starts runs and drives great. Good TA, brakes, PTO and clutch. Has Schwartz heavy duty wide front, Char-Lynn power steering. New rear tires and tubes last fall. Asking \$6,500. John Berens 219-689-7161

FOR SALE: 1958 Farmall 450 Diesel. Starts, runs and drives well. Very nice patina. TA, clutch, PTO, and brakes are all good. Has Schwartz wide front. Asking \$6,500. Call John Berens 219-689-7161

FREE: Farmall B gas tank and Countryman seat for Farmall M. Jeremy Robbins, 574-214-2610

Chapter #33 Membership Meeting/Picnic
Stan Studebaker Farm/IH Collection
Saturday, July 29, 2023





Chapter #33 Annual Cookout
Nappanee, IN Apple Festival/Power From The Past
Friday, September 15, 2023



←----- Dave and John Rader on their Purple Heart honor trip to Washington, DC!

