



Summer, 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.....

The phrase "Thank You" seems inadequate for what I want to express to the entire Chapter. The 2023 Red Power Review was a tremendous success and you deserve all the credit! The goal was to have 100 tractors at the show – one tractor to represent each year since the Farmall tractor was conceived. We are so happy to report that together we achieved that goal. We also had a nice display that showcased the evolution of the Farmall tractor. There was a diverse mix of displays, including the Touch-a-Truck display which was a big hit. Also popular was a visit from the Samaritan helicopter. To sum it up, not just tractors were on display. A big "thank you" also goes to the Adams family – two generations working hard to make the show a success.

The show had a Mayberry kind of atmosphere with a down-home feel. Caleb McCay of Argos had his 1945 Farmall H on display at the show. Caleb received his check from the Chapter #33 restoration grant program. Let's hope that the seeds we are planting in young lives sprout and grow into future members. Personally, my favorite part of the show was Friday night. We had between 70 and 80 people gathered to break bread and have fellowship. The crowd was a very nice mix of both young and old, new members and long-time members, from the East to West. I think everybody went home satisfied with a full stomach. Some people made new friends, and some got caught up with old friends. There was one particular gaggle of women making way too much noise – I guess sometimes you will have that! The most satisfying part of the evening was people just sitting around having a good time in no hurry to go home. Good friends and strong relationships are key to the strength of the Chapter. I would like to encourage everyone to be cognizant of new members and possibly non-members when we get together. Remember to reach out, be friendly, and be sure that people feel welcome. Let's remember the old adage, "You only get one chance to make a first impression." So give yourselves a big pat on the back – ya'll came through again. Job well-done, Chapter #33!

Moving on to the Red Power Round Up (RPRU)... Congratulations to Nebraska Chapter 12 on putting on one heck of a show! It was well worth the drive. Somewhere in the neighborhood of 20 Chapter #33 members made the 700 mile trek to Grand Island. It is important to support national events and see the big picture. Thanks to the Chapter members who sacrificed and endured the long State of Iowa to go to the Red Power Round Up. We had a Chapter table and we sold out of suitcase weights by Friday afternoon. Sales were good which brought considerable cash into the club coffers. Thanks to everyone who helped staff the table; spreading the work load out keeps the morale up and doesn't overburden people. Many hands made for light work, as the saying goes. Generally three states away from home is not where you expect new members to join but we did get two new members during the show. "Pleased" sums up the Chapter's performance and participation at the 2023 RPRU.

Fonner Park is where Chapter 12 hosted the 2023 RPRU and the facility was top notch. The campus was laid out in such a way that it was possible to walk the show. Many of the buildings are new and modern with ample restrooms which was a definite plus. The amount of exhibits under roof was estimated at around 75 %; a nice departure from the norm. The chapter and vendor building/space was also air-conditioned. The Farmall century display was in the main arena and was quite a display with a pre-production Regular and every engineering advancement represented. Case IH stepped up to the plate with a display. All aspects of collecting were well-represented – tools, memorabilia, signs, trucks, cub cadets, implements, print materials, combines, and of course tractors. Some of the seminars had people standing in the aisles. Friday night included a banquet with 450 people attending happy hour followed by a nice meal. The guest speaker of the evening was Max Armstrong. Max was a couple days beyond his 70th birthday and we celebrated with a compilation video featuring Orion Samuelson, friends, family and colleagues of Max throughout the years. We all have cherished memories. I guarantee we were all glad we made the decision to attend. Friday night at RPRU 2023 was a night to remember. It was obvious that Chapter 12 had spent a lot of time planning. What we witnessed was simply the execution of what they

had been planning for three years. I hope and pray the entire team from Chapter 12 received fulfillment and satisfaction from a job well-done. Kudos to the Nebraska Chapter for raising the bar and putting on a show to be remembered.

Personally, I left Nappanee and headed to Nebraska on Wednesday at 5:00 PM with over 10 hours to drive. So somewhere in Iowa I stopped to sleep with the seatbelts jabbing me in the back in the truck. Soon I was up and moving again, because you can only do that so long. Arrival at Fonner park was 8:00 AM Thursday morning. I got things set up and the day was off and running. By the end of the day, I was dragging and heading for the campground. I needed something to do to keep from going to sleep too early, so I wouldn't be awake in the middle of the night. This is when my path crossed Scotty Andreasen, the Red Power Round Up Co-Chairman. We talked for a few minutes. Then Scotty invited me over for a beverage after dinner, and I took him up on that.

