



Spring, 2025

**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.....

Hello and greetings to the membership of the Northern Indiana International Harvester Collectors Club. It is Easter weekend as I write this to you. Spring has sprung, the trees are budding and things are greening up. It has been awhile since our last newsletter, so let's get caught up.

I'll start with Tractors-N-Toast. Personally I got to eat breakfast with a lot of you. I ate with the western region every time. The final time in March was interesting because our normal space was overtaken by another group. You had to be there. I'll just leave it at that. If you were there, you know what happened. There was some talk in the western region about changing locations and if that happens we'll bring you up-to-date. In February, I also had breakfast in all three regions which was kind of fun. I want to give a shout-out to Carl Middaugh, our newest board member. He showed up all over the place for breakfast. If haven't gotten to know Carl, you need to. He's just a fun guy who loves tractors. I want to thank Tiffany Adams and Jim Rust for agreeing to head things up in their respective regions. Your willingness to serve is appreciated and we cannot thank you enough. In closing, I want to say thank you for everyone who participated in the Tractors-n-Toast breakfasts. I also want to encourage those of you who have not joined us for breakfast yet to do so. Clubs are all about connections and relationships. This activity is a great place to make those connections.

The Christmas party took place in December in Wakarusa. The event was once again well attended. A big thanks goes to Sheri Miller for putting this event together for us. She has done a great job over the years doing this and thanks just seems inadequate. We took a little time to remember members we lost in 2024. We also took a minute to reminisce because 2024 was the 20th anniversary of Chapter #33. The board has been taking a hard look at the Christmas party. We've been kicking around ideas about the possibility of changing the timing in the calendar to get away from the busy Christmas season. Also maybe replacing the auction with some other sort of activity has been discussed. Your input on this matter would be greatly appreciated. This is your club and the leadership wants to take it in the direction the membership wants it to go. So please contact any of your board members if you have suggestions.

The IH Collectors Winter Convention took place March 6-8 in Fort Worth, Texas. I could write pages on this subject. We had such a good time! First, Texas Chapter 25 deserves a huge thanks. They did a great job and had a wonderful location, venue, and activity schedule. This is another time when thank you just doesn't seem adequate. The event was very well-attended by members of Chapter #33. We really had a good time together. Every morning we were treated to free breakfast because of a generous sponsor. Every day the vendor room was open and had displays and Chapters selling their wares and promoting their events. Seminars also took place until noon. This is a departure from the normal schedule which allowed for afternoons and evenings free to roam the Dallas/Fort Worth area. Thursday morning, there was the tour of the Vintage Flying Museum and a flight on the Southern Cross. The Southern Cross is a 1947 Douglas C 47. This is the plane that would have carried paratroopers during World War II. There was some question whether we'd get to fly or not because of wind. It was a little breezy but the decision was made to fly. Upon getting airborne we were allowed to move about the cabin from the cockpit to the tail and it was quite an experience. Because of the wind, it was by no means a smooth flight. Yet most of us got up to walk around, take pictures, and get the full experience. Somebody made the statement that this is the last thing a lot of men saw. It was a humbling realization of the sacrifices made by the men in our armed forces defending the freedoms we often take for granted. Those of us who went had a great time. Thursday afternoon we boarded buses that took

us to the Fort Worth Stockyards to attend a private reception at the John Wayne Museum where we had hors d'oeuvres and drinks. We had the place to ourselves and it was full. The thing I found most interesting about the museum was the length of John Wayne's career from the 1930s to the 1970s. He was a real man and a true patriot. Following, was time to wander a bit then get some dinner and head back to the hotel. Friday was the day I got to buy my genuine cowboy hat at the Fort Worth Stockyards. We spent the afternoon and evening wandering around seeing the sites. Saturday was the auction, followed by the National Board meeting, and culminating with the banquet with speaker Barry Corbin (actor/storyteller). He's lived a full life as an actor and managed to remain a good old boy. Barry hung around and signed autographs and took pictures until everyone was satisfied. It was 12:30 when I finally went up to the room and he was still in the bar. Those of you who do not attend some of these national events are missing a big piece of the pie. The fun we have, the relationships we build, and the new people we meet make the experience second to none. I encourage you to attend if you can. Once again thank you to Chapter 25 for doing a bang up job!

Right after the Winter Convention, there was the Farm Power Club Show in Auburn, Indiana. We signed up three new members there and saw a bunch of regulars also. We had a good time and sold some merchandise. Thank you to all of those who came out to help man the booth this year. I appreciate your sacrifices of time.

On the horizon, we have the Red Power Review coming up this year in LaGrange, Indiana at the Northern Indiana Steam and Gas Association Show from August 7-9. We look forward to seeing you there. This is a great show that is well-attended, very active, with lots of demonstrations. On Friday night, August 8th, the Chapter will be having a carry-in dinner. It's always good to get together and break bread. We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible on August 8th. There are many more things on the calendar this year. I'm excited and hopeful about 2025 and look forward to seeing all of you. As always, take good care, thank you, and God bless.

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*As of April 27, 2025*

*177 Active Members!!!*

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\*\*\*\*\* UPCOMING EVENTS \*\*\*\*\*

**August 7-9, 2025. Chapter #33 Red Power Review.** Northern Indiana Steam and Gas Association Show. Chapter #33 carry-in supper on Friday night, August 8.

**December, 2025. Chapter #33 Christmas Party.** More information will be forthcoming.

*New 2025 Members:*

Kent Reese (South Whitley, IN)

Chris Gatchell (Decatur, IN)

Terry Herman (Ossian IN)

Todd Herman (Ossian, IN)

Eric Strater (Fort Wayne, IN)

## Recipe – “Colorific Lettuce Salad” by Joanne Graber

Main salad:

1 head lettuce or 4 cups of spring mix.	2 cups of chopped red, sweet peppers,
1 cup chopped pecans	1/3 cup chopped purple onion
1 cup Craisins	2 cups shredded cheese
1 cup of honey roasted sesame sticks	

Dressing:

1 teaspoon salt	1 tablespoon mustard
3/4 cup of sugar	1 tablespoon onion flakes
1/2 cup vegetable oil	1/3 cup vinegar
1/4 cup water	

Tossed the salad ingredients right before serving. Combine the dressing ingredients and put on top. Reserve some dressing and put in a pitcher in case anyone wants more dressing on their salad.

## 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:** Tandem Tractor Hitch by Ficklin Machine, Onarga, Illinois mounted on a 1953 Super M as a package. Super M runs good, tight, 52 Hp on dyno. Factory live hydraulics. Nice package for show, plow days, or collection. The second Super M is available also. Both hitched together for show and plow days. David Burton, West Lafayette. 765-427-2587.

**For Sale:** I-H 234 Corn picker, has been sitting outside for years, however it's complete and good condition. Farmall A- original with good tires. Selling due to father passed away and needing things gone. Joe Lutes, 574-220-3604.

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**Jerry & Kelli Smoker**  
**IH Collector Auction**  
**SATURDAY, JULY 5TH, 2025**

In Person w/ Online Bidding  
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**IH Collectors Winter Convention**  
March 6-8, 2025 Fort Worth, Texas



'Southern Cross' 1947 Douglas C 47 flight



**Chapter #33 Christmas Party**  
**Sunday, December 8, 2025 -- Nelson's Blue Teal Event Center**

