



CHAPTER # 11

SPRING 2015 NEWSLETTER

A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Planting season is just around the corner. I am looking forward to getting out in the fields. In fact, Plow Day is just a few weeks away, Saturday, May 2, 2015 at Pike Farms in Sparta. The Pike family has been kind enough to let us come and play in their dirt so get those tractors and plows ready.

The winter convention at Michigan City, Indiana was a great success again this year. There were a lot of Michigan members there and I think we all had a great time. Thanks again Chapter 33 for a great convention.

Red Power Round Up will be held in Sedalia, Missouri, June 10 -13, 2015. Two weeks after that will be our state show at Gilmore Car Museum hosted by Kalamazoo Valley Antique Engine & Machinery Club. This will be June 26 - 28, 2015. It's been a few years since we were there last and they have added more buildings. I hope to see you all there.

The club is in need of another director, if you are interested, please contact Jeff Bowen or myself. Please remember, this is your club also and we need to have volunteers.

The club purchased a new Chapter 11 Banner. The old (original) banner will be auctioned off at the meeting during our state show.

Forever Red,
Randy

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mini Winter Convention - January 10, 2015

The pledge of allegiance was recited and a moment of silence for our deceased members, Randy told that Lloyd Schumacher has passed away a couple days prior. Harold Matternick also commented that Barb Wagner and Floyd Riethmiller had also passed away in the past year.

Randy thanked everyone for coming in spite of the weather.

The Secretary's report was given. Bill Hinga made a motion to accept the report and Bill Pike seconded, passed.

The treasurer's report was given, opening balance as of 9.1.14 was \$16,258.62 and the ending balance as of 12.31.14 was \$18,048.91. Louie Wehrman made a motion to accept the report and Jim Arendt seconded, Passed.

Old Business:

A banner is in the works. The board also approved the purchase of a new Chapter 11 banner. The old banner will be auctioned off.

Randy told everyone that Kalamazoo Valley Antique Tractor, Truck, Engine, & Machinery Club will be having a dinner at Gull Lake High School the Saturday of our state show. The cost will be \$15.00 per person and RSVP's are needed. They are also looking for a speaker for the dinner. Suggestions are appreciated.

New Business:

There will be 3 awards given away at the state show this year. Who traveled the furthest with equipment, who brought the most equipment with them, and the most unique display. The most unique display will be voted on by the board and board members will be exempt from winning.

There will also be a Parts Corral again this year at the State Show.

Gary Wagner was able to get a pedal tractor at a discounted price from Alderman's to be raffled off at the State Show. Gary Wagner donated the balance of what the tractor cost to the club.

Gary Wagner invited everyone to a tractor parade at his place on Saturday, June 20, 2015. This will be a potluck. Gary will provide the hot dogs. All colors are welcome to participate.

Randy mentioned that the website is a good place to sell items and is free to members.

Plow Day will be at the Pike Farms in Sparta on May 2, 2015. Bill will supply the food for this event.

The State Show will be held June 26th through 28th, 2015.

The 4th quarter meeting will be held at Randy and Carleen Marklevitz house on Saturday, September 26.

We are still in need of a place for the Mini-Winter Convention for 2015.

Elections:

Jeff Bowen thanked Bion Schuring and Jim Arnedt for serving their terms.

President - Louie Wehrman nominated Randy Marklevitz for president. Dick Olcott seconded the motion. Pam Graftema made a motion to close and Carleen seconded, passed.

Vice President - Duane Rushlo nominated Jeff Bowen for vice-president. Randy Marklevitz seconded the

motion, Louie Wehrman made a motion to close and Gary Wagner seconded. Passed

Treasurer - Bill Pike nominated Pam Graftema for Treasurer. Linda Hinga seconded the motion. Gary Wagner made a motion to close and Gary Duff seconded. Passed

Secretary - Gary Duff nominated Gary Wagner for Secretary. Jim Arendt seconded the motion. Duane Rushlo made a motion to close and Pam Graftema seconded. Passed.

Directors:

Two positions for directors were open. Tom Anderson ran for director, Pam Graftema made a motion to close and Troy Beyersdorf seconded. Louie Wehrman ran for director, Randy Marklevitz made a motion to close and Carleen Marklevitz seconded, passed. There were not any other members interested in running for director so Carleen Marklevitz made a motion to close and John Vanderkooi seconded. Passed.

