



CHAPTER # 11

WINTER 2014 Newsletter A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

The weather in West Michigan has not been good this year for the farmers. West Michigan got hit with as much as 2 feet of snow in some areas the middle of November, after that came the rain and melted the snow away. There are many fields around that have not been touched by the farmers yet.

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving, our family sure did.

Elections will take place at the January Meeting. If you are interested in running for office or as a director please contact Jeff Bowen. We need to fill two director's positions and a secretary position. Remember this is your club also!

There will be an auction at the January Meeting. If you have anything that you would like to donate or consign, please contact Jim Misner or Dick Olcott.

Our 2016 State Show will be held at the Thumb Area Engine and Tractor Show in Caro, Mi. This will take place the second weekend in August of 2016.

Our club lost a longtime member of Michigan Chapter #11. Floyd Riethmiller passed away in November. He will be missed.

I hope to see everyone at the Mini-Winter Convention in Corunna Mi. on January 10, 2015.

Forever Red,

Randy

SECRETARY'S REPORT

4th Quarter Meeting – September 20, 2014

President Randy called the meeting to order at 1:29 pm.

The pledge of allegiance was recited and a moment of silence for our deceased members.

Randy thanked everyone for coming and also thanked Bion & Jan Schuring and family for hosting the meeting.

Randy asked that everyone introduce themselves and informed everyone that our Secretary, Lorna Wilson put her letter of resignation in on September 19, 2014.

The Secretary's report was given. Two corrections were made to the secretary's report. The first one being that our meeting in January will be held in Corunna Mi. rather than Owosso, Mi. and the price of the meal will be \$8.00 instead of \$9.00. Duane Rushlo made a motion to accept the report and Bill Pike seconded the motion, passed.

The Treasurers report was given. Opening balance as of 6-1 14 was \$7,115.4 and ending balance as of 8-31-14 was \$16,258.62. Bill Hinga gave a motion to accept the report and Steve Schumacher seconded, passed.

Carleen stressed how important it is to get dues paid on time, to save the club money on sending our reminders.

OLD BUSINESS: The club is looking into getting a banner made up. Randy mentioned how well the parts corral had done at the Ionia State Show, the club made a profit of \$159.25. Randy thought it's something we should try to do every year at the state shows. The club received 10% commission on items up to \$500.00 and 5% commission for items over \$500.00.

NEW BUSINESS: Randy introduced Larry Langshaw from the Kalamazoo Valley Antique Tractor, Truck, Engine & Machinery Show. There were some flyers handed out. They are planning on putting a dinner on Saturday evening at the Gull Lake High School. The cost will be \$15.00 a person. Meal would include chicken, ham, mashed potatoes, green beans, dessert and drinks. We would need to get them a count one week prior to the show. There will be a Tractor Parade on Friday evening, IH tractors will lead. If there is enough interest, they will set up a tour to Hop Head in Hickory Corners and to Kellogg Manor House. Kalamazoo Valley Antique Tractor, Truck, Engine and Machinery Show will supply the club with a tent and the club can bring and set up their own tent for the Parts Corral. Larry asked if we might be able to find a speaker for the Saturday evening dinner. Set up will be after 5:00 pm on Wednesday. If you have multi loads, you can start bringing them in on the Sunday before the show. There are two docks available for loading and unloading.

Matt Weessies talked about Jeff Smits' passing away almost two years ago and his wife Katie is looking to sell some items. A list of items were read off, if interested in looking at them contact Matt.

Our January meeting will be held in Corunna at Gee's. There will be two new director positions available along with the secretary's position.

Bion talked about the newsletter. This last time there were no newsletters returned to him by mail. He plans on sending out the next newsletter earlier, because he will be leaving for Florida the first of January.

Felix told how great the sales were in Huron, South Dakota. The club sold \$8,800.00 of our club merchandise.

Duane Rushlo had a presentation for the 2016 State Show in Caro to be held at the Thumb Area Engine and Tractor Show. They will be featuring Avery equipment and invited our club to join them, It will be the second weekend in August 2016.

Randy apologized for the presentation letters not getting out to all clubs.

John Vanderkooi commented on what a nice show Caro had in 2013.

Pam Graftema invited everyone to Mamrelund Lutheran Church in Kent City for the Tractor on the Ridge Show, which will include a vendor show and a Mom to Mom show. The date is Saturday, September 27, 2014 for 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Michael Zimmerman from Port Huron is looking for a place he can rent to work on his International Scout.

It was asked if any members go to a tractor show, please pick up a flyer for the board.

50/50 raffle was done and the winner was David Gilish of Ravenna. He won \$66.00.