The story gets interesting from here. Scotty led the way to where the Ron Moormeier family was camped. We sat down and I felt at home right away. Ron Moormeier and his wife Donelle have been married for 54 years; Donelle is also RPRU Co-Chairman. There were four generations of the Moormeier family and friends sitting around. I had a ball getting to know the Moormeier gang. I could tell right away this is a tight-knit group. Everyone was enjoying each other's company. I'm sure they spend many nights and weekends together. My guess is that around 15 or so friends and family were in that bunch that evening. The common denominator in the people equation is that we are all IH enthusiasts. Now they are the newest addition to my nationwide IH friends. My guess is that a good portion of that Moormeier bunch was active in putting on the Red Power Round Up.

The biggest reason for me to attend the RPRU is to see and catch up with my Red Power friends like Brad, Joyce, and Brenen Twiss from Michigan, Andrew Dawson from Missouri, Bill Karis from Spokane, Washington, and Randy Bodine from Alabama. Now I can add the Moormeier's, Tony Ramos from California, and Danny Anderson of Minnesota to the list of IH friends. My parting phrase to my IH friends is "Till our paths cross again." My hope and prayer for every Chapter #33 member is that you too make IH friends you can't wait to see from across the country, as well as Indiana.

The Berkshire-Hoover Youth Initiative is in its infancy but is already impacting youth. A big "thanks" goes to Lane Ehninger for his efforts in getting this program moving. Two have already received checks to help with the financial burden of a restoration: Ethan Pippenger of Albion, and Caleb McCay of Argos. Possibly more important, the mentorship portion of the initiative got moving. Ethan spent some time in Lane's shop doing a valve job on his Farmall 200. The hands-on personal interaction is where we get an opportunity to teach and help kids achieve their goals. Many have already committed to helping with the program. Your talents are needed, so please be ready and willing to help.

We have the summer picnic coming up on July 29 hosted by Stan and Brenda Studebaker; the address is 1765 S. 675 W. South Whitley, IN 46787. We will eat at 1:00 PM Eastern time, with a short meeting to follow. The meal will be carry in style. If your last name ends in A thru L please bring a salad or side dish, if your name ends in M thru Z please bring a desert. The main course is provided by the chapter along with drinks. Stan has tables and chairs so there no need to bring that. Stan has been collecting for a long time. He has unique and unusual pieces, so you won't want to miss it. It will be worth the drive. Please remember we need to be supportive of all Chapter events. We greatly appreciate it when people go the extra mile.

In conclusion, together we accomplish great things of which everyone can be proud. I am excited and hopeful about the things we will continue to do together. So until the next time, God bless and I cannot wait until our paths cross again!

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

Saturday, July 29, 2023, 1:00 PM Eastern time. Chapter #33 Summer Picnic/Membership Meeting. Stan and Brenda Studebaker Farm, 1765 S. 675 W. South Whitley, IN 46787. See Rob's column on p. 2 for more details.

Saturday, August 12, 2023, 10A-3P Eastern time. "Pop-Up" Tractor Show. Tractor Supply store, 2323 Lincolnway E, Goshen, IN 46526 . Bring your I-H stuff and display in the parking lot. Contact Jeremy Robbins for more info at (574) 214-2610.

New 2023 Members:

Danel Fulk, Churubusco, IN
Brian Papak, Rensselaer, IN
James Fisher, Nappanee, IN
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Brice Dolhover, Valparaiso, IN
Zach Ziese, Lowell, IN

ACTIVE #33 MEMBERS

As of July 10, 2023

192 Active Members!!!

FEATURED RECIPE – “Joanne’s Colorific Salad” by Joanne Graber

Salad:

One head leaf or Romain lettuce	2 cups shredded cheddar cheese
One chopped red bell pepper	One Cup pecans
1/2 purple onion, thinly sliced	One cup Craisins
One cup honey	Roasted sesame sticks

Dressing:

One cup sugar	1/2 cup oil	1/3 cup vinegar
1/4 cup water	1 teaspoon salt	1/2 teaspoon black pepper
1 tablespoon onion flakes	1 tablespoon mustard	2 tablespoons mayonnaise

In large bowl combine all salad ingredients. Combine dressing ingredients and mix well in blender. Just before serving pour over salad and toss lightly. ENJOY!

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: 720 5x semi mounted plow. Good moldboards, cover boards, shears, tire, cylinder and hose. Used in 20 and 21 to plow 40 acres. Take it and plow. \$1200. David Burton Brookston 765-427-2587.

FOR SALE: Nice SMTA with new paint and tires. Has extras: distillate gas tank, working shutters, 400 factory package fast hitch, hydraulic tree valves, light bar tool box, fenders, belt pulley. Dyno tested at 55 hp. Collector, show, or parade. David Burton 765-427-2587.

FOR SALE: Single axle trailer with electric brakes. It was once a travel trailer but everything has been removed down to the frame. This would be a good start for someone wanting to build an equipment trailer. FREE if you haul it away. Contact me for details. Brian Hoover 574-286-7574 n9lhm@yahoo.com

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