



CHAPTER # 11
WINTER 2015 NEWSLETTER

A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Where has the year gone. I can't believe it's almost Christmas. Carleen and I would like to thank everyone that was able to make it to our home for the September meeting. We hope you had a good time and had a chance to see our collection.

On October 19, 2015 I presented the Hopkins FFA with a check on behalf of the Michigan IH Collectors for the FFA donation for 2015. That money will be going towards a new building that they are in the process of building. I would like to congratulate the Hopkins FFA also for being selected as one of the top ten chapters in the nation.

In December we will also be making the pedal tractor donation to Ele's Place in Grand Rapids. Ele's place is a healing center for grieving children and teens that have lost their parents. Ele's place has locations in Lansing, Ann Arbor and Flint.

The National Auction in Maryland was a huge success. There were a lot of Michigan members that made the trip. I believe everyone had a good time and didn't go home empty handed.

Our min-winter convention will be held on Saturday, January 9, 2016 in Auburn, MI. Elections will take place as well as an auction. Remember this is your club, consider running for a director's position or a board position. We need to have two new directors. I would like to thank Matt Weessies and Jeff Schuring as their 3 year term will be up in January. There are more details in the newsletter.

I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from my family to yours!

Forever Red,

Randy

SECRETARY'S REPORT

IH Chapter 11 Fall Quarterly Membership Meeting September 26, 2015 Marklevitz's in Hopkins, MI

Meeting called to order by the President Randy M. at 1:15 PM with 32 members in attendance.. Pledge of allegiance was recited with a few moments of silence for deceased members.

Randy welcomed everyone for coming and bringing the wonderful weather with them.

The minutes for the meeting in June were distributed for review by members. Gary Wagner asked if there were any corrections or comments, Harry McClellan moved to accept the minutes. Dennis Anderson seconded and the minutes were accepted. The Treasurer's report was distributed by Pam Graftema and reviewed; the club did well at the summer show. Bion Schuring moved to accept the minutes and Felix Schumacher seconded the motion. The minutes were accepted.

Carleen Marklevitz reviewed the membership status and reminded the members to submit their dues today if not paid. As of November 1st all mailings will cease from both the National and Chapter 11 Chapters. We currently have 243 members. Randy reminded the group this is the last meeting before unpaid memberships will expire.

Old Business

Randy discussed the prizes awarded at the meeting during the summer show: most unique display, distance traveled for the show and most displays. In the future the most unique display will be selected by the members at the meeting during the show. The board will decide any other awards made such as longest distance traveled, most displays or a new selection. Those awarded will get: a nice plaque, a \$50 gift card, and after the upcoming year, a one year paid membership to the Club.

New Business

Randy informed the members the Club is making an annual donation to the FFA and this year is going to Hopkins as they are putting up a building for their activities. Randy asked the members for suggestions for next year and beyond.

Randy told the group we plan to have the annual Club Dinner on Friday at Brentwood Restaurant, while at the summer show in Caro next year. There were a lot of positive comments mad this year, with the suggestion to continue doing it annually for the fellowship of the Club.

Randy informed the group this year we are starting an annual donation of a Pedal Tractor to a Children's Hospital starting with Grand Rapids this year and need suggestions for following years. Red Power Magazine does stories on Clubs that do this and it is good PR for our Club and a very worthy cause.

Randy mentioned the Red Combine books will available @ \$65.00, we need prepaid orders, contact Matt Weessies to place your order, and the books will be signed by the author Sarah Tomac.

Randy informed members the National Club is starting a Harvester Heritage list of people who owned IH Dealerships or worked the IH and/or Dealerships, they will be seeking names.

Respectively submitted by Gary Wagner, IH Chapter 11 Club Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning balance - 9-1-2015	\$15,431.25
Income -	\$2,820.75
Expenses -	\$3,928.57
Ending balance, as of - 12-7-2015	\$14,323.43

MINI WINTER CONVENTION

Date: Saturday, January 9, 2016

Location: Pat & Jerry's Family Restaurant
963 W. Midland Road
Auburn, MI - Auburn is on US 10 between Midland and Bay City

Director's Meeting 11:00 AM

Lunch 12:00

Membership Meeting 1:00 PM

The cost for lunch is 8.00. Please RSVP to Pam Graftema at muddy899@gmail or at 616.899.2154 by January 2, 2016.

We will be having an auction at the meeting. If you have anything to donate or consign, please contact Dick Olcott at 517.652.9055 or Tom Anderson at 231.468.9213.

ELECTIONS

Hello, to all members from your vice president Jell Bowen.

Just a reminder that elections will be held at our January Meeting. We will be looking for nominations for two director positions that have three year terms. A very big thank you to Jeff Schuring and Matt Weessies for their service on the board. If anyone would like to run for a director position give me a call or let me know at the meeting. Hope to see everyone in January.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Membership Dues are \$25.00

Dues were due in November for 2016.

If you have not already paid them please do so ASAP

If you are not sure if you have already paid them, please email me at ihredrandym@yahoo.com

Or call me at 616.477.4042. Make checks payable to Michigan IH Collectors. My address is:

Carleen Marklevitz

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FYI

Word has been received from Gary Pollock that it has been confirmed that Denny Zeiss (one of our members) has advanced liver cancer. He has and will continue to go to Ann Arbor for treatments.

Denny's address is:

Denny Zeiss
3241 E. Siebert Rd..
Midland mi. 48642
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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Lawrence Brisette – Shelby Twp.
Robert Zapolnik – Hopkins Mi
Bill Youker – Buckly 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
810-869-3678
IH National Website link: www.nationalihcollectors.com

HARVESTER HERITAGE

The National IHCC recently unveiled "Harvester Heritage". Harvester Heritage is a preservation program that has been set up for the task of obtaining, sharing and preserving the oral histories and individual stories of former IH employees and dealers. The website is www.harvesterheritage.org.



Merry

Happy New Year Christmas

Blessings to you and your family

UPCOMING IHC SPONSORED EVENTS

2016

- January 9 Winter Meeting - Pat and Jerry's in Auburn, MI
- March 17,18, 19 Winter Convention - O'Fallon Illinois
- Spring Meeting Plow Day will be at Katie Smit's farm in Richland. Just off M-89, Date to be determined at a later time. Watch the Newsletter for details.
- June 16, 17, 18 27th National Red Power Round Up in Union Grove, WI
- August 12, 13, 14 Summer Show in Caro, MI at the fairgrounds.
- August 24, 25, 26, 27 Chapter 7 Portland Indiana Gas Engine and Tractor Show
- October 14, 15 National Auction at Litchfield, MN.

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- June 15, 16, 17 Red Power Show - Des Moines, Iowa Date to be announced

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