Randy mentioned that he had a flyer for the National IH Auction if anyone was interested..

A foot stool was auctioned off, Randy had the highest bid. The money was donated to the club.

There was a White Elephant Sale that was a great success.

Duane Rushlo made a motion to adjourn and Pam Graftema seconded the motion. Passed

TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning balance - as of 9/1/2014	\$16,258.62
Income -	\$3,504.16
Expenses -	\$1,806.85
Ending balance, as of 11/30/14	\$17,955.93

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Just a reminder . . . Dues were due in November. If you have not yet paid your dues please send them in ASAP. If you are not sure if yours has been paid please contact me at 616.477.4042 or by email at ifredrandym@yahoo.com. The cost is \$25.00 again this year. Please make checks payable to Michigan IH Collectors and send them to 1888 135th Ave., Hopkins, MI 49328. Last year I had to send out many reminders and I would like to avoid doing that again this year.

NEW MEMBERS

We would like to welcome the following new members to Michigan Chapter 11. We are happy to have you as part of our club. **WELCOME!!!!**

Sam Holmes	Howell, MI
Jerry Kohn	Three Oaks, MI
Tom Cook	Fife Lake, MI
Brandon Graftema	Conklin, MI
Brent Graftema	Conklin, MI
Katie Smit	Richland, M

GREETINGS FELLOW MEMBERS:

This is a reminder that elections are coming up at our next meeting. We are looking for two new directors that serve a three year term. A BIG thank-you to Bion Schuring and Jim Arnedt who have finished their terms as a director. We are also looking for a new secretary. Any nominations from the floor will be appreciated. Hope to see everyone at the meeting .

Your VP
Jeff Bowen

1ST QUARTER MIN-CONVENTION

We will have our 1st Quarter (min-convention) Meeting in Corunna MI, on January 10th.

Where: Gigi's House of Catering in Corunna, MI.
3144 East M21
Corruna, MI 48817

It is on the south side on M-21, at least ½ mile east of State Street, east of where M-21 reduces to 2 lanes. It is a gravel driveway and you cannot see the building from M-21.

Times: Directors Meeting - 10:00 am
Lunch - 12:00
Membership Meeting - 1:00

Please call Pam Graftema at 616.899.2154 or email muddy899@gmail.com to make your reservation. Please do so by January 3, 2015. The cost is \$8.00 per person.

Motel Information: Holiday Inn Express - Phone: 1.877.838.7175

WEBSITE FOR CHAPTER 11

Below is the Website for IH Chapter 11. If anyone goes to the National Site and clicks on Chapters, They can click on Chapter 11 to get to our site.

We can also add or change anything you would like to. If you have any questions, would like to make suggested changes or additions please give me a call or email me at rengawvg@yahoo.com .

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IH National Website link: www.nationalihcollectors.com

For just the IH Chapter 11 Website click on the following link:
<http://nationalihcollectors.com/MichiganIHC/>

FOR SALE/WANTED

Louis Weherman has a Super AV parts tractor for sale

Ferry Mason has a AV, 800 Ford, 450 LP head, M head, 300/500 head contact Duane Rushlo

Pam Graftema has a customer that wants to sell a Cub Cadet 102

Dick Olcott -- 517.652.9055 - has the following items to sell:

- Pair of 14.9 - 26 tires not match but real good
- Pair of H or M rims
- Pair of 15.5 - 28 tires
- Pair of 12 - 28 rims for a 350 or 400 like new

Andy Harrington would like to buy: 14.9 - 26 tires
Model 60 or 70 trailer plow Hydraulic lift on plow

NON- IH ACTIVITY - GARY WAGNER

Gary Wagner is having a tractor display and parade on 6-20-2015 at his place in Metamora, MI.
More information to follow in the next newsletter.

UPCOMING IHC SPONSORED EVENTS

2015

January 10 Chapter 11 Winter Meeting - Corunna MI

March 5, 6, & 7 National IH Winter Convention - Stardust Event Center, Michigan City IN

May TBA Bill Pike, Sparta, MI

June 10 -13 26th National Red Power Round Up - Sedalia, Missouri - Missouri State Fairgrounds.

October 30 - 31 National IH Auction - Fredrick, Maryland

2016

June 16, 17, 18 27th National Red Power Round Up in Union Grove, WI

CHAPTER 11 OFFICERS

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Christmas is a reason
To be joyful, to believe

A reason to be grateful
For the blessings we receive,

A reason to have faith and trust
In our gracious Lord above . . .

Christmas is a reason
To be filled with hope and love.

Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year