50/50 Drawing took place and Taylor Pobuda won, \$95.00. There were a few items also raffled off.

Ladies Raffle took place.

President Randy was given a special gift, an apron.

Carleen talked about making sure dues were paid. Along with letting Bion Schuring know if someone is not getting the club newsletter.

Auction took place. Randy thanked Matt Weessies for being the auctioneer.

Matt Weessies made a motion to adjourn and Scot Graftema seconded the motion, passed.

President Randy thanked everyone for coming.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning balance - 1-1--15	\$18,048.91
Income -	\$5,060.06
Expenses -	\$10,121.98
Ending balance, as of - 3-31-15	\$12,986.99

Please remember at meetings with catering, if you RSVP and do not attend you are still to pay for your meal (s). The Club has to pay for the reservations, so it is important that you pay your portion. Also, if you don't RSVP there may not be enough food for you. We used to over-order meal by 10-15 people, but the cost is getting to be too much. We are now only ordering the number of RSVP's we have.

FYI

Please remember when you attend a national show to stop by the Chapter table and sign in. We try to catch everyone, but we don't know all of you by name or face. We would like to know who from Michigan attends the national shows.

Any club or organization that continues to thrive, does so because of input from ALL members. It does not matter if you have Grandpa's "H" sitting in the back of the shed and hope to get at someday or a barn full of show ready machines; YOUR idea's, participation, willingness are what turns the wheels of this group. Bring a friend to Spring Plow Day, make plans to attend the State Show and if possible, bring something RED.

Gary Wagner would like to invite everyone to a tractor parade at his place on Saturday. June 20, 2015. This will be a potluck. Gary will provide the hot dogs. All colors are welcome to participate.

FOR SALE

64 IH Combine - Warren Walton
1939 A crank start - Duane Rushlo

WANTED

55 T baler PTO gear box - Wayne Schultz
18.4 x 34 tires - Jim Arendt
Air tube for a Super H - Benn Huff - 517.861.9935

STATE SHOW - June 22 – 28 at Gilmore Car Museum in Hickory Corners MI.. Hosted by Kalamazoo Valley Antique Engine & Machinery Club. We are asking all members to please consider bringing something to show at the show. These are great grounds and would we would like to have a large number of displays . Please help us make this a great show'

MOTELS FOR STATE SHOW :

Gull Lake Inn	269.731.4131
Holiday Inn Exp.	269.373.0770
Fairfield Inn	269.344.8300
Quality Inn	269.381.7000
Best Western	269.381.1900
Motel 6	269.344.6649

AUCTION

There will be an auction on Saturday, April 25, 2015 at Floyd Reithmillers estate. Auction starts at 10:00 AM.
The address is: 8880 Dawson Country Road
Grass Lake, MI

Full listing and pictures are at www.BrannunandHelmer.com

PLOW DAY

Plow Day - Saturday, May 2, 2015.

Where: Pike Family Farm in Sparta, MI
1810 15 Mile Road East of M37
Sparta, MI 49345

Start Time: 9:00 A.M.

Directors Meeting: 11:00 A.M.

Lunch: 12:00

Membership Meeting: 1:00

RSVP'S for lunch: Please RSVP to Pam Graftema at 616.8999.2154 or email by April 25, 2015 if you plan to attend. Email: muddy899@gmail.com

We would like to extend a "thank you" to the Pike Family for providing the food.

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!!!!

Richard Willi Rochester, MI
Don Dakin Jackson, MI

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 .

Gary Wagner
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IH National Website link: www.nationalihcollectors.com

UPCOMING IHC SPONSORED EVENTS

2015

May 2 Bill Pike, Sparta, MI Plow day

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

June 26 -28 State Show at Gilmore Car Museum - Kalamazoo Valley Antique Engine & Machinery Club

September 26 4th Quarter Meeting - Randy and Carleen's Home

October 30 - 31 National IH Auction - Fredrick, Maryland

2016

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

2017 Red Power Show - Des Moines, Iowa Date to be announced

CHAPTER 11 OFFICERS

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